

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

Welcome to Mt Calvary Lutheran Church! We pray that you will be blessed, comforted, and given true, lasting peace as you worship. As we gather, we prepare our hearts for worshipping and praising 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.

TO OUR VISITORS

Within this congregation, let no one feel like a stranger. If you have no church affiliation elsewhere, we invite you to make Mt Calvary 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. If you would like to know more about our beliefs, you may consult The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod website has this information at <https://www.lcms.org/> Please get in touch with Pastor Kevin 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 receives the Lord’s Supper faithfully. The Lord expects every member to be involved in Christ-centered education, (Bible Study); The Lord expects every member to be a missionary of Christ 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.

10:30 a.m.

Order of Service:

Order of Matins

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Hymns:

555 v.1-2,5-6,9-10; 430; 611

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Liturgist:

Pastor Koester

Pastor Koester

Lector:

Ryan Vanden Berge

Dan Florey

Sermon:

Pastor Koester

Pastor Koester

Theme:

"Justified by faith"

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Text:

Romans 5:1-11

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THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS WEEK

Organist:

Karla Sawvell

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Acolyte:

Volunteer needed

Jacob Fuerst

Tech Support:

Logan Gerrits

Conner Dragt

Greeters:

Ryan Vanden Berge

Dan Florey

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: **family of Leona Peskey**-mother of Dean Peskey
- ◇ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs:

Joe Airheart

Lois McMillan

Stuart Kuehl

Robin Shoultz

Brad Bader

Mike and Lois Frank

Cindy Alter

Gary Doering

Al Merriam

Lois Houck-mother of Shawn Adermann

Connie Cleland-daughter of Renee Schultz

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

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 IN LENT: *By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God* In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him *“the father of a multitude of nations.”* It is *“an everlasting covenant”* in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed *“throughout their generations”* (Genesis 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds *“on the things of God,”* and not *“on the things of man”* (Mark 8:33). *“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:8). Therefore, having been *“reconciled to God by the death of his Son,”* much more *“shall we be saved by his life”* (Romans 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, *“we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,”* and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Romans 5:1–2).

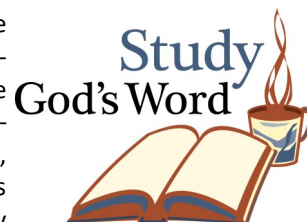


During the season of Lent, we will be substituting Hymn # 942, "Kyrie! God, Father" in place of the regular Gloria in Excelsis / Hymn of Praise for Sunday Services. As usual, we will also be omitting the "Alleluia" verses.

In Christ, Pastor Kevin

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 have now concluded the video series and will be doing a Bible study on the life of the apostle Paul. All 7th-12th graders and their parents are welcome to attend.



**Rev. Kevin Koester will be Installed
as Sole Pastor of Mt. Calvary
during both worship services
on Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**A potluck meal will be held in the Activity Center
following the second service.**



Dear Family Ministry students and parents,

The 8th grade and above class now have the opportunity to take the test on a Wednesday at the normal class time 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 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 3rd. To keep pace, reciting 2 verses per week is recommended. They may recite these verses on most Wednesday evenings at 6:15, Sunday mornings after each service, or by appointment during the week.

The 6th and 7th graders also received a schedule and assignment description via email for opening and closing prayer during our sessions in April. They are to write out their prayer beforehand and use all 6 types of prayer when they write it. Please contact me if your student is not able to make one of the sessions, so we can rearrange as needed.

In Christ, Pastor Kevin

**FAMILY MINISTRY
NEWS**



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 have transitioned to Family Ministry as of January 17th.



March is coming! And that means madness on courts all around the country! Since it's been a while between volleyball and basketball games at Mt. Calvary, we thought we would change that.

At 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 17th, you are invited to showcase your skills in front of your

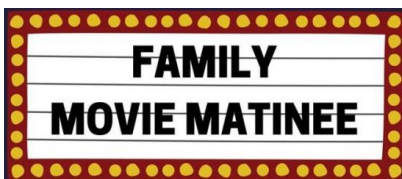
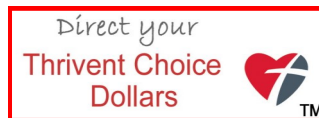
church family or come be amazed at the athletic talents God has given. Even if you're not very tall or can't jump very high, we still think you'll have fun. We will provide some snacks as well. Invite your friends! Hope to see you there!



Reminder - Direct Your Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31:

If you have a qualified connection to a Thrivent Financial insurance or annuity product you may have Thrivent Choice Dollars® to direct to our church each year. Thrivent Choice Dollars® can make a profound impact.

In 2023 Mt. Calvary received \$4,089 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding. Directing Choice Dollars® costs Thrivent members nothing, but is a gift by Thrivent, to support recipients. Directing dollars is as simple as calling the Thrivent organization at 1-800-847-4836 and ask for Thrivent Choice options.



Everybody enjoyed watching the movie together on February 18th! The popcorn and goodies were yummy treats and "Overcomer" gets a thumbs up rating from our Mt. Calvary kids and families.

As it said in the movie, our identity is found in Christ.

"Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." 1 John 5:5.



The Super Bowl Sub sales and the bake sale on Sunday, February 11th were both huge successes! Thank you for your generosity and your support of our Mt. Calvary youth! We hope that you enjoyed your sandwiches and the baked goodies!



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.

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!

Saving these items can help others:

Shopping Bags

LWML is asking you to save your clean plastic shopping bags, any color, to be crocheted into sleeping mats for disaster relief. You may bring your bags to the Fellowship Hall or Activity Center hallway. We will get them to the locations where they are made in to sleeping mats to be distributed by Orphan Grain Train. If there is anyone in our congregation who would like to crochet a mat, please let us know.

Soaps and Toiletries

Please save any unopened soap and toiletries that are left after your motel stays. Bring them to church and the LWML will see that they are delivered for missions.

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE

Weekend Worship: 153
 Midweek Lent Worship: 98

Bible Study: 65

Sunday School: 19

Feb. Offerings:	Weekly Need	1st Weekend	2nd Weekend	3rd Weekend	4th Weekend	5th Weekend
General	\$ 6,592	\$ 5,266	\$ 4,279	\$ 7,533	\$	\$
Mission	\$ 1,721	\$ 1,294	\$ 1,088	\$ 1,292	\$	\$
Building	\$ 192	\$ 343	\$ 150	\$ 60	\$	\$
Preschool	\$	\$ 303	\$ 175	\$ 180	\$	\$

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, 2024	\$104,054.92	\$53,756.96	(\$24,241.20)
2024 Year to Date Net Cash Flow	<u>\$ (2,397.99)</u>	<u>\$ 802.00</u>	<u>(\$ 4,272.10)</u>
Cash Available Jan. 31, 2024	\$101,656.93	\$54,558.96	(\$19,969.10)



Statements

**2023 Offering Statements are in the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.
 If you would like your Offering Statement mailed to your home please
 contact the church office. (605)352-7121**

Some offering statements have already been mailed with
 the 2023 Memorial Contribution Statements.

The Board of Stewardship would like to make the congregation aware that they can give their offerings using bill pay services if they so choose. First of all we should look at what scripture says. "Everyone should give what they have decided to give in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7. We give offerings out of joyful thanksgiving for the gifts that God has given to us. As new tools become available, it is okay if we wish to use them as long as we are careful to remember the reason we are giving. What we have found is, the simplest way for you to give electronically, should you choose to, is through the bill pay services offered by your bank. We realize this is not a fit for everyone, and are not suggesting that people need to adopt this method of giving. We are just letting people know it is a tool available which may be helpful to them. It also could be used to send your offering to church on a week when you are not able to be there. However, we would caution against thinking that the church just wants your money. The Lord looks for hearts set apart for Him alone.

—Your Fellow Servants in Christ, the Board of Stewardship

Here are some guidelines:

1. Set the church up as biller in your bill pay account.
2. Put your offering envelope number as the account number.
3. You can designate the fund for the contribution (general, missions, building, preschool) in the memo line.
4. Schedule either a one time or recurring transfer.
5. Verify that the payment cleared your account.

This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, February 25	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, February 26	Pastor Kevin's Day Off		
Wednesday, February 28	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
	-6:00 p.m.	for Kindergarten through 3rd grades	Classrooms
	5:15 p.m.	Family Ministry for 4th & 5th grades	Basement
	-6:00 p.m.		Classrooms
	5:15 p.m.	8th grade and above class	Fellowship Hall
	-6:00 p.m.	Written Test	
	5:15 p.m.	Memory Work Study Hall	Boardroom
	-6:00 p.m.	(6th and 7th graders)	
6:00 p.m.	Lent Supper-youth will serve hot ham/turkey sandwiches		
6:45 p.m.	Hymn Sing		
	7:00 p.m.	Lent Midweek Worship Service In-Person/Livestream	Sanctuary
Thursday, February 29	9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
	7:15 p.m.	No Evening Bible Study (on hiatus for Lent)	
Saturday, March 2	10:00 a.m.	Quilt Guild	Fellowship Hall

Lent Midweek Sermon Themes

Wednesday, Feb. 28

7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship Service— **"Here is Your Son...Here is Your Mother"**

Wednesday, Mar. 6

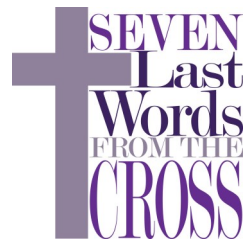
7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship Service— **"Why Have You Forsaken Me?"**

Wednesday, Mar. 13

7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship Service— **"I Am Thirsty"**

Wednesday, Mar. 20

7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship Service— **"It Is Finished"**



Lost a smart phone? We have one in the church office that may be yours.