Dear People of Calvary,
May the peace of God that passes all understanding keep your minds and hearts in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). It is that beautiful time of the year again when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Even with so much to do and the excitement of seeing family, friends, and church members, I hope that you continue to pray for each other.

What a year it has been! There are times we look back as a church family over this year in wonder and amazement. We understand that this year has had months of difficulty on many levels for some people. There has been a time of loss and grief. The pandemic has interrupted our lives. These challenging times have also provided us with the opportunity to exercise our faith and be adaptable, flexible, resilient, and connected.

It might be difficult to see the good when we feel overwhelmed by challenges or despair, but Christmas reminds us of Jesus as the light. ***"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5).*** There are many reasons I feel grateful and filled with joy and hope:

- *I like listening to Christmas music.*
- *I like attending the different worship services.*
- *I like to see the lights and decorations.*
- *Christmas brings people together and helps them communicate with each other.*
- *I like seeing my Calvary family.*
- *I like spending time with family and friends.*
- *I enjoy doing pastoral visitation because it helps bring smiles and joy.*
- *Christmas reminds all of us about the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

We are Christmas people, and we act in love and kindness. God will continue to help us all. As you are able, we look forward to seeing you, your friends and families during one of the many services we will have at Calvary in the coming days and weeks. ***Emmanuel is with us! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***

Peace,
Pastor Rufus

Calvary Lutheran Church

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Mon. thru Thurs. - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Fri. - 9 a.m. to noon
Sat. & Sun. - Closed

Food Pantry Hours

Tues. thru Thurs. - 9:00 to 11 a.m.

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At a Glance

- **Sunday, December 12**: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m., Choir Cantata
- **Saturday, December 18**: 6:00-10:00 p.m. MPR, Youth Game Night (Middle & High School Youth)
- **Sunday, December 19**: 10:30 a.m., Sunday School Christmas Program
- **Monday, December 20**: No worship service
- **Thursday, December 23**: 7:00 p.m. Early Christmas Eve/Traveler's Christmas Eve Service
- **Friday, December 24**: Christmas Eve Services at 3:00, 4:30, 8:00 & 10:30 p.m. Office Closed.
- **Saturday, December 25**: 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day worship
- **Sunday, December 26**: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m., Christmas Hymn Sing (No Education Hour)
- **Monday, December 27**: No Worship Service/Building Closed
- **Friday, December 31**: Office open 8 a.m.—Noon
- **Sunday, January 2**: Regular worship services at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. (No Education Hour)
- **Monday, January 3**: 7:00 p.m. Worship. Building open normal hours
- **Sunday, January 9:** 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Resumes
- **Sunday, February 6**: 9:15 a.m. Annual Meeting

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Calvary wants to make your Christmas shopping easier. Stop by and pick up your SCRIP gift cards in the church office. We are stocked up with our best-selling cards, and we can special order cards even if we don't have them in our inventory. Just let us know what you're looking for. SCRIP is available during regular office hours. Stop in and get your shopping done!

THANK YOU

Have you noticed the new table under the staff pictures in the atrium? This table was built and donated by Bill Mehlberg. He designed it specifically to fit along that wall and to be used for a serve-yourself coffee hospitality area. Please have a peek as you come and go. Thank you Bill for all your hard work and expertise! It is very much appreciated.

COATS/JACKETS NEEDED

Calvary is collecting new or gently used clean coats (especially women's coats) to provide to needy families . If you have cold-weather coats that you are willing to donate, please drop them off at the church office during office hours. Thank you!

ENDOWMENT UPDATE

In November, the Endowment Trust Committee awarded Katy Tomlanovich a scholarship to help her with the cost of her seminary course work. As such, the Endowment Trust Committee will not be accepting scholarship applications this winter. The Committee is honored to have helped Katy on her continuing journey to become a pastor.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT

Don't miss the Youth Game Night happening on Saturday, December 18 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. in the MPR.

Come enjoy Ga Ga Ball, 9-Square-In-The-Air, and our other fun church classics. Feel free to bring your friends!

POCKET PRAYER SHAWLS

Next time you are in the church office, please feel free to take a Pocket Prayer Shawl for someone in your life that may need a little extra comfort.

They easily fit in your purse or pocket and have a note attached that says, ***"Throughout the day, when your fingers touch this, be mindful of God's love and grace for you."***

MEN OF THE BIBLE

We still have ***Men of the Bible, a One-Year Devotional Study of Men in Scripture*** available for purchase in the church office. It is written by Ann Spangler & Robert Wolgemuth. The cost is $13.19. Even if you are not available to participate in Pastor Rufus' ZOOM Bible study on this topic on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., you are more than welcome to purchase a book. Thank you!

A GREAT DAY AT IMAGO DEI– November 6, 2021

(6th, 7th, and 8th Graders)

VACCINE CLINIC OFFERRED AT CALVARY

Prevea-St. Mary's Mobile Outreach will be hosting a Covid Vaccine Clinic on Tuesday, December 7th in the MPR from 1:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. The Mobile Outreach team will be back on Tuesday, December 28 (three weeks later) in the MPR during the same time so that you may receive part two of your vaccine. Please call the vaccine coordinator, Tary Bowker, at 920-496-4700, ext. 73597 with any questions.

In Our Prayers - Members and Friends of Calvary

UPDATED November 22, 2021

Friends and family who need prayers and are not mentioned in our list
Tracy & Ryan Fabry (Jamie VandeHey's sister & brother-in-law) – battling COVID
Emery (Patti Grissman granddaughter) – healing from an injury
Dave Sjoberg (Karen Hansen's son-in-law) – battling COVID
Glen Luther (Karen Hansen's cousin) – dealing with cancer treatments
Dorothy Paulsen (Kent Paulsen's Mom) - health concerns because of cancer
Ron Scanlan – recovery from injury, healing
Betsy Hoeft – health concerns
John Cayo – health concerns, cancer treatments
Austin Tree (Kristen Dally's grandson) - health concerns
Bev Beyer - health concerns
Jean Paradise
Lenora McNally - prayers for healing
Darlene Kramer
Karin Poirier - health concerns and family concerns
John Behnke Sr. (John Behnke's dad) - health concerns
Ione Murphy - health concerns
Nikie Offield - prayers for healing
Margaret Palmer - health concerns
Tina Seifert - prayers for recovery
Daniel Zehms - health concerns
Steve Gillis
Isaac (Laura Effa's husband)
Gary Gillis
Linda (Nancy Yurk's sister) - cancer treatment

Prayers for those who are grieving:

The family of Barbara Christensen as they mourn her death
The family of Chad Maus (son of Jamie Maus) as they mourn his death
All families who are grieving for the loss of a loved one

ANNIE JACKSON FOOD DRIVE

The response to Annie Jackson's Hunger Heroes food drive was amazing! Jerry Lapinskas and Dan Vermeulen took a trailer–load over to the school and were assisted by many school children to unload the groceries. Thank you Calvary for making this happen!

UPDATE ON CALVARY'S FOOD PANTRY

Calvary's Food Pantry has been experiencing an increase in participants over the last few weeks. We would like to start the food shopping/hauling/bag-packing teams again sometime in January 2022. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ilene Gustafson at 920-309-0417 or at gustaf99@new.rr.com. We will now begin accepting donations of food again. Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

THANK YOU CALVARY MEMBERS

Your donations have provided beds to over 50 kids in the local area this year. We couldn't have done it without your continued support. Thank you so much.

We will be having a Holiday bedding drive, and items can be placed on the bunk bed that is set up at church. We are now accepting any ***new*** pillows, twin-size sheet sets, blankets, comforters, and mattress protectors.

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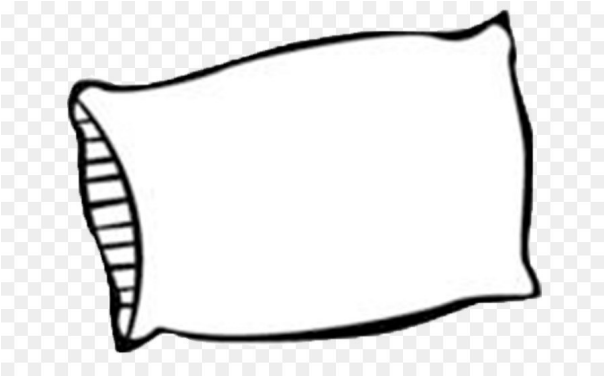

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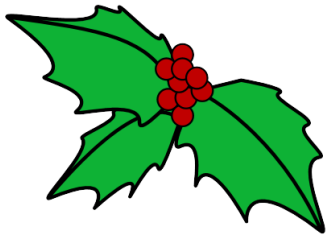
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

⇒ **Sunday**: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary
⇒ 9:15 Education Hour, Classrooms
⇒ **Mondays:** 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

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