

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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May 3 – May 10

All Worship services will continue to be broadcast on the website and Facebook – thru end of May.

Sunday 5-3	Sunday Worship - online
Monday 5-4	
Tuesday 5-5	
Wednesday 5-6	WOW online 3:15 – 4:00 PM Confirmation – email from Pastor Matt
Thursday 5-7	
Friday 5-8	
Saturday 5-9	Worship - online
Sunday 5-10	Sunday Worship - online

Looking for a God sighting, where God has been at work in your life!

Pastor Matt is looking for persons that have felt God's presence in their life. It could be when you are walking, listening to music, etc. He would like you to video your experience and send a short video to him to share at Sunday services. (It can anonymous or you can appear in the video)

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

Offering

A huge Thank You
for giving so generously!



During this time of uncertainty giving is even more important. We are asking our members to consider giving their offering through our website crossofcalvary.net
Online giving is fast, safe, and secure.

GIVING ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS

at Cross of Calvary

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.



You can also mail in your offering to the church office at
1103 W. Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN 56277

Also available: a secure drop box has been placed on the east side of the church.
Please don't leave offering in the church mailbox, we ask that you use the secure drop box.

**If you receive the unplanned Stimulus Check, and you can share all or part with others, we encourage you to prayerfully consider giving an extra gift to Cross of Calvary.
Thank you for your generosity.**

Community Garden at Cross of Calvary

Garden plots are available for anyone in our community. Cost is \$20 to help with water and upkeep. If you can't pay that, scholarships are available. Plot includes 10 x 10 foot garden plot, tilling, access to grapes, raspberries, asparagus, rhubarb and herbs.

Contact Sue Altmann crossofcalvary@gmail.com if you're interested.

There are women from Cross of Calvary who are sewing much needed masks. If you are someone who sews, or have inherited sewing items, please take a look in your things to see if there is any elastic 1/4 in wide or ANY that can be cut down? Ace bandages? Or 1 inch buttons? Or shoe laces 16 inches and longer? Elastic is not available to buy right now and masks are still needed. If you can contribute any of these items, please drop off at the back door of 906 West Ash Ave in Olivia (in the alley near the library). 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

Confirmation parents and students

Pastor Matt will be sending a video and worksheet to each of you each week. Then your small group leaders will be checking in on you for any questions or concerns. The worksheet will need to be completed and turned into Pastor Matt!! (Either by email or dropped off in the drop box on the east side of the church)
Confirmation will go into May.

Seniors and Parents – this is happening!

Senior Recognition will be aired on April 17th. Cross of Calvary would still like to honor our Graduating seniors by putting together a video that will be placed on the website to view by all.

Senior High Games and Bible Study - I will send out a Bible Study talk sheet each week in our text groups with a zoom meeting time. You are welcome to join, or do it on your own. I encourage you to participate in this opportunity to grow while we are apart, not because only you need it, but I do too! Please feel free to call me, snap me, text me, or email me at anytime to talk, or play a game. Battleship on FaceTime is my new favorite. 320-579-0406, jeniskeie@gmail.com

Junior high - Movie nights! Each week I will list a movie for you to watch and some questions to answer. Please call, facetime, text, or email me if you want to talk or hang out. 320-579-0406, jeniskeie@gmail.com. Please text me with your name and I will save your number.

Online Sunday school will be posted on Facebook after the weekly worship service. Tune in for a song, story and activity that you can do at home.

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>

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.

Donna Greenwell

Sam Hennen –Betsy Hennen grandson

ALL persons working tirelessly to help with the Covid-19 pandemic

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

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

Camden Serbus– Taylor & Tanya Serbus's son

Linda Cole – Nathan Cole's mother

Military personal and their families

Mark Grasmon

Darwin – Sonia Grasmon's brother



Cross of Calvary Spring Flower Sales – Cancelled, but an option below!

Below is their address and phone number. Their hours of services MAY differ due to COVID-19 but as of now they ARE open for business. I believe they will also take orders over the phone so that you can simply pick them up at the door. If you order: mention Cross of Calvary and you will receive a discount.

Dundee Nursery and Floral

1150 MN 7

Hutchinson, MN 55350

(320) 587-4664

MAY 3, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Followers of Jesus shepherd one another.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd
Monday	Acts 2:42-47	Life among believers
Tuesday	1 Peter 2:19-25	Example of Christ's suffering
Wednesday	Galatians 6:1-10	Bear one another's burdens
Thursday	Ezekiel 34:11-31	God, the true shepherd
Friday	Romans 12:9-18	Marks of the true Christian
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my Shepherd
Sunday	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth, and life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. Acts 2:46-47a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God our Savior and Good Shepherd, keep us close to your care, and in our times of suffering may we trust in you. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you for preparing a table for us that we may be strengthened for our journey as we follow you, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the shepherd and protector of your souls forgive you and give you peace forevermore. (1 Peter 2:24-25)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ How does a shepherd care for the sheep?
- ☑ In what ways can we care for one another as a shepherd does the sheep?
- ☑ How is Jesus a shepherd to you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Acts 2:42-47.

Every year the Fourth Sunday of Easter is the “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Psalm 23 reminds us that the Lord is our shepherd. 1 Peter 2:25 states that Jesus is “the shepherd and guardian of your souls.” John 10 speaks of the sheep who follow because they know the voice of the shepherd (v. 4). Acts 2 gives a picture of what the community of the Good Shepherd looks like. It is a people who shepherd one another by sharing their possessions (v. 45). Together they study the word of God, have fellowship, break bread and pray. Fellow shepherds of the soul do these things. Daily they worship publicly but also break bread in homes with “glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people” (vv. 46b-47a). The result is a community that by its very way of life and by the power of God adds “to their number those who [are] being saved” (v. 47b). A community of people caring for one another witnesses to God’s love and results in more souls in the sheepfold. How is your home a place to shepherd souls?

Pray: **Good Shepherd, thank you for calling out to us through a community that cares for one another publicly and also in our daily lives. Amen.**

SERVICE

“They would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need” (Acts 2:45). There are many in our communities who are in need of food, clothing, and household goods. Organize or have a yard sale in your neighborhood with the proceeds going to those in need. If possible, place an ad in the local paper.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Draw or find a picture of a sheep. Imagine you are the shepherd for this sheep. Make a list of things you would do to take care of the sheep. Psalm 23 begins with the words, “The Lord is my shepherd.” Read Psalm 23 and compare your list with the ways the Lord cares for sheep. Think about someone in your life who needs love and care. How can you be a shepherd for them?

COVID-19

Coronavirus Information and Updates

#StayHomeMN

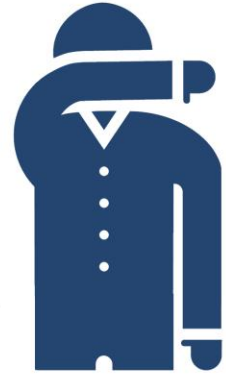
Extended until May 4

April 24, 2020

HOW LONG TO STAY ISOLATED IN YOUR HOME IF SICK

Possible COVID-19 Symptoms Include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Some patients have had other symptoms including muscle aches, headache, sore throat, diarrhea, exhaustion or loss of taste or smell.
- These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.
- You are contagious 2 days before symptoms start.



If you are sick with symptoms of COVID-19, stay home until symptoms have improved, *and* for at least **7 days** since symptoms started, *and* fever has been gone for at least **3 days** **without fever-reducing medicine.**

***Note: If you know you were exposed to COVID-19, stay home for 14 days – even if you feel healthy.**

YOU CAN HELP! HOMEMADE FACEMASKS NOW BEING ACCEPTED:

Renville County is in need of hand sewn face masks. For the recommended pattern/video visit <https://bit.ly/3aRdp6B>

When making homemade masks please reinforce ties and/or elastic so they are able to withstand frequent laundering.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THESE TWO LOCATIONS:

Renville County Government Services Center

(For Use of Essential Community Workers)

105 S 5th Street Olivia, MN 56277

Use Main Entrance, walk up stairs and drop items into tote marked "SUPPLY DONATION"

Handicap accessible entrance on east side of building

Drop-off time: M-F 10:00am - Noon

Questions regarding donations to Renville County?

Call Public Health at 320-523-2570

RC Hospital & Clinics

100 Healthy Way Olivia, MN 56277

Drive-Thru Screening Station (south entrance)

A staff member will come to you to accept your donation

Drop off time: M-F 10:00am-1:00pm

Questions regarding donations to RC Hospital?

Call RC Hospital & Clinic at 1-800-916-1836

