



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 11 - September 18

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

Pastor

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Custodian

Craig Boen

Sunday 09.11

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Backpack Blessing

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

Baptism at 10:30 AM



Monday 09.12

Tuesday 09.13

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

Wednesday 09.14

Women's Bible at 9:00 AM

Teacher Orientation at 6:30 PM

No Confirmation

Thursday 09.15

Friday 09.16

Saturday 09.17

Shower from 12-4 PM

Sunday 09.18

Worship Services: 9:00

Communion

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

September Worship Assistants

Ushers: Daren Sagedahl, Brian Kingery & Dan Gross

Acolytes: Charlie Morse & Connor Blad

Clicker: Sadie Gross

Camera: Jack Gross

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 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.



Glenn Hegna _ Family & Friends
Jeff Keltgen – Family & Friends
Michelle Hanson – Friend of the Greg & Kathy
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Joan Rosenow – Family & Friends
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

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!

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.



You’re invited to a come and Go
Bride and Groom Shower for Emmy Syversen & Ethan Whited
Saturday, Sept. 17th 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.

Ruth Bible Study: Monday, September 26th at 1:30 PM – meet in the church library.



Meals for Good



Olivia Hospital & Clinic Foundation

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

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. It's 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 or 320-523-1574

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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	\$70,938
			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 11, 2022
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



God's promises overcome God's righteous judgment.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin
Monday	Exodus 32:7-14	Moses pleads for the people
Tuesday	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Gratitude for mercy
Wednesday	James 5:13-16	The prayer of faith
Thursday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Friday	Ephesians 5:25-32	Rules for the new life
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-10	A prayer for forgiveness
Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I [the Apostle Paul] am the foremost. 1 Timothy 1:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of divine justice, we thank you for remembering your promise of mercy and forgiveness and bringing us back to you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, just as we need this gift of food to survive, help us always to remember that we need your love to survive as well. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who remembers you with love bless you with peace and joy.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

☑ Some people feel that when something bad happens, it is God's judgment. Do you agree? Why or why not?

☑ Why is it important to know that God's mercy endures beyond God's judgment?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Exodus 32:7-14.

There is plenty of wrath, divine repentance, even humor in this Old Testament Story. God wants to destroy the people who have turned away to worship a golden calf and won't even acknowledge them as God's people. God refers to them as Moses' people, the people whom Moses led out of Egypt. Moses refutes this and says they are God's people and God led them out of Egypt. Moses stands as a prophet speaking not to the people about God's word, but to God about God's promises that go back to Abraham, Isaac, and Israel (Jacob). Fortunately, Moses wins the debate and God repents, turning from the divine anger planned for the obstinate and unfaithful people. God saves the people by not destroying them. What is at stake? God's passion and mercy for the people does battle (through Moses) and wins the day by not letting God's judgment get the last word. Thanks be to God for promises to us that are from everlasting to everlasting.

Discuss: What do you find surprising about God's actions in this reading?

Pray: God of justice and mercy, we thank you that you know our weaknesses and failings and yet love us still through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how might you help and encourage others who feel the weight of their regrets?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Luke 15:1-10 Jesus tells parables about the lost being found. Our sin is a condition of being lost and apart from God. God rejoices when, through faith in Christ, we, as the lost, are found and restored to a relationship with God. Hide chocolate coins or other candies and have others find them. After the treats are found, talk about the joy of finding them and then about God's joy at searching for and finding us. Pray: Thank you, God, for searching for us when we stray from you. Thank you for finding us and forgiving us. Amen.