

January 3/4, 2015

Second Sunday after Christmas

Five minutes before the service, the Pastors and Elders are praying for you.

As we enter the House of God, let us meditate quietly and prepare our hearts for worship and praise of our Lord and Savior. Remember what the Scriptures say, "The Lord is in His holy temple; Let us all the earth keep silence before Him!"
Habakkuk 2:20

(Please check your cell phones and beepers to make sure they are turned off while in the Sanctuary.)

TO OUR VISITORS

In the Name of the Lord Jesus we bid you welcome to our congregation, to its blessings, to its comfort, and to its peace. Within this congregation let no one feel himself a stranger. We ask you to sign our guest register located in the foyer and to fill out the guest book in each pew letting us know how we can serve you. If you have no church affiliation elsewhere, we invite you to make Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran your church home. Membership is open to all who are in accord with the doctrines and practices of our church, as based on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. Please get in touch with one of our Pastors for the next available new member class.

THE LORD'S EXPECTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the glad confession of the Christian faith the Lord expects that every member attends Worship and the Lord's Supper faithfully. The Lord expects every member is involved in Christ-centered education, (Bible Study); The Lord expects every member to be a missionary of Christ and of the Gospel to our community; and that every member is a faithful steward and disciple for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEKEND

Orders of Service:

Divine Service I w/ Holy Communion

Hymns:

556, 686, 589, 738, 629, 523

Sermon by: Pastor Smith

Liturgist: Pastor Domke

A STATEMENT OF OUR PRACTICE OF CLOSE COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. I Cor. 10:14ff. Our Lord invites to His table those who repent of all their sins and who trust His words, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm (I Cor 11:29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, (I Cor. 10:15-18) any who are **not yet instructed in this faith, who in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with one of the Pastors in their office prior to the service.** Visitors who have previously spoken with one of the Pastors, and who received permission to commune, do not need to seek permission for subsequent visits to the altar.

Adult Bible Class – This week we begin the “The Truth Project”. It is a video series addressing world view issues. Before you think world view education is not important, please note. A lot of scripture will be taught. Bible concepts will presented in such a fashion that once studied you will come away with a deeper understanding that God through Scripture addresses every aspect of our lives, family, church, culture, nation, education, science and more. Through this study and as a result as our speaker said, “You will see the face of God”.

PARISH PRAYERS

◊ Remember those serving in our military. (Please give the church office information on our members who are serving in the armed forces so we can be in contact with them.) Please notify the church office when you or a loved one is entering the nursing home. Because of the privacy laws this information is not available to the public nor the Pastors.

◊ Remember those who have lost a loved one or wish to be remembered in prayer please contact the office.

◊ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs: **Ryker Lammey, Cindy Alter, Megan Smith, LaVaun Jones, Betty Schroeder, Melanie Kludt, Graham Smith, Claudia Scotter, Sharron Hansen.**

Hospital Visitation—Please let us know when you are going or are in the hospital. Pastor Domke

Altar Guild -- is looking for several people to help care for and set up the altar, please consider this important work. Call the church office, speak to Phyllis Arwood, or Pastor Domke

THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS WEEK

	7:00 pm	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Organist:	Emily Cruse	Emily Cruse	Emily Cruse
Acolyte:	Caleb Adermann	Teagan Pfitzer	Alaina Dale
Communion Asst’s:	Stuart Adermann Chuck Gascoigne	John Pfitzer	Kerwin Haeder

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE: Divine Worship: 219 Sunday School: 22 Adult Bible Class: 72

Weekly Budgeted Need:	Offering Last Week	Needed to Date	Giving To Date
General \$ 6,736	\$4,971.00	\$350,272.00	\$309,591.00
Mission \$ 1,593	\$6,608.00	\$ 82,836.00	\$ 78,500.00
Building \$ 576	\$ 685.00	\$ 29,952.00	\$ 31,030.00

Men's Tuesday Morning and Men’s Thursday Evening Bible Study: All the men of the congregation are invited to attend. The time we spend together is a time of conversation, prayer, fellowship and bible reading, [We are currently in the Book of Acts]. We meet at Vertos at 6:30 AM. Also on Thursday evenings men gather at 7 PM, September to May in the Board room. Pastor Domke

WEBSITE UPDATE: You may find that the Church Website is down for a few days as we make the move to our new hosting service. But once it is up please be sure to check it out for there will be a new look to the website. We are doing a bit of rearranging so stuff won't be exactly where it was, but there is a search feature, and we will get all the old content up on the new. We are still in need of people who want to help out on the website and we will need people who can post content to the website.

Annual Reports due in the church office .

LWML Monthly Meeting—January 8, 2015 @ 7 PM Please every come. Pastor Domke will finish the study on Mary, so please come to listen and study. Installation of officers will also take place.

January 22, 2015 will mark the 42nd anniversary of the horrendous Roe v. Wade ruling by the Supreme Court, legalizing the murder of the unborn.

Spring Board to Life Class—Begins January 15, 2015

This Pastor's Class is for people who are interested in learning more about Christianity and what the Lutheran Church believes and why we believe it.

The class is for those who are seeking more knowledge about Christianity and those who wish to join the congregation. And finally it is for members of the congregation who wish to review the basics of the Christian Faith. Go out into the highways and bi-ways and invite all who will come.

We will meet in the Bd room at 6 pm. All are welcome and you need not call ahead but it would be helpful. In you can call the church office at 352-7121.

New Member's

Luncheon/Potluck

January 11th right after 2nd Service

Come to Meet all our New Member's from 2014

All Members are encouraged to attend for this time of Food and Fellowship as we public greet those who have joined our family in this last year as Members of Mount Calvary.

Main Street Living Jan. 4, 2015 Kid's Crossing-Happy New Year! We learn about a trip that Jesus took to Jerusalem with his parents when he ended up in the Temple where his parents couldn't find him. So, what was Jesus doing in the temple? Tune in and see. Rev. Gary Klatt of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne Minnesota brings us today's message based On Matthew 2:1-12, entitled "Arise and Shine".

HOPE Fellowship Group will meet on January 9th at 7:00 at Butch & Jean's. Please let them know by Wednesday, January 7th if you will or will not be attending.

The Preschool collects the following items to earn money and supplies for the school: Campbell's labels (UPC codes only— please cut them out of the soup label) Pop Tabs, **Coborn's receipts dated for November, December, January due by February 4th.** Labels for Learning Points (These are tabulated at the bottom of your Coborn's receipt. You earn these when you buy Food Club brand items. Please separate the Labels for Learning Points from the bottom of your receipt. This program replaces the Food Club UPC program.) We earn approximately \$250 every three months by simply saving Coborn's receipts. We are collecting **Fair City receipts.**

LYF ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

January 7- LYF activity -6th grade parents serve

February 11- LYF activity- 8th grade parents serve

No Wed activity in March- Lent

April 8- LYF Activity - Youth Board serves

Children's Sermon next Sunday, January 11th at the 8 am and 10:30 a.m. service.

This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Place
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service w/ Communion Installation of Officers	Sanctuary
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/ Communion Installation of Officers	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class Truth Project Begins	Activities Center
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service w/ Communion Installation of Officers	Sanctuary
Monday:		Pastor's Day off	
	5:30 p.m.	Board of Stewardship	Pastor's office
	12:30 p.m.	Preschool Resumes	Preschool Room
Tuesday:	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Verto's
	9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	1:00 p.m.	Chapel	Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m.	Quilting	Fellowship Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Board of Education	Boardroom
	7:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting Epiphany of our Lord	Boardroom
Wednesday:	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	3:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Boardroom
	5:15 p.m.	Kids for Christ and Confirmation	CAC
	7:00 p.m.	Choir	Choir Loft
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	9:00 a.m.	Shut ins	
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting	Boardroom
	7:00 p.m.	LWML Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	NE Classroom
Friday		Pastor Smith's day off	
	7:00 p.m.	HOPE Fellowship Group	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Pastor/Elders Training	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service	Sanctuary

FLOWER CHART for 2014 is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Those desiring to provide flowers may sign up for the weekends listed. You may also list an occasion, such as anniversary, birthday, etc. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Quilters are in need of clean sheets in good condition. If you can help, please see Ruby Johannsen.

Coin Purse turned into the office. Please stop in to identify and claim.