

(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:

Divine Service Setting Three with Rite of Installation

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Hymns:

571, 942, 702, 918

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Liturgist:

Pastor Koester

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Lector:

Pastor Sattgast

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Sermon:

President Sailer

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Theme:

"Feasting on grace, starving sin"

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Text:

Numbers 21:4-9

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**THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS WEEK**

Organist:

Nancy Ziegeldorf

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Acolyte:

Volunteer needed

Jacob Fuerst

Tech Support:

Logan Gerrits

Alexis Ziegeldorf

Greeters:

Wayne Jungemann

Ralph Borkowski

## **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 Gail Smith**-family member of Mary Ann Rand
- ◇ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs:

**Joe Airheart**

**Robin Shultz**

**Brad Bader**

**Mike and Lois Frank**

**Cindy Alter**

**Gary Doering**

**Al Merriam**

**Rev. Dana Brooks**– former Mt. Calvary Assistant Pastor

**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: **Lois McMillan**
- ◇ Prayer of Thanksgiving: **Cpl. Kuper Heck**, U.S. Marine-family member of DeMeris Marone.

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.

**SSgt Justin Frank**, SDARNG Med Command.

**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**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: *Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so that We May Look to Him and Live*** The people sinned by speaking “against God and against Moses,” and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which “bit the people, so that many people of Israel died” (Numbers 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to “make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole,” so that “if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live” (Numbers 21:8–9). Thus, God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith “may have eternal life” (John 3:14–16). By His cross, “the light has come into the world,” not for condemnation, but “that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:17–19). While we “were dead in the trespasses and sins” in which we once lived (Ephesians 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live “with him in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 2:4–6).



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




Installation

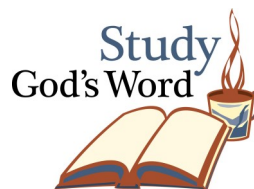
**Rev. Kevin Koester will be Installed  
as Sole Pastor of Mt. Calvary  
during both worship services  
on Sunday, March 10, 2024**

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.**



**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study:** District President Rev. Dr. Scott C. Sailer will be leading Bible Study this morning. He will be focusing on the appointed readings for this Sunday, the Fourth Sunday in Lent, especially the readings from Numbers 21 and John 3. Since Jesus is the God of Israel, there are numerous connections to be made between Israel’s desert wanderings and Jesus’ ministry. Just as the bronze snake was lifted up in the wilderness, so also the Son of Man must be lifted up. And just as Israel loathed God’s provision for them, so also people today love darkness rather than light. We invite you to join us!



# 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.



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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Palm Sunday, March 24 is the deadline. Thank you.**



# 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.

We would like to thank each and every individual who supported us at the Lenten meal Wednesday night. The money raised will go toward our

Higher Things youth trip to Mequon, Wisconsin this June 24-25.

What a blessing it is to be loved by so many members at Mt. Calvary.

Avah, Alexis, Ryker



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 make donations for items to be purchased or for sponsoring online shoeboxes for hard-to-reach areas. Each month a list of suggestions is included in the newsletter. 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: 173  
Midweek Lent Worship: 74

Bible Study: 69

Sunday School: 16

March Offerings:	Weekly Need	1st Weekend	2nd Weekend	3rd Weekend	4th Weekend	5th Weekend
General	\$ 6,592	\$ 4,766	\$	\$	\$	\$
Mission	\$ 1,721	\$ 1,450	\$	\$	\$	\$
Building	\$ 192	\$ 95	\$	\$	\$	\$
Preschool	\$	\$ 110	\$	\$	\$	\$

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.



**COBORN'S CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS:**

Effective March 31, 2024, Coborn's will no longer be offering their "cash for receipts" program. We will continue to accept Coborn's receipts through Sunday, March 31, 2024. There is a collection box located in the entrance of the Learning Center and in the Fellowship Hall. We are sad to see this program discontinued, it has been an amazing program for our preschool

and other non-profit organizations in our community. Mt. Calvary Learning Center staff and board thank you for your continued support through your prayers and donations.

## This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, March 10	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
			<b>Potluck meal following service</b>
Monday, March 11		Pastor Kevin's Day Off	
Tuesday, March 12	5:15 p.m.	Board of Evangelism Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, March 13	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— Learning Center will serve turkey and mashed potatoes ( <i>note menu change</i> )	
	6:45 p.m.	Hymn Sing	
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lent Midweek Worship Service</b> In-Person/Livestream	Sanctuary
Thursday, March 14	9:30 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Board Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	No Evening Bible Study (on hiatus for Lent)	
Saturday, March 16	10:00 a.m.	Quilt Guild	Fellowship Hall

## Lent Midweek Sermon Themes

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"

