



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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Admin. Assist.

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May Worship Assistants

Ushers: Brian Kingery, Alex Gay

Acolytes: Addelyn Malvin & Emersyn Malvin

Clicker: Bjorn Hausken Camera:

Communion Helper: Sandra Gay

Altar Guild: Laura Julson, Karen van der Hagen, Sandy Padrnos,

Kaylee Padrnos

Sunday 04.30

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:00 AM Sunday School & No Coffee Hour

Ham Dinner 11:00 – 12:30 AM

Monday 05.01

6:00 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday 05.02

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

11:00 AM Library in use

Wednesday 05.03

9:00 AM Women's Bible

3-5 PM WOW

Thursday 05.04

7:07 AM Breakfast Club

3-5 PM JJJ

Friday 05.05

Saturday 05.06

Sunday 05.07

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Communion

10:00 AM Sunday school & Coffee Hour

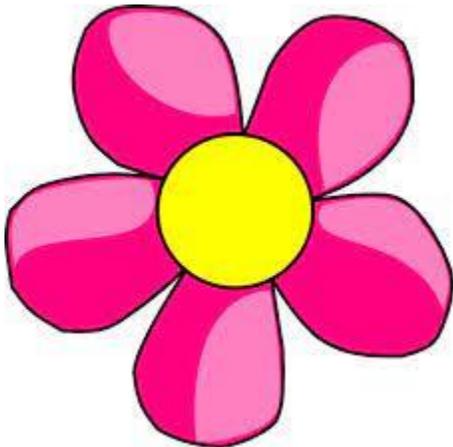


Cross of Calvary Ham Dinner

Today 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



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.

HERE'S THE NEWS



Seniors will be choosing their quilts on Wednesday May 3, 6:30-7:30 with a meal, a game and a random quilt draw. This has become a fun tradition as the last time this group comes together.

Senior Recognition will be May 21 during the 9am worship time with a short reception following. This is hosted by the Junior families.

Game night for 7-9 grade will be May 24th, 7:30-8:30pm

Elementary Youth Programs

Jesus Justice League for 1-2nd grade will meet May 4 from 3-5pm.

G.L.U.E. for 3-4th grade will meet May 11, from 3-5pm. **NOTE DATE CHANGE!!!**

Wow for 5-6 grade will meet May 3 and 10, from 3-5pm. **NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR THE 10th.**

Confirmation

*No confirmation in May. We have completed this year.

*There will be an orientation retreat for next year's incoming 7th graders in June. Watch for dates.

*Affirmation of Faith retreat will be in early August for those going into 10th grade. During this retreat we will plan your confirmation service. Watch for details.



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. I will post the link on the Facebook page. 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! We will also be looking for volunteers to work the snacks/water, shepherd the groups, and feed evening meals to the staff. Please call or email Jeni or the church if you can help. 320-579-0406, jeniskeie@gmail.com, 320-523-1574.

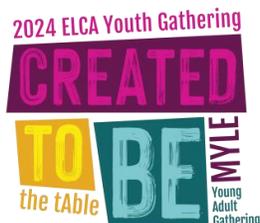
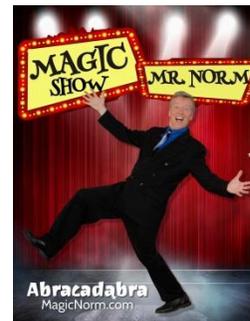
Breakfast Club continues every week - 9th graders started to attend after Easter. 9-12 graders meet every Thursday, 7:07am. No breakfast Club on May 18. Last day will be May 25.

LAST Day of Sunday School

May 14 and we will have a magician coming for the Sunday school time.

Don't miss Norm the Magician!

All are welcome!!



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



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 - we will be starting a new study May 3 called "Making Sense of Scripture" by David Lose, a professor at Luther Seminary. This one will have a video segment. I would love to do an evening one if there is interest. Books are available in the office for \$15.

KITCHEN CARE

We have a new person who will be taking charge of the kitchen care to set up service groups to monthly keep an eye on our church kitchen. (Filling salt and peppers, Cream and sugar, cleaning the refrigerator and ovens etc.) I believe the idea is to set it up like the altar guild where there will be 2-3 people, men and/or women, who do this for a month each year. If you are interested in being on the list, please call Julie Mitchell at 320-522-0164. Thank you!

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

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 30, 2023

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**



Jesus the Good Shepherd restores our souls.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd
Monday	Acts 2:42-47	Life among believers
Tuesday	1 Peter 2:19-25	Example of Christ's suffering
Wednesday	Matthew 11:28-30	Come and rest
Thursday	Psalm 100	The Lord is good
Friday	Colossians 3:15-17	New life in Christ
Saturday	Psalm 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth, and life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

Psalm 23:1-3a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, you who care for all our needs, help us to trust in your goodness and mercy all the days of our lives through Christ Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we give you thanks for this food. Help us to receive this gift of life with joy and gladness all our days through Christ Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the goodness and mercy of the Good Shepherd follow you all the days of your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- ☑ Describe what a day filled with contentment looks like.
- ☑ How does the church, the body of Christ, help you sense God's presence as your shepherd?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Acts 2:42-47.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always the Good Shepherd Sunday. All the readings for that day except Acts 2 use the image of shepherd. However, it is in Acts 2 that the people devote themselves to shepherding one another in the Christian faith. People are brought to homes and tables for food, fellowship, and acceptance (Psalm 23:5). In this intimate fellowship people are taught the faith by hearing the message of the apostles. People learn the faith from trusted voices within the community (John 10:4). They support one another with prayer and generosity. The community serves one another by providing material needs like food, clothing, and shelter. With compassionate hearts people praise God. They gain attention and in so doing, the sheepfold grows, and "the Lord added to their number those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). The life of the community looks like followers of Jesus, the one who is the "shepherd and guardian" of our souls (1 Peter 2:25).

Discuss: How does the image of shepherd help you understand what it means to be part of the body of Christ?

Pray: Dear Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we thank you for the church, the body of Christ, that cares for one another that we may believe in you and serve others in love. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you serve as a shepherd to someone by showing care and attending to their needs?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Faith is caught more than it is taught. Learning the faith begins in the home. As you continue to read the Gospel of John during the Easter season, think about what would happen if you "get caught" while reading the Bible when others are present. Consider doing so. This week highlight John 10:10b, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Read it aloud for someone this week and engage in a conversation about what it means to you to believe in Jesus. Invite that person to join you in saying: Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia!

The Lord
IS MY
Shepherd
I SHALL
not want

PSALMS 23:1

