

(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:

730, 839, 682, 735, 685

Liturgist:

Pastor Koester

Lector:

Joe Airheart

Sermon:

Pastor Koester

Theme:

"Free from anxieties"

Text:

1 Corinthians 7:29-35

10:30 a.m.

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"Free from anxieties"

1 Corinthians 7:29-35

THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS WEEK

Organist:

Julie Kropuenske

Tech Support:

Logan Gerrits

Greeters:

Wayne Jungemann

Communion Assistants: Joe Airheart, Wayne Jungemann

Julie Kropuenske

Alexis Ziegeldorf

Matt Busch

Chad Hanson, Matt Busch

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.

Dear members of Mt. Calvary,

Today, two young Christians will be going through the "Rite of First Communion prior to Confirmation." This means that, although they are not yet confirmed, they will be receiving Communion along with the rest of us. Although this rite has not been used frequently in our congregation, it has been used by many other LCMS congregations, including my home congregation (Zion in Hopkins, MN). Rest assured that they have been prepared and examined to determine their readiness for this momentous day. Both of them know that they are receiving the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. As St. Paul wrote to Timothy "let no one look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." Finally, I would like to express my regret that other students did not get to participate in a special day like this and were not publicly recognized. This is our first full year going through the new Family Ministry program and therefore, our first time doing everything that we have laid out. Within the last few years, other students started receiving Communion as they were deemed ready, but they simply started going through the continuous line mostly unnoticed. If you are one of those students, please know that I rejoice with you just as much as I do these who will be recognized today.



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 who have been hospitalized or have special needs:

Brad Bader

Mike and Lois Frank

Cindy Alter

Gary Doering

Al Merriam

Connie Cleland-daughter of Renee Schultz

June Taylor-friend of the congregation

Roger and Sharon Korkow-friends of the congregation

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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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: *The Lord Calls Us to Himself by the Preaching of Repentance in His Name* When *"the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time,"* sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, *"Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD"* (Jonah 3:1, 3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they *"believed God,"* as He spoke to them through His prophet, *"they turned from their evil way"* and were spared *"the disaster that he had said he would do to them"* (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that *"the appointed time has grown very short"* (1 Corinthians 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for *"the present form of this world is passing away"* (1 Corinthians 7:31). Rather, give *"your undivided devotion to the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, *"the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand"* (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become *"fishers of men"* with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).



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!



Wednesdays — Kids for Christ meets from 5:15-6:15 p.m.
As of January 17th the Kindergarten - third grade students meet on Wednesdays.
4th and 5th grade students transition to Family Ministry as of 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 2 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

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!



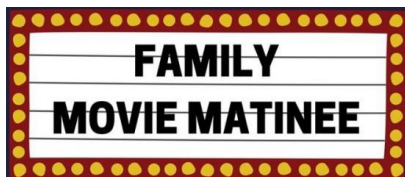
Mt. Calvary LYF Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser

Orders: Sub Sandwich orders will be taken by LYF Members until **Sunday, February 4, 2024**. Please return forms to the church office or place in the box located in the back of the church. Payment upon order is preferred.

Pickup: Sandwiches will be prepared the morning of **Saturday, February 10**, and may be picked up at the church from **11:00 a.m.-12 noon**. If this pickup time does not work for you, please let us know and we can arrange for you to pick them up after weekend services.

Cost: \$7.00 per 6" sub — See order form included in the bulletin for choices. Each sub comes with a bag of chips and condiments.

There will also be a selection of Valentine's Day-themed Bake Sale treats available on **Sunday, February 11th**. Instead of set prices, there will be a free will offering at each of the tables. Thank you for your support of the LYF!!



Attention Mt. Calvary youth and families! You are invited to a **Sunday Matinee on February 18th at 1:30 p.m.**

Our feature presentation will be a movie called "Overcomer".



We will have movie theater popcorn for you to munch on. Since we want you to be comfortable, we invite you to bring a comfy chair, pillows, sleeping bags, bean bags, air mattresses, or whatever you can carry with you. We will spread out in the Activity Center and project the movie onto the wall. There will be a short devotion prior to the movie. Invite your friends! Hope to see you there!



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 discipled through "The Greatest Journey" program.

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: 78

Bible Study: 40

Sunday School: NA

Jan. Offerings:	Weekly Need	1st Weekend	2nd Weekend	3rd Weekend	4th Weekend	5th Weekend
General	\$ 6,592	\$10,067	\$ 4,224	\$	\$	\$
Mission	\$ 1,721	\$ 943	\$ 1,495	\$	\$	\$
Building	\$ 192	\$ 309	\$ 177	\$	\$	\$
Preschool	\$	\$ 130	\$ 185	\$	\$	\$

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 21	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
	Noon	Board of Stewardship Meeting	Boardroom
	6:00 p.m.	Skating—Family Fun Event	Bergman Arena
	-9:00 p.m.	All are welcome! Come join us!	
Monday, January 22	Pastor Kevin's Day Off		
Wednesday, January 24	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.		
	5:15 p.m.	Memory Work Study Hall (6th and 7th graders)	Boardroom
	-6:15 p.m.		
Thursday, January 25	9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	New Member Class	Fellowship Hall
	7:15 p.m.	Evening Bible Study	Boardroom

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Jesus said. "Let the little children come to me, do not stop them;
for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them. Mark 10:14

**National
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Schools
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is
January
21-26**

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK 2024



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JOHN 15:1-5

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