

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.

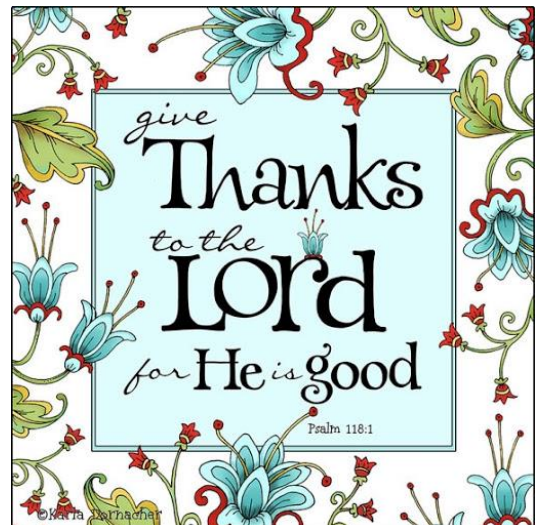
Children in Church

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.





February 16 – February 23

Sunday 2-16	Worship No Sunday school	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
	Adult Class	9:30 – 10:20 AM
Monday 2-17	Library reserved	6:00–8:00 PM
Tuesday 2-18	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 AM/7:00 AM
	Giving Statements mailed	
Wednesday 2-19	WOW	3:15 – 5:00 PM
	Confirmation	5:30 – 7:30 PM
	Church Council Meeting	7:30 PM
	No Theology on Tap	7:30 PM
Thursday 2-20	Breakfast Club	7:07 AM
	Women’s Bible Study	8:15 AM
	Quilters	9:30 AM
Friday 2-21	Parkview	9:30 AM
Saturday 2-22	Worship Service	5:30 PM
	Baptism – Charlie Jo Weis	
Sunday 2-23	Worship/Sunday school	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM (WOW sings)
	Adult Class	9:30 – 10:20 AM

2019 Financial Giving Statements will be mailed on Tuesday, February 18th. Please pick your statement up, helps defer the cost of mailing (postage) Thanks!!

Science & Faith Adult Forum: Mark Thiesse will facilitate participants through a process of wrestling with the tension between faith and science; opening the door for honest questioning and the suggestion that the two just might be able to work together to make each more meaningful. Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary; Feb 2, 9, 23 and March 1

Cross of Calvary Youth

Coffee Hour Servers for February

February 16 - Tom & Alicia Osthus
Freddie & Monica Ridler
Brian & Heather Weis
February 23 - Robert & Nanette Serbus
Dalen & Jamie Stryker
Tina Garberich



Confirmation Meals for February

February 19 – Cassandra Adamski, Elisha Garcia & Tina Garberich
February 26 – Ash Wednesday, Soup Supper

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 play 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 – John Morse

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 – Altar Guild

March 25 –

April 1 -



New Church Council Members

Welcome to our new council members.

Thank you for your willingness to serve our church in this way.

Our new members: Jena Burns, Courtney Kopel. Mackenzie Gartner, Jill Hanson (re-elected)

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.



Phil Bahl – Nate Bahl father

Family of Greg Grund

Military personal and their families

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole’s mother

Kathy Brown – Family and Friends

Kathy Johnson – Scott Johnson

Bev Beckman – Blem Family

Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole

Ron Balgaard – brother in law to Joanne Balgaard

Maggie Bauer – Hausken family

Nancy Dykes - Friends

Community News

Restorative Justice Volunteers Wanted: Information Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 20 & 27 from 5-6 PM
Open Community Circles on Tuesday, March 3, 17, 31 from 5:30-7:30 PM –for more information see the Flyer on the east board.

Briar Lippert Benefit: Feb. 29 from 4-8:00 PM at Max’s Grille

Annual Buffet Style All you can eat TURKEY SUPPER at Zion United Methodist Church Buffalo Lake, MN on Wednesday, February 19 from 4:30 – 7 pm.

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



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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.

Ash
Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26th
Times: Noon & 7:00 PM

Lenten Schedule

Lenten Services: Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18,
25 & April 1

Soup Supper: 5:30 PM

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 5 (both services)

Matin Services, April 6-10 at 7:00 AM

Maunday Thursday, April 9 Noon & 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 10 at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Services, April 12 at 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM



Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest would like to thank the Cross of Calvary Quilters for donating quilts. Your support will enable us to provide families a comfortable and caring home-away-from-home while they face their child's health crisis.

GIVING ONLINE at Cross of Calvary

Cross of Calvary is reminding you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at crossofcalvary.net
- 2) Click on the GIVE button,
- 3) Click on HERE TO GIVE, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



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Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



God's law is meant to protect life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 5:21-37	Teachings of Jesus
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Choose life, not death
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Working together for God
Wednesday	Galatians 5:13-6:2	Fulfilling the law of Christ
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30:8-14	The Lord will bring you back
Friday	Romans 3:19-26	Justified by grace
Saturday	Psalms 119:1-8	The law of the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 17:1-19	Transfiguration of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him. **Deuteronomy 30:19b-20a (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you who give life and protect life with your law, help us to care for others, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food, a gift of love that gives us life. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you with joy as you walk in the ways of God. (Psalm 119:1)

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ What is something that you really enjoy in life?
- ☑ How do others watching you know that you are enjoying life?
- ☑ How do you see God as part of the life you enjoy?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 5:21-37.

These words from Jesus can seem difficult to accept, even scary. Jesus is doing two basic things. He is presenting himself as an authorized interpreter of God's law ("but I say to you") and he is refuting a use of the law that allows people to abuse others. Jesus points out that not killing and not committing adultery carries with them the commitment to value another person's life beyond not killing or divorcing someone. God's law protects life, all life. That means people's reputations, relationships with others, and ability to live daily in peace is valued by God. God cares about all of life. Jesus' hyperbole about plucking out one's eye or cutting off one's hand is a tool of wisdom speech. It makes a point that the intent of God's law is so very important because God's gift of life is that important. And Jesus—like no other—is authorized to state this point in the face of scribes, Pharisees, and all the learned teachers of the law. How do you see God's law as a gift to protect you and your neighbor?

***Pray:* Lord Jesus, you teach us that the greatest law is to love God and neighbor. Help us to live lives that love you and all people. Amen.**

SERVICE

God's law is meant to protect life, which is the theme this week throughout the Daily Bible Readings. The Christian response to Jesus' teachings is to love God and neighbor through actions and words. Think about and act upon what this means to you. Is there a congregation or organization near you that would benefit from a financial contribution or your volunteer time to provide a needed service for others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The reading from 1 Corinthians 3 this week reminds us that "we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building" (v.9). Gather together a few toy building blocks or boxes. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-9. Build a tower one block at a time. Each time you add a block, name ways we grow in our faith: e.g., worship, prayer, singing, or reading.