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**Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.**

## On-line giving is now available.

Your support of Mount Calvary is always appreciated, and you may now give on-line if you desire. Here is how it works:

- >Go to [www.mt-calvarylutheran.org](http://www.mt-calvarylutheran.org).
- >On the bottom right of the home page click the “donate” button.
- >You will be taken to a secure PayPal page. (You do not need a PayPal account.)
- >Enter the amount of your donation and your credit or debit card information.

Your donations will be listed on your annual giving statement. All undesignated contributions will go into the General Fund. You can, however, make a contribution to a special cause like the Stepping Forward in Faith Appeal by entering the information in the “purpose” box on the webpage. If you desire, you can also make your offering an automatic monthly contribution.



December 28, 2016

It will soon be January. In many congregations, January is the month during which annual, congregational meetings are held. Mt. Calvary conforms to this pattern. Our annual, congregational meeting will be held after the conclusion of the worship service to be held at 9:15 AM on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. To facilitate the highest level of participation possible, no Sunday school will be held on the day of the annual meeting. Should parents desire a diversion for their children while the annual meeting is taking place, such a diversion will be made available in the gym down the hallway from the sanctuary.

Before I say more about this year's annual meeting, I wanted to thank those who were moved to send cards or gifts to my family during this holiday season. No matter who we are, it's always good to be remembered at Christmas time. It's even better to know you're appreciated. These past few days, I have treasured the written affirmations I've received from many of you. Please know the feeling is mutual!

With respect to the annual, congregational meeting, its purpose is to adopt a spending plan for the forthcoming year, to fill vacant leadership seats, and to review the congregation's last year of ministry and mission. An annual report including the proposed spending plan and a wide number of ministry reports from different committees and groups will be made available to you after worship on both Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. After reviewing the annual report, you will very likely notice that this year's spending plan has two components. The first relates to normal, operational expenses. The second lays out a proposed list of capital improvements. Both pieces of the spending plan will be voted upon at the annual meeting.

Prior to the annual meeting, members of the council and the stewardship and administration team will make themselves available to explain the rationale behind the proposed, capital improvements and to answer any questions these improvements might raise. Please pay close attention to the weekly bulletin to ensure you do not miss out on these explanatory meetings. Also know that I am available to you as well. You can schedule an appointment with me by calling the church office and speaking to Sue Cade. Like other members of our leadership team, I am committed to creating and maintaining good and open lines of communication as we move forward in mission and ministry.

Prior to any conversation we might have, let me unequivocally say that both the proposed budget and the proposed list of capital improvements have my full support. We have been blessed with not only an excellent council, but also an excellent stewardship and administration team. Together, these two groups have examined our financial resources and our ongoing needs and come out of that process with a good and sound plan. It's a plan that's both levelheaded and faithful to our divine call to be a church that's open and accessible to all. You can't ask for more than that! Again, our congregation has been blessed with excellent leadership. When you have an opportunity, please thank those who give of their time and their talent so freely and so faithfully.

Your Partner in Mission and Ministry,

Pastor Scott

## Mount Calvary at a Glance - For January 2017

**Altar Guild** – Patty Wingard, Kim Haluska & Jessica Sann

	Saturday, December 31 <sup>st</sup> - 5:30 pm	Sunday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> – 9:15 am
<b>Greeters</b>	Jack & Janis Daily	Gary & Betty Schofield
<b>Reader</b>	Ed Greene	Carol Sauter
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Kathy Ling	Lois Sholtis
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Joyce Spangler	Mary Ann Mapes
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kalvin Pringle	Makenzie Kunkle
<b>Crucifer</b>		
<b>Usher</b>	Rick & Lois Gallus	Paul, Gayle Swartz & Family
	Saturday, January 7 <sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm	Sunday, January 8 <sup>th</sup> – 9:15 am
<b>Greeters</b>	Joe & Susan Adamy	Lumley Family
<b>Reader</b>	Jack Weisbrodt	
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Kim Colosimo	Keli Williams
<b>Communion Assist</b>		Laura Bower
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brendan Gorham	Meghan Swartz
<b>Crucifer</b>		Thomas Hockensmith
<b>Usher</b>	Brian & Lori Hiltz	Paul, Gayle Swartz & Family
	Saturday, January 14 <sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm	Sunday, January 15 <sup>th</sup> – 9:15 am
<b>Greeters</b>	Joan Bunnell	
<b>Reader</b>	Lois Gallus	Maggie Borodach
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Rick Gallus	
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Joan Bunnell	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kalvin Pringle	Jared McQuaide
<b>Usher</b>	Jerry & Ruth Pozun	Paul, Gayle Swartz & Family
	Saturday, January 21 <sup>st</sup> – 5:30 pm	Sunday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 9:15 am
<b>Greeters</b>	Marley Family	
<b>Reader</b>	Jan Layton	
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Bill Layton	Susan Brandau
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Michael Kozak	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Shane Katrancha	Grant Lumley
<b>Usher</b>	Jerry & Ruth Pozun	Paul, Gayle Swartz & Family
	Saturday, January 28 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 pm	Sunday, January 29 <sup>th</sup> – 9:15 am
<b>Greeters</b>	Joe & Sue Adamy	
<b>Reader</b>	Kathy Ling	Susan Brandau
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Cindy Solarczyk	Ray Leverknight
<b>Communion Assist</b>	Cindy Buday	Laura Bowers
<b>Acolyte</b>	Erin Shaffer	Kadiya Lingenfelter
<b>Usher</b>	Jerry & Ruth Pozun	Paul, Gayle Swartz & Family

### **BLOOD DRIVE**



The next blood drive will be held on **Friday, January 13, 2017** between 12:30-6:00 PM.

Please take the time to come out and donate.  
**Help save a life!**



### **BOOK DISCUSSION**

Choosing to SEE:  
A Journey of Struggle and Hope  
by Mary Beth Chapman

**May 1 at 6:00 pm**

## REMINDERS

- **Choir Rehearsals:** Wednesdays at 7
- **Sunday School:** Sunday School at 10:30
- **Confirmation Classes:** Sundays, at 10:30
- **No Sunday School:** Sunday, January 1 & 29, 2017
- **Children Choir:** Sundays at 11:15
- **Volleyball:** Sundays at 7:00
- **Offering Envelopes:** Please pick up your church offering envelopes.
- **Calvary Connect Youth Meeting:** Thursday, Jan., 7 at 6:30-8 pm SH
- **Women's Bible Study:** Thursday, January 12 & 26 at 1:00
- **WELCA:** Thurs., January 12, at 6:30
- **Blood Drive:** Friday, January 13, between 12:30 and 6:00
- **Winterfest:** Friday, Jan. 13-Sunday, Jan. 15 at Camp Sequanota
- **Annual Reports:** Available weekend of January 14 & 15
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30
- **Souper Bowl Collection:** January 28/29 and Feb. 4/5
- **Annual Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, January 29 after 9:15 Service
- **Youth Connect Mall Hide and Seek:** Sun., Jan. 29 from 1-3 at Galleria Mall
- **Ecumenical Worship Service:** Sunday, Jan., 29 at 2:00

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### Annual Congregational Meeting

Annual reports will be available for review on the weekend of January 14/15, 2017.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after the 9:15 service on Sunday, January 29, 2017. No meal will be served.



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### Ecumenical Worship Service

Please plan to join us for our local bishop's observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity on Sunday, January 29, at 2 pm. Bishop Michael Rhyne and several of other local leaders of various Christian denominations will be present to express the hope that the Christ's church might truly become one someday. Light refreshments will be served afterwards and we are asking if anyone would be willing to donate fruit trays, cakes, pies or cookies.

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### Guest Pastor

We will have a guest pastor next weekend  
January 7 & 8, 2017

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### "Soul" Food for Thought

Your tongue is connected to your emotions.

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### World Hunger

Thank you to all that gave to World Hunger. With your generosity, we were able to send \$1150.00 to Lutheran World Relief.



We have been informed of the death of:

*Jim Owens*, brother-in-law of Joan Bunnell

*Jean Evelyn Thomas*, aunt of Paula Nihoff

*Miriam Faye Hagerich*, sister of Maxine Hale

*Corey Varner*, son of Ken and Patti Sliko &

brother of Carrie Wasnick and Family

*Vicki Lee Sliwa*, daughter of

Tom & Jan Donaldson

*Thank  
you*

Pastor Scott & Members of Mount Calvary,

Thank you so much for the many beautiful and inspirational birthday cards. It was well appreciated and very thoughtful of all of you. Also, the Sunday School classes birthday card.

Jim Balogh

Dear Mount Calvary,

Thank you church family for the beautiful birthday cards. Very thoughtful and a bright moment in my day. Also, it was very special to see so many church family when I was able to attend Saturday Evening Service, on a visit home in September.

Betty Weaver

### ***Pilates for Beginners***

Deciding to start your New Year's resolution?

Join us for some video-led Pilates!

Beginning: Monday, Jan. 9

(Every Mon and Thurs for 4 weeks)

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Multi-Purpose room

Bring a yoga mat or large thick towel.



### **2017 Envelopes**

**Offering  
Envelopes**



**can be picked up in the narthex.**

Every year the offering envelopes are renumbered so they are in alphabetical order. Your number may have changed from last year. So, beginning Jan. 1, throw away your 2016 offering envelopes and start using your 2017 offering envelopes. If you have received envelopes and choose not to have them, OR if you did not receive envelopes and would like to have offering envelopes, please call the church office. Also, help deliver envelopes to your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

### **Calvary Connect Youth Group**

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Ages 13-18**

#### **Calvary Connect Youth Group Meeting**

Saturday, February 4, 2017

6:30-8:00 pm

Sander Hall

Bring A Friend

#### **Sequanota Snow Camp**

Friday Feb 3 & 4 2017

All meals including Friday Supper

Full program of Activities Planned

Heated Cabin Camping

Hosted by Pastor Dave Bowman

\$30.00 per person

Must prepay & preregister by January 22, 2017

Friends are welcome to attend.

#### **All Day Teen Quest at the ranch in Somerset**

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Outdoor Winter Games & Activities

\$30.00 per person

Must prepay & preregister by January 29, 2017

Friends are always welcome to attend.



### Souper Bowl Collection

Our youth will sponsor the Souper Bowl Collection January 28/29 and February 4/5. We ask that you please bring in a canned food item and/or donate money to the soup pot the youth will be holding after each service. The proceeds will be given to a local food pantry.

### Giving Tree Update



Because of your generosity and caring, we collected \$1,070.00 for the Giving Tree making it possible to send this money to the Helping Hand Mission in Lilly. This great endeavor helped provide a very Merry Christmas for those less fortunate. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by so many as you share the love of God and your bounty with those in need. Thanks again for your support of a good cause!!

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
Monday, January 2, 2016



### Family Winterfest Weekend# January 13-15, 2017

Wonderful winter has arrived. When was the last time you took a family vacation in the winter?

Join members of Mt Calvary, Moxham Lutheran, and Grace Lutheran for a relaxing and fun Christian based weekend for families of all ages. This is our 4<sup>th</sup> year of this great collaborative event!

Lodging will be in the Bowersox hotel style complex at Sequanota. Heated private rooms and private baths in each room. All meals Saturday and Sunday included.

Program hosted by Pastor Bob and Nancy Wagner of Moxham Lutheran. There will be activities, crafts, Bible Study, Camp fire, Worship, Sled riding and more. Great for all ages.

- \$125.00 per adult 2 nights lodging
- \$80.00 per adult 1 night lodging
- \$45.00 per child 10 and under
- children under 3 are free

### Those After-Christmas Cookies...

Each year, many of us spend time leading into the holidays baking feverishly, worried that we won't have our quota of cookies for the Christmas season. Somehow, after that magic day comes and goes, we find ourselves eating and eating and the supply seems to still not deplete.

This year, let's bring in those treats and share with each other during our fellowship time after worship on January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. You may drop your treats off in the kitchen a day before if possible or when coming to worship. We'll all start those New Year's resolutions that involve not eating sweets on January 9<sup>th</sup> this year!

## SERVANT'S ENTRANCE

Have you notice the "Servant's Entrance" signs located above the main doors as you leave church? Wonder why they are there or what do they mean? At our Sunday School Rally day in the fall we talked about signs. We look for an Enter sign when we want to go into a store, a park or the movie theater. When it is time to leave the zoo, shopping mall or restaurant, we look for the Exit sign. As followers of Christ, we are called to serve. As a reminder of that calling, we have placed the "Servants' Entrance" signs over the doors. As you exit the church after worship (or even after a mid-week visit), remember that we are servants. We leave the church and enter the world prepared to give of ourselves and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU----THANK YOU -----



The Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Senior High Sunday School class was a huge success. Thanks to your generous donations, in addition to providing postage for 9 shoeboxes, 6 additional shoeboxes were filled and shipped to Operation Christmas Child. Making the grand total that was sent from Mt. Calary.... **15**. Our packages were sent to children in the Bahamas.

Many thanks for your support.

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**January 2017**

**Mount Calvary's prayer for mission:**

*Send your Holy Spirit, O Lord, to guide the ministry of Mount Calvary that we may grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ. Inspire our worship, give wisdom to our learning, be the center of our fellowship, encourage our giving, and give zeal to our witness. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen*