

The Follower 2021

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
1103 W. Chestnut Ave.
Olivia, MN 56277



Holy Week Schedule On line & In person

Matins Services, April 1 & 2 at 7:00 AM – online
Maundy Thursday, April 1, Noon & 7:00 PM
Good Friday, April 2, at 7:00 PM

Easter Morning Services

Join us on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
in person & livestream

Sign up for the service you will be attending -
<https://signup.com/go/SHOzAor>



When I was about 11 years old, I asked to attend worship on Good Friday for the first time. My home congregation was pretty old-school, and kids didn't really attend those evening services.

My brother was little and too young to go, so my dad stayed home with him. My mom is a pastor, so she was leading the service. So, my parents asked if I could sit with the Grant family. I sat next to the dad of the family, Carl. Carl was a friendly guy with a big beer belly. He played Santa at Christmas time and often came to my birthday parties dressed as Santa.

As the seven last words of Christ were spoken, and the lights were slowly dimmed, I listened with curiosity and reverence. After the last word was spoken and the lights went dark, a loud crashing sound came from the organ. Carl thought I was scared (I wasn't), so he put his arm around me. As I leaned into him, I distinctly remember the feeling of his hard belly. It was surprising but comforting.

Isn't it strange the things we remember so clearly?

What memories do you have of Holy Week throughout your life? If you can, share a memory with someone, and listen to theirs.

God works through all kinds of people, situations and memories. We give thanks for this week where we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a surprising, comforting and miraculous story that affects us every day of our lives.



Sister Sarah Hausken

2021 SPRING FLOWER SALES



**ALL ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 9th
FLOWER PICKUP FRIDAY MAY 14TH
Pickup will be 9:00 am – 6:00pm**

In an effort to practice social distancing Sellers are encouraged to pick up all of their buyer's orders at once. We have also expanded the hours in an attempt to spread out the number of people picking up at the same time as in past years.

**Please contact the church office for order forms at
crossofcalvary@gmail.com or 320-523-1574**

All flowers must be pre-ordered

There will not be any extra flowers available for purchase.

Pricing and varieties are slightly different.

What has NOT changed?

- As orders are taken fill out one INDIVIDUAL ORDER FORM for buyer.
- Please total all orders on the MASTER ORDER FORM with your overall family total sold.
- You must collect money with order. Checks can be made out to "Cross of Calvary Youth"
- Turn in all forms and money on or before FRIDAY, APRIL 9th to Sue Altmann in the church office (please do not leave them in the mailbox).
- Please use the southwest door by the parking lot.
- Please note on your Master Order Form if you are able to pick up all orders sold.
- Please remember to include phone numbers.

NO ORDERS OR ADDITIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER APRIL 9TH

Committee Members Contact Information:

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Tara Amberg	(320) 444-0129	tamberg@rccbi.com

All proceeds from their individual sales will go into your family youth account.

This is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for things like bible camp, youth gatherings and the upcoming National Gathering!!!



Delivery day is April 18th, from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

This will be a drive through pick up on the South Side of the Church due to the pandemic.

More Youth News!

Day Camp with Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will be June 28-July 1 for youth who have finished kindergarten - 6th grade. Put it on your calendar!

<https://forms.gle/RdnBaXVbXAKjodYU8>



Breakfast Club for 10-12 graders on Thursdays, 7:07 a.m. (In the fellowship hall)

Green Lake and Shores Bible Camps have opened registration! Go to gllm.org to register. Be sure to get a scholarship worksheet from church. There is money available for many scholarships. We want everyone to go to camp who wants to.

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Song Leaders Needed: If you would like to lead the hymns at in person worship, or record hymns for online worship, please call Jeni at 320-579-0406 or Sue in the office. We would love to help you share your talents.  
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Prayers for Healing and Strength

Larry Baumgartner – Family & Friends
David Lindquist – Family & Friends
Jean Maresch – Family & Friends
Susie Meyer – Family & Friends
Lyle & Charlene Norris – Friends & Family
Mike Brown - family
Sonia Grasmon – Family & Friends
Bobbi Jo Abrahamson – Family
Steve Olson – Family
Chet Boen – Family & Friends
Donna Greenwell
Tim & Emily Merten family – Angela Cole
Lesley Sagedahl- Sagedahl Family
Briar Lippert – Friends & Family
ALL persons working tirelessly to help with the Covid-19 pandemic
Military personal and their families



Need 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.

Church Cookbook Project Dear Cross of Calvary Members



I figure it's time to make an updated cookbook. Feel free to send in recipes, old or new!
To submit recipes, email your submissions to Olivia Hanson - ojhanson0220@gmail.com
If you'd like to help put the cookbook together or have suggestions, text or call 320-400-9005. Thank you! - Olivia Hanson

During the month of April, we Pray.....



1. Our 5th graders who are receiving their First Communion at tonight's service. Be with them as they grow in their faith.
2. We pray and reflect on Jesus death on the cross and his sacrifice for us
3. We celebrate with our friends at Grace Community Church as they Celebrate our Risen Lord in their new building tomorrow.
4. We celebrate Jesus Resurrection.....He is Risen Indeed. Bless the 5th graders receiving First Communion on this Holiest of Holy Days.
5. We thank you for bringing us through this year of COVID and for the promise of better days to come. Thank you for the dedicated work of our healthcare workers and scientists.
6. We pray for those grieving the loss of loved ones. May the find comfort in your loving arms.
7. As our children face standardized tests this month, please help them to be focused but free from anxiety. We know you love all your children.....let them feel Your love and ours.
8. For those struggling with addiction.
9. For those who've experienced betrayal in their lives.
10. We pray for those struggling financially that they too may see hope.
11. Thank you for all those who are positive influences in my life and in our community
12. We pray for those struggling with health issues. Especially those listed in our weekly bulletin.
13. Today I pray that my words and deeds will be pleasing to you
14. Blessings to those in our community who work to help the food insecure obtain nourishment.
15. Thank you for the gifts of spring.....the budding trees, the first flowers and the hope.
16. For those in group homes, assisted living and long term care facilities.
17. For those struggling with their faith
18. We pray that we may take time to listen for your voice
19. That the members of our church will find ways to serve you by serving others in our community
20. We pray for those struggling with mental health issues. May they find the love and help they need in their lives.
21. For our church leaders and staff as they meet to conduct the business of our church.
22. We pray for our college students as they face the end of an unusual year in their education. We especially pray for those seeking employment as they end their education.
23. We pray that our local athletes will be safe and enjoy the opportunity to participate in their sport outdoors.
24. We pray for unity....for our country, for our community and in our relationships.
25. We thank you for the gift of new life in the form of babies in midst.
26. We pray for our confirmation students as they near the end of their year of study and growth in faith.
27. We pray for our church staff that they fell our support in their work and their lives.
28. We pray for our teachers and school staff during this last busy month of school.
29. Today I pray that you move me away from distractions and temptations.
30. Thank you for guiding us through another month. A month where we again celebrated the Resurrection and when we looked forward to the promise of new life in nature.



BOOK CLUB is a Bible Study on "Lazarus Awakening". (Once per month at 8:30 PM on the last Wednesday) Contact Jeni at 320-579-0406, if interested.

Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:45 PM (ZOOM & in person)



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Terms end at Annual Meeting in Jan. * Second term

Jon Hawkinson	2021*	Sandra Gay	2021 A	Elaine McDowell	2022
Steve Altmann	2021*	Jeff Keltgen	2021	Jill Hanson	2023*
Alex Gay	2021	Gordon Blem	2022*	Jena Bruns	2023 A
Laurence Stratton	2021	Nathan Cole	2022	Courtney Kopel	2023 R
Sam Welchance	Youth A				

STAFF

Pastor Matt Hausken	Jeni Skeie, Parish Minister	Sister Sarah Hausken, Parish Minister
Sue Altmann, Recorder	Craig Boen, Janitor	

MINUTES

MEETING - Call to Order (President)

1. Devotions – Gordy Blem
2. Approve minutes of the *February meeting* – Motion to approve the minutes by Jon Hawkinson, seconded by Alex Gay, motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report – *February* - Motion to approve the treasurer/secretary report by Gordy Blem, seconded by Jon Hawkinson, motion passed.
4. Pastor's Report
 - Worship Services: Jeremiah is the book of the bible that will be used during Lent.
 - Pastor Matt has begun visitation in person.
 - Started 1st Bible Study at Traditions.
 - Easter services: looking at multiple service times with people signing up.
 - 1st Communion classes
5. Parish Ministers Reports
 - Papa Murphy fundraisers has finished with pick up on April 18th.
 - 2021 Spring Flower sales will start on March 29th – April 9th.
 - A decision has been made by the Parish Ministers & Sunday School Superintendents to start Sunday school this fall. They have plans to deliver Holy Boxes for Easter Season. This will be for Elementary ages students.
6. Office Report (Sue) – Working on Faithlife membership info for conversion to the new program
7. Maintenance Update (Craig) – Nothing needed at this time
8. Committee Reports

- a. Administration – Alex Gay, Gordy Blem & Nathan Cole
 - ✓ A webinar was watched by Gordy & Alex dealing with Auditing & Treasurer reports.
 - ✓ Qualified Charitable Distribution – this will be introduced to the congregation at a later date.
 - Would like to reorganize the furnace room.
 - b. Children, Youth & Family
 - ✓ No report
 - c. Equipping – Laurence Stratton
 - ✓ No more Dave Ramsey classes will be offered by Cross of Calvary
 - d. Missions – Alex Gay
 - ✓ \$2000 total distrusted, \$1000 to Santa Closet, \$500 to Smile Train & \$500 to Renville County Food Shelf, with designated funds paid out in March
 - e. Worship & Music – Jill Hanson & Elaine McDowell
 - ✓ Have worship music planned through April
 - f. Care Team – Jena Bruns
 - ✓ Meals for Sonia Grasmon family, more meals are in the freezer/ please let the office if someone needs help.
 - g. Parish Life – Sandra Gay
 - ✓ Working on another movie night.
 - h. Outreach – Jon Hawkinson, Jeff Keltgen & Jill Hanson
 - ✓ Working on putting together a tear-off with positive messages, to place around town. No Easter postcard order this year. They will be using Facebook more to promote Easter services.
 - i. Technology – Steve Altmann & Nathan Cole
 - ✓ Discussion for live stream Worship services.
 - ✓ The church is looking to upgrade mics, etc. for worship and livestreaming services.
 - ✓ Tom Osthus, Leif Hausken & Sister Sarah are looking into better equipment for livestreaming.
 - j. AED Maintenance – Sue (Ok)
9. Old Business
- Page Memorial donation – The family would like to make a donation for a community room. Ideas and plans will be discussed in the near future working with the Property committee on this project.
 - Tree trimming has been completed - thank you to Tanner Mitchell.
10. New Business
- Easter Service will be by sign up. Will have 2 or 3 services with 70 people max at each.
 - Roof on parsonage: receiving bids at this time.
11. Adjourn – Closing Prayer



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INFO

Next month: Wednesday, April 21st at 7:45 PM

Devotions:

April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Worship service- 9:00 AM	29 Library in use	30 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	31 3:15 – 1st Communion Class Confirmation (8 th @ 6:00 PM & 9th Grade @ 7:00 PM)	1 7:07 AM Breakfast Club 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study  Maundy Thursday @ noon & 7:00 PM	2  GOOD FRIDAY Good Friday service at 7:00 PM	3
4  Easter Sunday 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship services	5 6:30 PM Library in use 6:30 PM Cub Scout Mtg.	6 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	7 Confirmation – 5:30 – 6:30 PM (9th Grade)	8 7:07 AM Breakfast Club 8:15 AM Women's Bible Study	9 Flower orders due by noon	10 Set up for Ham Dinner
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