

Have A
Blessed
New Year!

Cross of Calvary
Lutheran Church

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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.

Annual Meeting at Cross of Calvary

Will be January 19th at 9:30 AM

Congregation members, please take time to soulfully pray about being on a committee/Church Council. We are in need of 4 new council members, 1 new nominating committee member, 1 new Endowment fund committee member, 3 as Synod representatives and 2 as Gustavus representatives. Please contact the office or a Nominating Committee member, if you have questions or would like to be put on the ballot.

(Eric Skeie, Tami Stovern or Jessie Lothert)



JANUARY

January 12 – January 19

Sunday 1-12	Worship	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
	Sunday School	
	Baptismal Reunion	
	Camp Information presented to students	
	Care Team Meeting	9:45 AM
	Equipping Meeting	11:30 AM
	Youth Dodgeball	5:00 PM
Monday 1-13	Funeral for Jim Page	11:00 AM
	Library reserved	6:00–8:00 PM
Tuesday 1-14	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM/7:00 AM
	Library used	5:00 PM
Wednesday 1-15	WOW	3:15 – 5:00 PM
	Confirmation	5:30 – 7:30 PM
	Theology on Tap	7:30 PM
Thursday 1-16	Breakfast Club	7:07 AM
	Quilters	9:30 AM
	Outreach Mtg.	6:30 PM
	Worship Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday 1-17		
Saturday 1-18	LYO Meeting	9:00 AM—4:00 PM
	Worship Service	5:30 PM
Sunday 1-19	Worship/Sunday School	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
	Annual Meeting	9:30 AM

Confirmation Meals for January

January 15 – Katy Holland & Jamie Stryker

January 22 – Shelby Gass

January 29 – Servers needed!!



thank
you!

Cross of Calvary Youth

Coffee Hour Servers for January

January 12	Daren & Melissa Sagedahl Reggie & Jessica Lothert Craig & Becky Mages
January 19	Dan and Heidi Gross Craig and Jamie Lothert Kevin and Sandy Whited
January 26	Matt and Sarah Hausken Derek and Tami Stovern Kelsey Wertish



Papa Murphy's Pizza: Pick up is January 31st from 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Cross of Calvary Ski day for 7-12 graders and families will be Sunday, January 19. We will leave church at 12:30 and return at 10:30pm. (No school next day). Cost is \$21 lift ticket, \$19 rental, \$4 helmet. 7-12 grade are welcome to bring friends - Younger youth may attend with a parent. Families welcome. All must sign up (liability form) and pay by Thursday January 16th. To get the group rate, we must turn in one payment for our group. Liability forms and sign up will be on the board by the drinking fountain or if you request, I can send them by email. Again, you must pay by Thursday, January 16 to attend. Drivers are needed. Please talk to Jeni if you can help.

OVERTIME for 7-12 grades, is an ecumenical community event sponsored by our local churches - with food and fun for kids AFTER a BOLD boys' basketball game.

Who: 7th-12th graders

What: Pizza, Open Gym, Board Games, Crafts, Music, and Friends

When: Friday, January 24th after the Boys Basketball game until 11:00pm

Where: St. Mary's School

How Much: The cost is \$2 per person for a full night of food and fun.

DODGEBALL LEAGUE for 9-12 grades: Our area churches are sponsoring a Dodgeball league for grades 9-12 on four Sundays: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 8, and Apr. 5. On January 12th there will be food provided. The events start at 5 and go until about 8 pm (or when all of the teams are done playing.) To join, create a team of up to 10 people, but at least six, that have at least 2 boys and 2 girls on each team. Come up with an approved team name and have one team

contact person. A permission form must be filled out by all players and signed by a parent. There also must be a roster handed in with all team member names. You do not have to be on a team with your church. And youth can be from surrounding school districts. The contact person should be from one of the participating churches. If you are not on a team yet, Jeni has started one on her office door - just sign up! After that all you need to do is come participate and have fun!

Don't want to play? No problem, come and cheer on your friends. Info and forms on the drinking fountain board.

Boundless: God beyond measure is the theme for the National Youth gathering in 2021, June 29-July 3 in Minneapolis. It is based on Ephesians 3:19 CEV.

"I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. The your lives will be filled with all that God is." If you are now in grades 8-11, you will be eligible to attend this event. Please sign up on the drinking fountain board/youth board if you are interested so I can keep you in the loop. Do NOT worry about the cost...but in the past, the total cost was around \$1300 which included travel to a far away destination. This gathering is in Minneapolis - so that eliminates a big chunk of our cost. That being said, I would expect it to cost about \$900 - but you can raise most of your cost!!! And our congregation has supported our groups in a big way. Start now with the Papa Murphy's pizza fundraiser. Put the dates on your calendar and start raising money. You don't want to miss this! Check this link to get a preview.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghdWHO5Ajkw&t=8s>

More Fundraisers ahead:

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - February 26 (Person needed to organize)

Palm Sunday Breakfast and Auction - April 5 (Person needed to organize)

Spring Fling flower sales - Mid- April with delivery before Mother's Day

January Volunteers



8:30 – Hunter Ridler & Laila Ridler

10:30 – Jayden Claseman

Dominique Claseman



8:30 – Jeff Keltgen, Bill Kopel, Greg Mertens, David Lindquist & Randy Steffel

10:30 – Ushers needed!!

2020 Usher list has been posted: if you would like to help usher, please fill in the highlighted spot on the sheet. Thanks



COMMUNION:

8:30 AM – Gordy Blem

10:30 AM – Curt Sather

CLICKER

8:30 AM – Kaden Bahl

10:30 AM – Daniel Welchance

ALTAR GUILD: Ronda Berg & Tami Stovern

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.



Family of Marie Olson

Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole

Military personal and their families

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole's mother

Kathy Brown – Family and Friends

Kathy Johnson – Scott Johnson

Santa Closet would like to thank Cross of Calvary for all their support, donation and help this Christmas Season. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by all!

Equipping Congregations Day: Saturday, Feb. 29 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM in Willmar, MN. Please check out the poster on the east entrance bulletin board. This is for anyone in the congregation; please consider experience this wonderful event.



Quilters

The quilters of Cross of Calvary Church are looking for people to donate fabric, etc. to the making of the quilts. They are also accepting money donation to purchase the batting for the middle of the quilts. Thank you!

A place to belong

BOSTON, MASS.
ELCA.org/hunger



Come rain or shine, or even snow, the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen opens each Tuesday without fail, serving up nutritious fare – with an extra helping of love – from the basement of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church.

“Nothing stops us,” said lead volunteer Sandra Aleman-Nijjar. “I think only health will stop us, but God has been good. So as long as I have health and my team, then we’re here.”

Sandra and her team of volunteers offer weekly breakfast, lunch and dinner to more than a hundred guests, many of whom face the challenges of poverty and addiction. Guests can pick up hygiene kits or a set of clean clothes and can access social services. What makes this program special, however, is its attention to matters of the heart.

“This space is where we all come together and treat each other with love, with that respect and dignity that we all like to receive,” Sandra said. “We give that to everyone that walks through those doors.”

Eddie has been coming through the doors of Our Saviour’s since the soup kitchen started in September 2016. The

program, which receives funding from ELCA World Hunger, has been a game changer. From age 18, Eddie has lived on the street. “I had nowhere to go and [now] this is my home,” he said.

At the soup kitchen, Eddie feels respected as a whole person. And though he’s grateful for the food and resources he receives, he’s most appreciative of the people, connecting with fellow guests during circle time and valuing the support Sandra has given him. Since Eddie started coming to the soup kitchen, she and others have noticed a change in him.

“He feels loved, that someone cares,” she said of Eddie. “You can see it in [each of] them, that sense of belonging, that sense of acceptance. That someone cares about them, that someone is watching and looking out for their well-being.”

With your support, the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen and programs like it around the country can continue to welcome their neighbors.

WHF19

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that fight hunger and poverty in more than 60 countries around the world, including the United States.

Will you help with your gift today?

YES! I would like to support ELCA World Hunger (WHG0038).

- I have enclosed my gift of \$100.
 I have enclosed my gift of \$250.
 Other \$ _____

Mail Make your check payable to “ELCA World Hunger.” Place your gift in your congregation’s offering plate or mail it to:

ELCA
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Online ELCA.org/hunger/donate

Phone 800-638-3522



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God’s work. Our hands.

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Baptism of Our Lord

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



God announces who Jesus is.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 3:13-17	The baptism of Jesus
Monday	Isaiah 42:1-9	The Lord's servant
Tuesday	Acts 10:34-43	Gentiles hear the good news
Wednesday	Matthew 1:1-17	Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah
Thursday	Matthew 2:19-23	Holy family's return from Egypt
Friday	Acts 10:44-48	Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit
Saturday	Psalms 29	Voice of God in a storm
Sunday	John 1:29-42	Jesus, the Lamb of God

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:17 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, we thank you for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who comes to fulfill your promise of life and salvation for all. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God bless this food. God bless this day. God keep us safe in every way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you strength and bless you with peace. (Psalm 29:11)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☒ How do you describe yourself to others? How do others describe you?
- ☒ What does it mean to be “well pleased” with someone?
- ☒ What does it mean to you that God calls Jesus “My Son, the Beloved”?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 3:13-17.

We can quickly move from Jesus’ baptism to wonder about our own. What can be missed is a focus on the importance of Jesus’ baptism as a statement of who Jesus is. We are not the savior of the world, Jesus is (Matthew 1:21-23). Jesus fulfills the righteous intent of God announced by the law and the prophets (Matthew 3:15-17), not us. Jesus’ presence announces God’s ruling activity among Israel and the nations (1:1-17; 2:1-12). Jesus’ life fulfills the word of the prophets (2:23). All of that leads to Jesus’ baptism and the divine voice from heaven that points to Jesus as the anointed one (Christ). Yes, it is good to reflect on our baptism and do so in a way that finds comfort and meaning in the identity of who Jesus is, whose own baptism stands alone to announce that God’s will is fulfilled in this one and this one alone. Think about Jesus’ baptism and what it means for you and others.

Pray: Almighty and living God, we give thanks for Jesus’ baptism that announces that he is the one who comes as your Son and enters the world as our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

In Isaiah 42 we read about a servant described as being humble in service to God. A servant can be described as one who performs duties or works for others. As Christians, our call is to serve God. What does it mean to you to be called a servant of God? In what ways do you feel you can answer this call?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

When we describe someone as beloved, it means we love that person dearly. God named Jesus as beloved at his baptism. When we are baptized, we too, become a beloved member of God’s family. Take time to remember your baptism. Revisit pictures or think of the memories you have of your baptism or that of another. Fill a small bowl with water and after revisiting memories, dip your fingers in the water and as you mark the sign of the cross on your forehead or that of another say, **“You are a beloved child of God marked with the cross of Christ forever.”**