

January 7/8, 2017

The Baptism of Our Lord

Five minutes before the service, the Pastor 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 our Pastor 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

Order of Service: Divine Service I

Hymns: 410, 523, 504 ,923

Liturgist: Pastor Dan Domke

Theme: God Chose

Text: I Corinthians 1:26-31

Sermon by: Pastor Dan Domke

Lector: 7:00 p.m. — Denny Mead

8:00 a.m. — Neal Cruse

10:30 a.m. — Ralph Borkowski

Children’s Sermon at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services

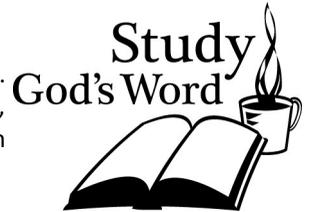
PARISH PRAYERS

- ◇ Remember those serving in our military and their families, especially those having been deployed with the 153rd Engineer Battalion: **Drew Borkowski, Kenneth Busch Jr., Justin Frank, Ben Machtemes, and Don Zavesky.** Please give the church office names of any other members of the congregation who are serving in the armed forces.
- ◇ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs: **Cindy Alter, James Kleinlein, Audrey Davis, Bennie Boetel, Gladys Dick, and Ruth Hornig.**
- ◇ Hospital Visitation Please let us know when you are going to or are in the hospital. —Pastor Domke
- ◇ 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 Pastor.

◇ 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:	Jacob Donovan	Emily Dale	Sidney Overbay

Adult Bible Class: Please join us each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
This week we continue the Lutheran Hour Video Bible Study,
A Man Named Luther, Part One: Session Two of Five—The Man



*Thank
You*

Linda and I extend our love and thanks to all for the cards and gifts received this Christmas. It is our prayer and hope that everyone know the Lord Jesus as their Savior and have the joy and peace which God alone can give. Have a blessed new year as we walk in Christ together. —Pastor Domke

Sunday School Notes: Today in Sunday school and on Wednesday at Kids 4 Christ, we learn about Jesus teaching the Pharisee Nicodemus under the cover of night. Since the fall into sin, all are born spiritually blind, sinful, and unclean. We are like Nicodemus and cannot see our sin or understand who Jesus truly is for us. As children of God, born of water and the Spirit, we can see our sinfulness and the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. Discuss with your children, *"How did Baptism change you? What does Baptism do?"*

Main Street-Living - Kid's Crossing: January 8, 2017-Rev. Greg Lehr of Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls brings us today's message "Real Identity in 2017" based on Romans 6: 1-11. The Main Street Living will sing: Built on the Rock; God Loved the World So That He Gave; and O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired and is broadcast each Sunday on KDLT-NBC, Sioux Falls, at 10 a.m. Central time. The first 30 minutes of the Main Street Living hour is Kid's Crossing, a children's program. This week, on Kid's Crossing Miss Tina reads the story of Jesus in the temple at Passover.

Congregational Officers for 2017

The Elders of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church will be installed on Sunday, January 8, at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

Elder Chairman: Kerwin Haeder

Elders: Chuck Kranz-Vice Chairman, Dave Moser-Secretary, Neal Cruse, Chad Hanson, Chris Newman, Kyle Porisch, Dareld Schley

Installation of Officers

(Elders Please Stand)

THE CHARGE TO THE ELDERS:

As Elders in Christ's Church, you are to be examples of Christian conduct and conversation, faithful in worship and attendance at the Lord's Supper, regular in Bible study and in prayer.

As Elders in Christ's Church you are to assist the Pastors in all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the congregation; to assist the Pastors (when necessary) during the divine service, and to visit the sick and the erring.

The Elders are elected to serve as assistants to the Pastors, to support and give encouragement when they are discouraged, and to pray at all times especially when the demands of the office become burdensome.

The Elders are to admonish every member who has become inactive, warning them of the spiritual danger they are in and to call them back into the fellowship of the church, by means of the Law and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is also the responsibility of the Elders to admonish all those who have not brought their tithe according to their ability.

The Elders are to use their office to adjust differences and dissensions within the congregation and to restore peace.

The Elders are to see to it that the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and church discipline prescribed in the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions are practiced and preserved within the congregation.

Together with the Pastors, they shall examine all applications for membership in and administer all policies of the congregation.

And finally, the Elders are to see to it that the children are properly prepared through catechetical instruction to be received into communicant membership.

(The Elders shall come to the communion rail)

*The Scriptures tell us that as Elders in the Church you are to keep watch over the church (Acts 20:28) **"as men who must give an account"** to God. Hebrews 13:17*

The Office of Elder is a sober, yet sacred office in Christ's church. You are to serve in this office with humility and honor. This service is a great privilege and is to be respected and honored by all, for you are answering a call of God. Please give cheerful answer to the following questions.

The Solemn Words of Promise

Do you believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and that they are the only rule of faith and practice of the Church? And do you further believe that the Scriptures of both Testaments are infallible and inerrant?

Elders: I do so believe.

Will you heed the Scripture which says, "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear? I Peter 3:15

Elders: I will.

Do you accept the Lutheran Confessions that is the 'Book of Concord of 1580' are the true explanation of the Word of God?

Elders: I do so accept.

Do you promise to assist your Pastors as faithful helpers and endeavor to preserve peace and harmony within the fellowship?

Elders: I promise so to do!

Do you now in the presence of this congregation accept your election to the Office of Elder and solemnly promise to the best of your knowledge and ability to discharge all the duties of this office?

Elders: I do, with the help of the Lord.

Do you the members of this Congregation acknowledge and receive these brothers as Elders and do you solemnly promise to respect and honor the office to which they have been chosen, encouraging and supporting them in the faithful discharge of their office? If so, signify the same by rising and joining your hearts with ours in prayer.

(The Elders are now to kneel at the communion rail.)

Heavenly Father who in Your wisdom have endowed these servants with a diversity of spiritual gifts and abilities, and who have called them to Your service, we thank You for these servants whom we now consecrate and install into the Office of Elder. Bless them with Your grace that they may serve honorably and faithfully as servants in Your house.

Send Your Holy Spirit on them that their minds may be enlightened and their spirit kindled with Your Holy Fire. Make them wise and diligent in the performance of the spiritual affairs of the church. Teach them how effectively to promote peace, hospitality of spirit, and true Christian fellowship among the members of this congregation. May they gain a good standing in Your church and great boldness in the Christian faith both to defend it and to serve, that Your Holy Will might be done in this place through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and of this, His church, I now declare you to be consecrated and installed into the Office of Elder.

May God bless you and may His Spirit lead and guide you always.

(The Elders may return to their seats)

Congregational Officers for 2017

All officers, new and continuing, except the Board of Elders, of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church were installed Saturday, Dec. 31 or Sunday, Jan. 1.

Installation of Officers

President: Dave Niederbaumer

Vice President: Dave VanScharrel

Secretary: Dawn Birkeland

Treasurer: Kristen Bich

Finance Secretary: Rachel Peskey

Finance Board Members: Rella Quam, Judy Tschetter, Lila Stamp

Head Usher: Scott Adams

Membership Secretary: Janice Bich

Parish Education Chairman: Karla Sawvell

Stewardship Chairman: Bill Eining

Trustee Chairman: Terry McHenry

Trustee Board Members: Richard Gascoigne, Jeff Peskey, Butch Spain

Youth Chairman: Clint Bartel

Evangelism Chairman: Roger Kropuenske

School Board Chairman: Greg Bich



**New Member's Luncheon/Potluck
Sunday, January 8th right after 2nd Service
Come to Meet all our
New Members from 2016**

All Members are encouraged to attend for this time of Food and Fellowship as we publicly greet those who have joined our family in this past year as Members of Mount Calvary.

**Robert Blaseg, Kirk Echtenkamp, Brandi Jungemann,
Douglas and Jeanine Greenwood, Robert and Marlett Snoozy,
Jonathan Snoozy**

HOPE Fellowship Group will meet on January 13th at 7:00 p.m. at Daryl & Linda's. Please let them know by Wednesday, January 11th if you will or will not be attending.



BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE: New Year's Eve: 62 New Year's Day: 166
 Sunday School: 14 Adult Bible Class: 61

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General \$7,011	Offering numbers not available at this time			
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Matthew 3:15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. So here Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His baptism, so that in our baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. All our offerings back to our Lord are in thanksgiving for this One Great, True Offering.

2017 Offering Envelopes have been placed in the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone did not receive a box that would like one please contact the church office.

Offering Options The Board of Stewardship would like to make the congregation aware that they can give their offerings online if they so choose. First of all we should look at what scripture says. 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Everyone should give what they have decided to give in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver". 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 online, should you choose to do so, is through the bill pay services offered by your bank.

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 where you want the money to go
 (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.

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 merely 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.

This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Place
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service I	Sanctuary
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service I Children's Sermon	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class	Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service I Children's Sermon	Sanctuary
Monday		Pastor Domke's day off	
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Chapel	Preschool
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	3:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Boardroom
	5:15 p.m.	Confirmation/Kids 4 Christ	
	6:30 p.m.	All LYF activity and meal	Fellowship Hall
Thursday		Shut In Visits	
	6:00 p.m.	New Member Class	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Boardroom
Friday		Shut In Visits	
	7:00 p.m.	HOPE Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service I with Communion	Sanctuary



REFORMATION
2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus

Quotation from Martin Luther on the Gospel Reading

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD - Matthew 3:13-17

"The law was no longer to have validity, because the Man had now come for whose sake the Law had hitherto been observed. John, too, now looked upon his office as terminated; for now He had appeared who baptized not only with water, but also with the Holy Spirit." LW 22:161

*Quotation from Luther's Works, American Edition
(56 vols.; St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House and Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1955-1986).*