

(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

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Order of Service:	Divine Service Setting One with Communion	Divine Service Setting One with Communion
Hymns:	981, 530, 425, 622, 838	981, 530, 425, 622, 838
Liturgist:	Pastor Koester	Pastor Koester
Lector:	Robert Blaseg	Dan Florey
Sermon:	Pastor Koester	Pastor Koester
Theme:	"My Father's house"	"My Father's house"
Text:	John 2:13-22	John 2:13-22

THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS WEEK

Organist:	Julie Kropuenske	Julie Kropuenske
Acolyte:	Volunteer needed	Jacob Fuerst
Tech Support:	Logan Gerrits	Jacob Donovan
Greeters:	Robert Blaseg	Dan Florey
Communion Assistants:	Robert Blaseg, Joe Airheart	Chad Hanson, Dan Florey

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 who have been hospitalized or have special needs:

Joe Airheart

Lois McMillan

Robin Shoultz

Brad Bader

Mike and Lois Frank

Cindy Alter

Gary Doering

Al Merriam

Rev. Dana Brooks— former Mt. Calvary Assistant Pastor

Gail Smith-family member of Mary Ann Rand

Lois Houck-mother of Shawn Adermann

Connie Cleland-daughter of Renee Schultz

June Taylor-friend 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

- ◊ Prayer of Thanksgiving: **Stuart Kuehl**

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT: *The Crucified and Risen Body of Jesus Is the True Temple of the Lord* The Lord rescues His people, Israel, *“out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery”* (Exodus 20:2) and makes His gracious covenant with them, defined by the Ten Commandments. Since He has become their God by His grace, they shall be His people, having *“no other gods”* before Him (Exodus 20:3). He is *“jealous”* for them as a husband for his wife and as a father for his children. He has named them with His name and called them to rest in Him (Exodus 20:5–9). The incarnate Son, Christ Jesus, is likewise jealous for His Father's house, because it is to be a place of divine grace and Sabbath rest for His people, and not *“a house of trade”* (John 2:16–17). His zeal consumes Him as He gives up *“the temple of his body”* to the destruction of the cross, but in three days He raises it up again to be the true temple forever (John 2:17–21). By His crucifixion He cleanses the entire household, and in His resurrection He becomes *“wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption”* (1 Corinthians 1:30).

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.

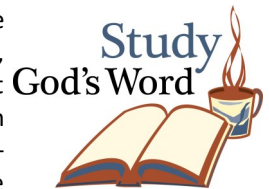
Pray
for Our
Military



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.



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

This Sunday, March 3rd the LWML Huron Zone will have their retreat at Messiah in Redfield. We will be using the LWML Prayer service, titled Grace, Mercy, Peace. A guest mission speaker Pastor Jordon &/or Alison Andreasen will be joining us to speak about their upcoming time in Romania. After a short business meeting, a time of mission activity putting together hygiene kits, mitten puppets, and plastic bag balls for sleeping mats will be done. Please join!!!

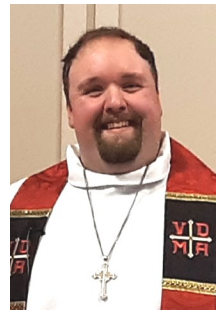
The free will offering at the Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 6th will go to the youth who have registered for the "Higher Things Youth Conference" to be held in Mequon, Wisconsin in June 2024. Three youth from our congregation have registered for the event and these funds will help them pay expenses. Ryker Sawvell, Alexis Ziegeldorf, and Avah Newman are planning to attend. We appreciate the generosity of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church.



Installation

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

**District President Sailer will be preaching at
both services and will lead Bible study.**



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



It's March! 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!





Palm Cross Assembly

Please join us on Saturday morning, March 23rd, at 9:00 a.m. in the Activity Center to help assemble crosses for Palm Sunday.

EVERYONE, young and not so young, is invited to help!

The Board of Youth will be providing breakfast pizza! And we have to know how much breakfast pizza will be needed, so please RSVP by signing up on the sheet on the Fellowship Hall counter. Don't know how to fold a cross? We'll be happy to teach you. Your help is appreciated.

Easter Lily Donations

During Lent no flowers are placed on the altar. On Easter, lily plants will decorate the altar. If you would like to donate to the purchase of lilies for the altar you may put your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies" and place it in the offering plate, put it in the mailbox by the church office, or mail to the church. If the donation is given in memory of loved ones, please write the name(s) on the envelope. Checks may be made payable to LWML.



FAMILY MINISTRY **NEWS**

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

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.



BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE Weekend Worship: 154 Bible Study: 67 Sunday School: 17
 Midweek Lent Worship: 100

Feb. Offerings:	Weekly Need	1st Weekend	2nd Weekend	3rd Weekend	4th Weekend	5th Weekend
General	\$ 6,592	\$ 5,266	\$ 4,279	\$ 7,533	\$ 6,614	\$
Mission	\$ 1,721	\$ 1,294	\$ 1,088	\$ 1,292	\$ 916	\$
Building	\$ 192	\$ 343	\$ 150	\$ 60	\$ 200	\$
Preschool	\$	\$ 303	\$ 175	\$ 180	\$ 145	\$

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.

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.



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.

This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, March 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
	2:00 p.m.	LWML Zone Retreat	Messiah Redfield
Monday, March 4	Pastor Kevin's Day Off		
Tuesday, March 5	5:15 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting	Boardroom
Wednesday, March 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
	-6:00 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)	
Thursday, March 7	6:00 p.m.	Lent Supper-Ryker, Avah, and Alexis will serve chili dogs +	
	6:45 p.m.	Hymn Sing	
	7:00 p.m.	Lent Midweek Worship Service In-Person/Livestream	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
	7:15 p.m.	No Evening Bible Study (on hiatus for Lent)	

Lent Midweek Sermon Themes

Wednesday, Mar. 6

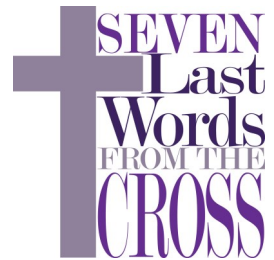
7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship Service— **"Why Have You Forsaken Me?"**

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"**



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