



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1103 W. Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN

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December 18 – December 25

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

Matthew Hausken

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Admin. Assist.

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Custodian

Craig Boen

Sunday 12.18

Snowflake Bazaar 8-11 AM

Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Communion

Baptism - Mertens

No Grief Lectionary

Sunday school Christmas Program at 11:00 AM

Caroling & Soup Supper 3:30-6:00

Monday 12.19

Library in use

Tuesday 12.20

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

Wednesday 12.21

Women's Bible at 9:00 AM

WOW 3-5 pm

7, 8th & 9th grade Confirmation

Game Night 7:30 – 8:30 PM

Thursday 12.22

Breakfast Club 7:07 AM

Friday 12.23

Saturday 12.24

Christmas Eve Service

Candlelight 4:30 & 9:00 PM

Sunday 12.25

Worship Services: 9:00 AM

No Sunday School

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



Confirmation Information

All grades meet on December 21st

No Confirmation December 28th

Elementary Youth Programs

WOW: 5-6 grades Wednesdays: 1/4 & 1/18

GLUE: 3-4th grades Thursday: 1/12

Jesus Justice League Thursday: 1/5



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



Christmas Eve Worship

Join us for Christmas Eve worship on

Saturday, December 24th

4:30 PM and 9:00 PM



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 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



David Lanning – Cole family
Mavis Maurice – Family & Friends
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 Aalderks – Family & Friends
Ric Aalderks – Friends & Family
Brandon Ochs – Family & Friends
Candy Kath – Pam Olson's sister
Laurie Hogberg – Family & Friends
Jesse Tongen – Family & Friends

DECEMBER 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Who is this Jesus born of God's love?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Matthew 1:18-25 | God is with us |
| Monday | Isaiah 7:10-16 | A son named Immanuel |
| Tuesday | Romans 1:1-7 | A salutation |
| Wednesday | Isaiah 9:1-7 | A child is born |
| Thursday | 1 John 4:7-12 | God is love |
| Friday | Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 | Israel's restoration |
| Saturday | Luke 2:1-20 | The birth of Jesus |
| Sunday | John 1:1-14 | The Word became flesh |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Holy God, we praise you for reaching out to us and all the world with your eternal love through your Son, our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for restoring us each day with the gift of food. Strengthen us with this meal to love others as you love us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus, the Son of God and Savior of the world bless you with God's steadfast love.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

☐ When you think of a special friend or relative, how do you describe that person to others?

☐ When you think of Jesus, how do you describe him?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 1:18-25.

Since it speaks of Jesus' birth, this is almost an odd text for the last Sunday in Advent. It could be a Christmas Eve or Day writing, except that the focus is less on Jesus' birth and more on his identity: Who is this Jesus? He is divine (conceived by the Holy Spirit) yet also of the lineage of David (son of David, a title for the royal messiah). His role is seen in his name Jesus, meaning, "to save." His entrance into history is the fulfillment of scripture. Jesus' birth is prophetically linked to Isaiah 7 by the name Emmanuel, God with us. This essential point is brought back at the end of the Gospel of Matthew when Jesus says, "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). It is worth reflecting on the coming of Jesus as the Son of God who comes to save and to fulfill the scriptures. This Jesus is not just a historical figure of the past but the very presence of God who is with us today. Jesus is present in the midst of our personal and community needs for salvation from sin, death, and the presence of real evil.

Discuss: What part of Jesus' identity do you focus on or relate to during the Advent season?

Pray: Eternal God, help us to sense the awe of Jesus' birth through whom you have come to be with us as our Savior and promise to be with us always. 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 experience God's love and mercy?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus Christ. For the fourth and last week of Advent, light the first candle of hope, the second candle of peace, the third candle of joy, and the fourth candle of love on the Advent wreath. This week, we focus on God's unconditional love for us and our love for one another.

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

December 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 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 | | | |
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| 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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