

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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March 15, 2020



March 15-March 22

Sunday 3-15	Worship	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
	Sunday school	9:30 AM – 10:20 AM
	Easter Good Gifts	
Monday 3-16	Library reserved	6:00–8:00 PM
Tuesday 3-17	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 AM/7:00 AM
Wednesday 3-18	WOW	3:15 – 5:00 PM
	Confirmation	6:30 PM
	Soup Supper	5:30 – 6:30 PM
	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
	Church Council Meeting after service	
	No Theology on Tap	8:00 PM
Thursday 3-19	Breakfast Club	7:07 AM
	Women’s Bible Study	8:15 AM
	Quilters	9:30 AM
Friday 3-20	Parkview	9:30 AM
Saturday 3-21	Worship Service	5:30 PM
	Baptism	
Sunday 3-22	Worship/Sunday school	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

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 & mission.



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 18 – Altar Guild

March 25 -

April 1 - Thursday morning Bible Study Ladies

Lenten
Soup
&
Fellowship



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

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 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=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

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



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

Gwen Nesburg – Jeni Skeie's mother

Military personal and their families

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole's mother

Kathie Ballin – Friend of Sue Altmann

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

Stephanie Bailey – Pat Aalderks granddaughter

Patricia Swanson – Ken Ziesmer's sister

Camden Serbus– Taylor & Tanya Serbus's son

Events/News

Olivia Lions Club – Breakfast/Brunch: Sunday, March 22, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM the Lions Club will be serving Scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes and potatoes. There will be a free will donation. Please join them at the Olivia American Legion.

Walk-in-the-Park fundraiser to Fight Cancer: Thursday, March 26th at the Olivia American Legion. There will be a free will donation. Serving: Build a Burger from 4:30 Pm – 7:30 PM

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.



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

The Tim Orth Memorial Foundation's 25th annual fundraising event will be held on Saturday, April 4th at the BOLD School in Bird Island. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. with the opening ceremony beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by the girls and boys basketball games. Entertainment this year will include mascots, dunk teams and the F-M Acro Team. A silent auction and cash prize raffle are also held. Proceeds from the event will benefit children from around the area battling a serious or life-threatening illness or injury.



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

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 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent



HYMN OF THE WEEK

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Evangelism is relational.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 4:5-42	Jesus and the woman at the well
Monday	Exodus 17:1-7	The Lord gives water from a rock
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-11	Right with God
Wednesday	John 1:35-42	Come and see Jesus
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 2:5-12	Paul's relational ministry
Friday	Romans 12:9-21	Caring relationships
Saturday	Psalms 95	Call to worship
Sunday	John 9:1-41	The man born blind

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” John 4:29 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, thank you for reaching out to me and to all your people with steadfast love and faithfulness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you fed the people in the wilderness, we thank you for feeding us today. In the name of Jesus our Savior, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☒ How would you introduce yourself to a stranger?
- ☒ Who has introduced you to (or taught you about) Jesus? How did this happen?
- ☒ The woman at the well introduced Jesus to her townspeople. Who can you introduce to Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 4:5-42.

Jesus meets with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. It's the place where Jacob met Rachel more than a millennium before. It is now the place where Jesus shows what it means that "God so loved the world" (John 3:16) by caring for a non-Jewish woman, someone who was alone and likely abandoned by her own people. The woman is so impressed by Jesus and their conversation that she goes to her townspeople and says, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" (v. 29) The Samaritan woman does three things that are essential traits of evangelism: 1) she invites ("Come and see"); 2) she tells her own story of her encounter with Jesus ("I just met a man who . . ."); and 3) she wonders if this is the awaited Messiah (Her question in the original Greek suggests she really doesn't think so.). Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships. How do you have conversations with others about Jesus?

Pray: Merciful God, just as Jesus stopped to talk to the woman at the well, help me to stop, listen, and talk to others and be an example of your love for them. Amen.

SERVICE

The Daily Bible Reading for Friday this week is about caring relationships. "Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers" (Romans 12:13). Think about what it feels like to be the new person on the block. Make a list of things you can do to extend a welcome to someone who is new in your community. Making a meal, giving rides, and introducing them to neighbors are a few ideas. What will you do to extend hospitality to a stranger this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

During the third week in Lent, light three 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 "T", for Thanksgiving, meaning to express thanks and gratitude to God. Pray: Dear God, I am thankful for all that you have given me. I thank you for . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.