

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.





March 8 – March 15

Sunday 3-8	Worship	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
	Sunday school	9:30 AM – 10:20 AM
	Easter Good Gifts Starts	
Monday 3-9	Library reserved	6:00–8:00 PM
Tuesday 3-10	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 AM/7:00 AM
Wednesday 3-11	WOW	3:15 – 5:00 PM
	Confirmation	6:30 PM
	Soup Supper serviced by Outreach	5:30 – 6:30 PM
	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
	Band Practice	7:30 PM
Thursday 3-12	Theology on Tap	8:00 PM
	Breakfast Club	7:07 AM
	Women’s Bible Study	8:15 AM
	Quilters	9:30 AM
	Jesus Justice League	3:15 – 5:00 PM
	Craft Retreat	
Friday 3-13	Parkview	9:30 AM
	Craft Retreat	
Saturday 3-14	Craft Retreat	
Sunday 3-15	Worship Service	5:30 PM
	Worship/Sunday school	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
	Adult Forum: Will Workshop	9:30 AM
	Equipping Meeting	11:30 AM
	Fellowship Hall in use	1:00-4:00 PM

The Snowflake Bazaar Committee needs YOU!

We are in need of some new members to carry on this very fun and successful church event! Currently our committee consists of 5 members, who are looking to pass on the torch and would still be available for this year’s event as a transition. Please contact Dana Boen if you are interested, or if you have any questions. (Dana #320-894-7885) Thanks for your consideration!

Cross of Calvary Youth

Coffee Hour Servers for March

March 8	Kris & Jeremy Kopel Dana & Jenny Woelfel Dan & Melanie Keltgen	March 15	Kevin & Sandy Whited Shauna Wagner Brian & Heather Weis
March 22	Tim & Bobbi Kopel Aaron & Heather Thompson Michael & Karissa Weilage		

March 29-No coffee hour: Ham Dinner

Confirmation Meals for March

Wednesday thru 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=ghdWHO5Aikw&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

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 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

Kathy Brown – Family and Friends

Kathy Johnson – Scott Johnson

Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family

Briar Lippert – Friends & Family

Military personal and their families

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole’s mother

Gwen Nesburg – Jeni Skeie’s mother

Kathie Ballin – Friend of Sue Altmann

Evelyn & Greg Rosenow – Teeny Kadelbach
brother and sister –in-law

Stephanie Bailey – Pat Aalderks granddaughter

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 annual 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 Saturday, March 14th from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Serving: Burger with beans, coleslaw and chips. This is a free will donation.

Lent



Lenten Schedule

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

Soup Supper: 5:30 PM



Holy Week

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 5 (both services)

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

Maundy 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

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Second Sunday in Lent

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Bless, Now, O God, the Journey



We are blessed to bless others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world
Monday	Genesis 12:1-4a	The call of Abram
Tuesday	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	God keeps his promise
Wednesday	Jeremiah 17:7-8	Trust the Lord
Thursday	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Generous giving
Friday	Numbers 6:22-27	Blessing for the people
Saturday	Psalms 121	Assurance of God's protection
Sunday	John 4:5-42	Jesus and the woman at the well

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:3 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, as you bless us each day in faith, help us to bless others through your never-failing love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, you who watch over our going out and our coming in, we thank you for this food that nurtures us day by day, through Jesus Christ. Amen. (Psalm 121:8)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you with a living faith that you may be born anew each and every day. (John 3:3-8)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☒ What does it mean to you to be blessed?
- ☒ Who has blessed you? How might you have blessed someone else?
- ☒ Abram and Sarai were called by God to bless all the families of the earth. How do you think this affected their faith in God and the way they lived?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Genesis 12:1-4a.

Abram and his wife Sarai (not mentioned in this text but part of the story) are sent on a faith quest. They look rather foolish to the world. They leave the security of a kinship community to go out and trust an unknown God while becoming foreigners in a strange land. The faith of Abram (and Sarai) in this passage is not defined by doctrines or clear convictions. Faith is a walk of life where people learn who their God is through a trusted relationship. This is true in the Gospel of John as well where faith is never a noun. It is always a verb, an action that trusts in a relationship that recognizes that one's entire existence is dependent upon God. This is what faith looks like. And it has consequences for others because faith is never a private affair: "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:3). How would you describe your faith as a journey?

Pray: Living God, you call us to ventures we cannot fully imagine. Help us to trust you and know you will lead us all the days of our lives, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Psalm 121 is an assurance of God's protection. "I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (vv. 1-2). The homeless, hungry, and sick need protection. There are organizations that help with housing, food, and finances. How can you help those in need to know and feel God's protection in their lives?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

During the second week in Lent, light two of the six purple candles on your Lenten Candle Cross. The acronym ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) is being introduced as a way to pray. This week represents "C", for Confession, meaning to confess one's sins and receive God's forgiveness.

Pray: Dear God, I confess that I do not fully place my trust in you. Forgive me for . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.