

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ,

February approaches and with the new month we will also see the beginning of Lent. Once again, this year both Calvary and Christ we be participating in a Round Robin preaching series with area Lutheran churches. We pastors will rotate among the congregations. The difference this year is we will be celebrating Wednesday evenings by trying a new thing, Dinner Church. In the past we have always shared a soup supper and then traveled into the sanctuary to worship. This year we are building worship into the dinner portion of the evening. The theme this year is Spiritual Hunger.

I am hopeful to appeal to young families to join us at both congregations. The nature of the service is to be interactive where there will be preaching, scripture and praying, but we will also offer a chance for attendees to join in discussion on topics around the reading and the sermon. This method of worship has proven to be very popular, and congregations have found that more people attend these services. Please consider joining us.

Also, during Lent, I would once again encourage everyone not to give up anything for Lent. Instead of doing less of something I would ask you to consider doing more of something during Lent. You can pray more, study more, worship more or **give** more during Lent. Lent is a great time for reflecting and considering how God is calling us. This season is a time of repentance and hearing again the promises of God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Let us journey together once again to the Cross. Together we will find something new there, I promise. I am so proud to be your pastor.

Peace, Pastor Bob



- *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



**— Let us Break Bread together at
Dinner Church beginning Feb. 21.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Ask Wednesday Service February 14

Worship—7:30 p.m.

Midweek Lenten Dinner Church 6:30 p.m.

Soup and Salad Supper with worship

February

• 21

• 28

March

• 6

• 13

• 20

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Dinner Church: What does this mean?

This year's Lenten midweek worship will take the form of "dinner church." Wondering what that is? If you're guessing that it's a combination of "dinner" and "church"---you've got it!

This is certainly not a new idea. In fact, it's as old as the Christian Church itself! After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, followers met together for worship and learning how to share the Good News. Many of the early disciples were fishermen, farmers, and servants. The only time when they were available to gather together-----as working-class people they worked long hours each day---was meal time! They came together sharing what they had (Acts 2: 46-47) and worshipping at the same time! This is what the early Church looked like!

Now, two millennium after Christ, the Church has come to separate worship and meals. The closest we usually come is during Lent when many congregations have a simple meal followed by a time of worship. Dinner Church returns us to our roots by combining those two things. Around the table: we share a meal, we share hearing Scripture and a short message/reflection from the pastoral leader, we

share our prayers, we share an expression of faith. Then, strengthened, we go out into the world to share the good news we have heard and experienced. The distinctive message of the Good News is that God has given all we need to nourish, redeem, and send us----body and soul.

Here in the 21st century, this idea of “Dinner Church” is being revived because it recognizes that we are people of this world---busy in it---and we yet need time to worship and learn. Sharing the meal and a message gives us an opportunity to do that even if we are families who have days full of school and evenings full of homework (both children and adults can relate to this!). It gives us an opportunity to see how God’s nurture of both body and soul are connected. It gives us an opportunity to worship and learn as a family, a table full of gathered people, and a community. And, it’s a great, low-key opportunity to invite others to come, eat, and be fed. It isn’t formal, it isn’t fancy. But it is faithful both to our history and our story today.

We’ll follow the usual format for eating our Lenten meal together. We’ll gather and have a blessing. People will gather their food and sit at their usual tables. In the middle of the meal, we’ll hear the Word and a reflection. We’ll focus on some pertinent questions on our Lenten theme as guided table conversation. Finally, we will bless each other before leaving. Each of these practices are meant to help us practice experiencing Christ in our midst in other meals, in the midst of busy lives, on other days. Expect to spend no more than an hour for Dinner Church. But plan to spend some extra time in the week that follows just sharing the good news of a Savior who met, meets, and will always find us right where we are.



SIGN-UP FOR DINNER CHURCH

THE WEEKLY DINNER CHURCH MENU WILL BE SOUP, SALAD, BREAD AND DESSERT. THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET ACROSS FROM THE OFFICE. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!



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 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-Schwander, Dee Mutchler, William Putnam, Logan Murphy Dodge, Duane Ralston, Kurt Putnam, Barbara Land, Susan Land, Tom Hoot, Jocelyn Marker and Angie Mazey Noesen.



February Birthday's

Carol Corl	2/4
Noelle Wulf	2/7
Patti Hotmer	2/10
Jill Cousino	2/13
Vel Campbell	2/20



Tony & Dodie Bruns

February 3rd

56 years

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



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 \$1,974.45

Total income \$20,586.64
(Shared cost, Holiday Baskets, etc)

Total expenses: \$16,709.21

Council notes: December 2023 meeting

***Old Business:** Tom Susor, Jr. submitted report in reference to Acuity Insurance policy. A summary report was explored.

***New Business:** Nominating Committee will begin seeking candidates to fill vacancies. Tom Susor, Jr and Dee Mutchler have agreed to join the list of counter's. Purchase of new copier was tabled to November 2024.