

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 26 – February 2

Sunday 1-26	Worship	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
	Sunday School	
	Annual Meeting	9:30 AM
Monday 1-27	Library reserved	6:00–8:00 PM
	Ruth Bible Study	
Tuesday 1-28	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 AM/7:00 AM
Wednesday 1-29	WOW	3:15 – 5:00 PM
	Confirmation	5:30 – 7:30 PM
	Theology on Tap	7:30 PM
Thursday 1-30	Breakfast Club	7:07 AM
	Women’s Bible Study	8:15 AM
	Quilters	9:30 AM
	Financial Statements will be mailed	
Friday 1-31	Papa’s Murphy Pizza Delivery	5:00 -6:30 PM
Saturday 2-1	Worship Service	5:30 PM
	Funeral	
Sunday 2-2	Worship/Sunday School	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
	Nursing Home	1:00 PM
	Adult Class	9:30 – 10:20 AM
	Nursing Home Service	1:00 PM All are welcome!!
	Ski Day! Hurray	

2019 Financial Giving Statements will be placed in everyone’s mailbox on February 1st. (Or on the bench in the Narthex)

Please stop and pick yours up!

Cross of Calvary Youth

Coffee Hour Servers for January

January 26 Matt and Sarah Hausken
Derek and Tami Stovern
Kelsey Wertish

Confirmation Meals for January/February

January 29 – Servers needed!!
February 5 – Tara Amberg
February 12 – Papa Murphy Pizza
February 19 – Cassandra Adamski, Elisha Garcia & Tina Garberich
February 26 – Ash Wednesday, Soup Supper



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

DODGEBALL LEAGUE for 9-12 grades: Our area churches are sponsoring a Dodgeball league on four Sundays: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 8, and Apr. 5. If you are not on a team yet, come anyway and have fun! Don't want to play? No problem, come and cheer on your friends.

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. 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. Put the dates on your calendar and start raising money. 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

February Volunteers



8:30 – Zane Boen + need 1 more

10:30 – Parker Ridler

Maddie Ridler



8:30 – Daren Sagedahl, Brian Boen,
Todd Gay & Stan Malecek

10:30 – Corey Gluesing & Aaron
Thompson



COMMUNION:

8:30 AM – Alex Gay

10:30 AM – Reggie Lothert

CLICKER

8:30 AM – NEEDED!!!!

10:30 AM – Bjorn Hausken

ALTAR GUILD: Lynnette Blem & Lowanda Frank

Sign up form is on

“The Board”



Dates:

February 26 – Youth

March 5 – Men’s Group

March 18 –

March 25 –

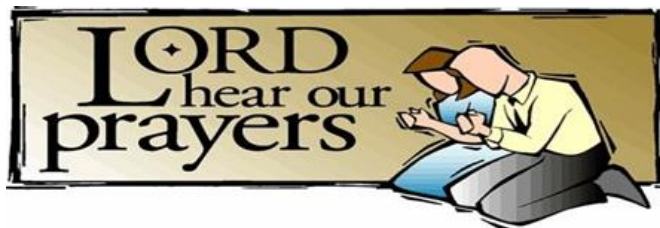
April 1 -

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

Maggie Bauer – Hausken family

Nancy Dykes - Friends

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.



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Thrivent members: 2019 Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated on or before March 31st, 2020.

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



ELCA World Hunger
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God’s work. Our hands.

January 26, 2020

Third Sunday After Epiphany



HYMN OF THE WEEK

Christ, Be Our Light

The light of Christ shines on the people.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus calls his first disciples
Monday	Isaiah 9:1-4	A new day is coming
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Divisions in the church
Wednesday	Isaiah 42:1-9	A light to the nations
Thursday	2 Corinthians 4:1-12	Treasure in clay jars
Friday	John 8:12-20	Jesus is the light of the world
Saturday	Psalms 27:1, 4-9	Trust in God
Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	Sermon on the Mount

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. **Isaiah 9:2 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you who reject sin and death, bring light and life to your world through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

May this gift of food remind us of your light that shines in the world. We pray for all those in need of food today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the light of Christ shine on you and be your strength and salvation. (Psalm 27:1)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

☑ What does the word “hope” mean to you? What gives you hope?

☑ In the Bible “light” refers to the presence of God bringing life and hope. Where have you seen the light of God in the world?

☑ Good leaders find hope and direction in difficult situations. How does Jesus lead with hope that gives his followers clear direction?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 4:12-23.

The Epiphany season continues with a focus on the reign of God fulfilled in Jesus. His reign challenges every power and authority on earth. Jesus begins his public ministry when hearing of the arrest of John the Baptist by the governing powers. He moves from Nazareth to Capernaum which is located in Zebulun and Naphtali, land dominated by foreign powers from the time of the Assyrians down to the Greeks and then the Romans. “[T]he people who sat in darkness have seen a great light” (v. 16). Jesus’ reign brings life, not death, light, not darkness. In Jesus the work and will of God shines brightly. He gathers disciples and leads people into God’s reign of life and hope: “Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people” (v. 23). Where do you experience the light of Christ in your life today?

Pray: **The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus began his ministry in Galilee. He began calling disciples to help him “proclaim the good news of the kingdom and cure every disease and sickness among the people” (Matthew 4:23b). Jesus still needs help today to do the same. As a follower of Jesus, in what ways do you proclaim the good news to others and help cure diseases and sickness?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Draw a candle to symbolize the light of Christ in the center of a sheet of paper and write “Christ” inside the candle. Write names of people you know who are of other races, backgrounds or cultures around the candle. Read the names. What makes each one different from you? What makes them the same? Read 1 Corinthians 1:10. Paul describes divisions between the people and wants them to be united in the same mind and the same purpose (v.10). What does this mean for Christians today?