

January 14/15, 2017

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

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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 with Communion

Hymns: 411, 858, 821, 633, 574, 924

Liturgist: Pastor Dan Domke

Theme: Marriage and the Glory of God

Text: Ephesians 5:22-33

Sermon by: Pastor Dan Domke

Lector: 7:00 p.m. — Dave Moser

8:00 a.m. — Daryl Haeder

10:30 a.m. — Kerwin Haeder

**Flowers on the altar are given in glory to God in celebration of Elmer and Vylene Beckman’s 72nd wedding anniversary.**

## A STATEMENT OF OUR PRACTICE OF CLOSE COMMUNION

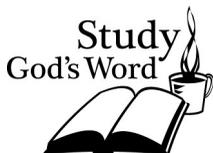
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. I Cor. 10:14ff. Our Lord invites to His table those who repent 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 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 the Pastor in his office prior to the service.** Visitors who have previously spoken with the Pastor, and who received permission to commune, do not need to seek permission for subsequent visits to the altar.

### 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., 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, Gladys Dick, Ruth Hornig, Esther Halbur, and Esther Borkowski.**
- ◊ 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

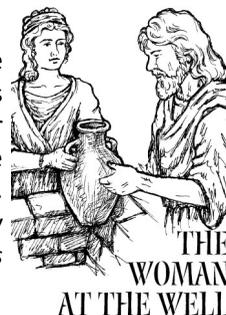
	7:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Organist:	Julie Kropuenske	Julie Kropuenske	Julie Kropuenske
Acolyte:	Anna Kruse	Isaac Machtemes	Samuel Kruse
Communion Assistants:	Dave Moser	Dareld Schley	Chad Hanson
	Neal Cruse	Chuck Kranz	Kerwin Haeder



**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 Three of Five—The Man

**Sunday School Notes:** Today's Sunday school lesson is the account of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. In this lesson, we learn that Jesus gives the Spirit, who cleanses us from sin and unrighteousness in the living water of Holy Baptism. Talk with your children about how sin causes us to have guilt and shame before God. Emphasize that through the water and Word of Holy Baptism all guilt and shame are removed. Discuss, *"Jesus comes for all people, no matter what race or color they are. Ordinary water leaves us thirsting for more, but the living water of Jesus, which flows from His Word and the font of Baptism, quenches our spiritual thirst forever."*



**Main Street-Living - Kid's Crossing:** January 15, 2017-Today's message, "Behold, the Lamb of God" is presented by Rev. Corey Aker of Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. The scriptural base is John 1: 36. The Hymns: All Glory, Laud, and Honor; I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say; and Go Tell it on The Mountain are sung by the Main Street Living Choir. 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 the program examines the word "Beloved" and how God used it at the baptism of Jesus. .

## Faith & Fellowship

**ACTSS Fellowship Group** will meet on January 27th at the Scoreboard at 6:00 p.m.. Afterwards we will meet at the Fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship. Please let Daryl or Linda know by January 25th if you will be coming.

**Enjoy a fresh made sub sandwich:** Made to your taste by the LYF youth for your Super Bowl Sunday treat. Forms are in the bulletin to preorder your delicious meal (sandwich and chips) and are only \$5 each. Sandwiches will be assembled on Saturday, February 4th from 9 a.m. until finished and can be picked up that morning also. Preorders are encouraged and very helpful, but we will have some extra for sale on Sunday too. Thank you for supporting the youth of our congregation. Any questions call/text Ann Cruse c)350-5810.



## Confirmation NEWS

### Acolyte Schedule for January-June 2017

The January-June 2017 schedule has been finalized. The schedule is posted on the website. A printed copy was given to each confirmand on Wednesday, January 4th. On the back of the printed sheets is a list of contact info.

These printed schedules and the contact info have been put in each parent's mailbox as well.

Acolytes are needed for every service throughout the year. **It is the Confirmand's responsibility to find a replacement if a conflict arises.**

## Faith & Fellowship

### Interested in learning more about joining either ACTSS or HOPE Fellowship Group?

Please call Daryl or Linda at 352-5667.

We meet one Friday night a month.

This is a great way to get to know people in our congregation.

We would love to have you join us. Please give us a try.



**BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE:** Weekend Worship: 228      Sunday School: 26      Adult Bible Class: 76

Weekly Budgeted	Offering Dec. 31	Needed to Date	Giving to Date	Budget Short Fall
General \$7,011	\$15,425.00	\$364,572.00	\$326,539.00	\$ 38,033.00
Mission \$1,698	\$ 1,265.00	\$ 88,296.00	\$ 79,990.00	\$ 8,306.00
Building \$ 576	\$ 0.00	\$ 29,952.00	\$ 28,187.00	\$ 1,765.00

Weekly Budgeted	Offering Jan. 1	Needed to Date	Giving to Date	Budget Short Fall
General \$7,090	\$ 6,160.00	\$ 7,090.00	\$ 6,160.00	\$ 930.00
Mission \$1,699	\$ 1,307.00	\$ 1,699.00	\$ 1,307.00	\$ 392.00
Building \$ 576	\$ 358.00	\$ 576.00	\$ 358.00	\$ 218.00

Weekly Budgeted	Offering Jan. 7/8	Needed to Date	Giving to Date	Budget Short Fall
General \$7,090	\$ 4,573.00	\$ 14,180.00	\$ 10,733.00	\$ 3,447.00
Mission \$1,699	\$ 1,188.00	\$ 3,398.00	\$ 2,495.00	\$ 903.00
Building \$ 576	\$ 3,008.00	\$ 1,152.00	\$ 3,2366.00	\$ +2,214.00

**Ephesians 5:27** "...so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish." Our Lord has cleansed us with His blood – in His sight we are now pure and holy. He has given Himself, laying down His life for us. Now we are his spotless and beautiful bride. By His sacrifice, we are moved to sacrifice. By His cleansing, we find a desire to ourselves be clean and live blamelessly as He is blameless.

**2016 Offering Statements** have been placed in the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone did not receive a statement that needs 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.

# Installation of Officers

**Elders for 2017** The Elders of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church were installed on Sunday, January 8, at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Kerwin Haeder-Chairman, Chuck Kranz-Vice Chairman, Dave Moser-Secretary, Neal Cruse, Chad Hanson, Chris Newman, Kyle Porisch, Dareld Schley

## **100th Anniversary of Lutheran Hour Ministries**

One hundred years ago, a group of faithful “pioneers” gathered together for the first time as laity to support the church in word and deed. It was with this particular act that the ministry of the International Lutheran Laymen’s League/Lutheran Hour Ministries (Int’l LLL/LHM) first formed. Today LHM is a trusted expert in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel to more than 51 million people worldwide each week. Through its North American headquarters and ministry centers on six continents, LHM reaches into more than 50 countries, often bring Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present.



Since our International Volunteer Trips program began in 2005, individuals on more than 90 teams have traveled overseas to work alongside local LHM staff and discover how God uses ordinary people to make an extraordinary difference. Through the International Ministries Partnership program LHM offers unique short-term volunteer team opportunities. Work alongside local LHM staff and volunteers in projects such as outreach events, ministry to children, construction, healthcare training, skills transfer, etc. LHM oversees all logistical details and manages the project in the host country. We also provide high quality DVD based short-term team volunteer training prior to the trip. For more details see the poster in the bulletin board case or go online [lhm.org/teams2017](http://lhm.org/teams2017)

# 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

## **Thank You From The Salvation Army**

To the Congregation at Mt. Calvary— We so appreciate all of you there for your faithful giving to our Food Pantry here at the Salvation Army. There were approximately 50 items donated recently. There were also personal items given besides the boxed and canned food. We can tell that there are thoughtful donors there. All will be put to good use. Thanks for helping us continue to help those families who are struggling to make ends meet. Blessings to all and best wishes for the New Year.

—Reva Pownell, Food Pantry Coordinator



**January 22, 2017 is the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** – Let’s Work to Make abortion, assisted suicide, and infanticide unthinkable. On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22, 1984 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. Churches around the United States still use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage. You can read the text of President Reagan’s speech at <https://reaganlibrary.archives.gov/archives/speeches/1984/11384c.htm>

**National March for Life is Friday, January 27, 2017** — You can join fellow Lutherans for the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. You are invited to join your LCMS brothers and sisters for a Divine Service beginning at 9:00 a.m. at The Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel. After the service we will travel by Metro to the march. If you cannot attend the worship service, please join the LCMS near 12th Street and Constitution Avenue for the March for Life. Look for the green umbrella. Please let us know if you will join us for the march and/or for worship by calling 888-THE LCMS or by emailing [infocenter@lcms.org](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org). Please provide the number of attendees in your group so we can plan accordingly. [www.lcms.org/marchforlife](http://www.lcms.org/marchforlife)



**LCMS Life Conference—January 27-29, 2017**

The 2017 LCMS Life Conference is scheduled at the Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel in Arlington, VA. The conference is open to all LCMS Lutherans and invited guests. Join LCMS Life Ministry as we proclaim God’s truth

that all life is sacred — from the very beginning until the natural end.

**2017 South Dakota Lutherans For Life Essay Contest**

For any Lutheran student or student in a Lutheran school

Grades 6 through 12

Sponsored by Lutherans For Life of South Dakota, Inc.



**Contest Guidelines:**

1. Students will write a life-affirming essay that must be based on the 2017 Conference theme: **Hope For Life** and 1Peter 3:15 *“in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect”*
2. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are: abortion, the handicapped, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide or euthanasia.
3. Essays should include student’s name, grade (Identify school or church) and email address. All entries submitted by a teacher or pastor, should include their name and email address.
4. All sources for references, statistics and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end.
  - Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words
  - Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words
5. Entries should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word to [jjohns8@yahoo.com](mailto:jjohns8@yahoo.com) by **March 15, 2017**. Questions about the contest should be directed to this email address.
6. State awards will be \$100 for first place in each category, \$50 for second place in each category.
7. Grand Prize for national winning entry at each level: \$250 plus free conference registration to the 2017 Regional Conference of their choice and 1 hotel night at a conference hotel.
8. All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life.
9. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see: [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Place
Saturday, Jan. 14	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service I with Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday, Jan. 15	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service I with Communion	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class	Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service I with Communion	Sanctuary
	11:40 a.m.	Board of Stewardship Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Monday, Jan 16		Pastor Domke at Lenten Workshop	Mitchell
Tuesday, Jan. 17		Pastor Domke at Lenten Workshop	Mitchell
	7:00 p.m.	Voter's Assembly	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Jan. 18	3:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Boardroom
	5:15 p.m.	Confirmation/Kids 4 Christ	
Thursday, Jan. 19	12:30 p.m.	SunQuest Village Communion Service	SunQuest Village
	2:00 p.m.	Mt. Calvary Communion Service	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	New Member Class	NE Small Classroom
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	SunQuest Village
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Boardroom
Saturday, Jan. 21	10:30 a.m.	Quilt Guild	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctity of Human Life Service	Sanctuary



**REFORMATION**  
2017 It's *Still* All About  
**Jesus**

### **Quotation from Martin Luther on the Gospel Reading**

#### **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - John 2:1-11**

“From the beginning of the world God appointed signs in addition to His Word, so that people had an opportunity to behold with their physical eye that God loved His people and church and was disposed to be their benefactor. ... Thus God at all times bestowed external, visible signs to accompany the office of the ministry, lest we complain that we cannot find God.” LW 22:420

*Quotation from Luther's Works, American Edition*

*(56 vols.; St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House and Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1955-1986).*