

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



# Pastor's Ponderings

## ***Part IV: The Community of Christ***

We have approached stewardship in a very different manner this year, partly because our stewardship focus lasted for the entire year, and partly because we viewed how we “fit” into God’s creation. We are both individuals and in community, which makes us both personal and collective stewards.

*As stewards in God’s creation:*

1. We are called and BAPTIZED children of God. We know whose we are, and we know we are never alone. We have our identity in this family. We have purpose.
2. We come together in WORSHIP where we gather, confess, sing, pray, and hear the Word.
3. We share COMMUNION together as the body of Christ. With Christ within us and with all the saints who have gone before us, we become a special community bound by the love of God.
4. We are COMMUNITY and we are *SENT* out into the world to share the love of Christ with others. We don’t have to do it alone because we have each other. We share a special joy together as a sign of the Spirit and we pass it on in many different ways.

What an amazing gift we have been given—to be in the community of Christ. Each of us is gifted with our own tailor-made spiritual gifts as part of our uniqueness. God blessed each of us differently to benefit not just ourselves, but our community and his creation. Our God-given diversity is our collective strength. Together, we can solve problems that arise, create new ways to approach the future, share joys and sorrows, work, play, and share the love of Christ in ways that help and welcome others as Jesus would want us to do. Community is our blessing, and each of us is called to be a good steward to help our community thrive and to embrace the opportunities we have been given to share Jesus and the love of God.

Clione Schneider, SAM



- *Fellowship, coffee and donuts every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Morning Coffee with Pastor on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Tuesdays with Pastor & Tom on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Bible Study on Zoom Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.*
- *Designing Women Thursday's at 9:00 a.m.*



**THE DATE HAS  
CHANGED!!!!**

**Meeting will be held  
Sunday, February 11,  
2024!!**

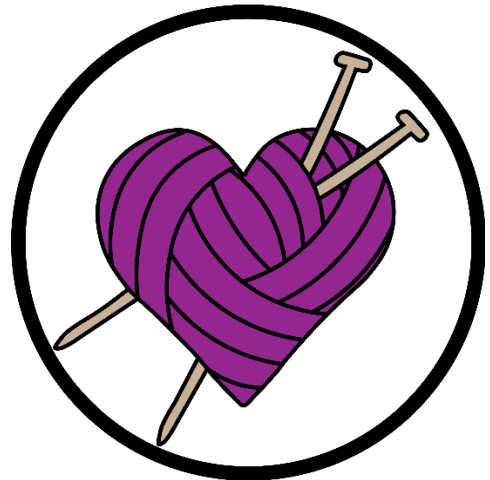
The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, February 11, 2024 following service. In the event of bad weather, the meeting will be held February 18, 2024. Please plan on attending!! Thank you.



Lent 2024 begins Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. We will again be having suppers on the Wednesday's during the Lenten Season. More information will be provided in the February Newsletter. Please plan to join us!!

## **CROCHET CLASS**

**Dee Mutchler will be teaching a Crochet Class at Calvary Lutheran Church. It's for beginner to intermediate crocheter's. But if you're a pro feel free to join. You will need to bring a size "G" crochet hook. The church will provide the yarn. Our project will be a lap robe which we will donate to one of our homebound members. We're planning to start the class in February so keep your eyes & ears open for more details. Hope you can join us for crocheting and fellowship!! God Bless**





## **HUNGER PROGRAM**

Your donations to the Hunger Program will be greatly appreciated especially during this time. We are helping St. John's Lutheran in Stony Ridge and St. Paul Episcopal Church in Oregon with this endeavor. St. Paul needs all items for their food pantry. Also, St. Paul is appealing for cash and help. If you would like to drop off donations at the church, please call the office to arrange a time. Thank you!

## **CALVARY IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA, CALVARY HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE CALVARYLUTHERANNORHWOOD AND ON TWITTER AT CALVARYLC. OUR WEBPAGE IS CALVARYNORTHWOOD.COM. FROM THE WEBPAGE YOU CAN SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWSLETTERS AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICES VIA EMAIL.

## **Morning Coffee**

Join Pastor Bob daily  
Monday thru Friday at 10:30  
a.m. on Facebook.





## Altar Flowers

### Flower Chart

The 2024 Flower Chart is on the wall in the narthex across from the office. The cost of the flowers will be \$30.00. Flowers are put on the altar for the Glory of God



### Altar Care-

If you would like to volunteer to help with Altar Care please see Paula. Basic weekly duties are changing paraments as needed, set-up communion and clean up after service. Thank you.



## Prayer Chain

*Are you or a loved one in need of prayer? Calvary's Prayer Chain will be most happy to pray for you/them. The person does not need to be a member of Calvary. We include **everyone** in need of prayer! To start a prayer for yourself or someone else, call Charlene at 419-836-1999. When the person no longer needs our prayers, we would appreciate knowing that as well. If you would like to be a **prayer warrior**, please call me at 419-836-1999. Many thanks & blessings. Charlene Hoot*





## **SERVICE HELPERS NEEDED!!**

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office for anyone interested in Assisting the Pastor, Reading lessons or Greeting friends & guests on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Clione Schneider if you have any questions.



## **REMEMBER OUR HOME BOUND**

- Eleanor Sheronick, 3099 Stearns Rd., Room 401, Bedford, MI 48144
- Marlene Fouty-Ehrsam, 2466 Luther Hills Circle #66, Oregon, OH 43616
- Mary McLaughlin, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 168, Walbridge, OH 43465
- Janie Kollarik, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 9, Walbridge, OH 43465
- Jill Cousino, 1706 Dier Rd., PO Box 75, Curtice, OH 43412



### **In our Prayers**

Jill Cousino, Bob Joehlin, Marlene Ehrsam, Paulette Colombo, Eleanore Sheronick, Don Koenig, Beverly McIntosh, Emily Hyder-Jasinski, Ava Burkey, Jon Schwandner, Dan Pfouts, Craig Lake, Katie Glenn, Dee Mutchler, William Putnam, Logan Murphy, Wendy Kimble, Lisa Baker, Terry Murray, Dan Skadeland, Betty Messling, Duane Ralston, Shirley Loy, Paul Goodman and Angie Mazey Noesen.



### January Birthday's

Tony Slek	1/11
Nate Gartee	1/14
Lauren Susor	1/15
Mason Lake	1/17
Sue Sass	1/19
Eleanor Sheronick	1/20
Allison Susor	1/20
Don Pfouts	1/22
Emily Schimming	1/22
Tamia Land	1/30



Rodger & Terrie Phillips

January 14<sup>th</sup>

39 years



# FINANCIALS

## ONLINE GIVING

Calvary has online and mobile options for giving. You can set up an account through the church office to give weekly, monthly or other options. You can also set up an online account by going to our website and clicking on the online giving button.

You also have the option of giving and signing up with your phone or mobile device by downloading the Vanco mobile app.

If you would like assistance in doing any of this, please contact the church office.

Thank You!

## Monthly Financial Activity

Ending church Operating	\$90.68
Total income (Shared, Holiday Baskets, etc)	\$14,444.96
Total expenses:	\$15,418.47

## Council notes: November 2023 meeting

**\*Pastor's Report:** Pastor requested and council approved WAM (Wood County Area Ministries) using space at Calvary to expedite clients needs.

**\*Old Business:** Christmas Eve services times and locations were confirmed.

**\*New Business:** John Jenkins, Tom Susor, Jr and Pastor will be meeting with Acuity representative to review property insurance. Council discussed a 2024 stewardship drive. Confirmed annual congregational meeting to be held January 28, 2024. Dee Mutchler will host a crochet class beginning January 20, 2024. Discussed unused church equipment/machinery. Tom Susor, Jr. to inventory what church has and available avenues to sell what is no longer needed.