

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.



Lent



March 1 – March 8

Sunday 3-1	Worship (Communion)	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
	Sunday school	9:30 AM – 10:20 AM
	Adult Forum	9:30 – 10:20 AM
	Nursing Home Service	1:00 PM
Monday 3-2	Library reserved	6:00–8:00 PM
Tuesday 3-3	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 AM/7:00 AM
Wednesday 3-4	WOW	3:15 – 5:00 PM
	Confirmation	6:30 PM
	Soup Supper serviced by Men’s Group	5:30 – 6:30 PM
	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
	Theology on Tap	8:00 PM
Thursday 3-5	Breakfast Club	7:07 AM
	Women’s Bible Study	8:15 AM
	Quilters	9:30 AM
	Outreach Meeting	6:30 PM
Friday 3-6	Parkview	9:30 AM
Saturday 3-7	Worship Service	5:30 PM
Sunday 3-8	Worship/Sunday school	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

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 March

March 1 Richard & Tracy Sigurdson
Lawrence & Jen Stratton
Jeanne Welchance

March 15 Kevin & Sandy Whited
Shauna Wagner
Brian & Heather Weis

March 8 Kris & Jeremy Kopel
Dana & Jenny Woelfel
Dan & Melanie Keltgen

March 22 Tim & Bobbi Kopel
Aaron & Heather Thompson
Michael & Karissa Weilage

Confirmation Meals for March

February 26 – April 1

Soup Supper starting at 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM (Donation encouraged from ALL)

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:

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

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

Upcoming Event at Cross of Calvary

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Family Style Baked Ham Dinner

Sunday, March 29th from 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Tickets sales following church services March 15th & March 22nd,
also, available at the door or call 320-523-1574



Ticket donations go toward the National Youth Gathering, building improvements & missions.

March Volunteers



8:30 – Sam Sigurdson + need 1 more

10:30 – Daniel Welchance + need 1 more



8:30 – Kirk Elfering, Greg Helin, Richard Sigurdson & Rich Elbert

10:30 – Dave Altmann & Dan Beckler

COMMUNION:

8:30 AM – Alex Gay

10:30 AM – Jena B

CLICKER

8:30 AM – Kaden Bahl

10:30 AM – Needed!!!!

ALTAR GUILD: DeAnne Beckler, Marie Rauenhorst & Bobbi Kopel



Greeters Wanted: In April we will begin having official greeters before Sunday Worship. If you have the gift of Welcome, please join us in this ministry of hospitality by signing up on “The Board” Thank You!

Sign up form is on “The Board”

March 4 – Men’s Group

March 11 – Outreach

March 18 – Altar Guild

March 25 -

April 1 –



Cross of Calvary is in charge of “Meal on Wheels in March” sign-up sheet is on “The Board”! Thank you!!!!

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

Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole

Steve Roundtree family - friends

Kathy Brown – Family and Friends

Kathy Johnson – Scott Johnson

Military personal and their families

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole’s mother

Bev Beckman – Blem Family

Briar Lippert – Friends & Family

Gwen Nesburg – Jeni Skeie’s mother

Kathie Ballin – Friend of Sue Altmann

Events/News

Adult Forum, Will Workshop on March 15 at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary: Legacy Planning: Being faithful stewards and faithful witnesses in life and in death, you’ve worked hard all your life to provide for yourself and your family. You’ve been a good steward of all the gifts God has entrusted to you and you’ve been a faithful witness to God’s love and care. That doesn’t have to end when you retire or even when you die. Come and hear from our ELCA Foundation’s Regional Gift Planner, Rev. Keith Pearson as he explores some of the ways we can faithfully plan to pass along these assets once we are no longer in need of them. He will share information about tools we can use to minimize taxes and maximize the gifts we give to family, the church, and other charitable causes important to each of us. There are no products or services to sell. Pastor Keith’s services are a free resource to congregations and individuals.



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

St. John’s Catholic Church of Hector is having their annul Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 8, 2020. The men of our parish will be serving in the church basement from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham and eggs, applesauce, and beverages. This even is a FREE-WILL donation. All are welcome!

Olivia Cub Scouts Pack 313: They are putting on a build-a-burger fundraiser to support the pack! Supper is at Olivia American Legion Saturdya, March 14th from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Serving: Burger with beans, coleslaw and chips. This is a free will donation.

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



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.



March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

HYMN OF THE WEEK

By Gracious Powers



Wanting to be like God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	First sin and its punishment
Tuesday	Romans 5:12-19	Adam and Christ
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Christ was raised to life
Thursday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Love wipes away many sins
Friday	Galatians 6:1-10	Bear one another's burdens
Saturday	Psalms 32	The joy of forgiveness
Sunday	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **Genesis 3:4-5 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, to know him as your Son, that we may live in the protection of your care, keeping us from all harm. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Lord, just as you freely fed Adam and Eve in the garden, we thank you for providing us with the fruit of the earth today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be your hiding place; may God preserve you from all trouble and give you peace.
(Psalm 32:7)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ Is it easy or difficult to talk about sin? Explain.
- ☑ Why do you think sin is not a popular word in today's culture?
- ☑ Sin is often seen as rebellion. It is also about being deceived. Give examples of how people deceive themselves in today's world.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7.

The snake, part of God's own creation, was the first to create the temptation to move away from a trusting relationship with God. The world of sin is greater than what is experienced by humans. The snake gave a half-truth. Adam and Eve would learn the difference between good and evil; they just couldn't choose the good. The story of the "fall" is less about a fall from perfection and grace and more about a rebellion that wants to be like God. At some level, we may all want to be like God and to know the difference between good and evil. We tend to turn to our own prejudices, the preferred thinking that makes us most comfortable and most empowered. There are a lot of half-truths in our conversations, both public and private. A half-truth can be worse than a flat-out lie. Because it has the appearance of truth, it is more deceptive. We need a Savior who can turn us from our half-truth worlds that deceive and destroy life and relationships. We need Jesus. Can you think of a time when you heard a half-truth that deceived you? Explain.

Pray: God of truth and grace, cleanse us from our sinful lives; give us glad hearts that know we have received grace upon grace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, he responded with words from Scripture, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him'" (Matthew 4:10). One way of serving God is to care for your neighbor. How do you worship and serve God by caring for your neighbor?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

To establish a ritual during Lent, make a Lenten Candle Cross. Place six purple tea-light or votive candles in the shape of a cross, using a white seventh candle for the center. Each week, a candle will be lit during prayer time in your home. The acronym **ACTS** (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) will be introduced as a way to pray. This first week in Lent represents "**A**" for Adoration, meaning love, respect, and worship. [Light a purple candle]

Pray: Dear God, we praise your name and worship you. I praise you for . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.