

November 28/29, 2015

First Sunday in Advent

Five minutes before the service, the Pastors and Elders are praying for you.

As we enter the House of God, let us meditate quietly and prepare our hearts for worship and praise of our Lord and Savior. Remember what the Scriptures say, "The Lord is in His holy temple; Let us all the earth keep silence before Him!"

Habakkuk 2:20

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

TO OUR VISITORS

In the Name of the Lord Jesus we bid you welcome to our congregation, to its blessings, to its comfort, and to its peace. Within this congregation let no one feel himself a stranger. We ask you to sign our guest register located in the foyer and to fill out the guest book in each pew letting us know how we can serve you. 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. Please get in touch with one of our Pastors for the next available new member class.

THE LORD'S EXPECTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

THIS WEEKEND

Orders of Service:	Divine Service I w/ Holy Communion
Hymns:	331, 444, 602, 617, 628, 577
Theme:	"The Righteous Branch and the Colt"
Text:	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Sermon by: Pastor Domke	Liturgist: Pastor Smith

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. I Cor. 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 (I Cor 11:29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, (I Cor. 10:15-18) any who are **not yet instructed in this faith, who 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 their 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.

Holy Baptism Preslee Ann Marie Grovenburg, daughter of Dustin Grovenburg and Desire'e Rand will be received into God's Kingdom of Grace through waters of Holy Baptism during the Saturday evening Service. Preslee's godparents are Lindsey Brandes and Cory Rand.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES Lesson 13 – Nov. 29 and Dec. 2

Today's Sunday School lesson and Wednesday's Kids 4 Christ lesson, "The Bronze Serpent," is one of the more challenging stories in the Old Testament. Just as the bronze serpent was lifted up to heal and save the Israelites, Christ was lifted up on the cross to heal and save us from sin, death, and the devil. *Ask students, "How did God rescue people bitten by the serpent? How does God rescue you?"*

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study - We continue in the study of 2 Corinthians.

Website: Adult Bible Class will be recorded each Sunday now. Web issues have been fixed, soon all worship services and bible studies will be uploaded. Apologies, some of the classes have become unavailable. I will try to do better in the coming weeks. Pastor Domke

KIDS 4 CHRIST

Kids 4 Christ meets in the Christian Activities Center. This program is designed for 1st-5th grade students and will be held at the same time as confirmation on Wednesday evenings from 5:15-6:30. All 1st-5th graders are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

PARISH PRAYERS

◇ Remember those serving in our military. (Please give the church office information on our members who are serving in the armed forces so we can be in contact with them.) Please notify the church office when you or a loved one is entering the nursing home. Because of the privacy laws this information is not available to the public nor the Pastors.

◇ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs: **Cindy Alter, Lynn Reimnitz, Marilyn Schieckoff, Melanie Kludt, Esther Halbur, and Opal Classen, Russ Dillon, Matt Moeding, Mike Frank, Shawn Adermann, Marlys Lammert.**

◇ **Hospital Visitation**—Please let us know when you are going or are in the hospital. Pastor Domke

◇ Remembering those who have lost a loved one.

◇ **THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS WEEK**

	7:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Organist:	Melanie Kludt	Melanie Kludt	Melanie Kludt
Acolyte:	Haleigh Ferguson	Jordyn Zavesky	Graceana Terkildsen
Communion Asst's:	Dave Moser	John Pfitzer	Kerwin Haeder
	Chuck Gascoigne		

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE:	Divine Worship: 278	Sunday School: 33	Adult Bible Class: 87
Weekly Budgeted :	Offering Last Week	Needed to Date	Giving To Date
General \$6,906	\$7,122.00	\$324582.00	\$281,308.00
Mission \$1,699	\$1,613.00	\$79,853.00	\$66,821.00
Building \$ 576	\$593.00	\$ 27,072.00	\$23,392.00
			Minus
			\$43,274.00
			\$13,032.00
			\$3,681.00

Christmas decorating for the church...Everyone is invited to come and help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas should come Monday, November 30th at 6:00 pm. All Help is appreciated.

Our Preschool collects the following items to earn money and supplies for the school: Campbell's labels (UPC codes only— please cut them out of the soup label) Pop Tabs, **Coborn's receipts dated for November, December January due by February 1st.** ***Please note the new Coborn's receipts date is now below the cashier's name.*** ***REMINDER: All receipts must have a date or we will not be able to use them.*** We earn approximately \$250 every three months by simply saving Coborn's receipts

Time Change: Christmas Eve services will be held at 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on December 24th.

Flower Chart for 2015

Is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Those desiring to provide flowers may sign up for the weekends listed. You may also list an occasion, such as anniversary, birthday, etc. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Men's Tuesday Morning and Men's Thursday Evening Bible Study: All the men of the congregation are invited to attend. The time we spend together is a time of conversation, prayer, fellowship and bible reading. We are currently in the letter to the Romans on Tuesday. We meet at Vertos at 6:30 AM. Thursday evening class at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom.

USHERS NEEDED!!!! for all church services. Men, women and youth welcome. It takes 4 ushers to help with each service. Please consider signing up for a service and month of your choice. Sign up sheet is located on the table in the fellowship hall. Your help is greatly appreciated.
Scott Adams, Head Usher

A new shipment of Christian greeting cards has been placed in the rack outside the CAC. There are Thanksgiving, Christmas, sympathy, birthday and other cards for all occasions. The price is \$6.00 per box or \$1.00 for single cards. The proceeds help fund the LWML mission projects

Church Website and Facebook Check out our website at www.mtcalvaryhuron.org There are many resources available on the website and they are growing: News, bulletins, newsletters, worship services (audio), confirmation information, preschool information, plus much more. , check us out on Facebook and send a facebook "friend" request.

Salvation Army could use our help with the following items: Tuna helper, mac and cheese, chunky soups, hot chocolates mixes, spaghetti, ravioli, peanut butter (16 oz.) or larger, canned fruit (mixed fruit or pears) jelly, cake mixes, instant oatmeal or any breakfast items. Your help is greatly appreciated.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT tonight at 6:00 p.m. It's not too late. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Nancy Ziegeldorf at 350-4031 or Kerry Niederbaumer at 354-2041.

Correction on the calendar communion this weekend. No Board of Education in December

67th Annual Salvation Army Christmas Basket Program Mt. Calvary Lutheran Choir will sing Tuesday, Dec. 1st at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to stop by and watch it live at the Huron High School Auditorium. The program can also be heard on radio stations KOKK, 1210AM; watched live on the Huron Tiger Network Channel 6 or on the web at www.christmasbasket.us.

SOUTH DAKOTA HUMAN SERVICE CENTER The Holiday Season is traditionally a time for caring and sharing. Over the years your generosity has helped provide gifts for the patients at the South Dakota Human Services Center. Through your efforts, the Christmas holiday has been much merrier for HSC patients. We are again asking your assistance. Due to limited space, however, we are requesting all donations received be purchased new. Used clothing will not be used as Christmas gifts but will be placed in the Clothing Closet for patient needs. **We will be unable to accept glass bottles or small mirrors.**

FOR MEN & WOMEN: Large and x-large T-shirts, blue jeans, XL flannel shirts, shampoo, conditioner, handkerchiefs, lotion, ball caps, gloves, underwear, swim trunks or suits, pajamas, slippers, athletic socks, playing cards and board games, stationary, candy bars, gum, individual sized snack crackers, individual sized bags of chips, snack cakes, pudding, decaffeinated pop or coffee, sugar-free sweets, 30-minute phone cards, all occasion greeting cards, classic movie videos, etc.

FOR TEENS: Large and x-large T-shirts, jeans, underwear, socks, card games, board games, photo albums, word find and crossword puzzle books, coloring books and crayons, markers, playing cards and board games, stationary, candy bars, individual sized snack crackers, individual sized bags of chips, snack cakes, pudding, decaffeinated pop, sugar-free sweets.

All gifts must be received by December 9, 2015, at the center to allow time for distribution.

A Patient Benefit Fund for cash donations is also available. The Volunteer Coordinator will purchase special needs items with cash donations. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Mainstreet Living November 29, 2015

Kid's Crossing-Janitor Bob was complaining about the lawn mower. First it broke, and when he borrowed another mower, it ran out of gas. But Bob also realizes that complaining doesn't accomplish anything.

Today's message is "He Supplies that Which is Lacking" based on First Thessalonians 3: 10 and delivered by Rev. Lloyd Redhage of Zion in Andover, and St. Pauls in Ferney. The Main Street Living Choir will lead the singing of: When Peace Like a River; Precious Lord, Take My Hand; and I Love Your Kingdom Lord. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

Christmas Poinsettias: Donations are now being received for poinsettias to decorate our altar and chancel area in celebration of Jesus' birth. Please give your donation to Nancy Ziegeldorf or put it in an envelope marked "Poinsettia Fund" and place it in the offering plate. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please let Nancy know or write it on your "Poinsettia Fund" envelope. Checks may be made payable to LWML. Thank you.

Lifetouch Photography We encourage everyone that is not going to have their pictures taken to bring in their own. If it is a professional photograph you must have a permission slip signed by the photographer. No permission is necessary if you bring in your own. Forms can be picked up in the office. Also this will cost \$10.00. The fee for shut ins and military is waived.

This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Place
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service w/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Communion	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class/SS	Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service w/Communion	Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program Practice	Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Advent by Candlelight	CAC
Monday:	9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Preschool room
	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
Tuesday:		Pastor Domke's day off	
	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Verto's
	9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Preschool room
	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	1:00 p.m.	Chapel	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders' Christmas Party	
	9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	3:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Boardroom
	5:15 p.m.	Confirmation/Kids4Christ	CAC
	6:00 p.m.	Supper	CAC
	6:45 p.m.	Hymn Sing	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Advent I Worship Service	Sanctuary
	8:00 p.m.	Choir	
	Thursday:	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
12:30 p.m.		Preschool	Preschool Room
9:00 a.m.		Shut ins	
6:00 p.m.		Trustee Meeting	Boardroom
7:00 p.m.		Men's Bible Study	Boardroom
Friday:		No LWML	
		Pastor Smith's day off	
Saturday:	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service w/Communion	Sanctuary