



# Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1103 W. Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN

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**December 25 - January 1**

## January Worship Assistants

Ushers: Nate Cole, Chris Hanson & Daren Sagedahl

Acolytes: Derrick Bahl & Tyden Walsten

Clicker:

Camera: Gavin Johnson

Communion Helper:

Altar Guild: Ronda Berg & Tami Stover

### 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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### Parish Minister

Jeni Skeie

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### Admin. Assist.

Sue Altmann

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### Custodian

Craig Boen

Sunday 12.25

**Worship Service at 9:00 AM**

**No Sunday School**

**Merry  
Christmas**

Monday 12.26

Library in use

Tuesday 12.27

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

Wednesday 12.28

No Women's Bible at 9:00 AM

No Confirmation

Thursday 12.29

No Breakfast Club

Friday 12.30

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

Saturday 12.31

Sunday 01.01

**Worship Services: 9:00 AM**

**No Sunday School**

## **Annual Meeting: Standing Committee open positions**

### **4 council members (3 year term) (need one more on the ballot)**

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) (Still available)**

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) (need one more)**

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

### **1 Endowment Committee (3 year term) (still need someone)**

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!

### **(Still need these filled)**

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**

January 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

January 11<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades

January 18<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

January 25<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Elementary Youth Programs**

WOW: 5-6 grades Wednesdays: ¼ & 1/18

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

Jesus Justice League Thursday: 1/5



### **Annual Meeting**

January 15th after 9:00 AM worship service (back up date January 29<sup>th</sup>)

All Annual reports are due to the office by January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Back up Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **1st Communion Classes (5th Graders)**

March 15, 22 and 29, 2023

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



David Lanning – Cole family  
 Mavis Maurice – Family & Friends  
 Carol Horrmann – Friends & Family  
 Jeff Keltgen – Family & Friends  
 Michelle Hanson – Friend of the Greg & Kathy  
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Rhonda Haney – Family & Friends  
 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

**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.

**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

**Taking Faith Home**

**DECEMBER 25, 2022**

**Christmas Day**

**The glory and power of God is here.**

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Sunday	John 1:1-14	The Word became flesh
Monday	Isaiah 52:7-10	Let Zion rejoice
Tuesday	Hebrews 1:1-12	God has spoken by a Son
Wednesday	Isaiah 62:6-12	Salvation of Zion
Thursday	Psalm 97	The glory of God’s reign
Friday	Titus 3:4-7	Maintain good deeds
Saturday	Psalm 98	Sing praises to the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 2:13-23	The escape to Egypt

## **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.*

*John 1:14 (NRSV)*

## **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of hope, peace, joy, and love, we thank you for your glory, power, and might as shown to us in the humble birth of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, you who feed shepherds and kings alike, we thank you for this food, a sign of your glory, power, and might that is shown to us in Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the glory of Jesus' birth shine brightly in you today.

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

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

- ☐ How does someone overcome the fear of darkness?
- ☐ How does Jesus bring you from fear and darkness into joy and light?

## **DEVOTIONS**

### **Read: John 1:1-14.**

John's introduction of Jesus points to a world of contrasts between darkness and light, that is, between the power of fear and deception and the light of God that brings grace, and truth. The arrival of Jesus, the Word that became flesh and now dwells among us, sheds light on what true power and real life looks like: it's the glory of grace and truth. Grace is that divine gift of undeserved kindness. In John truth is more than facts. It is a way of life lived in relationship to Jesus, who is "the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6). Jesus comes to shed light on that which brings God's glory and creates goodness and life. Through the Word that became flesh, all created life has come into being. Powers that live in darkness are not life-giving. The good news to hear this Christmas—and always—is that Jesus' light overcomes darkness. Jesus is the source of all that is life-giving, that which is full of grace and truth for all. It is the power worth knowing and trusting.

**Discuss:** Where have you seen the powers of darkness at work in the world? Where have you seen the powers of grace and truth at work in the world?

**Pray:** God of glory and might, we thank you for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who brings your grace and truth to conquer all the darkness of sin and evil. 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 to have hope in the God of grace and truth?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

During the four weeks of Advent, we prepared our hearts and minds for the day of Jesus' birth and his coming again. Light the four candles of hope, peace, joy, and love on the Advent wreath. Then light the white one, the Christ candle, in the center of the wreath. This week, we focus on God's unconditional love for us and our love for one another. Dim the lights in the room and have a moment of silence to gaze upon the candles.

**Leader:** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:5)

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