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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2015

Lessons & Carols, Dec. 6th—3pm

Calvary's biennial Christmas Concert takes the form of the Lessons and Carols service, a ceremony performed around the world.

Lessons and Carols has its roots in the United Kingdom, but ours will have a flavor reflecting Calvary's heritage. Readings will be offered up by many Calvary members and staffers; stirring hymns of the season will be led for the congregation to sing; and carols and other Advent and Christmas music will be presented by Calvary's Contemporary Christian Music ensembles, the Celebration Ringers Handbell Choir, and the Alleluia Choir.

The Alleluia Choir and Celebration Ringers will be under the direction of Gene Traas, Calvary's Director of Music Ministry, who will also be leading hymns on the 1998 Lynn Dobson pipe organ.

The Lessons and Carols concert is free to the public, with a reception held afterward. The reception will feature a variety of Nativity Scene displays from around the world.

Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors!

Saturday, December 5th - Christmas Caroling

Come and sing and visit our friends at the following locations:

<u>10-11am—Care-Age Facility (1755 N. Barker Rd., Brookfield)</u> - Meet at 9:50am in facility lobby for prayer

<u>11:30-12:30—Brookfield Rehab (</u>18740 W. Bluemound Rd., Brookfield) - Meet at 11:20am in facility lobby for prayer.

<u>1-2pm—Heritage Place (17560 W. North Ave., Brookfield)</u> - Meet at 12:50pm in facility lobby for prayer.

Please sign up on sheet in Narthex or contact Mr. Mark at mark@calvarylc.com. There will be a chili supper afterwards. Please let mark know if you can bring any chili or fixin's.

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Sharing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.

From the Church Office

Thursday, December 24	Closed at noon
Monday, December 28	Closed
Tuesday, December 29	9am-noon
Wednesday, December 30	9am-noon
Thursday, December 31	Closed at noon
Friday, January 1	Closed

Holiday Hours

- As we approach the end of 2015, we ask that you please look carefully and prayerfully at your financial giving for the year.
- 2016 offering envelopes will be mailed directly to your homes mid-December. Please watch the mail for this delivery.
- The financial books close on Thursday, December 31. To ensure proper credit for 2015 tax purposes, please have your contributions in the church office by the 31st. Contributions received after the 31st will not be credited to your 2015 giving. Thank you for your continued support of the many ministries at Calvary.
- By the constitution we are required to maintain an active membership roll. Membership at Calvary is indicated by participating in its ministry in worship, communing, and giving in time, talent and money. By the time of the annual meeting, the membership will be reviewed. During the stewardship activity in November, people had the opportunity to renew their membership and commitment to Calvary. If you should have any questions regarding this, please speak with the pastor. The goal is not numbers, but meaningful ministry for an individual and for us as a congregation.
- Please remember to notify the church office with any change to your contact information.
- We would like to wish you and your families a blessed Christmas. It is our pleasure to work with such a spirit-filled congregation, working to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a staff we give thanks for your support this past year. Your willingness to help, your support of our efforts, and your kind words and caring have touched us all throughout the year. The Holy Spirit has blessed us with your many gifts. Thanks for sharing them in ministry at Calvary. We trust that you have been fed and comforted by God's love and that you have been able to express your faith through your giving to this faith community. May the birth of the One who is the Word of God bring joy, peace, and love into your home and to your family.
 - Gene Traas Mark Myers Kris Molitor Holly Novotny Amy Leitermann

God is great God is good let us thank Him for all we have.

Please check the weekly bulletin for those people needing our urgent prayers. If you have any prayer requests, please call or email the church office. We ask for continued prayers for:

Ongoing prayer concerns: Ron Foster; Bea Foster; Marge Skarie; Wayne Dieck; Mary Moen; Ginnie Cox; Mary Ellen (sister of Craig Busche); The Rev. Dr. Barry Ward; Debra Niclosh & Nicole Krist (friends of Mark Myers). **Shut-Ins:** Dorothy Larsen; Lowell Sonderman; John Ellison; Marge Fuller; Ruth Yankus; Liz Gjenvick; Jean Anderson; Mary Moen; June Johnson; Donna Polizzi, Marge Skarie; Mickey Rash; Bill Rash Jr. (son of Mickey Rash).

Prayers

It's About Our Family

Pictures from Cora Elizabeth Schmitz's Baptism





December MOM: Seminary Fund and Lutheran College Report

This month Calvary's mission focus is on education. Donations will be used to support the two components of one NALC Seminary system: a Seminary Center at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pa., and Houses of Studies located within

NALC Mission Districts, as well as supporting Calvary college students either attending a Lutheran college or pursuing a degree in an area of

ministry.

Education is important for the continuation of our Biblical centeredness and for providing a place with resources to support our congregations, clergy and teachers. The establishment of a seminary to provide for the theological education of future pastors for the North American Lutheran Church was approved at the annual NALC Convocation last year.

Donations to Calvary's Mission of the Month for December go toward supporting both our new NALC Seminary and our Calvary students attending a Lutheran college or pursuing a degree in a ministry field. Use your weekly offering envelopes, white pew envelopes, or give online. Checks should be made out to Calvary Lutheran Church and note: Dec. Mission of the Month

December Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Calvary's Cupboard last month. Items collected are taken to the Waukesha Food Pantry. The next Food Sunday is Cleaning Products Sunday, with collection December 19 and 20, 2015. Recommended items include dish or laundry detergent, scouring pads and powder, Pine Sol, Lysol, Windex and toilet bowl cleaners. Other items of need are canned meats, baby food, soups, pasta, and cereals. If you prefer to make a monetary contribution, please mark your envelope or check with the notation, "Food Pantry."

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Create Your Own Canvas Painters



TRUNK OR TREAT!



The Calvary Crossroads is published monthly. All news articles should be submitted to the church office by the deadline listed on the church calendar. Electronic submissions are preferred (email: amy@calvarylc.com).

If you received this issue via email only and would like to receive a printed copy in the mail, please contact the Calvary church office. Printed copies are available at church also.



Please Note:

If you need to make special arrangements, please call Lydia at 414-704-8699. We will also add dates in January and February if needed.

If you do not want your photo included in the new directory, please send Amy an email at amy@calvarylc.com with subject line, "No photo."



SUMMER FOOD FIGHT!





Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 22 was the last Sunday in the Church Year. Next Sunday the whole thing starts over with the First Sunday in Advent. The lessons emphasize the reign of Christ. In Jeremiah, God promises a king in David's line who will rule wisely, maintain law and justice, and be called, "The Lord is our Righteousness." In Colossians, St. Paul seems to be quoting a hymn or creedal statement that proclaims Jesus as the first of everything and authority over all. Paul concludes by saying that all this took place "when He made peace by His death on the cross." The Gospel lesson is that story of the cross, with its touching tale of the penitent thief hanging next to our Lord.

In the New Testament, Jesus is clearly identified as that King. Sunday's lesson from Colossians is just one place where He is seen as Co-Creator, the fullness of God, and King. In Sunday's Gospel lesson, the identity of King is made facetiously and mockingly. Most bizarre of all, it is His indictment and verdict, written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek, above Him on the cross: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS." The taunts of the soldiers are filled with satire and irony: "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." Jesus had a different goal: as King of Jews and Gentiles alike, He saved us!

Third World Shoppe

The Third World Shoppe will once again be selling articles from around the world following worship on Sunday, December 13.

Support third world missions and do a little Christmas shopping for some really unique items.



On Christ the King Sunday we use the color White to signify purity, holiness, glory, and joy.

By <u>Todd Stevens</u>|2010-11-19T16:26:35-06:00November 19th, 2010|<u>Events</u>, <u>ILC News</u>, <u>Lutheran Doctrine</u>



Online & Automated Giving

Did you know that Calvary offers the option of online and automated giving? But what, exactly, does that mean?

Online giving gives you the opportunity to give Calvary via an authorized withdrawal from your savings or checking account or with a credit card. This giving can be a one-time gift or an automated monthly gift.

Members who currently use online giving say it is easy and takes the worry out of forgetting their weekly envelope when coming to worship.

Your automated giving can be changed at any time. Here's how to sign up or change your account:

1.) Go online to the Calvary website, go to the "Online Giving" button at the bottom of the home page. Follow the directions to enter your information. Please remember your login information to access your account.

2.) You can pick up a "Simply Giving" brochure in the church Narthex, fill it out, and attach voided check or savings deposit slip, and return to church office.

Check it out! And as always, thank you for your contributions to Calvary!

Serving at Worship	<u>Dec. 5 & 6</u> Sat. 5p; Sun. 9a	<u>Dec. 12 & 13</u> Sat. 5p; Sun. 9a	<u>Dec. 19 & 20</u> Sat. 5p; Sun. 9a	Dec. 24 Thurs. 4p, 10p candlelight	<u>Dec. 25</u> Fri. 10a	<u>Dec. 27</u> Sun. 9a
ACOLYTES	Kian Leonard, Bobby Vollmar			Bobby Vollmar, Rebecca Warber	Emily Berger, Kian Leonard	Emily Berger, Natalie Anderson
ALTAR GUILD	Shirley Brodell, Marge Tyne	Jonni Roush, RoJean Holler			Marge Tyne	Jonni Roush, Janice Tschetter
ASST MINISTER	Scott Langelin	Lee Tyne	Kevin Wahlgren	Kevin Wahlgren, Scott Langelin	Kevin Wahlgren	TBA
Children's Sermon	Michael Anderson & Daniel Berger	Angio Nobotz - Mork Muorg		Mark Myers	Angie Schatz	
DEACONS (HOSP)	[Sat] Ernie [Sun] Grace, Terry, Mary, Donna	[Sat] Lydia [Sun] Mary, Sue, Grace, Ruby	[Sat] Ernie [Sun] Karen, Grace, Carol, Donna	4pm Keith, Grace, Mary 10pm Larry, Peggy, Scott	Lydia, Sue, Ernie	Keith, Carol, Karen, Terry
FLOWERS	Don & Joanne Krause	Ron & Jean Holman	Chuck & Jan Lukasik			Rev. & Mrs. Jack Tretheway
GREETERS	[Sat] Langelin [Sun] DeBruine, Sayas	[Sat] Trudell [Sun] Marsho, Grospitz	[Sat] Marshall [Sun] Rooney, Roush, Rowe	4pm Veenendaal, Hirth, Gunnlaugsson 10pm Langelin, Johnson B.	Trudell	Lau, Herman
LECTOR	Larry Bonier	Chuck Lukasik	Chuck Giuliani	Scott Langelin	TBA	Jim Kalupa
PowerPoint	[Sat] TBA [Sun] Sue Rowe	[Sat] Mark Trudell [Sun] Larry Bonier	[Sat] Sue Rowe [Sun] TBA		Mark Trudell	Sue Rowe
USHERS	Rooney, Pierce	Zipp, Altmin, Elliot, Grospitz	Bonier, Citraro, Trudell, Harrison	Volunteer	Volunteer	Sayas, Schatz, Nyka, Meyer

<u>December</u> <u>Birthdays</u>			<u>Date</u>		<u>Date</u>	Belefut	KS S	
	<u>Date</u>	Schuelke, Nadine	11	Rooney, Carol	20	00		
Hoffman, Mark	2	Liu, Caleb	14	Schmelzer, Dean	22	<u>December</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
Rose, Shelby	2	Kalupa, Amanda	15	Treadwell, Richard	22	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Foley, John	5	Kretschmann, Brian	15	Anderson, Lynnette	24	Juno, Elton and Joanne	4	29
Long, Robert	5	Smith, Robert	15	Anderson, Michael	24	Holman, Ronald and Jean	26	62
Knuth, Ashley	8	Chesner, Ray	17	Kramer, Jene	27	Duckett, Michael and Jill	27	27
Swalheim, Chad	8	Jenke, Noel	17	Hanke, Gabrielle	29	Tretheway, Jack and Donna	27	66
Giuliani, Timothy	9	Treutelaar, Patricia	18	Klade, Judith	31	Nowicki, Nicole and Jeremy	28	5
Miller, Susan	10	Holman, Ronald	20	Schulz, Sallie	31	Treadwell, Richard and Carol	29	42

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Sunday		Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday
29 ADVENT BEGINS 8:00 AM Worship 10:10 AM - 10:35 AM Cherub Choir 10:30 AM - 11:16 AM Adult-Ed 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Confirmation Class 10:30 AM - 11:16 AM Sunday School	30 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Bible Study	1 8:30 AM Staff Meeting 8:00 PM Celebration Ringers 7:00 PM Families Anon 7:00 PM Worship & Music Committee 7:30 PM Non- Smoking AA	2 7:00 AM Men's Breaktast 7:00 PM Alleula Choir	3 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Quilters 12:00 PM Amazing Grace Adult Study	4 12:00 PM Al Anon	5 Name Tag Weekend 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Caroling 6:00 PM Worship
6 Name Tag Weekend 3:00 AM Youth & Family Committee 9:00 AM Worship 10:10 AM - 10:36 AM Cherub Cheir 10:30 AM - 11:16 AM Adult Ed 10:30 AM - 11:16 AM Adult Ed 10:30 AM - 11:16 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Lessons & Carols Christmas Concert 8:00 PM - 7:00 PM Elementary PATH	7 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Bible Study	8 8:30 AM Staff Meeting 12:30 PM Women's Ministry Bible Study 8:00 PM Celebration Ringers 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting 7:00 PM Families Anon 7:30 PM Non- Smoking AA	9 COUNCIL REPORT8 DUE 7:00 AM Men's Breaktast 7:00 PM Alleula Choir 7:00 PM Exec Meeting	10 8:30 AM Calvary Knitting Group 2:00 PM Foster Small Group	11 12:00 PM Al Anon	12 6:00 PM Worship
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The Call Process

The Holy Spirit certainly has been at work with and through the Call Committee these past several months. We know that God is leading this process and that God already knows who will be the next Pastor at Calvary. We thought at this time it would be helpful to share the steps that the Call Committee is going through to meet that person.

Our process began by surveying the congregation on the top ministry needs of Calvary. We took that information and completed a Congregational Profile that was submitted to the NALC. The NALC then shared our Congregational Profile with pastors actively seeking a call. In addition, the NALC shares Congregational Profiles with all NALC pastors once a month.

If a candidate is interested in Calvary based on our Congregational Profile, he or she submits a Pastoral Profile that our committee reviews and discusses. From there, we decide as a committee if we would like to hear sermons from the candidate or not. After the committee listens to and discusses the sermons, an initial interview may take place. Depending on where the person is currently serving, this initial interview may take place face to face, via phone or via video conference. If we feel God is leading us towards a path together, we will have additional interviews and conversations. This may include visiting the pastor's current congregation to hear them preach and lead worship.

As we become more confident that God is leading us down the same path we will ask the candidate to come to Calvary with their family to preach for a weekend. We may bring more than one pastor & their family to Calvary to preach. Ultimately the Call Committee will recommend a pastor that we believe God has chosen to be the next Shepard of Calvary. At this time a special congregational meeting will be called and the congregation will vote whether or not to extend a call to the recommended pastor. Upon a successful vote, a formal Call will be extended. Once the Pastor accepts the Call, arrangements will be made for moving, installation and celebration.

It is important to point out that at any time in these steps the pastor or the Committee may feel that God is not leading us down the same path and the process will cease with that particular pastor. Accordingly, the NALC will continue to send us Pastoral Profiles regardless of where we are in the process with other pastoral candidates.

The Call Committee has worked diligently to come up with a strong, honest Congregational Profile that highlights all of the wonderful attributes of Calvary. We have also spent many hours crafting interview questions for all stages of the call process. We have spent time in Bible study and prayer, working together to patiently wait for God's will to be done. We have recently received the first pastoral profiles from the NALC and are at the beginning stages of listening to sermons. While we are excited to take this next step in the process, we know that this process may proceed slowly over the next several months. We ask for your continued patience, support and prayers during this process. Feel free to speak to any of the committee members for clarification on the call process. -Calvary Lutheran Church Call Committee

Advent Sunday

The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new church year.

It is a time when we yearn for the gift that God promises the world through the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. As a worshiping assembly, we lean forward to anticipate the fulfillment of the promise of new life and confidently proclaim the present reality of all things new in Jesus Christ.

In our Advent worship the readings, prayers, hymns, sermon and the Advent traditions reflect hopeful expectation and present the reality of Christ's tangible presence in a world that longs to be healed and renewed.

Advent Wreath

The visible reminder of the Advent season in many churches and homes is the Advent wreath. The wreath is displayed beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, and remains up through the Christmas holidays. As Advent advances, candles are lit sequentially as a reminder that we are waiting for the birth of Christ.

There is no one "correct' way for an Advent wreath to be fashioned. All Advent wreaths are rich with symbolism to help understand and remember the true meaning of the season and what is to come.

Why is the Advent wreath a circle? To remind us of God's never-ending love for us.

Calvary Christmas Poinsettias for Sale

Red and white Poinsettias are available for purchase, to be placed at the altar for Christmas services. The plants are top quality with three plants per pot, wrapped in colored foil.

We invite you to purchase one or more by filling out this form and returning it to the church office, along with your check (made out to Calvary Lutheran Church) by Wednesday, December 16th. (Please note, "Poinsettia" in the memo line of your check.)

Number of plants @ \$25 each:	
Red White	
Amount enclosed:	
In memory of:	
In honor of:	
Donor(s) Name(s):	

Names of those memorialized or honored (and donor) will be published in the Christmas church bulletins.

Please note: The Poinsettias will be displayed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Please make arrangements to take your plant(s) home after Friday, Dec. 25th worship and before Sunday, Jan. 3rd.

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Worship Service/Event Cancellation Due to Weather:

As we move into winter, worship services and other events will proceed as scheduled unless notice is given otherwise. As always, if you feel you cannot safely proceed to worship/an event, please make the best decision for you and your family. When worship services (or other church events) are cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be announced on TODAY'S TMJ4. As soon as possible, it will also be sent via Constant Contact email. On weekdays, due to inclement weather, the church office may open late or close early during business hours.

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