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**Worship Times**

Sunday: 9:00 AM

**Coffee Hour**

Sunday: 10:00 AM

**Sunday school**

Sunday: 10:00AM

**Building Hours**

Mon-Thurs

8:30 – 7:00

Fri-Sun 8:30-2:00

**Office Hours**

Mon, Tues, & Thurs

8:30 -3:00

Wednesday 8:30-4:00

Friday 8:30 – 2:00

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# Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**September 4 – September 11**

Sunday 09.04

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

Communion

Monday 09.05

Labor Day – office closed

Tuesday 09.06

Men's Bible Study 6:30 & 7:00 AM

Wednesday 09.07

Women's Bible at 9:00 AM

Confirmation Orientation 6:30

Thursday 09.08

Meeting at 1:00 PM in

Fellowship Hall

Friday 09.09

Saturday 09.10

Wedding - onsite

Sunday 09.11

Worship Services: 9:00

Back the Pack Blessing

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

Baptism at 10:30 AM



## **September Worship Assistants**

Ushers: Daren Sagedahl, Brian Kingery & Dan Gross

Acolytes:

Sound Board/Clicker:

Communion Helper: Scott Johnson

Altar Guild: Stacey Larson



**Back pack blessing** will be Sunday, September 11 during worship at 9am. Bring your backpack to set at the altar and receive a back pack tag as a reminder all year that you are loved by God. This isn't just for youth, but its for all ages, back packs and briefcases or whatever you use for your work. Let's bless the bags that hold our stuff!

**3rd and 7th grade bibles** will be handed out on Sunday, September 25 at the 9am worship service. Parents will come forward with their confirmand and the Bible will be handed to parents, to put in the students hands.



It is symbolic of the promises made in Baptism.

## **Confirmation Information**

**September 7, 6:30pm.** Confirmation orientation will be for all students in grades 7-9 and parents. This is a time to meet with the staff, get the calendar, sign up for required participation events and learn about the year ahead.

**September 14, NO CONFIRMATION**

**September 21, 6:30-7:30,** 10th grade confirmation banquet, with rehearsal after dinner. 8-9th graders and their parents will set up, serve and clean up. This is always such a nice event!

**September 28, 6:30-7:30pm** The first class for 7th grade.

**October 5, 6:30-7:30pm.** 8th-9th graders will begin class

Class will continue every other week. A Schedule will be handed out at orientation.

**Church members: Please sign up on "The Door" for food donations for the banquet! Thank You!**

## **Elementary Youth Programs**

We have made some changes this year. Our groups have gotten too big and so we are creating a new group.

Wow will now be 5-6 grade and meet 2x per month on Wednesdays. (9/21)

Jesus Justice League will be 1-2nd grade meeting 1x per month on Thursdays (9/22)

We will add a new group for 3-4th grade also meeting 1x per month on Thursdays- and they are excited to come up with a new name for their group. (9/29)



Sunday school begins on Rally day, October 2 with worship at 9am and Sunday school at 10am. We will have teacher installation during the worship time with teachers standing in place for a blessing.



Family of Marge Johnson  
 Family of Sue Schroepfer  
 Glenn Hegna \_ Family & Friends  
 Jeff Keltgen – Family & Friends  
 Michelle Hanson – Friend of the Greg & Kathy  
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 Joan Rosenow – Family & Friends  
 Family of Zoe Orth  
 Bob Wittman – Family & Friends  
 Ava Koep – Friends & Family  
 Chrissy Boen – Family & Friends  
 Liz Elfering – Family & Friends  
 Marlene Bratsch – Friends & Family  
 Clifford Metteer - Family  
 Jon Hackman Family



Carol Horrmann – Friends & Family  
 Lyn Tesch – Family & Friends  
 Pat Aalderks – Family & Friends  
 Ric Aalderks – Friends & Family  
 Brandon Ochs – Family & Friends  
 Candy Kath – Pam Olson's sister  
 Laurie Hogberg – Family & Friends  
 Trevor Solem – Friends and Family  
 Jesse Tongen – Family & Friends

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**Greetings fellow C of C members!** With the hot days we have been experiencing it may seem impossible to be thinking of our church Snowflake Bazaar, but it's only a few months away. I am sending out the plea again that the committee is still looking for individuals to take over this awesome event. If we do not have anyone interested, the event may not happen this year. This bazaar has raised money over the years to pay for many expenses that come up, and to make needed church improvements. Please contact me (Dana Boen) at 320-894-7885 or message me on Facebook and I can answer any questions you may have. Thanks so much for your consideration and enjoy the rest of our Minnesota summer!

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**We are in need of one new council member for the rest of the year. (September – January) If anyone is interested in filling this position, please contact the church office at 320-523-1574.**

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**You're invited to a come and Go**  
 Bride and Groom Shower for Emmy Syversen & Ethan Whited  
 Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM  
 Cross of Calvary Church

**St. Aloysius Catholic Church** in Oliva is having their annual Fall Dinner on October 9, 2022. We will be offering dine in or take out from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, candied carrots, coleslaw, cranberries, dinner roll, pumpkin dessert. Cost is \$15.00 for all meals. All are invited.



## Let us do the cooking for you!

Support HealthPartners Cancer Care services at Olivia Hospital & Clinic while sampling delicious Mediterranean flavors. Meals for Good is a drive-thru event that will feature three memorable dishes. Pick up and enjoy a delicious meal while doing good in your community.

Pick up your meals on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Deadline to order is Friday, September 16, 2022.**

[Register and pay online for meals and schedule your pick-up time.](#)

**Not able to pick-up a meal, no worries we can help.**

Please call to register and schedule your delivery.

Note: We are offering to deliveries to those not able to get to pick their meals up.

Jackie Edwards 320-523-8374 or [Jackie.A.Edwards@HealthPartners.com](mailto:Jackie.A.Edwards@HealthPartners.com)

**Purchase a meal for family, your neighbors, your staff, your farmers, and others.**



**Frozen meals:** Do you know someone who could use a meal? There are frozen meals at church for those in need. Come talk to Jeni or Sue or Pastor Matt if you would like to deliver a meal to someone. 320-523-1574 church office



Coffee hour: We would like to assign this year- with the hopes that all families will serve once with 2 other families. Its like "supper" at home - it's a time to visit with our church family members and if we each take a turn to serve, we create a time of fellowship for everyone where no one person does all the work. If you would like to choose your time to serve, sign up on the church board or call the church office. 320-523-1574

Youth Band - let's get this going again. We will practice some Wednesday nights from 7:45-8:30pm. Any youth in grades 7-12 are welcome. Sign up on the youth board. Do you want to learn how to play guitar? Jeni has 3 guitars that are available for loan and she is willing to help get you started. Please call if you are interested!





*Many Hands Lighten The Load...Where Could You Help?*

**Church committees:** We are looking for people to use their gifts and talents on committees at church. During the next couple months, there will be descriptions of each committee and a place to sign up or a contact person you can call for more information. All committees are looking for members; if anyone is interested please contact the church office at [crossofcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:crossofcalvary@gmail.com) or 320-523-1574

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## Cross of Calvary

### 2022 Year to Date Financial Report

Year to date	August 2022			
	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$48,890	\$132,442	\$151,759	\$29,573
Designated Gifts	\$35,416	\$9,371	\$5,754	\$39,035
Memorials	\$2,120	\$210	0	\$2,330
Totals	\$89,426	\$142,024	\$157,513	<b>\$70,938</b>
			August-2021	\$95,876

## During September we pray for.....

1. We pray for our church staff as they prepare for fall activities. Guide us to share our time and talents as needed.
2. We pray for all athletes as they begin a new season.....that they will honor You by their sportsmanship and hard work. Please keep them safe.
3. As families enjoy this last summer weekend, please bless their time together.
4. Bless those who gather to worship you whether in the church, in nature or in their places of residence.
5. Today we thank you for Labor----we honor those whose Labor enriches the lives of others and we thank you for those who show their love for you through their careers.
6. We pray for those who need Your healing hand and for their caregivers. We especially hold up those who are on our weekly prayer list
7. Be with our Confirmation students, their parents and their leaders as they gather for Confirmation orientation.
8. We pray for those facing food insecurity. Help us help them through the Food Self, LSS or any other means.
9. We pray for those who labor with harvest or other seasonal jobs. Please keep them safe.
10. We thank you for shelter. Please inspire us to assist those without secure shelter.
11. Today we bless backpacks and give Bibles to 3rd & 7th Graders. Please watch over our students and their families.
12. As our young people are settling into their college routine, we pray you'll be with them as they face new decisions about things large and small.
13. We pray for unity...for our country, for our community and in our relationships.
14. Dear Lord, help me to find happiness in forgetting myself and trying to bring help to others.
15. We pray for those struggling with Addiction.
16. Father, I am thankful that your love is steadfast.
17. We pray for those who suffer abuse.
18. Lord I give thanks for Your presence in my life and in the lives of the people I hold dear.
19. Thank you for new life and for the babies in our church, our families and our community.
20. We pray for those struggling with their mental health and we pray for their families, friends and caregivers. Help us to love and understand each other.
21. Today our 5th & 6th graders begin their WOW season. Be with them and the adults involved in this ministry that they have grow not only their faith, but their relationships with each other.
22. Help our 1st graders who join with 2nd graders today in the first day of Jesus Justice League. Help our leaders and the older students make those attending for the first time feel your love.
23. Lord help me to show kindness and love when feeling frustration and impatience.
24. We pray that we may be able to listen and hear Your voice. Help us to listen to those around us and hear them.
25. Today our 10th graders confirm their faith. We pray that their faith journey will continue and that the members of the church will be available to help them on that journey.
26. We pray for those who have experienced betrayal in their lives. Help them to trust again.
27. Lord help us to love what is right and hate what is wrong.
28. We pray for those in assisted living, LTC and group homes.
29. As our 3rd & 4th graders meet for their first after school event. Help them find an identity for their group and help them to love and support each other throughout the year.
30. Thank you Lord, for the change in seasons. For the crisp fall mornings and the sunny afternoons. We celebrate Your beautiful creation.



**September 4, 2022**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY**

**AFTER PENTECOST**



*Love for all the saints.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 14:25-33</b>	<b>The cost of being a disciple</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 30:15-20</b>	<b>Choose life, not death</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Philemon 1:1-21</b>	<b>Philemon's love and faith</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalm 82:1-5</b>	<b>A plea for justice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>John 15:12-17</b>	<b>Jesus the true vine</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Philippians 2:1-11</b>	<b>Imitating Christ's humility</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 1</b>	<b>The way to happiness</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 15:1-10</b>	<b>The lost sheep and the lost coin</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.*

*Philemon 1:4-5 (NRSV)*

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Loving God, help us to treat all people with respect and honor that together we may bring healing to the church and to society, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

For life and health and every good, we give you thanks for this, our food. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God watch over you and give you peace and courage.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☐ What words would you use to describe your family?
- ☐ Who do you consider to be your brother/sister in Christ and why?

## DEVOTIONS

**Read: Philemon 1:1-21.**

This letter truly focuses on the power of the law of love. Paul gives us the founding principle to free the lives of others. Onesimus was a runaway slave who was imprisoned with Paul. Philemon was his master. Philemon had the legal right to have Onesimus killed as his runaway slave. However, Paul is requesting Philemon to treat Onesimus as a brother, just as Paul has treated Onesimus as a son. He uses language of being part of the same family. Paul wants a brother in Christ to treat a slave not as property but as a saint, that is, a fellow believer in Christ. Paul could have demanded this of Philemon, but the law of love makes Paul's approach one of free consent, not domination. With Philemon free to make the call, Onesimus can be freed to be a brother, a fellow heir with Paul and Philemon. Through the gospel of Christ, the law of love heals broken relationships in church and society.

**Discuss:** How can caring for one another in the body of Christ bring freedom and fairness to all people?

**Pray:** Loving God, free us to care for others as you care for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and the theme for this week, how can you show God's law of love to someone?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus said, "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). This isn't easy. It means that we sometimes have to do things that are hard or that we don't want to do. Think or talk about what this means for you. Make a small cross out of pipe cleaners or wire and carry it in your pocket this week as a reminder of Jesus' words.

**Pray:** Lord Jesus Christ, free me of all that keeps me from following you. Amen.