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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.



## October 27 – November 3

<b>Sunday 10/27</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b>
	<b>Sunday school starts</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	<b>Confirmation Service at 10:30 am</b>	
	<b>Fellowship Hall used</b>	
<b>Monday 10/28</b>	<b>Library reserved</b>	<b>6:00–8:00 pm</b>
	<b>Ruth Bible Study</b>	
<b>Tuesday 10/29</b>	<b>Men’s Bible Study</b>	<b>6:15/7:00 am</b>
	<b>Prairie Choral will be practicing in the pm</b>	
<b>Wednesday 10/30</b>	<b>WOW</b>	<b>3:15 – 5:00 pm</b>
	<b>Confirmation</b>	
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class</b>	<b>3:15 pm</b>
	<b>Band Practice</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
	<b>Theology on Tap</b>	
<b>Thursday 10/31</b>	<b>Breakfast Club</b>	<b>7:07 am</b>
	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>
<b>Friday 11/01</b>	<b>Prairie Arts Chorale Concert at 7:30 at C of C</b>	
<b>Saturday 11/02</b>	<b>Worship at 5:30 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday 11/03</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b>
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Sunday (both Services)</b>	
	<b>Baptism - Pope</b>	

## November VOLUNTEERS

<b>COMMUNION:</b>	8:30 – Gordy Blem
	10:30 – DeeAnne Newville
<b>USHERS</b>	8:30 – Daren, Drew & Jordan Sagedahl & Randy Marguth
	10:30 – DeeAnne Newville
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	8:30 – Alison Amsden & Tanner Amsden
	10:30 – Carson Serbus & Kaden Fischer
<b>CLICKER</b>	8:30 AM – NEEDED
	10:30 AM – Daniel Welchance
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Jill Hanson & Dawn Gluesing

## **A note to all members about Cross of Calvary**

### **Confirmation Class**

Confirmation students will be studying Genesis chapter 3. It is commonly known as “The Fall”. If you are interested in learning more, come Wednesday night at 6:30. At 7 Pastor Matt will lead a small group in the sanctuary digging further into this topic.



### **Confirmation Meals for October/November**

October 30 - Jurgensen & Serbus

November 6 – Jansen & Mages

November 13 – Welchance & Lothert

November 20 – NEEDED!!!!

November 27 – Thanksgiving – no Confirmation

## **Cross of Calvary Youth**

### **Coffee Hour Servers for October**

October 27 - Cory & Skye Hebrink  
Ryan & Kelsie Aeikens  
Ryan & Jen Blad



### **Message from Renville County TZD Safe Roads Coalition**

Impaired Driving Message-Driving safely  
is the trick.  
Getting home is the treat!

# Cross of Calvary Events for Oct./Nov.

- October 27<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Service at 10:30 service  
November 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Sunday (Both/either service)  
November 4-28 Cantata Practice will be on Monday & Thursdays from  
6:00-7:30 pm  
November 16<sup>th</sup> – Lay Leaders Workshop from 9-3  
November 17<sup>th</sup> – Gideon Sunday  
November 20<sup>th</sup> – Church Council meeting

## 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  
Neva – Angie Boen sister  
Shelby Gass – Family & friends  
Lucas Fischer – Brayden & Cassie Fischer son  
Alice Wood – sister of Eleanor Ziesmer  
Cleve Fults – Friend of Bruce Metteer  
Luella Norberg – Gordy & Lynnette Blem  
Kathy Brown – Family and Friends  
Nancy Weyerhaeuser – Boen's & Altmann's  
Jim Ebbers – Sam Zeitz father  
Family of Don Dobmeier – Leslie Adamski great grandfather  
Family of Vicki Gross – Dan Gross mother  
Family of Audrey Skeie – Eric Skeie mother

# Community News

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutheran Men in Mission Lutefusk & Meatball Supper** will be held on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls.

**Share the Spirit of Santa's Closet** – Join us at the CCOC in Olivia, Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 2:30. "Blankets for Kids" either donate a blanket or money for a blanket. Also, you can help with fleece blanket tying. See bulletin board for more information.

**Please join us for the annual Harvest Fest at Blemkest Baptist Church** on Sunday, November 3, at 7 pm. The evening will include a musical presentation by The Crow River Junction Band. A pie and coffee fellowship will follow the program. A fee-will offering will be given to assist the United Campus Ministry under the leadership of Jeffrey Schmitz at Ridgewater College.

**2019 Renville County Christmas Contata:** please see flyer in east entrance for practice times and performs dates.

**Lutefisk/Swedish Meatball Supper at Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo Lake:** Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Serving from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Family style Dining with take outs available. Cost: Adults:\$15.00, Ages 5-12 \$8.00 and 4 Years & Under free.

**St. John's Lutheran Church in Raymond, MN** invites you to a Ham Supper on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. Menu: Wood Roasted Ham, Potatoes/Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Salad, Dessert, Bread & Beverage. Cost: Adults \$12.00, Ages 6-11 \$6.00 and kids age 5 and under free. All take-outs are \$12.00

**Renville County Hospice offers Annual Grief Support Opportunity:** The Adult Grief Group is sponsored by Renville County Hospice. The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings October 15, 2019 – December 3, 2019 from 4 – 6 pm at Renville County Hospital (Willette Room), 100 Healthy Way in Olivia. All are welcome and invited. Please call Amy Boettger, MSW, LICSW at 320-523-3451 to register.

**Uffda Day at Bethlehem Lutheran Church,** Atwater. Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am – noon. Scandinavian Meal from 9-2 and many other activities going on, come join!!!

**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.

**Adult Grief Support:** Carris Health Redwood Clinic from Oct. 7 – Nov. 11, 2019. Time: 2-4 pm, more information on east entrance board.



## STAFF

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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, Tuesday & Thursday  
8:30 – 7:00 pm  
Wednesday  
8:30 – 8:00  
Friday  
8:30 – 2:00pm

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## WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday - 5:30 pm  
Sunday – 8:30 am & 10:30 am  
Sunday school – 9:30 – 10:20 am

**October 27, 2019**  
**Twentieth Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**



**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

*Keep the faith.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 8:9-14</b>	<b>A Pharisee and tax collector pray</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22</b>	<b>Jeremiah prays to the Lord</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</b>	<b>Personal instructions</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 Samuel 12:1-25</b>	<b>Samuel's farewell address</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>James 1:2-8</b>	<b>Faith and wisdom</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Luke 10:17-20</b>	<b>The return of the seventy</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 84:1-7</b>	<b>The joy of worship</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 19:1-10</b>	<b>Jesus visits Zacchaeus</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **2 Timothy 4:7 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, give us faith that endures the difficult moments and remains confident in your gracious work of salvation. In Christ we pray, amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord, we are thankful for this food as we say this grace. Please help us keep the faith and finish the race. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May you long for God; may you sing for joy to the living God. (Psalm 84:2)

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ Have you or someone you know ever run in a race?
- ☑ How do you keep or cling to your faith when times are tough?
- ☑ Who has been a faith role model in your life? In what ways?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18.

Second Timothy is the last testimony of Paul to Timothy, of an elder mentor to an emerging leader in the church. Paul is aware his death is soon approaching. If life is compared to a demanding struggle or competition, he has made it to the end, done so well, and kept the faith. He has not given up; he and all those who long to see the face of God will receive their heavenly reward. In Luke 18:9-14 we see the need for confession and for mercy. But here, is a note of victory, of triumph. Yes, it is God's victory shown in Jesus Christ, and it is ours to celebrate. One of the great gifts of the elders of the faith is to be able to look back and say to younger believers, "It was all worth it. Yes, there were struggles, but that is over now for me. It is worth it for you, too, my children. Keep the faith." Leaving a legacy of faith, of courage, good hope, and confidence remains a valued blessing for the body of Christ. What legacy do you want to leave for those who come after you? How does the Christian faith triumph over the struggles you have experienced?

*Pray:* **God of all our days, in the midst of difficult moments, help us to know that in the end, faith brings a joy and confidence like no other, through Christ our Lord, amen.**

## SERVICE

Hospitality is a Christian response to God's love. Welcoming someone into your congregation can be much appreciated by someone who is looking for a place to worship. All are welcome in God's house. Psalm 84:3 gives an example of hospitality, "Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself." Do you know a friend or neighbor who might be looking for a place to worship and a faith community where they are embraced and can find spiritual rest? Invite them to a worship service.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Luke 18:9-14, Jesus tells the story of a Pharisee who was proud and a tax collector who was humble. The tax collector asked God to have mercy on him. The Pharisee asked God for nothing. Take a paper plate and divide it into 6 pie-shaped pieces. Cut them out. Write one letter of the word HUMBLE on each piece. Mix the pieces of this "humble" pie and then place them back together in the correct order. Think of a word for each letter that describes humble. Place the pie in a visible place in your home this week as a reminder of God's mercy.