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Cross of Calvary is the ELCA church in Olivia. We are an intergenerational (fancy word for young and old) community that follows Jesus out the building to where we live. We are all learners (disciples) here. This is a safe place to practice worship. And, believe us, it takes practice. Your questions, critical thinking, doubts and imperfect lives are welcome here.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is open to all who are baptized and trust that Christ is present in the meal, regardless of your tradition or affiliation. Wine (red)/grape juice (white).

Participation:

Bold type means all of us read or pray together. Out loud.

Children in Church

They belong here! They are hearing God's Word, music and prayers. We don't mind fidgeting and chatter! If you like, there are activity bags available in the entry.

Announcements

They are as printed or any new information please give to Pastor Matt prior to worship, please hand a note to Pastor with any announcements, including prayer requests

Restrooms they are located in the hallway to the left of the stairs.



September 8 – September 15

Sunday 9/8	Worship	8:30 & 10:30 am
	Grades 3 & 7 receive bibles during service	
	Rally Sunday	
	Sunday school starts at 9:20 am	
	Baptism	1:30 pm
Monday 9/9	Library reserved	6:00–8:00 pm
Tuesday 9/10	Men’s Bible Study	6:15/7:00 am
	Jesus Justice League starts at 3:15 – 5:00	
Wednesday 9/11	WOW starts at 3:15 – 5:00 pm	
	Confirmation	
Thursday 9/12	Breakfast Club at 7:07 am	
Friday 9/13		
Saturday 9/14	Worship at 5:30 pm	
Sunday 9/15	God’s Work “Our Hands”	
	11:45 am Pot Luck	
	12:45 am Devotion	
	1:00 - 3:00 pm Service Projects in the community.	

All ages are welcome. Please sign up here <https://signup.com/go/bAPhgHJ> or on “the door” at church.

Basketball backboard: Is anyone able to give the church office an estimate on what the backboard will cost? I have a group that is looking into donating the money, but would like to know the cost.

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION:	8:30 – Dana Boen 10:30 – Reggie Lothert
USHERS	8:30 – Brian Kingery, Dan Gross, Dan Amberg & Jordan Amberg 10:30 – Clayton Erickson & Craig Gartner
ACOLYTES	8:30 - Jack Gross & Kenna Henriksen 10:30 – Bjorn Hausken & Kenzie Visser
CLICKER	5:30 PM - 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM -
ALTAR GUILD:	Marlys Klinghagen & Barb Wertish

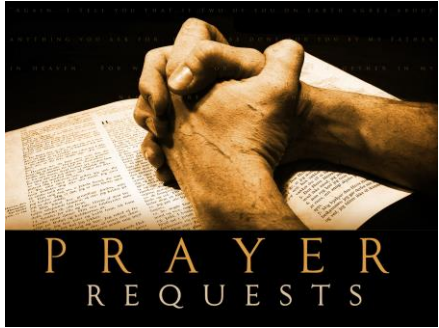


Invite a Neighbor to Worship!

At Cross of Calvary, God fills our cups to overflowing. If you bring a neighbor (everyone is our neighbor in Christ) to worship Sept 8 or 15, you will receive a Cross of Calvary travel tumbler!

ELCA Sanctuary Resolution: This document explains our churches mission on Immigration <https://www.ntnl.org/elca-churchwide-2019-sanctuary-declaration/> It is a very good read about what ELCA is doing.

Prayer Request



Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed.

Emergency/Pastoral Care: Please have a family member or friend notify the church. You may also request hospital staff to call on your behalf.

Call day or night at 320- 523-1574. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole’s mother

Ione Parsons – Gladie’s sister

Rosalie Sheggeby – friends & family

Bev Beckman – Gordy & Lynnette Blem

Luella Norberg – Gordy & Lynnette Blem

Kathy Brown – Family and Friends

George Adkins – Betsy Hennen’s father

Marvin Balgaard – Joanne Balgaard brother in law

Ron Balgaard – Joanne Balgaard brother in law

Corinne Skogen – Gladie Hagen niece

Cross of Calvary Events for September

September 8th – Rally Sunday

Church services are at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Grades 3 & 7 receive bibles during church service

Baptism – Amsden

September 10th – Jesus Justice League starts at 3:15 (Grades 1-3)

September 11th – WOW starts at 3:15 pm (Grades 4-6)

Confirmation starts 5:30 meal/6:30 classes

September 12th – Breakfast Club starts at 7:07 am at church

September 15th – God’s Work “our Hands” Sunday

September 19th – Women’s Bible study starts again at 8:15 am Thurs.

September 23rd – Ruth Bible Study at 1:30 pm at Parkview

September 25th – Dorcas Bible Study at 9:30 am at church

September 26th – Fellowship Hall used in the evening

September 27th – Wedding at Cross of Calvary

Cross of Calvary Youth

Parents with students in 3rd Grade: remember to contact the office for which date your child will be attending the Bible Study class. (Either September 29th from 11:45-1:00 or October 1st 6-7 pm) Thank You!

Cross of Calvary Coffee Hour Schedule will be out soon. This involves students/families in Grades K – 12.



Confirmation Meals for September

September 11 – Bahl & Gross

September 18 – Morse & Stratton

September 25 – Visser & Stovern

Community News

Aasen Family Support Event: This event is for Ivy Johnson's (former member and daughter of Bernie & Faye Johson) husband who has been diagnosed with Usher Syndrome Type 2A – please see flyer for more information if you would like to support the family.

Olivia Cemetery Work Night

The Olivia Cemetery has scheduled a Work Night on **Monday, Sept 9th** from 3:00 pm until dark. Do you have any friends or relatives buried there and ever wonder how the cemetery is even taken care of? In the desire to keep the grounds looking nice we welcome you to join us as we trim some trees, raise a few sunken markers and see what is needed to show honor for those buried in our cemetery. Questions can be directed to Gordy Blem at 523-1102. If you could give us an hour or so it would be much appreciated. Remember it is NOT a City owned cemetery and it's the volunteers who deserve the credit for keeping it nice!

Hope Pregnancy Center's: Annual Celebration of Life Fundraising

Banquet: Monday, September 23rd at Willmar Conference Center – see board for more information



Cross of Calvary
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 – 3:00 pm

Wednesday

8:30 – 4:00 pm

Friday

8:30 – 2:00pm

BUILDING HOURS

Monday –Thursday

8:30 am – 7:00 pm

Friday - Sunday

8:30 am – 2:00 pm

WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday - 5:30 pm

Sunday – 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School – 9:30 – 10:20 am

September 8th, 2019
Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost



HYMN OF THE WEEK

O Savior, Precious Savior

Christians owe their loyalty to Jesus alone.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Choose life, not death
Tuesday	Philemon 1:1-21	Philemon's love and faith
Wednesday	Isaiah 57:14-21	A promise of health and healing
Thursday	Luke 14:15-24	The great banquet
Friday	Philippians 2:19-23	Timothy and Epaphroditus
Saturday	Psalm 1	The way to happiness
Sunday	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. **Psalm 1:1 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, keep us from all evil that we may delight in your word and follow your ways, through Christ our Lord, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Like a tree planted by streams of water, Lord, you feed us with this food and with your holy word that gives us delight. Amen. (Psalm 1:2-3)

A Blessing to Give:

Grace and peace to you from God the Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philemon 1:3)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- ☑ What does it mean to you to “follow the crowd”?
- ☑ When have you needed to step away from the views of those around you?
- ☑ How is standing out from the crowd at times an act of faith?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 14:25-33.

Large crowds were following Jesus (v. 1) and Jesus saw a problem with following him like a herd. In the 1950s, large crowds of adults with children in tow filled churches. However, those same adults reared the baby boomers that became the least churched generation in United States history (at least, at that time). Being a Christian because everyone else is, does not provide enough of a motivation, and Jesus knows it. Jesus makes the strongest demands and challenges on his followers: that which you count so dear—family, your own life, all your possessions—cannot compare to the importance of following Jesus. Our identity as a Christian owes its loyalty to Jesus and Jesus alone, not pleasing large crowds. Eventually, the large crowds that followed Jesus turned away. Many of the crowded sanctuaries in the 1950s are no more. There is great delight and comfort (Psalm 1:1 and Luke 12:32-34) in being a follower of Jesus, and it is a joy much deeper than simply being part of a safe and lonely crowd. What makes following Jesus central to who you are?

Pray: **Lord Jesus, give me faith and courage to follow you, especially when it feels easier to follow the crowd that does not know your power and grace. Amen.**

SERVICE

Psalm 1:3 uses the example of a tree yielding fruit to describe those who delight in God’s law: “but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night” (Psalm 1:2). This Psalm is an instructional one teaching us how to live in the world. The Psalm points out that we are to yield fruit fitting to God’s law. What act of service to others would describe the fruit that you bear?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Paul wrote to his friend Philemon, “When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus” (Philemon 1:4-5). This love was a gracious gift of God. From whom have you received the gracious gift of God’s love? Write a thank you card to that person this week and include this scripture verse from Philemon.