

(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:

Hymns:

Liturgist:

Lector:

Sermon:

Theme:

Text:

8:00 a.m.

Divine Service Four
with Communion

399, 832, 395, 394, 374

Pastor Koester

Robert Blaseg

Pastor Koester

"The days of the King"

Matthew 2:1-12

10:30 a.m.

Divine Service Four
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THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS WEEK

Organist:

Karla Sawvell

Tech Support:

Logan Gerrits

Greeters:

Wayne Jungemann

Communion Assistants: Robert Blaseg, Wayne Jungemann

Karla Sawvell

Conner Dragt

Chad Hanson

Ralph Borkowski, 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 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: **the family of Norelle Bartel**-mother of Ted Bartel
- ◊ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs:

Torria Howard

Brad Bader

Mike and Lois Frank

Cindy Alter

Gary Doering

Al Merriam

Roger and Sharon Korkow-friends of the congregation

Elwood Vanden Berge-father of Ryan Vanden Berge

Myles Hupp-son of Trevor and Kelsey Hupp

Steven Lockhart-brother of Claudia Johnson

Mykaila Soloman-granddaughter of Claudia Johnson

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

PFC Kaegan Plumb-US Marines, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA-husband of Kameryn Plumb

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

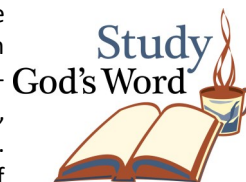
Dear Mt. Calvary members and friends,

The prayer list in the bulletin has been refreshed as of January 1st. If you would like your name, or the name of a friend or family member, to be put back on the prayer list, please contact the church office.

In Christ, Pastor Kevin

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD: *The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son* The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “thirteenth day” of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord, that is, on God becoming flesh, the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Isaiah 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to the Gentiles (Ephesians 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matthew 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Isaiah 60:3–6).

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!



In Christ, Pastor Kevin

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Preschool through 6th grade will go to the 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!

Wednesdays — Kids for Christ meets from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students meet January 10th.

Kindergarten through third grade students meet January 17th and going forward.

4th and 5th grade students transition to Family Ministry starting January 17th.



FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Dear Family Ministry students and parents,

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 and then discuss

options for staying sharp until they have classes again in April. Please refer to the Family Ministry Calendar for further schedule details.

In Christ, Pastor Kevin

Anniversary Open House:

Please join Jimmy and JoAnn Schley on Saturday, January 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Activity Center as they celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary.



On Sunday, January 14, 2024, there will be some special times in our worship services for each of our 4th and 5th grade students to receive a brand new Lutheran Study Bible.

These Study Bibles will serve them personally and in their studies as they move into the Family Ministry Program on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. The transition will be gradual at first, since they will have the same teacher as they might have had while they were in Kids 4 Christ, but as St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:2, there comes a time when every Christian needs to be moved along the path from milk to solid food.



We would appreciate your presence at one of these worship services and your participation in these first steps of discipleship. You may RSVP by emailing Pastor Kevin. Thank you!

A new year means new family fun events for Mt. Calvary! You are invited to come skating with us at Bergman Arena on Sunday, January 21st, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The costs for entry and skate rentals will be covered for anyone who wants to get out on the ice. Even if you haven't skated before, this is the perfect time to try something new! Come join us!



Mt. Calvary will be delivering meals Jan. 29-Feb. 2

Delivering meals for the Senior Center is a meaningful volunteer opportunity for community outreach. It takes approximately one hour each day.

If you have questions contact Dan Henson.

**Quarterly
Voters' Assembly
is Tuesday, January 30
at 7:00 p.m.**

Important to attend!



Would you like to refresh your memory on Lutheran teaching and the Catechism? Mt. Calvary is currently offering new member classes on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. for 8 classes total. Our schedule will vary slightly depending on weather and other factors, but we invite you to attend if this is of interest to you. Even if you are already a member, you are welcome to come. Kids are also welcome.

In Christ, Pastor Kevin

**Thank you to all who helped last week to take down,
organize, and store away the Christmas and Advent decorations.**



Dear members and friends of Mt. Calvary,
As we all celebrate the birth of our Savior, I wanted to express my heartfelt thankfulness for all of the wonderful cards, gifts, and kind words for Christmas. Mt. Calvary has always been extraordinarily generous to me and this year was no different. I am blessed to serve the people here, knowing that I am loved and appreciated.

In Christ, Pastor Kevin

Dear Members of Mt. Calvary;

Thank you to all of you who remembered us this Christmas with your cards, your generous gifts, and your personal expressions of Christmas greetings and thanks. It truly has been a joy to help out at Mt. Calvary over the past several months. We thank you all and pray God's many blessings as together we make our journey of faith under God's blessings and in the grace of Jesus!

-- Pastor and Debbie Sattgast



BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE

Weekend Worship: 144

Bible Study: 54

Sunday School: 15

New Year's Eve Evening Worship: 50

Dec. Offerings:	Weekly Need	1st Weekend	2nd Weekend	3rd Weekend	4th Weekend	5th Weekend
General	\$ 6,529 Revised 7/18/2023	\$ 5,503	\$ 5,274	\$ 7,421	\$15,308	\$ 4,196
Mission	\$ 1,721	\$ 1,464	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,996	\$ 3,936	\$ 1,982
Building	\$ 192	\$ 70	\$ 115	\$ 193	\$ 1,200	\$ 65
Preschool	\$	\$ 335	\$ 200	\$ 290	\$ 1,095	\$ 55

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	<u>\$ 16,756.96</u>	<u>\$ 4,448.18</u>	<u>\$17,734.35</u>
Change in A/R 2023	\$ (4,790.14)		
Cash Available Nov. 30, 2023	\$100,776.36	\$52,073.96	\$ 2,596.91

The Board of Stewardship would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU for your 2023 Time, Talent, and Financial Support. Mount Calvary is extremely blessed to be partnered with you through Christian Stewardship. Christian Stewardship is a free and joyous activity of God's family – the church – in managing life's resources for His purposes.



Mount Calvary has incredible youth and adult stewards that spend countless hours making Mount Calvary a joyous place for fellowship and worship. All glory and thanks be to God!

Your servants in Christ, Board of Stewardship

***Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.***

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



2024 Offering Envelopes have been placed in the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall. Please note that mailboxes have been rearranged slightly but are in alphabetical order by last name. If you are unable to locate yours please let us know.

**If you would like your offering envelopes mailed please contact the church office.
(605)352-7121**

If anyone did not receive a box of offering envelopes, but would like one, please contact the church office.

This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, January 7	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
Monday, January 8	Pastor Kevin's Day Off		
Tuesday, January 9	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 10	10:00 a.m.	Chapel with Pastor Kevin	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	LWML Quilting-no experience needed!	Basement
	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
	5:15 p.m.	NT Review for 6th & 7th grades, -6:15 p.m. High school class continues	
Thursday, January 11	9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	New Member Class	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study	Boardroom
Saturday, January 13	2:00 p.m.	Jimmy and JoAnn Schley	Activity Center
	-4:00 p.m.	70th Anniversary Open House	

All 2024 officers, new and continuing, will be installed during worship services on Sunday, January 7th.

PRESIDENT: Kerwin Haeder.

VICE PRESIDENT: Roger Kropuenske.

SECRETARY: Heidi DeJong.

TREASURER: Kristen Bich.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Bonnie Rieck.

HEAD USHER: Scott Adams.

ELDER: Joe Airheart, Robert Blaseg, Ralph Borkowski, Matt Busch, Dan Florey,
Chad Hanson, Wayne Jungemann, Ryan Vanden Berge.

TRUSTEE, CHAIRMAN: Glenn Overbay.

TRUSTEE, MEMBERS: Stuart Adermann, Trevor Gerrits, Rod Olerud.

STEWARDSHIP/WELFARE, CHAIRMAN: Bill Eining.

FINANCE SECRETARY: Julie Kropuenske.

FINANCE BOARD MEMBERS: Jan Gerrits, Rosalie Pownell, Sandy Stolt.

PARISH EDUCATION, CHAIR: Susan Fuerst.

YOUTH, CHAIR: Natasha Airheart.

EVANGELISM, CHAIRMAN: Dan Henson.

*Installation
of
Officers*