

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



# Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever heard the expression “running on marbles?” It’s that sense that you’re running without making much progress. That’s a bit how it can feel in the life of the Church when autumn rolls around. Everything starts up again: Sunday School, Confirmation Class, the whole series of fall festivals like the Chicken BBQ, Blessing of the Animals, Reformation Sunday, Stewardship programs, etc.!!! Once one thing gets planned and started, another pops up needing to be begun! Just the other day I had a lengthy drive and, in those hours alone in the car when I couldn’t be “busy”, I realized that the leaves had turned brilliant against the blue, cloudless sky and that everything---both in nature and in the life of the congregation---was moving forward just as it should. Sunday School is enjoying the new Sparkhouse Digital materials, Morning Manna is taking the weekly lesson and going in a little deeper, our first unit of catechesis is done and another beginning, Stewardship sermons are preached, food drive items mounding up...and the next re-formation will be snowdrifts against a Christmas tree! This has not been the work of any one pair of hands, but the ideas, planning, and work of all of us together. Seamlessly the days have flown past and the work of teaching, caring, and helping began, and grew, and is beautiful.

I’ve recently entered another decade of life and in this personal autumn period, I’ve been running on marbles, starting work I can never finish. I suspect I’m no different than you! We’ve all heard Psalm 90:12 (NRSV) which says, “So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.” I like the paraphrase found in the New Living Translation (NLT), “Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.” Yes, the days, weeks, and years are moving past quickly and there is always more to do but the Psalmist reminds me that I need to stop each day and look around. When I do, I see all the various gifts given by the many hands that have taught, cared for, and helped me. Part of being wise is knowing that nobody can run on marbles without falling; we *need* each other to help us up! Realizing this gives us reason in EVERY season to give thanks to the one who made us and given us into each other’s keeping. Knowing that God is the source and ground of all things--- what we do, who we are, and who we will be throughout eternity---that’s the true beginning of wisdom!

To use the words of St. Paul (found near the beginning of his letters to the Church in Rome, Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi, Colossi, and Thessalonika): I thank God for you! Each and every one! May this spirit of ThanksGiving live in us each day!

*SAM Jeannine*



Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you for your prayers and support for my sister Betty Dowell and her family during her illness; Betty passed very peacefully at Hospice on Sept. 7th. Your prayers, cards and phone visits were very much appreciated. God continue to bless each and everyone of you. Please forgive my delay in notifying you of her passing.

Peace and Love,  
Vivian Michaels and family

Dear friends and family of Calvary,

Thank you for your prayers, support and beautiful cards I received before, during and following my surgery. I felt the power of prayer and I felt God's presence with me throughout the whole process. I am doing ok, still healing and hanging on to hope that the future holds complete healing and continued connection to you my friends.

In and with His Peace and Love,  
Vivian Michaels

# Sunday Morning Adult Study

Everyone is invited to join us Sunday mornings at 9:45-10:30 for the adult Bible study group. We are working our way through the 60+ Bible stories everyone should know. We meet in the back corner of the Gathering Place. Those who come for fellowship can still come in and gather in the usual place for coffee and donuts at any time. (Feel free to join the study group if something should catch your interest!)

The stories we will discuss in November may require more time, but here is the tentative plan:

Nov. 3	The Tower of Babel & Abram and Sarai	Genesis 11-12
Nov. 10	Sarah, Hagar, and Abraham	Genesis 12-25
Nov. 17	Isaac and Rebecca	Genesis 22-25
Nov. 24	Jacob and Esau	Genesis 25-36

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER



<u>DATE</u>	<u>FIRST READING</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>SECOND READING</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isaiah 25:6-9	Ps 24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	1 Kings 17:8-16	Ps 146	Hebrew 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel 12:1-3	Ps 16	Hebrew 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel 7-9-10, 13-14	Ps 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37

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**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.



- *Sunday morning Adult Study class at 9:45 a.m.*
- *Fellowship, coffee and donuts Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Worship Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. in person or live-stream*
- *Monday Manna with Pastor & SAM's Clione & Jeannine on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Tuesdays with Pastor & Tom on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Wednesday and Thursday Morning Coffee with Pastor on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Designing Women Thursday's at 9:00 a.m.*

### **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 RECEVE ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWSLETTERS AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICES VIA EMAIL.

# CATECHISM

## NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 3<sup>th</sup> – catechism class at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Dowling

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – catechism class at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Dowling

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – catechism class at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Dowling

Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – field trip to the Orthodox Church. Details tba.



### **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!



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER  
17, 2024 IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
SERVICE.**

The annual congregational budget meeting will be held Sunday, November 17th following service. The proposed budget is available in the narthex or if you need a copy sent to you please contact the office.

Please mark your calendar!! Thank you.



**THANKSGIVING  
FOOD BASKETS**

We will be collecting monetary donations for Thanksgiving Food Baskets to feed 15 families from the Northwood Schools. An envelope designated for Thanksgiving Baskets should be coming soon in the Sunday bulletin. There is also a Thanksgiving Food Basket tile for donating funds on vanco.

We will also need volunteers on Saturday, November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to noon to help distribute the baskets to families as they arrive at church. As always, thank you for your generosity!

## 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*



## REMEMBER OUR HOME BOUND

- Eleanor Sheronick, 3099 Stearns Rd., Room 401, Bedford, MI 48144
- Marlene Fouty-Ehram, 2466 Luther Hills Circle #66, Oregon, OH 43616
- Mary McLaughlin, 533 Sylvandale, Oregon, OH 43616
- Janie Kollarik, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 9, Walbridge, OH 43465
- Jill Cousino, 1706 Dier Rd., PO Box 75, Curtice, OH 43412
- Cliff & Madonna Bury, 1247 Stadium Road, Oregon, OH 43616
- Bob Joehlin, Orchard Villa, 2841 Munding Drive, Oregon, OH 43616
- Ted Jeffries, 1705 S. Coy Rd., Oregon, OH 43616
- Pat Snider, 862 N. Curtice Rd., Oregon, OH 43616

**The Christmas baskets for the homebound are on the table in the Narthex, ready for any treats or gifts you would like bring. Thank you to Sandy Noble for crafting them before she had her surgery! Cards are also out for you to sign your Christmas greeting. In December, Pastor and Clione will be making visits to deliver them.**







## In our Prayers

Sandy Murray, Lyle Sherman, Pat Snider, Tony Bruns, Dan Skadeland, Ann Ramlow, Jill Cousino, Bob Joehlin, Marlene Ehrsam, Paulette Colombo, Eleanore Sheronick, Beverly McIntosh, Ava Burkey, Jon Schwandner, Logan Murphy, Tammy Miller, Duane Ralston, Tom Hoot, Jocelyn Marker, Angie Mazey Noesen, Larry and Janet Schafer, Rose Robinson, Erin Biniecki, Helen Hernandez, Norma Leady, Deb Haubert, Sophia Noble, Mary McLaughlin and John Jenkins.



### November Birthday's

Ryan Hotmer	11/2
Cami Corl	11/3
Bob Laforme	11/3
Sherry Koenig	11/4
Jesse Webb	11/6
Emery Wulf	11/7
Ellen Laforme	11/10
Corey Hotmer	11/21
Aaron Schneider	11/23
Jeremy Land	11/26
Nancy Collins	11/30



### November Anniversaries

Tom & Gina Susor    Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>    31 yrs.

# 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

Balance as of 8/31/24	\$429.08
September revenue	\$15,632.06
September expenses	\$16,862.49

## Council notes: September 2024 meeting

\*Financial Report: Electric bill was alarmingly high. Tom Susor, Jr. will contact Toledo Edison. Those using church building will be asked to turn off the air when exiting.

\*Old Business: Stewardship Program drive was discussed. Four letters will be mailed throughout October. Commitment cards to be collected at 10/27/2024 service. Trunk or Treat 10/19/2024 from 3:00 to 5:00. Carpet & pews to be cleaned 10/17/24. Budget committee was formed. Paula Hudak, Carol Corl, John Jenkins and Don Pfouts.

\*New Business: Adult Sunday School will begin 9/22/2024 at 9:30 a.m. In person bible study begins 10/7/2024 at 8:00 a.m. Location to be determined. Online zoom bible study will begin 10/10/2024. Contact Pastor for details. Confirmation class begins 9/22/2024.



# Word Search

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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.  
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindlauf  
Grand Forks Herald 2012

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| 1. GIVING       | 5. GRATEFUL  | 9. FAMILY      | 13. RESPECT  |
| 2. THANKS       | 6. GRATITUDE | 10. FRIENDS    | 14. THANKFUL |
| 3. THANKSGIVING | 7. KINDNESS  | 11. HEALTH     | 15. POLITE   |
| 4. HOLIDAY      | 8. CARING    | 12. APPRECIATE | 16. MANNERS  |