

CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



December 2017 / January 2018 Monthly Newsletter

From the Pastors

In a recent email exchange, Pastor Ebert asked a number of pointed questions:

- How do we deal with the belief in our culture that no one should “judge” another?
- How do we deal with a culture that has very real relational needs, yet continues to escape into technology?
- How do we reach out to the person who is “spiritual” and not “religious”—the person who thinks he doesn’t need to come to church to connect with God?

Pastor Ebert’s questions are all about how we interact with our changing culture. One person responded: “I deal with this problem weekly with my own kids. How do we change the culture?” This got me thinking...

Most people don’t like change (and Lutherans know this very well)! If we want the culture to change, we face a major challenge meeting people “where they are” without compromising our own beliefs. How should Christians interact with their homosexual neighbors? How do we respond to coworkers who cut corners in the workplace “because no one will know?” How ought we react when our friends make dangerous decisions with drugs or alcohol? How do we lovingly encourage people to attend church regularly? These are all real and pressing questions, and they often are emotionally-charged as well. Many don’t even know where to start.

Do we, like Paul, become “All things to all people, that some might believe?” Do we love them where they are? Or do we “Flee sexual immorality,” and “Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness?” Many see these as an either/or, but I’m not certain that they are mutually exclusive. Christians **can** love their neighbor while disagreeing with their actions. However, when we disagree, it’s important to remember that we can’t reach out to someone by only crying, “Change!”—we’ll only push them away. If our *entire* interaction with someone is disagreement with them, then we won’t leave a particularly *loving* impression, regardless of our intentions.

So when do Christians fulfill this commandment to flee immorality? Is it when they reprimand their neighbor? Or might it rather be when they heed Christ’s command to “first remove the plank from their own eyes?” We are all saint *and* sinner. We all have planks to remove, and we always will... at least until Christ returns. So while we wait for His return, we walk a constant tightrope. We flee immorality in our own lives. We avoid false teaching. We try to “remove the planks from our own eyes.” But we also love our neighbor. Occasionally, that love will call us to reach out in love to immoral people, people we disagree with. Is there danger that we might fall on either side of the tightrope—that people will think we support them in sin or even that we do not love them? Yes, but when we walk that tightrope, we walk as followers of our God who ate with tax collectors and dwelt among sinners.

It is, at times, appropriate to reprimand our neighbor, to call them to better behavior... but that is one among many options for how we love. It should only be a component part of our “living in the world, but not of it.” Our reprimand should come out of love!

How does this all connect to the cultural concerns which Pastor Ebert raised? I would argue that we, as a church, need to find ways to love our neighbors *as they are*. We can no longer sit in our sanctuary and simply trust that people will come to us—that they will realize the value of a community of faith or even the value of a relationship with their creator. Such a plan may indeed work financially for years to come, but if we do not change, our numbers as Christians will keep dwindling. We will continue to lose touch with the culture around us.

Instead, we must walk the tightrope. We need to find ways to go out into the world to *make* this love known. Our reputation cannot be only what we are against as Christians; it must also be the things we are for. We may need to be creative in order to accomplish this mission. We may need to do things which we haven’t done before. We may need to work hard to accomplish it. We may even need to change... But if anyone is going to change first, it should be us. If anyone is going to love first, it should be us. Christ says, “Behold, I am making all things new.” During this new year, as we gather in this house of worship, as we grow as a body of Christ, I pray that we would grow in love. I pray that God would change us and make us new, giving us hearts and minds trained on love. I pray that all people would know that we are his disciples, that we are following his example, and give glory to Him as he works in us.

- Pastor Josh Reifsteck

Staff Spotlight

Kirsten Springer



What do you do at Calvary?

I teach 4th grade.

What is your favorite thing about Calvary?

I love to teach the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ every day!

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.— Romans 8:28

Favorite Hobby?

Going to my kids' activities and reading

Favorite Sport/Team(s)?

Calvary teams, Colts, Pacers

Favorite Food?

Broccoli cheddar soup from Panera

Hidden Talent/Little Known Fact about You?

When my husband Jay was in the Navy, I was able to spend a day aboard the USS Nimitz while it was at sea!

Jennifer Fitzpatrick



What do you do at Calvary?

I teach computers (K-5).

What is your favorite thing about Calvary?

There is a genuine sense of "family" here at Calvary. It is a place filled with peace and God's love. I always feel very blessed to be here and work with all of the children.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.— Isaiah 41:10

Favorite Hobby?

I like to sew, building things, crafts.

Favorite Sport/Team(s)?

Volleyball, I love to play, coach and watch. In general, I enjoy watching most sports.

Favorite Food?

Mexican

Hidden Talent/Little Known Fact about You?

I played flute for 6 years and taught myself to play piano.

Community

Christmas Caroling

We are told to "make a joyful noise . . ." It doesn't say what type of noise as long as it is a JOYFUL one. So come and make a joyful noise of caroling for our homebound members, nursing home and assisted living residents, and anyone else that will listen to us.

Meet at church **Saturday, December 2nd at 1:00 pm**. Dress appropriately for caroling inside and outside. This is an event for the entire family. Children are welcome with adults present. You need not have any prior singing experience. What better way to share Christ's birth then with caroling! No sign-up needed. Questions? Ellwyn Parks 317-997-6720 or ellwyn_parks@att.net

Calvary Chorale and JoySwing

Our Calvary Chorale will perform with a jazz orchestra in December! JoySwing is a local jazz orchestra which will perform their annual Christmas concert at Calvary on Sunday,

December 10th, at 3:30 pm. Our own church choir will sing with the band for one song, called "Joy, Hallelujah," which is a medley of "Joy To The World" and "The Hallelujah Chorus." JoySwing is a Christian big band, with five trumpets, five trombones, and five saxophones, and a four-piece rhythm section. JoySwing plays many standard Big Band tunes, like "In The Mood," and "Satin Doll," but also plays many arrangements of hymn tunes and other Christian songs. Calvary member John Stebbe is the pianist for the band. The concert at Calvary will consist mainly of sacred Christmas hymns and compositions, set in a big band style. Admission to the concert is free, but a freewill offering will be taken, for the band. You can learn more about JoySwing at this link: <http://joyswing.org/>

Blue Christmas Worship Service, Mon. Dec 18, 6:30 p.m.

This is a quiet, meditative service with candles, music, and words of comfort, helping us to experience the hope of Christmas. It can be hard to embrace the feelings of joy associated with the Christmas season when we are going through tough times. If you are dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after separation/divorce, coping with the loss of a job, living with illness or another difficult life situation that makes celebrating Christmas painful, we invite you to this special service of hope & comfort. Following our short service, *refreshments and an opportunity for fellowship will follow*. Invite a friend or family member.

India Mission Trip 2017 Update

January 13 and 14 Marv and Rhonda Hansen will give a presentation on the 2017 India Mission Trip. The team from Calvary and Mt. Olive Lutheran Church was there for 10 days. Marv and Rhonda spent an additional 10 weeks carrying on the mission. Join them during the Sunday School hour as they share their experiences and how they saw God working through His people in India. We will also have bangle bracelets for sale made by the tailoring students in India.



2018 Flower Chart

The 2018 flower chart is now in the narthex. Sign up for a special occasion or in remembrance of a loved one. Questions? Ann Arnold (aarnold1230@gmail.com or 317-626-4067)



2017 Holiday Worship Schedule

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Saturdays at 6:30 pm

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:45 am

***** Sunday, December 24th 10:00 am Only *****

Sunday, December 17th at 10:45 am – *Sunday School Christmas Program*

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday, December 6th, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 13th, 7:00 pm

Special service with the children of our school, PS-2nd grades

Wednesday, December 20th, 7:00 pm

Special service with the children of our school, 3rd-8th grades

CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE – Sunday, December 24th

10:00 am with Communion

5:00 pm - Candlelight Service

7:00 pm - Candlelight Service

CHRISTMAS DAY – Monday, December 25th

10:00 am with Communion

NEW YEAR'S EVE – Sunday, December 31st

8:00 & 10:45 am

7:00 pm



Parish Education

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“The Twelve Symbols of Christmas” Please join us at the 10:45 service on December 17th for the Sunday School Christmas Program!

Children Sunday School: The theme for this year is **“Hands Praising Jesus”!** We are looking forward to an amazing year! Please see below for the latest class assignments and locations:

Preschool: Room 304-Lori Turner

Kindergarten/1st/2nd: Room 405-Angela Ransdell and Michelle Ransdell

3rd: Room 301-Ben/Brittani Langhammer

4th: Room 205-Chuck/Beckie Hudson and Gayle Freeman Richards

5th/6th: School Library-Dennie Morrison

7th-8th: Room 514-Diane Gibson

“Into the Word: Jonah – More than a Fish Tale” (Sundays 9:25 a.m. Dec 3, 10, 17)

Jonah had a mission to do, but he was quick to run and slow to learn. Are we willing to be any different? Pastor Ebert will lead us through the evangelistic message of the book of Jonah.

“Soothing Rain, Living Waters to Refresh Your Soul” (Dec 3-Dec 17): Refresh your faith as we finish this study based on John 4:13-14. Join as we apply each lesson to our lives and strengthen our walk with God. (*North Narthex–Corina Hendershott*)

Young Adults: Join the Young Adults as they study “Advent” in December and “Romans” in January. (*Conference Room-Brenda Irwin*)

“Known and Loved Intergenerational Event” (Jan 7, 2018): Everyone (children and adults) is invited for food, fellowship, and an engaging discussion around God’s Word. (*Gym-Pastor Ebert*)

Saturday Night Classes for Adults, 5:00pm (Saturday Nights, Dec 3-16): Join Pastor Main in the Conference Room as he wraps up the “A Man Named Martin” class, a three part study which covers “The Man”, “The Moment”, and “The Movement”. Look for new topics beginning in January!

Be sure to watch the bulletin for more information on upcoming class and study opportunities!

Save the Date!! Congregational Study & Spiritual Renewal Kick-Off (Feb 10th/11th)

We will be studying “Christian” by Andy Stanley. More details to come. Would you like to lead or host a small group study? Contact Jennifer Eisberg (jeisberg@sbcglobal.net).

Adult Ministry

Interested in becoming a member or learning more about

Calvary? Twice a year we offer our *Foundations of Faith* class during the Sunday School hour, which gives an overview of Calvary, our Christian faith and the Lutheran perspective. This 6-session series will start on **January 14, 2018, at 9:25 am**, in Room 125. Adults interested in joining our congregation are encouraged to attend. Want more info? Email Emily Spelde, espelde@clcs.org, or call or text 317-695-9366.



Advent Gift Mug Packing - Adult Volunteers Needed – Monday, afternoon, December 4th, 12:30pm. Help our 2nd graders pack gift mugs with candies for our Advent Service visitors. This is a fun service project – no experience necessary! If you can help, let Emily Spelde know: espelde@clcs.org or call 317-783-2000.



Lunch OUT! December 6th, 11:30am Hops & Fire Tap House, Greenwood

Every first Wednesday of the month we visit a local restaurant for "Lunch OUT!" Join us in December at *Hops & Fire*, 1259 IN-135, Greenwood, IN 46142. Located in the strip mall on the southeast corner of St. Rd. 135 and County Line Road, this restaurant offers burgers, soups, salads, wraps, sandwiches, tenderloins, pastas and more. See hopsandfire.com. The banquet room is reserved for Calvary Lutheran. No reservation necessary

– please come celebrate with us!

Lunch & Learn Wednesday, December 20th 11:30am in the South Narthex

Adult Ministry's annual Christmas party! Good food, fellowship, inspiration and some surprises, too. Baked ham will be provided; please bring two dollars and a dish to share. Do you know someone who could use some holiday cheer? Invite them to join us! We will celebrate Jesus' birth and honor our December birthdays, too.

Lunch OUT! Wed., January 3, 2018 11:30 am GOLDEN HOUSE Buffet

Adult Ministry's outing this month is at a new restaurant: Golden House Chinese Buffet and Sushi, located at 2360 E. Stop 11 Road (northeast corner of Stop 11 and Madison.) Lunch buffet regular price is \$7.49, but they also offer a senior discount. Discount coupons are also available through neighborhood weekly newspapers and mailings. Start the new year off with Christian fellowship – come join us! No reservation needed; tables will be reserved for Calvary Lutheran.

Lunch & Learn Wed., January 17th, 11:30am Exploring Wonders of the Universe

Did you know we have a magnificent astronomical observatory in nearby Morgan County? The Goethe Link Observatory with its 5000-pound telescope was built as a private observatory and has played a key role in asteroid research. Our presenter from Link Observatory Space Science Institute will share photos and facts of our amazing universe. Beef Stroganoff will be the provided entrée; bring \$2 and a dish to share. Lunch starts at 11:30am, but come early for free blood pressure checks. Adults of all ages are welcome. For more info, contact Emily Spelde, 317-783-2000 or email espelde@clcs.org

Charlie Brown and Christmas

The beloved Peanuts Christmas special has been viewed by millions over the past 52 years. (That's correct- 52 years!) The contrast between what a secular Christmas is and the true meaning of Christmas is articulately displayed in animation. Linus recites the Gospel of Luke to answer Charlie Brown's question, "Does anyone know what Christmas is all about?" Linus boldly echoes the angels' heralded message as he replaces his security blanket with the peace, great joy, and assurance that the birth of the Christ child brings. Many families have DVD's of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. It is no longer reserved for only one time a year. Every day we are to celebrate the angels' announcement. God had fulfilled His promise to send a Savior into the world. God incarnate dwells among His people. Immanuel is here. Let this Season of Hope not create despair by all the demands and "busyness", but rather as Linus illustrates, let us throw away all that hinders and binds us in insecurity and hold on to the promises of God found in the Savior of the world wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. We are indeed blessed to share this message of God's salvation as the doors to school open each day. We praise and thank God for His love so richly lavished upon us. This love is shared by our pastors, faculty, and staff to our students and their families. We are free to LOVE OUT LOUD! It is still all about Jesus! **"And that Charlie Brown is what Christmas is all about."**

End of second quarter

Our second quarter will be completed on Friday, December 22. Report cards will be distributed through the students on Friday, January 12th. We commend our learning into the Lord's Hands asking him to bless those who teach and those who learn in this place.

Christmas Vacation

Our final day prior to Christmas vacation is **Friday, December 22**. School will dismiss at 3:00PM on that day. School will resume on **Monday, January 8th**. We ask the Lord to be with all traveling during this Christmas break. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

"God Loves Me Dearly"

Our Preschool through second grade students will be leading Advent worship on Wednesday, December 13. The Preschool through Second Grade will present "God Loves Me Dearly" a service of Christmas love based on God's gift to all mankind. The service begins at 7:00PM.

"Journey of Our Advent Faith"

Students in third through eighth grade will be presenting our Advent Service on Wednesday, December 20. The promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus as the long expected Messiah. We invite you to attend this 7:00PM worship service.

2018-19 Preschool Kindergarten & First – Eighth Grade Registration Information

Preschool, Kindergarten, First – Eighth Grade registration for Calvary members, returning students and their siblings, and new registrations from the community will begin on February 1st. Our Early enrollment period will continue through March 15th. Families are invited to call and schedule an appointment for a tour during the school day. We are excited as we prepare and plan for the upcoming school year. Help spread the word to coworkers, neighbors, friends, and family. God has blessed us enabling us to be a blessing to others.

Tenth Annual Trivia Night

What are the lyrics in the theme song to "Gilligan's Island?" What is oichlophobia? Start formulating your Trivia Team for our Tenth Annual Trivia Night. Teams are to consist of 8-10 players. Team entry fees are \$100.00. Ten different trivia categories consisting of ten questions in each will be the format for the evening. Members of our Student Council will be serving refreshments as you play. **The fun begins on Friday evening, January 19 at 7:00PM in the gymnasium.** Money raised through this event will be used to provide ongoing Hurricane Relief. Invite your high school through adult colleagues, neighbors, friends, and relatives to join you. Last year's event was cancelled due to lack of participation. Let us fill the gymnasium with 20 teams. Fill your team with various trivia category individuals. A great fun filled evening is waiting for your participation. Don't have a team yet? Please sign up and register as an individual. We will place you on a team. Cost per individual is \$10.00. The Kendall-Deitz trivia team is the reigning champions. They are eager to defend their title!!

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

State Tax Credit Information

Too Good To Be True?! 50% TAX CREDIT for Indiana tax liabilities!

God has provided a unique opportunity to help fund the Christian education of our Calvary students. The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana has been identified as a Scholarship Granting Organization. Scholarships through private and corporate donations are granted to Calvary student families whose income is less than 200% of the Federal free or reduced hot lunch guidelines.

Multiple Benefits for Calvary Lutheran School students, the private or corporate donor, and Calvary Lutheran Church

1. Students and their families accepted in this program will receive a scholarship grant per child enrolled in Kindergarten -8th grade at Calvary.
2. The donor will receive a 50% Indiana State tax credit for every dollar donated. Example: A donation of \$1000.00 will result in a tax credit of \$500.00 towards your Indiana income tax liability as well as a \$1000.00 charitable deduction on your Federal taxes. Private as well as corporate donations will receive this benefit.

Creative donations

Put your donation on a credit card that offers special incentives. Reward points, airline miles, etc. in addition to the tax savings. Reap the rewards while assisting others to hear God's Word.

How may I help? \$40,000 needed to fully fund all applications

Donations are currently being accepted. Please submit your donation to the church or school office or send directly to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana by December 31. Please note: You must include the donor form with your donation. Forms are available in the church and school offices and online at www.LutheranSGO.org.

What happens in the future?

Children receiving a scholarship grant are eligible the following school year to convert this grant to an Indiana State voucher. This again significantly reduces the need for congregational funded scholarship dollars.

Children will have the opportunity to hear God's Word through your giving. God continues to open doors to others once thought closed due to financial restrictions. Your assistance in this program is so greatly appreciated! Your gift is multiplied in so many ways.

National Lutheran Schools Week

Calvary will join with thousands of other Lutheran School students and teachers during the week of January 21 -28 as we celebrate NLSW!! Many exciting activities are planned during this week-long celebration. A calendar of events will be distributed following our Christmas Vacation.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No school

Calvary Lutheran School will be closed on Monday January 15 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We ask the Lord to eliminate the sin of prejudice that still exists in our world today. We ask God to reveal "the Dream" of Dr. King to all people.

Parent Preschool Teacher Conferences

Parents will gather with our Preschool teachers for Parent Teacher Conferences on January 25-26. Preschool sessions will not meet on Thursday and Friday, January 25-26. Preschool Extended Care will remain open for any child care needs on those two days.



NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

Christmas Concert – December 10

The Music Department of Lutheran High School invites you to celebrate the season of Christmas at the annual **Christmas Concert** on **Sunday, December 10**. Please join us at **4:00 pm** in LHS' Ruth Lilly Auditorium to hear the Choirs and Bands perform Christmas favorites that focus on the coming of Jesus. The concert is free and open to the public.



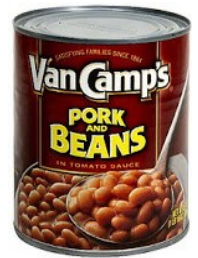
The Music Man Auditions – December 17

5th– 8th graders: Saints on Stage invite you to be a part of the Jr. Saints on Stage Program! 5th– 8th grade students will comprise the ensemble cast for *The Music Man* at Lutheran High School this February. Auditions will be held Sunday, December 17, 2–4 pm. Visit lhsi.org/student-life/themusicman.cfm for more details or email drama@lhsi.org with questions.

Women in Mission

Extravagant Sharing

There is no EXTRAVAGANT SHARING in December. However, you can begin the NEW YEAR EXTRAVAGANTLY SHARING with Lutheran Child and Family Services Sharing Place. In **January** please purchase and place on the Extravagant Sharing shelves in the narthex **canned and dry pasta and/or canned pork and beans**. Many hungry families will greatly appreciate your giving hearts.



Blankets for Babies

Our December / January dates are : Thursdays, December 7th and January 4th & 18th. We meet from 6-8 p.m. in the cafe area. We knit and crochet blankets for newborns whose parents are financially challenged. Along with these blankets, we send prayers with God's blessings for the baby and his/her family. All ages and skill levels welcome. Questions? Susan Daniels 317-882-3691.



Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 11 am

James Whitcomb Riley



We will be inspired with the devotion "An Ornament for Christ" at the Christmas luncheon. You are asked to **bring an ornament** (or have a comment about one that is tarnished, ugly, broken, packed-away, or perfect.) Extra invitations with a map to the venue are on the table in the café. Contact Betty (317) 341-1967 or bbardonner@comcast.net if you have questions.

Women's Saturday Bible Study Sat., December 2 & January 6

Lessons and leaders will be announced at a later time. Plan on joining us both of these days from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Ministry

Holiday Cookie Exchange and Packaging Event Saturday, December 2 in the Narthex

Join us for fellowship and fun at the Holiday Cookie Exchange the first Saturday in December! Thank you to all bakers who are sharing your time and talents to make homemade Holiday cookies, fudge, or candies to be packaged to sell to "Reduce the General Fund Deficit"!

There are TWO ways to participate

1) Come to the *Holiday Cookie Exchange Sat., Dec. 2 at 10am;*

Bake at least 5 dozen cookies; 3 dozen to exchange and at least 2 dozen to donate

If you picked up a Rubbermaid container in November, bring your donated cookies in the Rubbermaid container and your "cookies to exchange" in your own container

Please label nuts or no nuts

Fellowship and refreshments in the Narthex

(Optional) If you would like to share your recipe, please bring it and we will make copies for those at the Cookie Exchange

2) Interested in baking cookies to donate?

Drop off cookies (label nuts or no nuts) Friday, Dec. 1 in the kitchenette by 4pm or bring your cookies Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10am and join us for fellowship and refreshments.

After the Cookie Exchange, donated cookies will be packaged and they will be sold after services on December 2-3. **Proceeds go to "Reduce General Fund Deficit".**

Questions: Contact Linda Bugher
thebughers@att.net or 317-432-1865.



Stewardship Emphasis

Stewardship Update *By Rachel Daeger, Chair, Stewardship Ministry Team*

I am working on this article over the weekend that Calvary designated for commitment and renewal. I have my commitment card ready to take to the service. As I do each year, I try to fill out the card as honestly as possible pledging to use my time, talents and treasures in a way that honors God over the next year through prayer and study, use of my time as a volunteer, and monetary donations in support of the church. Holding my 2018 card, though, I tried to recall what I'd written the previous year and I could not remember what I wrote or even where I had put my copy of the card. In the spirit of New Year's resolutions I've thought about how to stay mindful of my commitments. My card is going on the refrigerator for starters. Other resources you might consider include:

Calvary's mobile app where you can read the Daily Devotions. You can also subscribe to receive them by email at <http://clcs.org/about/newsletter/>.

Calvary's weekly email that lists opportunities for service and study. If you are not receiving the Monday email contact the office at churchsecretary@clcs.org to make sure they have your email address.

Online giving that can be set up at <http://www.clcs.org/donate> with the option of starting in January.

2018 Donation Envelopes

In December, 2018 donation envelopes for each family will be placed on tables in the narthex arranged in alphabetical order. Using these envelopes when making a contribution allows Calvary to correctly record amounts to individuals in order to prepare giving statements which are used for tax records at year-end. This year, the Stewardship Ministry Team contacted individuals who primarily use online giving to determine if they needed contribution envelopes. If you use online giving and would rather not receive an envelope packet in the following year, contact the Stewardship Ministry Team at stewardship@clcs.org. While not expensive, since they are produced by a company that specializes in this product, there is a cost savings if fewer envelopes are ordered.

November Memorials



In Memory of Eric Borst from:

Randy & Linda Fishers, Bob & Polly Ford



In Memory of Evelyn Royer from:

Catherine Woempner, Nellie Delk, Alice Gosztyla, Raymond & Eleanor Pottschmidt, Residents of Orchard View Estates, Royer Family, Gary & Linda Bugher, Harvey & Carol Lange, Harold & Wanda Engelau, Jill Radcliffe, Marilyn Brewer

In Memory of Mary Jane Peck from:

Nellie Delk, Jim & Phyllis Birdwell, Mel Wessler, Jerry & Diane Gibson, Don & Susan Daniels, Women in Mission, Catherine Woempner, Genevieve Gray, Margie Leive, Bill Wittlief, Martha Wooden, Nancy Bishop, Jim & Susan Richert, Ken & Marcia Kehlbeck, Mabel Schwark, Stephen & Elizabeth Smith, Charlie & Betty Bardonner, Julaine Bolden, Gary & Linda Bugher, Elise Wolf, Grace Wolf, Bill & Janet Grube, Erich & Jeanette Rensner, Jim & Jan Dunaway

In Memory of Helen Schmid from:

Paul & Patty Dorman

Compassion Ministry

COMPASSION MINISTRY TEAM would like to thank you for your generous giving during this holiday season. We were able to help 19 families, consisting of 31 adults and 59 children, with Thanksgiving baskets and gift cards to help with Christmas. You also gave generously to Lutherwood. This outreach helped teens in emergency situations. We pray the items bring them comfort and that they learn of God's care and love for them.

Youth Ministry

FLIGHT - High School Youth Group

The high school youth group will be meeting this month on **December 3rd, 10th, and 17th**. We meet in the Youth Room from 9:25-10:25 am for Sunday school as well as 7:00-8:30 pm for Bible study and an activity.

SAIL - 7th and 8th Grade Youth Group

SAIL will meet this month on **Wednesday, December 13th** in the youth room from 3:00-4:30 pm. This event will include a light snack, Bible study, and activities. All 7th and 8th graders are welcome!

LAUNCH - 5th and 6th grade Youth Group

LAUNCH will meet this month on **Wednesday, December 6th** in the youth room from 3:00-4:30 pm. This event will include a light snack, Bible study, and activities. All 5th and 6th graders are welcome!

Worship Anew
Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.
 Toll-Free: (888) 286-8002 www.worshipforshutins.org
Sunday 10:00 AM - WHMB-TV 40 Sunday 11:30 AM - Direct TV Channel 377

December 2017

December 3, 2017 – First Sunday in Advent

Psalm: 80:1-7; **Old Testament:** Isaiah 64:1-7; **Gospel:** Mark 13:28-37

“Do We Or Don’t We?” - Sermon Text: Mark 13:29,33 – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

What **Do We or Don’t We** know about the second coming of Jesus? How does what we know and don’t know shape our daily lives?

December 10, 2017 – Second Sunday in Advent

Psalm: 80; **Old Testament:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; **Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8

“The Trailblazer” - Sermon Text: Mark 1:4 - Rev. James Elsner

The life of a trailblazer is risky! It takes courage to do something new – something that’s right and good. John the Baptist was a bold trailblazer for Jesus. He shows us the way for making things new again!

December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday in Advent

Psalm: 126; **Old Testament:** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; **Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

“Good News for a Change!” - Sermon Text: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 - [Rev. William Mueller](#)

In God's Word, we read how we will have troubles in this world, but God encourages us to take heart because He has overcome the world. It is true that we know all too easily how wicked this world can be. But God has good news for us – good news of such a nature and to such an extent that our lives will forever be changed!

December 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

Psalm: 89:1-5; **Epistle:** Romans 16:25-27; **Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

“A Great Announcement” - Sermon Text: Luke 1:26-38 - Rev. Walter Maier III

The angel Gabriel made a great announcement to Mary. This story brings us comfort and joy, as we consider the way the announcement was made, what was announced, and how God prepared Mary for the role announced to her.

December 31, 2017 – First Sunday after Christmas

Psalm: 111; **Epistle:** Galatians 4:4-7; **Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

“Mother and Son” - Sermon Text: Luke 2:22-40 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

When Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to Jerusalem Simeon confessed: "my eyes have seen Your salvation." Jesus is our salvation. He has come to "redeem those who were under the Law."



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