

(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

8:00 a.m.

Order of Service: Order of Matins
Hymns: 907, 589, 895
Liturgist: Pastor Koester
Lector: Ryan Vanden Berge
Sermon: Pastor Koester
Theme: "How do You know me?"
Text: John 1:43-51

10:30 a.m.

Order of Matins
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"How do You know me?"
John 1:43-51

Flowers on the Altar: are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the 46th Wedding Anniversary of Randy and Nancy Ziegeldorf

THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS WEEK

Organist: Nancy Ziegeldorf
Tech Support: Logan Gerrits
Greeters: Wayne Jungemann

Nancy Ziegeldorf
Jacob Donovan
Ralph Borkowski

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

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 Lonabelle Hein**
- ◇ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs:

Brad Bader

Mike and Lois Frank

Cindy Alter

Gary Doering

Al Merriam

June Taylor-friend of the congregation

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.

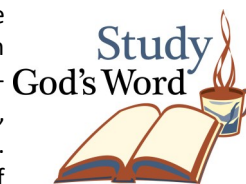
Timothy Johnson, Navy Seabee stationed in Illinois.

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

Pray
for Our
Military

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: *The Lord God Is with You and Reveals Himself to You by the Preaching of His Word* The Lord Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to “come and see” that He is “the Son of God” and “the King of Israel” (John 1:43–49). And they shall see even “greater things than these” (John 1:50). For His body is the temple of God on earth, and by His priestly sacrifice the heavens will be opened to all who believe and are baptized into Him. Therefore, He calls Philip and Nathanael, first to hear His Word and then to speak as apostles, even as He once called Samuel and established him “as a prophet of the LORD” (1 Samuel 3:20). As the Lord was with Samuel “and let none of his words fall to the ground” (1 Samuel 3:19), He also accompanies and upholds the preachers of His Word in our day. Thus, by the Gospel that is preached to you, “your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you” (1 Corinthians 6:19). Since your body thus belongs to the Body of Christ, is meant “for the Lord” and shall be raised up like Him, now “glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:13–20).

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 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 resumed meeting on January 10th. The group will meet 3 more times, including a review session on January 31st. Following that review session, they will have the opportunity to take the test the next week or by appointment when they feel they are adequately prepared. Upon passing the test, they will complete their faith statement and schedule a time for an interview.

The 6th and 7th grade class met with Roger Kropuenske on January 10th, but this was their last formal class until after Easter. In the meantime, the 6th and 7th graders will be working on memory work. They received a list of 24 Bible passages that every Christian should know. Of those 24, they are to pick 12 verses to recite perfectly to Pastor Kevin. They are to complete all their memory work before classes resume on April 7th. To keep pace, 2 verses per week is recommended. They may recite these verses on Wednesday evenings at 6:15, Sunday mornings after each service, or by appointment during the week. During the regular class time on Wednesday evenings, there will be a Memory Work Study Hall in the Board Room. You may choose to use that time to work on flashcards with other students, siblings, parents, or other adults before reciting to Pastor Kevin in his office starting at 6:15. You may also choose to study at home if you prefer.

In Christ, Pastor Kevin



Anniversary Open House Rescheduled Due to Weather:

Please join Jimmy and JoAnn Schley on
Saturday, January 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
in the Activity Center as they celebrate their
70th wedding anniversary.

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.

A sign up sheet is on the counter in the Fellowship Hall.

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 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 **Join Our Class!**



Dear friends, if you would like to know who your elder is for your family, there is a binder located in the mailbox outside the church office. Of course, you are always free to reach out to the elder with whom you are most comfortable.

In Christ, your Mt. Calvary Board of Elders

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



Thank you to all who contributed in any way to the Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts prepared last November. Please see the display case in the Fellowship Hall for photos displaying transportation methods used to deliver the shoeboxes to the ends of the earth, as well as, photos of many excited faces of the children receiving the boxes and being disciplined through "The Greatest Journey" program.

Beginning in February, you will have the opportunity to contribute items for this year's shoeboxes or donations for items to be purchased or for sponsoring online shoeboxes for hard-to-reach areas. If you are crafty and love to sew or work with wood, talk to Susan Fuerst or Jan Williams for ideas on hand-made items that can be included in the shoeboxes. Thank you in advance for your participation in this mission to share the love of Jesus with children around the world!

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE

Weekend Worship: 144

Bible Study: 65

Sunday School: 18

Jan. Offerings:	Weekly Need	1st Weekend	2nd Weekend	3rd Weekend	4th Weekend	5th Weekend
General	\$ 6,592	\$10,067	\$	\$	\$	\$
Mission	\$ 1,721	\$ 943	\$	\$	\$	\$
Building	\$ 192	\$ 309	\$	\$	\$	\$
Preschool	\$	\$ 130	\$	\$	\$	\$

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>\$ 20,335.86</u>	<u>\$ 6,131.18</u>	<u>(\$ 9,104.26)</u>
Change in A/R 2023	\$ (4,790.14)		
Cash Available Dec. 31, 2023	\$104,355.26	\$53,756.96	(\$24,241.70)

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 14	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 15	Pastor Kevin's Day Off — Preschool Closed		
Tuesday, January 16	5:30 p.m.	Tech Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 17	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 3rd grades	Classrooms
	5:15 p.m.	Family Ministry for 4th & 5th grades	Basement
	-6:15 p.m.		Classrooms
	5:15 p.m.	8th grade and above class	Fellowship Hall
	-6:15 p.m.		
Thursday, January 18	5:15 p.m.	Memory Work Study Hall (6th and 7th graders)	Boardroom
	-6:15 p.m.		
Thursday, January 18	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 20	10:00 a.m.	Quilt Guild	Fellowship Hall
	2:00 p.m.	Jimmy and JoAnn Schley	Activity Center
	-4:00 p.m.	70th Anniversary Open House (rescheduled from 13th)	

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. Thank you! Pastor Kevin

