



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

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Parish Minister

Jeni Skeie

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Admin. Assist.

Sue Altmann

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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 04.23	9:00 AM Worship Service Council Meeting 10:45 AM
Monday 04.24	1:30 PM Ruth Bible Study
Tuesday 04.25	6:30 & 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 11:00 AM Library in use
Wednesday 04.26	9:00 AM Women's Bible 9:30 AM Dorcas Bible Study 6:30 PM Confirmation (Gr. 7/8/9) Theology on Tap
Thursday 04.27	7:07 AM Breakfast Club
Friday 04.28	
Saturday 04.29	Ham Dinner set up
Sunday 04.30	9:00 AM Worship Services 10:00 AM Sunday school & Coffee Hour 11:00 – 12:30 Ham Dinner



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



FLOWER SALES PICKUP

Thursday, MAY 11TH

4:00pm- 6:00pm

Friday, MAY 12th

8:00am-12:00pm

HERE'S THE NEWS

Confirmation Information

7-8-9 grade will be every week through April starting at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

Elementary Youth Programs

Jesus Justice League for 1-2nd grade will meet May 4.

G.L.U.E. for 3-4th grade will meet May 18.

Wow for 5-6 grade will meet May 3 and 17.



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

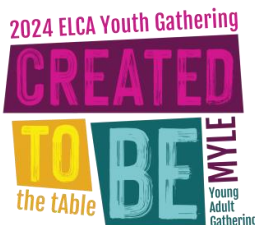
Mark your calendar - 2024 National Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans, July 16-20.

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

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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!



Joyce Damhof – Sara Benson’s mother
Dale Robideau – Heidi Morse family
Karletta Merwede – Cole family
Bruce Freberg – Shirley Beckler’s brother
Jamie Lothert – Family & Friends
Dennis Barta – Family & Friends
Maureen Hanson – Family & Friends
Jeff Keltgen – Family & Friends
Chrissy Boen – Family & Friends
Cindi Thiesse – 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

Women’s Bible Study

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

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



Cross of Calvary Community Garden

If anyone is interested in using a garden plot this year, please contact the church office. It is \$20.00 per plot. We are also looking for a volunteer to till the garden.

Olivia House of Hope
7th Annual Relentless Hope Event
Friday, May 19th at 6:00 PM at St. Aloysius Jubilee Center
All proceeds will fund the House of Hope
Purchase your ticket/table now to reserve your spot.
Tickets: \$35 or Tables of 8: \$280.00

Mother's Day Wisdom
Motivational Speaker: Deb Hadley
Saturday, May 13th at St. Al's Jubilee Center
Breakfast at 9:30 AM/Speaker at 10:00 AM
Cost \$15.00

Ticket Info can be found on Splash Island Facebook page or by contacting any board member

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 23, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Christ recognized in ordinary life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	Road to Emmaus
Monday	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	The first converts
Tuesday	1 Peter 1:17-23	A call to holy living
Wednesday	Matthew 6:25-34	Do not worry
Thursday	Psalm 3	Trust in God
Friday	Ephesians 4:25-32	Rules for the new life
Saturday	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	Thanksgiving for illness recovery
Sunday	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then they [disciples] told what had happened on the road, and how he [Jesus] had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 24:35 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, for your goodness that surprises us every day, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for blessing us with the fruit of the earth that gives us food each day, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May your eyes be opened to see the goodness and joy of God in Christ.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☐ What are some everyday experiences that bring you joy?
- ☐ When do you experience God's presence in everyday life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 24:13-35.

This engaging resurrection story is filled with deep sadness, irony, surprise, discovery, and joy. The reading tells us who Jesus is and that he is speaking to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. However, the disciples don't understand this until they reach their home, offer the usual hospitality to a stranger in a simple meal, and are amazed to recognize Jesus as he takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them. This represents such an ordinary experience yet one filled with deep spiritual connections (Luke 9:10-17 and 22:7-20). During the COVID pandemic, when we could not meet in person, the church learned to support an active faith life in the home. People read Scripture, prayed, and discussed the Christian faith with others. Practicing faith in the home is not a new discovery. In an Emmaus home disciples had a conversation, prayed, and enjoyed a meal that opened their eyes to the presence of Jesus.

Discuss: When have you practiced faith in your home and been aware of Jesus' presence?

Pray: Dear Jesus, help us to see with the eyes of faith that you are with us when we are home and when we are away from home. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others in everyday life experiences?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too! As you continue to read the Gospel of John during the Easter season, highlight a verse that has special meaning to you and write a note alongside it in your Bible with the date to remember when you read this scripture. When you finish, say: Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Listen
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