

(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

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Hymns:

825, 700, 392

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Special Music:

“Jesus Loves Me”
Afternoon Preschool Class

Liturgist:

Pastor Koester

Pastor Koester

Lector:

Joe Airheart

Dan Florey

Sermon:

Pastor Koester

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Theme:

"As He is pure"

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Text:

1 John 3:1-7

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THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS WEEK

Organist:

Julie Kropuenske

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Acolyte:

Volunteer needed

Jacob Fuerst

Tech Support:

Logan Gerrits

Conner Dragt

Greeters:

Joe Airheart

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 Harlan Olerud**-father of Rod Olerud
- ◇ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs:

Joe Airheart

Robin Shoultz

Brad Bader

Mike and Lois Frank

Cindy Alter

Gary Doering

Al Merriam

Jesse Kleinsasser-friend of the Florey family

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

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.

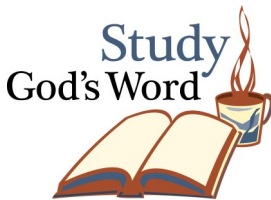
Madison Pfitzer, serving in the SD Army National Guard.

Timothy Johnson, Navy Seabee stationed in Illinois.

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

**Pray
for Our
Military**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: *The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure* The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples *“that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead”* and *“that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations”* (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that *“God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets”* (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they *“delivered over and denied”* this Lord Jesus and *“killed the Author of life.”* Yet God *“glorified his servant Jesus”* and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their *“sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord”* (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that *“we should be called children of God; and so we are”* (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even *“as he is pure,”* because *“he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin”* (1 John 3:3, 5).



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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



MT. CALVARY LEARNING CENTER NEWS

April 14, 2024 - The afternoon Preschool Class will be having a program during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. This past year we have been learning and memorizing the Ten Commandments as part of our curriculum and we are excited to recite these commandments for our Church Family. We hope you can join us during this service to see what our Pre-K children have been learning this year.



Come spend the afternoon bowling with your church family! **On Sunday, April 21st, we will be down at Fair City Lanes starting at 1:30 p.m.** We will pay for the cost of entry and shoes. Snacks will be available for purchase from the bowling alley. Even if they need to break out the bumpers for you, we still hope to see you there! God's Blessings!



Kids for Christ for Kindergarten through third grade students meet on Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Final meeting will be at the end of April.



women's retreat

April 26-28 — Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, MN
Dr. Stacy Lung (LIC director) is the keynote speaker this year. Our theme is "Redeeming the Imagination: Exploring Wonder, Beauty, Creativity, and Worship". The weekend will include small group discussions, church on Sunday, and island activities, all with your sisters in Christ. The cost is \$140 per person which covers the cost of the speaker, room and all meals.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Barb Schley.

Mt. Calvary will be delivering meals April 29-May 3
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.



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

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Dear Family Ministry students and parents,

The 8th grade and above class 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 has been working on memory work. They are to complete all their memory work as soon as possible. We will have weekly worksheets and prayer journal entries as well.

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 six 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

Save the Date!

This year's VBS
will be held June 2-6

The theme will be "The Great Jungle Journey"
from Answers in Genesis.

Sign up sheets for volunteers are on the counter
in the Fellowship Hall.



Thank you to all who continue to contribute in any way to the Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. 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 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!

Attention Mt. Calvary youth and families! The National Youth Gathering will be here before you know it! This time around, it will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans.

Youth need to have completed 8th grade to be able to attend. **We would like to know how many of you are interested in going (including kids and potential adult chaperones). Please let us know of your intentions by signing up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall by October 1st. Early bird registration is in November. God's blessings!**



BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE Weekend Worship: 181 Sunday School: 17 Bible Studies: 65

April Offerings:	Weekly Need	1st Weekend	2nd Weekend	3rd Weekend	4th Weekend	5th Weekend
General	\$ 6,592	\$ 6,210	\$	\$	\$	\$
Mission	\$ 1,721	\$ 1,881	\$	\$	\$	\$
Building	\$ 192	\$ 55	\$	\$	\$	\$
Preschool	\$	\$ 60	\$	\$	\$	\$

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>\$ 8,165.22</u>	<u>\$ 2,316.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,375.10</u>
Cash Available Mar. 31, 2024	\$112,220.14	\$56,072.96	(\$14,866.10)

2023 Offering Statements were placed in the Fellowship Hall mailboxes in January. If you need another copy of your 2023 Offering Statement please contact the church office. (605)352-7121



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, April 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, April 15	Pastor Kevin's Day Off		
Tuesday, April 16	7:00 p.m.	Voters' Assembly	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, April 17	10:00 a.m.	LWML Quilting	Basement
	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
	-6:15 p.m.	Family Ministry	
	-6:15 p.m.		
Thursday, April 18	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Higher Things Retreat-planning meeting	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, April 20	Pastor Kevin recording <i>Main Street Living</i> episode		Sioux Falls
	10:00 a.m.	Huron Area Quilt Guild	Fellowship Hall



**Quarterly
Voters' Assembly
is Tuesday, April 16
at 7:00 p.m.**

Important to Attend!

Check bulletin board cases for the agenda.