



Cross of Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Olivia, MN

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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

Pastor

Matthew Hausken

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Parish Minister

Jeni Skeie

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Admin. Assist.

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April Worship Assistants

Ushers: Nate Cole & Dave Altmann

Acolytes: Bailee McLagan & Aaron McLagan

Clicker: Eric Wussow - Camera: Aidan Grund or Derrick Bahl

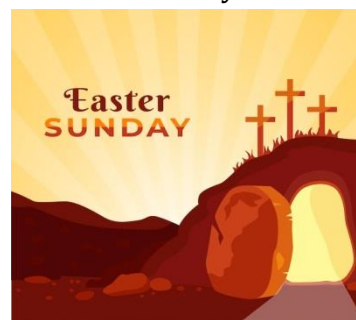
Communion Helper: Stacey Larson

Altar Guild: Stacey Larson, Sarah Iverson & Tara Amberg

Sunday 04.09

6:30 AM & 9:00 AM Worship Service

No Sunday school or Coffee Hour



Monday 04.10

Tuesday 04.11

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

11:00 AM Library in use

Wednesday 04.12

9:00 AM Women's Bible

6:30 PM Confirmation (Gr. 7/8/9)

Thursday 04.13

7:07 AM Breakfast Club

Quilters 9:30 AM

3-5 PM Jesus Justice League

Friday 04.14

Saturday 04.15

2:00 PM Funeral: Paul Buhr

Sunday 04.16

9:00 AM **Worship Services**

1st Communion Service

Sunday school & Coffee Hour

11:30 AM Baby Shower: Brea Athmann

Women's Bible Study

1 King 1-11, Proverbs & Ecclesiastes- Wednesday mornings at 9:00



NO SUNDAY SCHOOL April 9th - Easter Sunday.

Game night for 7-9 grade will be April 12, 7:30-8:30pm

Confirmation Information

7-8-9 grade will be every week through April starting at 6:30 in the sanctuary.
April 5th was added to our calendar.

Elementary Youth Programs

Jesus Justice League for 1-2nd grade will meet April 13, and May 4.
G.L.U.E. for 3-4th grade will meet April 20 and May 18.
Wow for 5-6 grade will meet April 5 and 19 and May 3 and 17.

1st Communion Classes (5th Graders)

Worship Services: Sunday, April 16th at 9:00 AM



DAY CAMP will be at Cross of Calvary June 26-29. This is for children who have finished K-6th grade. Registration will be online beginning in May. Cost is \$50.00. Family cap is \$150.00. You do not need to be a member of Cross of Calvary to attend. Invite your friends!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club invites 9th graders to attend starting April 13!!!
So, for 9-12 graders every Thursday, 7:07am

Sunday school service Project for Cross of Calvary

This year will be to Family Promise in Willmar. We will be making activity kits for the kids that they serve.

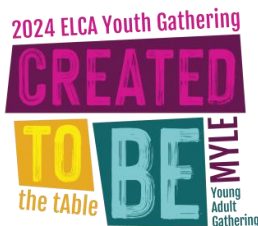
Below is an idea of what could be included in the kits.

Donations can be dropped off by the grocery cart in the back of church before Sunday, April 30.
small package of crayons (16 or 24), washable markers (8 pack), stickers sheets, small notebook, glue stick, glitter glue, pom poms, small activity book and colored pencils



Sr. High Survivor Lock – April 21-22 at Peace Lutheran in New

London. Cost is \$25.00. Are you a Survivor fan? Or do you just love playing games and competing with your peers? This is for you! Our group has been invited to participate with another group and it should be a great time playing, eating, praying and competing! There will be buffs, Exile Island, hidden immunity necklaces, challenges and more! Sign up on the Youth Board. Get registration forms from Jeni.



Mark your calendar - 2024 National Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans, July 16-20. Registration will open September 15, 2023 and down payment is \$150. Total cost will be

around \$1500 depending on how we travel. If you graduate in 2024-2027 you are welcome to attend. Click here for more information.

https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering?_ga=2.44891746.777536322.1666640275-499798659.1666640275

There will also be a Young Adult National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20, 2024 for ages 18-35. Cost will be similar. If you are interested in more info, please talk to Jeni or search https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering?_ga=2.44891746.777536322.1666640275-499798659.1666640275

7-9 graders are invited to attend Camp House in northern MN thru GLLM the week of June 11-15. Check it out online!



Cross of Calvary

Ham Dinner

Sunday, April 30th, from 11:00 am -12:30 pm

(Drive up) Serving: Baked Ham w/ Raisin & Cherry sauce –Cheesy Potatoes- Glazed Carrots- Cole Slow – Bun – Dessert

Cost \$15.00



Joyce Damhof – Sara Benson’s mother

Jamie Lothert – Family & Friends

Dennis Barta – Family & Friends

Maureen Hanson – Family & Friends

Jeff Keltgen – Family & Friends

Chrissy Boen – Family & Friends

Cindi Thiesse – Family & Friends

Sandy & Dale Robideau – Family & Friends

Prayer concerns will now be listed for one month only. If you need to extend or add prayers for an individual or family, please call the church office. 320-523-1574



Come and go baby shower honoring

Brea Athmann

Sunday, April 16th from 11:30-1:30

at Cross of Calvary

Registered at Target and Amazon

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 March 22, 2023, through May 10, 2023 at the Olivia Hospital & Clinic from 2:00 to 4. All are welcome and invited. Please call Amy Boettger at 320-523-3451 to register or email: Amy.C.Boettger@Healthpartners.com

Woodbury Chorus & Orchestra Concert

Sunday, April 16th at 4:00 PM

St. Aloysius Church, Olivia

Free will offering, all proceeds go to Renville County Food Shelf

The Learning Funhouse, (located in Bird Island) a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, provides love, education, and child care to 45+ families in the Renville County area. **Child care is critical.** Providers play an important role, not only for the families and children we serve, but parents cannot go to work and contribute to the local economy without child care. Increased costs and reduced revenue as a result of the pandemic have created large deficits, leaving centers at high risk of closure. **Your support is needed to help keep our doors open!** Please consider giving to this campaign to make sure child care is here when families need it most.

2023 DONATION OPTIONS:

- **Make a Cash Donation**
 - Any Amount is appreciated!
- **Provide Fun Activities and a Healthy Environment**
 - (12) Opportunities Available at \$1,000.00 each
- **Support Children's Healthy Meal Costs for One Month**
 - (12) Opportunities Available at \$2,000.00 each
- **Adopt a Classroom for One Year**
 - (5) Opportunities Available at \$3,000.00 each
- **Cover Building Lease Costs for One Year**
 - Opportunity Available at \$7,200.00

These requests came from expenses we incur throughout the year/month.

Your consideration of support is appreciated! Please contact Mark Glesener at 320- 522-0633, or Baylie at 320-365-3600, if you would like to donate to an opportunity listed above. If you would like to support our children through a cash donation, please make checks payable to "The Learning Funhouse" and mail to 199 South Main Street, Bird Island, MN 55310.

Taking Faith Home

APRIL 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY



Jesus is alive!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 20:1-18	Christ's resurrection
Monday	Acts 10:34-43	Peter speaks of faith in Jesus
Tuesday	Colossians 3:1-4	New life in Christ
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31:1-6	The joyful return of exiles
Thursday	2 Corinthians 5:14-20	We are a new creation
Friday	Genesis 2:4b-25	Creation of man and woman
Saturday	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	The Lord's always merciful
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her. John 20:17b-18 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, this is the day that you have made; let us rejoice in your steadfast love and the power of Christ's resurrection for all that you have made. In the name of the risen Christ, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Alleluia, Christ is risen. O Lord, we give you thanks for sustaining us with this food and with the power of Christ's resurrection for us and all the world. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you rejoice in the risen Lord.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ When was a time you were in disbelief and couldn't understand something that was happening?
- ☑ As we continue to grow and mature, how is the Christian faith an ongoing process of learning and growing ?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 20:1-18.

The resurrection account, the first Easter Sunday story as recorded in the Gospel of John, is filled with misunderstandings. Mary Magdalene sees the empty tomb and thinks that someone has taken Jesus' body away. Two disciples come and see it as well. The disciple that Jesus loved (traditionally thought to be John, the author of the Gospel) believes, but believes what? The very next verse says "as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead" (v. 9). The disciples leave and go home! Mary, however, remains and talks to two angels. She does not seem awed by the encounter so it is likely she does not recognize them as angels. Then she sees Jesus and thinks he is the gardener. Finally, she hears Jesus call her by name. She then recognizes him and he sends her out to tell the disciples. Like Mary and the disciples, we, too, are on a journey of understanding what Jesus' resurrection means for us and the world. It is a life filled with new insights and awe that leads us to tell others what we have seen and heard.

Discuss: What does Jesus' resurrection mean to you?

Pray: Eternal God, help us to grow in our faith and understanding that we may be filled with joy and be faithful witnesses to the power of Jesus' resurrection for the world you love. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you share the good news of Christ's resurrection with others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The Kindness Rock Project was a trend that began in 2015. Small, smooth stones are painted with messages of kindness and hidden for others to find. Bring the good news that Christ is alive to friends and neighbors during the Easter season as a reminder that the stone was rolled away. Find or buy smooth stones, paint them, and write the words "Alleluia! Christ is Risen" on each one. Use those stones to bring the good news that Christ is alive to friends and neighbors during the Easter season. Place the stones in locations where someone can easily find them.