



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

Today at 9:30 AM



January 19 – January 26

Sunday 1-19	Worship	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
	Sunday School	
	Annual Meeting	9:30 AM
Monday 1-20	Library reserved	6:00–8:00 PM
Tuesday 1-21	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 AM/7:00 AM
Wednesday 1-22	WOW	3:15 – 5:00 PM
	Confirmation	5:30 – 7:30 PM
	Theology on Tap	7:30 PM
	Dorcas Bible Study	9:30 AM
Thursday 1-23	Breakfast Club	7:07 AM
	Women’s Bible Study	8:15 AM
	Quilters	9:30 AM
	Outreach Mtg.	6:30 PM
	Worship Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday 1-24		
Saturday 1-25	LYO Meeting	9:00 AM—4:00 PM
	Worship Service	5:30 PM
Sunday 1-26	Worship/Sunday School	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Confirmation Meals for January

January 22 – Shelby Gass

January 29 – Servers needed!!



Cross of Calvary Youth

Coffee Hour Servers for January

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: 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!!

**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 Jim Page

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

Bev Beckman – Blem Family

Ron Balgaard – brother in law to Joanne Balgaard

Altar Guild Meeting: There will be a meeting on February 5th at 7:30 PM

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.

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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Second Sunday After Epiphany



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Will You Coime and Follow Me

Come and see Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 1:29-42	Jesus, the Lamb of God
Monday	Isaiah 49:1-7	The servant's mission
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Greetings to the Corinthians
Wednesday	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathaniel
Thursday	John 9:1-34	The man born blind receives sight
Friday	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Paul's work in Thessalonica
Saturday	Psalms 40:1-11	Happy are they who trust the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus calls his first disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He [Jesus] said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. John 1:39 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help me and all people to see in Jesus the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, let me see in this meal a gift of love, part of your wondrous deeds that are so many they cannot be counted. Amen. (Psalm 40:5)

A Blessing to Give:

May grace and peace be yours through God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:3)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ Tell or think about someone you trust. Why do you trust them?
- ☑ Trust and faith are very closely related. How is your faith in God a form of trust?
- ☑ John the Baptist, Andrew, and Philip all helped others they knew see Jesus. How can trusted relationships help others see Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 1:29-42.

Having a relationship with Jesus often involves a trusted relationship with others. John the Baptist twice tells people that Jesus is the lamb of God (1:29 and 36). After the second announcement, two of John's disciples follow Jesus. They want a relationship to Jesus so they ask where he is staying. Jesus immediately invites them to where he is dwelling. The result is that Andrew (one of the two disciples of John) goes and gets his brother Simon (Cephas or Peter). Then Philip is brought into the inner circle of disciples. Interestingly, he is from the same home town as Andrew and Peter. These were likely neighborhood boys who knew each other for a long time. Then Philip goes and gets his friend Nathaniel. Philip's invitation includes the same words Jesus used earlier: "Come and see" (vv. 39 and 46). We often see Jesus through others with whom we have a trusted relationship. Who has helped you see Jesus?

Pray: **Dear Jesus, may we help others to see you through our invitation, our care, and our living faith. Amen.**

SERVICE

The Lord says, "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6b). Isaiah describes a servant's mission in this chapter. When we are baptized, we often receive a candle and when it is lit, we are reminded to let our light shine before others. How do we, as Christians, reach out to others and let our light shine?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships—often in our own homes. How often do you take time to talk about your faith with others in your home? Identify a location in your home that becomes your "faith space". Place a candle, Bible, this *Taking Faith Home* devotion, a cross, and a small bowl of water in that place. Using these resources, invite a trusted friend or family member to talk about ways you can practice your faith at home.