

# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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**February 2, 2020**

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**

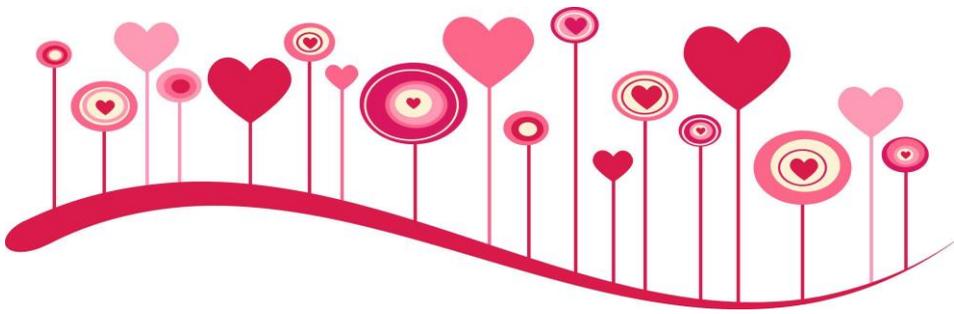
They belong here! They are hearing God's Word, music and prayers. We don't mind fidgeting and chatter! If you like, there are activity bags available in the entry.

## **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 2 – February 9

Sunday 2-2	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM</b>
	<b>Sunday School</b>	
	Adult Class	9:30 – 10:20 AM
	Nursing Home Service	1:00 PM All are welcome!!
Monday 2-3	Library reserved	6:00–8:00 PM
Tuesday 2-4	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 AM/7:00 AM
Wednesday 2-5	WOW	3:15 – 5:00 PM
	Confirmation	5:30 – 7:30 PM
	Altar Guild Meeting	7:30 PM
	Theology on Tap	7:30 PM
Thursday 2-6	Breakfast Club	7:07 AM
	Women’s Bible Study	8:15 AM
	Quilters	9:30 AM
Friday 2-7	Parkview	9:30 AM
Saturday 2-8	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
	<b>Baptism</b>	
Sunday 2-9	<b>Worship/Sunday School</b>	<b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM</b>
	Adult Class	9:30 – 10:20 AM
	Equipping Meeting	11:30 AM
	Dodgeball	5-9 PM

**2019 Financial Giving Statements** will be placed in everyone’s mailbox. (Or on the bench in the Narthex) **Please stop and pick yours up!**

**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 2 – Steve & Tiffany Herdina  
Travis & Maegen Honzay  
Ryan & Michelle Jensen
- February 9 - Ryan & Natashaia Johnson  
Ken & Lisa Meints  
Alison Johnson
- 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 5 – Tara Amberg  
February 12 – Papa Murphy Pizza  
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=ghdWHO5Aikw&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

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## 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 Larry Amberg

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

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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.

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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](http://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](http://ELCA.org/hunger/donate)

**Phone** 800-638-3522



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**February 2, 2020**

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**



**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

Blest Are They

***Do justice and love Kindness***

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 5:1-12</b>	<b>Sermon on the Mount</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Micah 6:1-8</b>	<b>True obedience</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 1:18-31</b>	<b>Message of the cross</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Proverbs 21:12-16</b>	<b>When justice is done</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Romans 12:9-21</b>	<b>Marks of a Christian</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Isaiah 1:11-17</b>	<b>Rescue the oppressed</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 15</b>	<b>Life of the blameless</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 5:13-20</b>	<b>Salt and light</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? **Micah 6:8 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Merciful God, bless us with contentment that seeks only you and a life lived pursuing justice, kindness, and humility. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

We thank you for the gift of each day and the food that sustains us. Help us to show our thanks with compassion for others. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May you find peace and comfort in God, the source of true wisdom and strength. (1 Corinthians 1:25)

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ How has someone shown you kindness recently?
- ☑ What gets in the way of appreciating what God has done for us?
- ☑ What more can you want in life than God's mercy and kindness? Explain.

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Micah 6:1-8.

God is pleading a court case against Israel. The people have turned from God, but God wonders how this could be. The guilt of the people is on themselves because God has done marvelous things for the people: brought them out of Egypt and slavery; given them leaders like Moses, Aaron, and Miriam; their enemies were conquered. With their guilt before them, the people wonder what is the appropriate penance: thousands of sacrifices? endless amounts of holy oils? sacrifice one's own child? Nothing will do but "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (v. 8). In the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) Jesus offers a similar path for faithful followers: poverty of spirit, humility, and mercy. The larger Gospel of Matthew cannot be understood without the content of the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount. This is the path for us to be satisfied and blessed. This is the way of purposeful, intentional living as a disciple.

What helps you live as a disciple?

***Pray:* Dear God, give us the simple joy of trust in you by living a life of purpose that seeks justice, kindness, and humility with you and all people, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SERVICE

The word beatitude comes from a Latin word meaning blessed or happy. During the Sermon on the Mount Jesus says that things will be different in God's kingdom. Even those who mourn, are meek, or are hungry will be blessed. Make a list of people and organizations you know that bless those who mourn, are meek or hungry. In what ways can you help others experience God's kingdom on earth?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Matthew 5:1-12, Jesus tells his followers they are blessed. The words to a popular children's song are "If you are happy and you know it clap your hands." Use the tune to this song but change the words to "If you are blessed and you know it say a prayer." Take time each day to sing this song. Read the blessings from verses 3-10, and pray for those described in the verses.