

# Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church

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**May 10 – May 17**

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

Sunday 5-10	<b>Sunday Worship - online</b>
Monday 5-11	
Tuesday 5-12	
Wednesday 5-13	WOW online 3:15 – 4:00 PM Confirmation – email from Pastor Matt
Thursday 5-14	Outreach Mtg. at 6:30 PM
Friday 5-15	
Saturday 5-16	<b>Worship - online</b>
Sunday 5-17	<b>Sunday Worship - online</b>

## **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!

# Financial Peace University (Dave Ramsey) Class

Since 2009 over 30 households from our community have transformed their lives with the help of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Pay off debt, make a budget, and make informed choices about retirement, college, and insurance. When you manage your money God's way you take care of your family, gain peace and are able to be generous with others. This is a 9-week class. Each week, you'll watch a one-hour video at home and check in with our facilitators, Adam and Krystle Dillon for 30-40 minutes Tuesdays at 8:30 pm via zoom.

Zoom info meeting – Tuesday, May 12 at 8:30 pm

Tentative class start date via Zoom -Tuesday, May 26 at 8:30 pm

Find Zoom invitations on Facebook or our website or contact Sister Sarah Hausken sarah.hausken@gmail.com 320-579-0838.

## **Maintenance Supply trailer needed at church**

We are in need of a small trailer to use at the church for grass clippings, compost and branches. We would like to empty at the city compost site. About a 4' x 6' trailer would work. If possible we could rent, borrow or purchase. Please let the office know if you have suggestions. 320-523-1574 or crossofcalvary@gmail.com



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](http://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](http://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.

**Offering  
Envelopes**



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.**

### **Mask Supplies Needed**

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!

## **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.**

**Youth and Adults** - If you are looking for something devotional, short and sweet, check out this one!!! It is refreshing and current. It includes an opening, scripture, message, prayer and benediction and you could read the whole thing in about 1-2 minutes. When you subscribe, it is emailed to you every morning. I love it. <https://d365.org>. It's a joint effort by the Presbyterian Church and a few other denominations.

**Senior Parents-** This is a time of grief and loss for all the memories your child won't be making. It is not how you pictured your child's Graduation to look. Here is a resource including some ideas to help you make Graduation special, even though we are distancing. Check it out.

<https://swmnelca.org/2020/04/21/graduation-milestone-moment/?fbclid=IwAR3TKsRzRquJ-chLECU3BexO0zUpOgclWwFWhtEdr7Wd7Q2t7VAnAWbyDus>

**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

**MAY 10, 2020**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



*Christian martyrs witness to God's love.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 14:1-14</b>	<b>Jesus is the way, truth, and life</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 7:55-60</b>	<b>The stoning of Stephen</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Peter 2:2-10</b>	<b>A chosen people</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Romans 8:31-39</b>	<b>God's love in Christ Jesus</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Hebrews 11:29-40</b>	<b>The faith of heroes</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 12:1-10</b>	<b>Contentment in suffering</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16</b>	<b>Prayer for deliverance</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 14:15-21</b>	<b>The promise of the Holy Spirit</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

**"Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father." John 14:12 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty God, you send us out to witness to the work of Jesus; give us confidence and courage to be your faithful witnesses. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, may this food strengthen the body and your word strengthen the soul to be your witnesses in the world. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the face of God shine on you and bless you through the steadfast love of the Lord. (Psalm 31:16)

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☐ Where do you see God's presence in the world?
- ☐ What does the life of Jesus tell you about God?
- ☐ John 14:12 is about a relationship with God. How do you help others have this relationship?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Acts 7:55-60.

Martyrdom is too often spoken of today in terms of suicide bombs that kill. That is not a Christian martyr. Stephen presents the model of Christian martyrdom for all time. He innocently suffers and dies at the hands of others; he does not act violently. Stephen imitates Christ's death by blessing one's enemies (v. 60). He also experiences the holy bliss of being filled with the Holy Spirit and seeing the glory of God and Jesus (v. 55). He has a rapturous experience of the triune God. Few of us will have that same experience, but we are still all martyrs. The word simply means "witness." We are witnesses to God's living presence when we suffer unfairly for the love of God, when we bless others, and when we experience the peace that passes all human understanding. In the midst of a world of hate, violence, and self-promotion, it is not possible to be a faithful witness on our own. It is the work of God that fills us with the Holy Spirit, witnesses to the love of God, and blesses others. Christian martyrdom is all around us. Who has been a witness to the love of God for you recently?

*Pray:* **O, Holy Jesus, give me faith to witness to your love, to suffer with others for the sake of love, and to bless others with hope in your Easter victory. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Psalm 31 is a prayer of deliverance from enemies. Even though there is suffering and pain, the psalmist writes of trust in the Lord and of God's goodness. Watch or read today's news. Who in the world needs prayer for deliverance from enemies? Pray for their deliverance.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Today is Mother's Day in the United States. It is a time to recognize and be thankful for those women in our lives who have cared for us and for others. Be a witness for God's love and reach out to a woman you know who deserves a special thank you with a phone call or a visit. Take time to talk and then say this prayer for her.

**Lord God, thank you for (name). May she know how grateful I am to have her in my life. Please bless her this day and every day with your love and care. Amen.**

# COVID-19

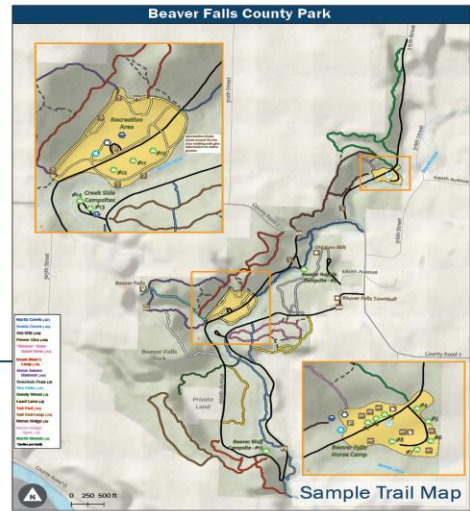
## Coronavirus Information and Updates

May 1, 2020

### PLEASE RESPECT OTHERS' SPACE WHILE STAYING ACTIVE OUTDOORS

#### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO LOCALLY:

- Biking
- Boating
- Driving
- Fishing (*Bait Shops Open*)
- Gardening
- Geocaching
- Golfing
- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Hunting
- Outdoor Shooting Ranges
- Picnicking with Family
- Playing Outdoors with Kids
- Running
- Walking
- Walking Your Dog



#### VISIT YOUR RENVILLE COUNTY PARKS!

Beaver Falls, Birch Coulee, Lake Allie, Skalbekken and Vicksburg County Parks are currently open for **DAY USE**. New trail signage installed at Beaver Falls. Trail maps available by shelters.

### COVID-19: PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS

**Do not use parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms.**

**Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.**

**Share the trail and warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass.**

**Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks or trails.**

**Observe CDC's minimum recommended physical distancing of 6' from other persons at all times.**

**NRPA** National Recreation and Park Association  
Because everyone deserves a great park  
[nrpa.org/Coronavirus](http://nrpa.org/Coronavirus)

### NOW AVAILABLE! THREE SITES ARE OPEN TO TEST ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

**COVID-19 symptoms may include:** New onset of fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, body aches, sore throat, or loss of taste and/or smell.

#### If You Have Symptoms:

1. Call Olivia Hospital & Clinic at **1-800-916-1836**
2. Ask for the triage nurse before arriving at testing sites
3. The triage nurse will direct patients to drive-thru testing site

#### Testing Hours and Locations:

- Olivia Hospital & Clinic – **Olivia** (Monday - Sunday 24 Hours)
- Olivia Hospital & Clinic – **Renville** (Monday & Wednesday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM)
- Olivia Hospital & Clinic – **Hector** (Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM)

