

"Sharing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ"

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Welcome

We welcome you in Christ's name and thank you for sharing this worship moment with us. May this time of praise both honor God and inspire you.

We invite you to join us following worship for a time of fellowship with coffee & treats in our Fellowship Hall (through the glass doors in the gathering area).

If you are looking for a church home, come and explore all that Calvary has to offer. Please fill out a blue "Communion Participation & Visitor Registration" card, located in the pew pockets, so that we may get to know you better. You may drop it in the offering basket or hand it to an usher. Then feel free to stop in at our "Welcome Desk" and pick up more information about our many ministries.

If you have any questions, please speak with the Pastor or any of our staff or volunteers wearing a grey nametag.

Please silence cell phones during worship.

Order of Worship

LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green) RPB: Red Pew Bible

WOV: With One Voice (blue) *please stand as able

The entire worship service is projected on the screen.

PREPARATORY PRAYER

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only begotten Son, so that by his advent we may be enabled to serve you with purified minds; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE: "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn" Improvisation

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "Light of Hope, Light of Peace" Cherub Choir

*Confession & Forgiveness LBW Pg. 56

*OPENING HYMN: "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

WOV 633

*LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES:

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (vs. 1-3) WOV 630

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146 James 5:7-11 Matthew 11:2-15

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Sunday Only)

SERMON: An Unlikely Messenger Pastor Dawn Spies

*SERMON HYMN: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LBW 25

*APOSTLE'S CREED LBW pg. 65

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

OFFERING: "Creator of the Stars of Night" Advent Chant

Sunday: Celebration Ringers

*OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" LBW pg. 66

Saturday Only

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION: "People, Look East" Linda Lamb

Sunday: Celebration Ringers

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN: "Hark! The Glad Sound" LBW 35

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: "Hark! The Glad Sound" Healey Willan

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TIME OF PRAYER FOR THE CALL PROCESS

We invite everyone to join the Call Committee, Council, and Deacons as we pray before the altar immediately following worship. We'll pray for The Call process, the person the Holy Spirit has identified to be our next pastor, the congregation, and the Call Committee, that we may discern and obey God's will.

Notes on Worship

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Large print bulletins are available from an usher. Here are a few notes to help you participate fulling in worship.

Worship Books

Though the entire service is projected on the screen, if you'd like to refer to the music for a hymn, you will find our hymn books in the pew-back in from of you. "Page" numbers are in the front, "Hymn" numbers are the larger numbers on the top corners of the page.

Communion

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is present in this meal are welcome to receive communion with us.

When directed by an Usher, please come forward using the center aisle and kneel or stand at the altar rail. You will receive the bread then the wine. Grape juice & gluten free wafers are available upon request. Children who do not yet commune receive a blessing. Once you have been served, please return to your pew by the side aisles.

If you are unable to come forward but wish to receive communion, let an Usher know and communion will be brought to you.

Flowers for the Altar

Thank you for your gracious gestures of assisting in beautifying the altar with flowers. The cost is \$35. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Sunday Hospitality Treats

Sign up to provide treats (donuts, bagels, etc.) for Sunday hospitality time following worship. You may bring the treats (3-4 dozen) or simply add a "P" behind your name and pay \$30 to the church office and the Youth Hospitality Coordinator will purchase treats for you. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Next Week's Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-17 Psalm 24 Second Lesson: Romans1:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Prayers of the People

Healing, comfort & strength for: Angie Schatz; Lydia Trudell; Lily Uhren; Roy Adelman; Jan Chesner; Loren Pollesch (grandfather of Megan Sayas); Stephanie Loose (friend of Ruth Young); Scott Smith (Bob Smith's brother); Barb Dewey (mother of Sallie Schulz); Casey Clark (grandson of Judy Kestly); Amanda Clark Krause (daughter-in-law of Bill and Jane Krause); Darryl Olson (brother of Leah Morris); former Calvary organist, Bill Bravener; Rick Kebbekus (brother-in-law of Sallie Schulz); Julie Starich (Mary Ellen & Tom Thiede's son's mother-in-law);

Serving in the Military: Zachery Becker (grandson of Reg & Sue Becker, serving in US Army); Samantha Bland (daughter of Kim Nyka); Kyle Pierce (son of Karen & Keith Pierce, serving in the US Army); Alex Olson (Air Force, grandchild of Ardath Olson); all military chaplains.

For All Men and Women Serving: Police Officers, Firefighters, & First Responders.

Serving in the mission field: Our NALC missionaries and missionaries everywhere, who take the Gospel of Christ Jesus to those who are perishing.

As a general guideline, we place people on the weekly prayer list for two weeks but will keep them on longer as needed. Please keep us updated. See the Crossroads for our long-term and shut-in prayer lists.

Please inform the church office of any births, illnesses, hospitalizations, deaths or any prayer requests, as well as changes in contact information or family status.

Mission & Outreach

December Mission of the Month Seminaries & Seminarians

This month Calvary's mission focus is on education with the support of seminaries and seminarians. Donations will be



used to support the two components of one NALC Seminary system: the Seminary Center at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pa., and Houses of Studies located within NALC Mission Districts.

Calvary has supported the NALC Seminary the past few years with an appeal in December. The hope is as we look at our blessings, we conclude that a Christmas gift to the Seminary would be an appropriate way to thank the Lord for the abundance He has provided to us. Also, the Endowment Fund has sent a gift to the Seminary to further their important work to send out future shepherds of the flock.

Please join us in sending our Christmas gift to the NALC Seminary as our response to the blessings we have received. Use your weekly offering envelopes, white pew envelopes, or give online. Checks should be made out to Calvary Lutheran Church and note: December Mission of the Month

News & Opportunities

Advent Devotionals Available

Please pick up a free Advent Devotional on the tables in the Narthex near the glass doors. There are devotionals for adults and children to use as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Third World Shoppe - Sunday, December 11

The Third World Shoppe will once again be selling articles from around the world following worship on Sunday, December 11. Support third world missions and do a little Christmas shopping for some really unique items

Christmas Poinsettias for Sale

Beautiful red and white poinsettias are available for purchase to be placed at the altar for Christmas services. Please order by December 14 using the insert in the bulletin. Cost is \$25 each.

Monday Morning Movie - December 12 at 9 a.m.

We're stepping back into 1940 to watch "The Shop Around the Corner" starring Margaret Sullavan and Jimmy Stewart. In this wonderful black and white film, two shop clerks in Budapest fall in love while corresponding as anonymous pen pals. The timing for the ending is perfect – Christmas Eve. Two brief but fascinating bonus features added to the bill will bring our total viewing time to just about 2 hours.

Please note the date for this movie morning. It will be the <u>second</u> Monday for this month only. We'll return to our regular third Monday of the month in January.

Armor of God Bible Study

Monday and Tuesday, December 12 & 13, respectively, are the final days of this bible study and will include a viewing of "War Room - Prayer is a Powerful Weapon" starring Priscilla Shirer. The Monday session will start at 6:30 p.m. and conclude approximately 9 p.m. Tuesday there will be only one session starting at 1 p.m. and concluding approximate 3:30 p.m.

Men's Ministry Gathering

The Men's Ministry will gather this month on the third Thursday, December 15, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and devotion/discussion time at 7 p.m.

Food Sunday

Thank you to everyone who contributed last month. The next Food Sunday is **Cleaning Products Sunday**, with collection on **December 17** & 18, 2016. Recommended items include dish or laundry detergent, cleaning products for kitchens & bathrooms, etc. Other items of need at the Waukesha Food Pantry are rice, canned meats, fruits or vegetables, soups, and cereals. If you prefer to make a monetary contribution, please mark your envelope or check with the notation "Food Pantry".

Women's Winter Bible Series - "Breathe"

After the busy days of December, it's time for us women to "Breathe".

"Breathe" is the title of the 5 session DVD-based Bible study led by Priscilla Shirer planned for January, February and early March.

We will offer each session at three different times so you can come to the one that fits your schedule any particular week. For the Monday evening sessions, we'll meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and for the Tuesday daytime sessions, we'll offer a session from 10:30 to noon and another from 1 to 2:30 p.m. All sessions will be in Room 109 – the media room. The dates of the sessions as well as more information on the study are in the December Crossroads and on the glass doors of the Narthex.

Through a generous gift from a friend of Calvary, we are able to offer the student guide at no cost! Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Narthex glass doors by December 31 – and bring a friend. We know God has something new to teach us about Sabbath.

St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program

There will *not be* a meal program for St. Vincent de Paul on Monday, December 26, 2016. Thank you for your meals and serving in 2016 and we will resume on Monday, January 23, 2017.

Christian Education and Youth

Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsals!

Rehearsals are on Sunday, December 11, from 11:30 - noon and Sunday, December 18, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.



Pastor's Bible Study

For the next few weeks we will be studying the upcoming weekend readings! Come and join us! Simply take a few minutes to read the texts before class, then come and join the conversation.

Homework for December 14: Readings: Isaiah 7:10-17; Psalm 24; Romans 1:1-7; and Matthew 1:18-25.

Join us on Wednesday at noon in the Media Room! Feel free to bring a bag lunch if you like!

Middle School & High School Students Ski & Snowboard Retreat at Lutherdale!

Plan now to strap on your skis for some fun, faith, and fellowship on the slopes February 10 - 12, 2017. Your deposit of \$25 is due by January 8 along with your registration form. Final payment of \$100 plus lift fee of \$49 and equipment rental of \$28, as needed, is due February 5. Forms are available from Pastor Dawn. Chaperones are needed - they only pay for any equipment rental as Calvary will cover your retreat cost and lift ticket.

Upcoming Events

December 11, 2p	"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at Sunset
	Playhouse
December 12, 9a	Monday Morning Movie
December 12, 6:30p	Armor of God
December 13, 1p	Armor of God
December 14	Poinsettia Orders Due
December 15, 6p	Men's Ministry Gathering
December 17-18	December Food Sunday

Attendance & Offering

Attendance at worship last weekend: Sat: 25 Sun: 156

Received in December to date:

General Fund \$ 6,096.80 Mission of Month \$ 250.00 Building Fund \$ 25.00

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All staff can be reached by calling the Church Office at 262-786-4010.

This Week at Calvary

	ecember 12, 2016 Serenity Inn Meal Program
	Armor of God
7:00p	Christian Clowns
Tuesday, D	December 13, 2016
9:30a	
1:00p	Armor of God
1:00p	Rebekah Circle
6:00p	Celebration Ringers
7:00p	Families Anon
7:30p	Non Smoking AA
Wednesday	y, December 14, 2016 Council Reports Due
	Men's Breakfast
	Pastor's Bible Study
7:00p	Alleluia Choir
7:00p	Executive Committee
Thursday.	December 15, 2016
	Calvary Quilters
11:00a	
	Men's Ministry Gathering
	DivorceCare
Friday, Dec	cember 16, 2016
• /	Al Anon
Saturday, 1	December 17, 2016
	Worship
2.00p	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Sunday, De	ecember 18, 2016 Food Sunday
	Worship
10:20a	Contemporary Musicians
10:30a	Adult, High School & Confirmation Education
10:45a	Sunday School
11:30a	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

This Weekend at Calvary

Saturday, December 10, 2016

5:00p Worship

Sunday, December 11, 2016

8:00a	Youth & Family Committee
9:00a	Worship
10:00a	Third World Shoppe
10:20a	Contemporary Musicians
10:30a	Church Life Committee
10:30a	Adult, High School, & Confirmation Education
10:45a	Sunday School
11:30a	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
2:00p	"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at Sunset Playhouse

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Dawn L. Spies

Organist: Gene Traas

Assisting Minister: Scott Langelin

Lector: Karen Pierce

Acolytes: Connor Morris, Natalie Anderson Altar Guild: Shirley Brodell, Marge Tyne Children's Sermon: Mary Baumgartner Deacons: Saturday - Ernie Kretschmann

Sunday - Carol Roe, Terry Trotier, Judy Sayas

Greeters: Saturday - Ray & Jan Chesner, Mark & Lydia Trudell

Sunday - Jonni Roush, Judy DeBruine, Lee & Marilyn

Hermann

PowerPoint Tech: Saturday - Lydia Trudell

Sunday - Jared Springer

Ushers: Rich Baumgartner, Jim Brostowitz, Gordy Gunnlaugsson,

Mandi Rian

Flowers provided by: Chuck & Jan Lukasik in memory of Robert

Pfeiffer

Hospitality: Nadine Schuelke