

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

Welcome to Mt Calvary Lutheran church, and to the blessings, comfort, and peace of this congregation. As we gather, we prepare our hearts for the worship and praise of our Lord and Savior by remembering what the Scriptures say: “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’ ” Psalm 122:1 and “One thing have I asked of the Lord...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.” Psalm 27:4. Moved by such joy, before each service, the Pastors and Elders gather to pray for you.

TO OUR VISITORS

Within this congregation let no one feel a stranger. 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. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod website has this information at <https://www.lcms.org/> Please get in touch with our Pastors for the next available new member class.

THE LORD’S EXPECTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF MT. CALVARY

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.

Livestream worship services will be available Sunday mornings.

Go to <https://www.mtcalvaryhuron.org/livestream> and click on “Worship”

Worship service bulletins can be accessed at <https://www.mtcalvaryhuron.org/bulletin>

THIS SUNDAY

Order of Service:

8:00 a.m.

Divine Service Three
with Communion

Hymns:

347; 357 v.1; 355 v.1,2,4,6,7;
333; 621; 351 v.1-3,6

Liturgist:

Pastor Koester

Lector:

Robert Blaseg

Sermon:

Pastor Koester

Theme:

"Waiting for the revealing"

Text:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

10:30 a.m.

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Len Wonnenberg

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"Waiting for the revealing"

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THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS WEEK

Organist:

Karla Sawvell

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Tech Support:

Logan Gerrits

Jacob Donovan

Greeters:

Robert Blaseg

Chad Hanson

Communion Assistants: Robert Blaseg, Wayne Jungemann

Len Wonnenberg, Chad Hanson

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. 1 Corinthians 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 (1 Corinthians 11:29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, (1 Corinthians 10:15-18) any who are not yet instructed in this faith, who are 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 his 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.

PARISH PRAYERS

- ◇ Remember farmers and all those involved with the fall harvest.
- ◇ Remember all first responders, emergency personnel, healthcare workers, firefighters, and all members of law enforcement, as well as their families.
- ◇ Remember those affected by disaster and war, especially the soldiers and citizens of Israel and Ukraine.
- ◇ Remember victims of violence, persecution, and the families of Christian martyrs.
- ◇ Remember those whose loved one has died: **family of Russell Root**
- ◇ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs:

Donna Schley

Allen Shoultz

Mike and Lois Frank

Cindy Alter

JoAnn Schley

Amanda Wood

William Quiram

Gary Doering

Al Merriam

Roger and Sharon Korkow-friends of the congregation

Roger Wonnenberg-father of Leonard Wonnenberg

Elwood Vanden Berge-father of Ryan Vanden Berge

Lois Houck-mother of Shawn Adermann

Myles and Royce Hupp- sons of Trevor and Kelsey Hupp

Dan Kelley-uncle of Bill Eining and cousin of the Schley family

Steven Lockhart-brother of Claudia Johnson

Earl Bult-stepson of Charles Pieschke

Mykaila Soloman-granddaughter of Claudia Johnson

Remember in your prayers all those serving in our military, and their families, especially:

Amyah Greene-Army National Guard-granddaughter of Randy and Nancy Ziegeldorf

MSG David Maas-109th RSG-SD National Guard-Rapid City-deployed to Iraq-brother of Ann Cruse

Dustin Murphy, Army JAG, serving in North Carolina-nephew of Dennis and Kathy Mead

Tyler Kludt, pilot for the Iowa Air National Guard-grandson of Melanie Kludt

Sgt Gene Dennis, 665th Support Maintenance Company (SMC) out of Mitchell.

Sgt Justin Frank, SDARNG Med Command.

Cpl. Kuper Heck, U.S. Marine, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA-family member of DeMeris Marone.

David Siedschlag, serving in the Army-nephew of Jay and Mandy Siedschlag.

Paul, U.S. Marine-family member of Donna and Ken Schley

Aric Birkeland, serving in the Air Force Reserve in Virginia.

SSgt Joshua Bartel, Army Reserve, 1-383rd TSBN in Des Moines.

PFC Kevin Kayser, serving in the SD Army National Guard 147th A Co.

Madison Pfitzer, serving in the SD Army National Guard.

Timothy Johnson, Navy Seabee stationed in Illinois.

Dallas McLeod, Army Aviation Maintenance Manager, Fort Campbell, KY.

Pray
for Our
Military

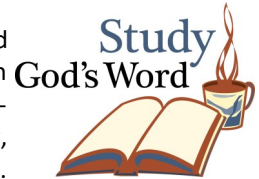
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: *The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us* Although we pray that God “*would rend the heavens and come down*” (Isaiah 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves “*have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment*” (Isaiah 64:6). We have continued in our sins for “*a long time, and shall we be saved?*” (Isaiah 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are “*enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,*” and so He will “*sustain you to the end*” (1 Corinthians 1:5, 8). Although “*heaven and earth will pass away,*” His words “*will not pass away*” (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He “*send out the angels*” to gather us and all of His elect “*from the ends of the earth*” to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Preschool through 6th grade will go to opening in the sanctuary from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. then to the basement to their respective classrooms for Sunday school class.

7th through 12th graders and their parents are invited to participate in the Middle School / High School Sunday School class. We will be meeting at 9:15 a.m. in the Boardroom. We will be doing a video Bible study that takes place in the Holy Land, entitled "That the World May Know " hosted by Pastor Ray Vander Laan. Please join us!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study: Each year, we as Christians revisit the life and work of Christ by observing the various seasons. We start with Advent, which brings us back to the Old Testament and the waiting for the Messiah. At Christmas, we celebrate God's promise being kept in the incarnation and in Epiphany, we recognize God's promise as being for all people, including the Gentiles. Through Lent and Holy Week, we prepare ourselves to receive the sacrifice of Christ for our sins and on Easter, we joyously shout that Jesus is risen to give us eternal life. However, the vast majority of the Church year is spent in "common time" or the season after Pentecost. Over twenty Sundays are meant to help us reflect on the work of the Holy Spirit through the disciples in the early church and the work that the Spirit is still doing through us today. To that end, we will now be studying the Book of Acts, which chronicles the work of the Spirit in the early Church. Although we are endlessly familiar with the Gospels and the epistles of Paul, we may find that we have more to learn about this fascinating book. We invite you to join us!



MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES: Beginning on Wednesday evening, December 6, and for the following two Wednesdays, our Midweek Advent Services will be using the theme "Our Advent Journey." We will be looking at three towns or cities that served major roles in the coming, or "advent", of our Savior Jesus, as well as some of the people who also were most important in the story of Jesus' birth and ministry. Beginning with the once insignificant village of Nazareth in Galilee, we will travel to Judea and the historic and important city of Jerusalem, and then conclude in the small town of Bethlehem, the "City of David." Please be sure to set aside time this Advent Season and join us on this special "journey."

Special Voters Meeting after second service on December 10th
to consider three Council recommendations to the
Voter's Assembly that require action prior to 12/31/23.
The agenda and supporting documents are posted in the
bulletin board cases for your information.



Sunday, December 10th—Caroling to shut ins
If you would like to participate, please stay
after the 10:30 service on December 10th.
When we meet, we will have some refreshments,
receive our music, and then go out in groups.
All voices are welcome to join in!





CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Donations are now being received for poinsettias to decorate the altar and chancel area in celebration of Jesus' birth. Please mail your donation to the church or put it in an envelope marked "Poinsettia Fund" and place it in the offering plate. Checks may be made payable to LWML.

If you would like to take a poinsettia plant home after the Christmas services please note that with your donation.

If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please write the name(s) on your "Poinsettia Fund" envelope or include a note.

Kids for Christ meets on Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m.
for Kindergarten through fifth grade students.



FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Dear Family Ministry students and parents,

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Lord's Supper class! If you missed the two classes and the review session, but still would like to start receiving Communion, we recorded each

class session and they can be burned onto CDs for your usage. Worksheets, Review Sheet, and Jeopardy Review Game are posted on the Family Ministry page at mtcalvaryhuron.org.

For those of you who attended these classes in-person, please continue reviewing to prepare for the 25-point test. **You may set up an appointment with Pastor Kevin to take the test if you have not already done so.** Following the completion of your test, I will go over it with you to determine your readiness level to start receiving Communion. Those who pass the test and are deemed ready will have their First Communion on Sunday, December 17th during the 8 a.m. service.

In the months of November and December, students in the 8th grade and above class should watch for worksheets to be posted to the Family Ministry page. These worksheets will help you to review the Ten Commandments and prepare for the test. The 8th grade and above class will meet in-person again on January 10th. The 6th and 7th grade class will also have one more class with Roger Kropuenske on January 10th. Please refer to the Family Ministry Calendar for further schedule details.

In Christ, Pastor Kevin

The sign up sheets of the 2024 list of volunteers that are coordinated by the LWML are on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. It takes many hands to complete the mission work that we do in our church and for our community. Please consider signing up for one of the many jobs that are listed. **You do not need to be an LWML member to volunteer!!** If you have questions, please talk to Kerry Niederbaumer..



BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE

Weekend Worship: 124

Bible Study: 68

Sunday School: 18

| Nov. Offerings: | Weekly Need | 1st Weekend | 2nd Weekend | 3rd Weekend | 4th Weekend | 5th Weekend |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| General | \$ 6,529 | \$ 8,712 | \$ 4,192 | \$ 6,184 | \$ 4,792 | \$ |
| | Revised 7/18/2023 | | | | | |
| Mission | \$ 1,721 | \$ 5,576 | \$ 1,460 | \$ 435 | \$ 5,905 | \$ |
| Building | \$ 192 | \$ 159 | \$ 85 | \$ 564 | \$ 114 | \$ |
| Preschool | \$ | \$ 220 | \$ 7632 | \$ 245 | \$ 505 | \$ |

Budgets are guidelines for what the church may need weekly for financing. Actual expenses could be more or less. Thank you for your support of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church because without it we would not have a church. When you give, consider how the Lord has blessed you.

| | General | Building | Missions |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Cash Available Jan 1, 2023 | \$ 84,019.40 | \$47,625.78 | (\$15,137.44) |
| 2023 Year to Date Net Cash Flow | \$ 16,756.96 | \$ 4,448.18 | \$17,734.35 |
| Change in A/R 2023 | \$ (4,790.14) | | |
| Cash Available Nov. 30, 2023 | \$100,776.36 | \$52,073.96 | \$ 2,596.91 |

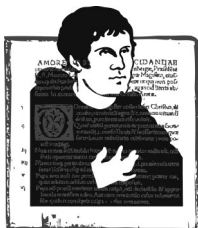
The Mt. Calvary Monthly Newsletter you are receiving by U.S. Mail has a single self-addressed stamped envelope included with it. We appreciate the offerings sent using these envelopes. If you would like additional stamped envelopes, please contact the church office at (605)352-7121. If you are not using the stamped envelopes, please bring them back to Mt. Calvary for reuse.

Mt. Calvary Council

**Thanks to all who helped decorate the church for
Advent and the Christmas season on Thursday, November 30!**



**What a blessing Advent by Candlelight was to all the ladies that attended
on Sunday, November 26th. Thank you to everyone who assisted with set up,
take down, and participated in presenting the program.**



Dear Mt. Calvary members,

So, So many thanks to all who helped in any way at our Martyr Party on Sunday, November 17th! The pot-luck was delicious, the skit with our honored guests Martin and Katie, (Daryl Haeder and Sara Newman) was outstanding and ALL the folks who helped with, and at, the party stations are rockstars!! This event was truly a group effort and I appreciate you all!! My thanks, Karla Sawvell



This Week in the Parish

| Day | Time | Event | Location |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Sunday, December 3 | 8:00 a.m. | Worship Service In-Person/Livestream | Sanctuary |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School Opening (PS-6th grade) (then to basement classrooms after the opening) | Sanctuary |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School for 7th grade and above | Boardroom |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Adult Bible Study In-Person/Livestream | Fellowship Hall |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service In-Person/Livestream | Sanctuary |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Learning Center Fall Harvest Festival Program, meal, and live auction—see insert | Activity Center |
| Monday, December 4 | Pastor Kevin's Day Off | | |
| Tuesday, December 5 | 6:00 p.m. | Elders Christmas Meeting | |
| Wednesday, December 6 | 10:00 a.m. | Chapel with Pastor Kevin | Sanctuary |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Chapel with Pastor Kevin | Sanctuary |
| | 5:15 p.m. | Kids for Christ | Basement |
| | -6:15 p.m. | for Kindergarten through 5th grades | Classrooms |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Advent Supper—Soups served by LWML | Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:45 p.m. | Hymn Sing | Sanctuary |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Midweek Advent Worship Service In-Person/Livestream | Sanctuary |
| Thursday, December 7 | 9:30 a.m. | Morning Bible Study | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Evening Bible Study | Boardroom |

"Our Advent Journey"

Sunday, Dec. 3 is the first Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, Dec. 6

6:00 p.m. Supper—Soups served by LWML

6:45 p.m. Hymn Sing

7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship Service—Nazareth

Sunday, Dec. 10 is the second Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, Dec. 13

6:00 p.m. Supper—hosted by the Elders

6:45 p.m. Hymn Sing

7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship Service—Jerusalem

Sunday, Dec. 17 is the third Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, Dec. 20

6:00 p.m. Supper—hosted by the Youth

6:45 p.m. Hymn Sing

7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship Service—Bethlehem

