

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ,

December is upon us and once again we prepare with joy for the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus. How fast the time goes. We live in a fast paced over stimulated time of activity. Scarcely does one activity end and it is time to go and do something else. The holiday season leading up to Christmas adds to this pressure and stress. There are times when we barely have time to think. My question for you is this: Where is God in the midst of all this hurry and worry? Do we even, or more importantly can we even make time for God? The dark days of December are here, and the Christ child is looking for a home.

This Advent we have some new components for worship. We are looking to add vibrancy and excitement to the anticipation of the season. We will remember the birth of Jesus, but we also look in optimism for His return. The world is in desperate need of the Christ. The promise of God to be with His people forever is found in this one child, who descends to us to make us worthy of the Grace of God. We pray for this Jesus to return to establish His kingdom in the hearts and minds of all people.

The world is reconciled in Jesus Christ. We are made whole and complete. Of course, there are times when the realities of life catch up to us and we might feel far away from God. These feelings are of our own making. Entering into life as an infant. Growing into a man subject to those same realities to which we are also subject, Jesus confirms and shows us the Love of God for us all. We are never alone. Jesus is always with us, especially in those moments when we feel farthest from God. Jesus clings to us and will never forsake his children.

Enjoy this month. Enjoy family and friends. The Kings of Kings be encouraged by the knowledge of the love of Jesus. I am so proud to be your pastor.

Pray, Study, Worship

Pastor Bob



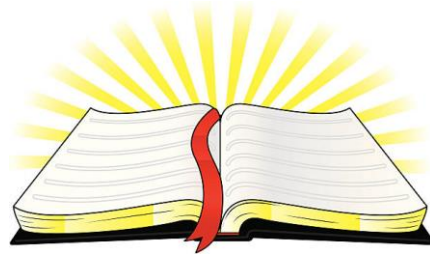
Advent begins on December 1st this year. We will light the first candle of Advent at the beginning of worship and then add an additional candle each week, symbolizing the light of Christ coming into the world. As we do so, we'll sing a verse from the hymn "*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*." As we sing out "Joy of Heaven to earth come down" we will proclaim a powerful truth. Love can and is now embodied in each of us. At the birth of Jesus, divine love was embodied in human form. This didn't end with the Advent story, nor did it end after Jesus' earthly ministry was complete. We, too, have been given divine love as a gift of faith through the power of the Holy Spirit to carry within us and to share with others. The hymn continues, "Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast." As we journey together through Advent and consider Scripture and this hymn beautiful hymn, let's listen for how that divine love speaks peace and joy to our hearts and how we are called to live out God's love on Christmas and every day.

Here is a daily prayer to use as a reminder of this divine gift of love: *Divine Love, call to us, teach us, remind us, and breathe your love into our troubled hearts. In Jesus' Name, Amen*

Sunday Morning Adult Study

The Sunday morning adult study class will resume on January 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!! Thank you and have a very Merry Christmas!

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
MONTH OF DECEMBER**



<u>DATE</u>	<u>FIRST READING</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>SECOND READING</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
Dec. 1 st	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Ps 25:1-10	1 Thess 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
Dec. 8 th	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 1:68-79	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
Dec. 15 th	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
Dec. 22 nd	Micah 5:2-5a	Ps 80:1-7	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]
Dec. 24 th	Isaiah 9:2-7	Ps 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]



Celebrate the birth of our Savior

4:00 p.m. Family service

10:00 p.m. Candlelight service

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.



- *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 9:00a.m.*

CALVARY IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA, CALVARY HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE CALVARYLUTHERANNORTHWOOD 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.

Calvary Lutheran Church
Pastor Bob -

Thank-you for your hospitality! We are grateful for the privilege to rehearse every Thursday all summer. We look forward to playing a "concert" for you..... let us know if you plan a german dinner!

Deutschmeister Band
Brenda Robson
(Director)



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, Dec. 21st, anyone interested is invited to join the Confirmation Class families as we visit Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. This will be a morning into afternoon activity. More details will follow.

CATECHISM

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 1st – No class to be held

Sunday, December 8th – catechism class at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Dowling

Sunday, December 15th – catechism class at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Dowling

Saturday, December 21st – field trip to Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio
and the Synod office in Findlay

Sunday, December 29th – No class to be held



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's desperately needs women's hygiene products. If you would like to drop off donations at the church, please call the office to arrange a time or bring with you on Sunday for worship. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

We will be collecting monetary donations for Christmas Food Baskets to feed 10 families from the Lake Local Schools. A designated envelope can be located in the Sunday bulletin. There is also a tile for donating funds on vanco.

We will also need volunteers on Saturday, December 21st 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!

The Gift of Giving

The Angel Tree is up and there are 20 envelopes with 20 residents of the Luther Home of Mercy waiting for someone to adopt. If you are able to help, contact the church office 419-836-8986, Pastor Bob, or S.A.M. Clione and they can help you get started. You may also select an angel during office hours, or at Sunday Worship. Your gifts are appreciated.





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, 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.



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*



In our Prayers

Sandy Noble, Mary McLaughlin, Lyle Sherman, Ann Ramlow, Jill Cousino, Bob Joehlin, Marlene Ehrsam, Paulette Colombo, Eleanore Sheronick, Ava Burkey, Jon Schwandner, Logan Murphy, Duane Ralston, Tom Hoot, Jocelyn Marker, Angie Mazey Noesen, Sophia Noble, Tony Bruns, Pat Snyder and Dan Skadeland.



December Birthday's

Marty Land	12/2
Rosemary Brim	12/8
Deb Pfouts	12/10
Angela Webb	12/11
JJ Ross	12/13
Jennifer Rumpf	12/16
Jeff Rumpf	12/21
Debbie Phillips	12/22
Luke Ross	12/22
Ted Jeffries	12/25
Ann Calevro	12/28
Abby Schneider	12/28



December Anniversaries

Tom & Kelsey Wulf	Dec. 11 th	14 yrs.
George & Wendy Kimble	Dec. 26 th	37 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: October 2024 meeting

*October council meeting discussions will be included in the January 2025 Newsletter. Thank you.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Advent

K T W T S I T P A B E H T N H O J	johnthebaptist
P L S U N D A Y R A M F D B C W J	anticipation
X A N T I C I P A T I O N A J T A	patriarchs
G M T A P F X I K O A P R U E L F	reflection
K W V R Z R E J Y Q E O X T S S Z	prophets
Q K H V I K E X Q A L L S J U K E	Emmanuel
U H K L T A F P C S L T T S S E G	darkness
A O F O H Q R E A R O G E K J E E	prepare
R P K V G Y R C I R N M H P L W M	promise
W E W E I P T R H I E O P R U Z M	waiting
S E M H L N O V T S H Y O O U W A	advent
A J Y M E N M I L K O Z R M V U N	carols
K J O V M K A B O U B F P I Z V U	purple
E S D Y T W R H T A E R W S E H E	sunday
S A J B E L P R U P O B Q E T J L	candle
R E F L E C T I O N C A N D L E X	wreath
R G Y A X H G S S E N K R A D H H	weeks



jesus
peace
light
mary
love
hope
joy