



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1103 W. Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN

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December 11 - December 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 12.11

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Communion

Sunday School

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

Grief Lectionary 10:15 AM

Monday 12.12

Library in use 7-8 PM

Tuesday 12.13

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

Wednesday 12.14

Women's Bible at 9:00 AM

WOW 3-5 pm

8th & 9th grade Confirmation

Church Council at 7:45 PM

Thursday 12.15

Breakfast Club 7:07 AM

GLUE 3-5

Friday 12.16

Cookie Decorating at 2:00 PM

Saturday 12.17

Sunday 12.18

Snowflake Bazaar 8-11 AM

Worship Services: 9:00 AM

Communion

Baptism - Mertens

Grief Lectionary 10:15 AM

Sunday school Christmas Program at 11:00 AM

Caroling & Soup Supper 3:30-6:00

December Worship Assistants

Ushers: Nate Bahl, Keith Larson, Steve Altmann, Daren Sagedahl

Acolytes: Melissa Adamski & Will Stratton

Clicker:

Camera: Gavin Johnson

Communion Helper: Stacey Larson

Altar Guild: Lisa Meints & Natasha Johnson

Annual Meeting: Standing Committee open positions

4 council members (3 year term)

Meet once per month. Each council person shares one devotional per year at council and is scheduled to serve Communion two months each year. Council members will be represented on a Standing Committees (to be determined at the first Council meeting)

1 Auditing committee (3 year term)

This three member committee meets in January of each year to review the finances of all accounts of the church.

2 Nominating Committee (1: 3 years, 1: 2 years)

This three member committee seeks to nominate leaders of the church. Nominations take place in early January

1 Endowment Committee (3 year term)

This committee oversees the monies in the endowment fund. The number of meetings is determined by need.

Head usher and assistant (1 year terms)

Daren Sagedahl will be put on the ballot, Thank you!

Congregational Rep. to Synod Assembly (need 3, 1 year term (must be made up of males and females)

Gustavus Reps (1 year term)

1 Youth for church council (1 year term)

Please contact the church office if you are interested 320-523-1574 or crossofcalvary@gmail.com

COOKIE DECORATING!

Friday, Dec 16th at 2 pm

We are looking for a few adult volunteers to come and frost the many cutouts donated for the bazaar. Coffee will be on and sampling is encouraged! The more people we have the quicker the job gets finished, and last year we had over 200 cookies!

Thank you in advance for your help on this project.



Youth activities



Confirmation Information

8th-9th grade classes meet December 14th

All grades meet on December 21st

No Confirmation December 28th

Elementary Youth Programs

WOW: 5-6 grades meet Wednesdays: **12/14**

GLUE: 3-4th grades also meet on Thursdays: **12/15**

Sunday school Christmas Program

December 18th at 11:00 AM

Children should go to their classrooms at 10am that day for preparation.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

December 25th or January 1st for Christmas Break



Cross of Calvary Holiday (Snowflake) Bazaar

December 18, 2022 from 8-11 AM

Help needed:

Cookie Decorating: December 16th at 2:00 PM

Sign up to bring baked goods is on the "Door"

See back page for more information



Christmas Eve Worship

Join us for Christmas Eve worship on

Saturday, December 24th

4:30 PM and 9:00 PM



Looking Ahead...

Annual Meeting

January 15th after 9:00 AM worship service

All Annual reports are due to the office by December 26th.

1st Communion Classes (5th Graders)

March 15, 22 and 29, 2023

Worship Services: April 6th or 16th at 9:00 AM

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

American Red Cross

Bird Island MN Blood Drive
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Monday, January 9 from 1-6 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter: BirdIslandMN to schedule an appointment.

Norwegian language service

You are cordially invited to the annual Norwegian language service at Calvary Lutheran in Willmar on **Friday, December 23rd, at 7:00 PM**. We are having a Lillejulaften service (little Christmas Eve) with Norwegian scripture reading, prayers, songs, and sermon. The service folder will be in Norwegian with Full English translation.

After the service in the sanctuary, there will be a fellowship time in Bethany Hall with coffee and treats. We encourage men, women and children who have bunads (Norwegian festive garb) or Norwegian sweaters to wear them to the service.

Olivia Restorative and Nursing

They are looking for anyone who would like to share their stories from a recent trip with the residents. Please contact Sheila Pietig, Activity Directory at SPietig@oliviarihcc.com
320-523-1652

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church of Olivia presents:

Jesus Cares Ministries Christmas Service: "The Perfect Gift"

Zion Lutheran Church Jesus Cares Program is a Bible Study for our friends with Special Needs. We meet once a month and at Christmas our participants perform a Christmas program.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm.

Olivia Hospital & Clinic Hospice Annual Grief Support Group Opportunity

The Adult Grief Group is sponsored by Olivia Hospital & Clinic Hospice. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays from December 7 -January 18 at the Olivia Hospital & Clinic from 4:00-5:30 PM. All are welcome and invited. Please call Amy Boettger at 320-523-3451 or
email: Amy.C.Boettger@Healthpartners.com



Family of Trevor Solem
Carol Horrmann - Friends & Family
Jeff Keltgen - Family & Friends
Michelle Hanson - Friend of the Greg & Kathy Helin
Joan Rosenow - Family & Friends
Bob Wittman - Family & Friends

Ava Koep - Friends & Family
Chrissy Boen - Family & Friends
Liz Elfering - Family & Friends
Clifford Metteer - Family
Jon Hackman Family
Lyn Tesch - Family & Friends
Pat Alderks - Family & Friends
Ric Alderks - Friends & Family
Brandon Ochs - Family & Friends
Candy Kath - Pam Olson's sister
Laurie Hogberg - Family & Friends
Jesse Tongen - Family & Friends

DECEMBER 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent

God is active in the world, filling us with joy.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 11:2-11	Jesus and John the Baptist
Monday	Isaiah 35:1-10	The return to Zion
Tuesday	James 5:7-10	Patience in suffering
Wednesday	3 John 1:1-8	Gaius commended for his hospitality
Thursday	Nehemiah 8:9-12	Ezra reads God's law
Friday	Philemon 1:4-7	Philemon's love and faith
Saturday	Psalms 146:5-10	Praise for God's help
Sunday	Matthew 1:18-25	God is with us

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For the waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. Isaiah 35:5-6 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Everlasting God, your work of love and mercy never ends. Help us to live with joy in our hearts through Christ Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for this gift of food and for all your goodness that never ends, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus to us and to all the world. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you with joy each and every day.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☐ What is something you really hope for?
- ☐ Where or through whom have you seen God's will active in the world?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 146:5-10.

Advent is a season of hope and anticipation that may seem beyond what is real. What makes Advent real and not just a pipe dream is that we have a God who is active in the world. God has always been this way and always will be this way. This is the God of Jacob for whom God made an entire nation, Israel. This is the God who created all that is and continues to create. This is the God who gives sight to the blind, who lifts up those bowed down, and who watches over the stranger, the orphan, and the widow for all generations—past, present, and future. This is the God who is with us now through Jesus, the one who gives sight to the blind, heals the lame and the deaf, raises the dead, and brings good news to the poor (Matthew 11:5). This is the God who continues to make new things happen every day. The followers of Jesus are those who witness God's activity and give witness to what they see and hear, the witness that even death is not a defeat because we have the God who reigns forever.

Discuss: How have you witnessed God's amazing goodness, protection, and love?

Pray: Almighty God, your greatness exceeds all we can imagine. Help us to trust in your goodness and mercy that renews us and the earth each day through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE




Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help others find joy and live each day with hope in God?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus Christ. For this third week of Advent, light the first candle of hope, the second candle of peace, and the third candle of joy on the Advent wreath (Some use a rose-colored candle for the third Sunday as it is the symbolic color for joy). This week, we focus on the joy that God brings into our lives through Jesus.

Say: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord, the light of Christ that gives us hope, peace, and joy.

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			30 9:00 Women's Bible Study	1 7:07 AM Breakfast Club	2	3
			3-5 WOW	JJL 3-5 pm		
			6:30 PM - 8 th & 9 th Grade Confirmation	6:30pm Choir		
4 9:00 AM Worship Communion	5 6:30 PM Library in use	6 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	7 9:00 Women's Bible Study	8 7:07 AM Breakfast Club	9	10 Baptism
Baptism x2	6-7 PM Cub Scouts Mtg.		WOW 3-5 pm	Christmas in our Corner Concert 7:30 PM		
10:00 Sunday school & Coffee Hour	6:30 pm Choir		6:30 PM - 7 th Grade Confirmation			
10:15 AM Grief Lectionary						
11 9:00 AM Worship Communion	12 6:30 PM Library in use	13 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	14 9:00 Women's Bible Study	15 7:07 AM Breakfast Club	16	17
10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Hour	7-8 Boy Scout Mtg.		3-5 WOW	3-5 GLUE		
10:15 AM Grief Lectionary			6:30 PM - 8 th & 9 th Grade Confirmation			
			7:45 pm Church council			
18 9:00 AM Worship Communion Baptism	19 12:00 PM Ruth Bible Study (Marlys Klinghagen home) potluck	20 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	21 9:00 Women's Bible Study	22 7:07 Breakfast Club Alumni Breakfast	23	24 Worship services at 4:30 and 9:00 PM
10:00 Christmas Bazaar			7 th , 8 th & 9 th Confirmation			
Christmas Program at 11 AM			7:30 - 8:30 Game Night			
						
10:15 AM Grief Lectionary						
25 9:00 AM Worship	26	27 6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study	28 No Women's Bible Study	29 No Breakfast Club	30	31
No Coffee Hour No Sunday School			9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study			
			No Confirmation			



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PLEASE JOIN US AT THE
27TH ANNUAL

Snowflake Bazaar

DECEMBER 18TH, 2022
8-11 AM
CROSS OF CALVARY

BAKE SALE &
BREAKFAST \$8



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