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JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



EPIPHANY

Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year! Possibilities abound as we enter a new year living and working together for the Glory of God. I hope your holidays were merry and bright. Every year it seems God is moving us forward as He builds His Kingdom here on Earth. As we move forward, I am reminded of Jesus on Easter as He encounters the Apostles, "Fear Not!" He instructs them and us. Consider the radical nature of the Resurrection in the eyes of the Apostles! Jesus knows that change is difficult for humans. Resurrection was a change no one saw coming. Today we may take the reality of Easter for granted, but it had to be quite upsetting for those early believers as they encountered a resurrected and living Jesus!

Being Easter people we live in the promise of the empty tomb. Death, hell, sin and the devil will not win! The reality of salvation does not remove the temptation that the world provides in great measure. In our weakness, however, is the strength of Jesus. He turns our lives into an unfolding witness to the power of resurrection to all who we meet.

I am looking forward to this year. As the years progress, I find my work is becoming more and more special to me. I enjoy the work. Preaching and teaching the Good News of Jesus is a blessing to me. I am also blessed by two amazing assistants in SAMS Jeannine and Clione. Together we will continue the path that God has set us on and as we walked together with all of you please know how grateful I am for your prayers, support and love. I am so proud to be your pastor.

Peace,

Pastor Bob



WAM Office Opening soon at Calvary Lutheran Church

In January the Wood County Area Ministries will be opening a northern Wood County office here at Calvary Lutheran Church.

Who We Are

Wood County Area Ministries (WAM) is an interfaith network, built on the foundation of Christ's love for everyone regardless of their circumstances.

What We Do

WAM helps those who are experiencing a critical short term need. WAM helps by referring individuals and families to agencies and organizations that are able to provide ongoing support and assistance. WAM may also be able to help those who are in a short term crisis financial situation. Most typically, help is provided for those who need help with overdue housing or utility bills.

How WAM is Funded

All funding for WAM comes from donations from area churches, faith-based organizations and individuals. WAM receives no government funding.

Why WAM Helps

As people of faith, we understand that we are called to love God's people, particularly those who are hurting or in need. The purpose of the network is to bring together the many resources of local churches to meet the needs of our neighbors, and through service, build relationships. We hope that through this collaboration, we can serve as living examples of God's love, improve communication between ministries, reduce duplication of services, identify new resources, and break down barriers that prevent people from getting the help they need. Assistance is provided without requirement of church participation or repayment. This assistance is a free gift. We desire to build life giving and loving relationships with all God's children with no strings attached.

Sunday Morning Adult Study

Reminder that the Sunday morning adult study class will resume on January 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY



<u>DATE</u>	<u>FIRST READING</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>SECOND READING</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
Jan. 5 th	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Ps 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:[1-9] 10-18
Jan 6 th (Epiphany of Our Lord)	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ps 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Jan. 12 th	Isaiah 43:1-7	Ps 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Jan. 19 th	Isaiah 62:1-5	Ps 36:5-10	1 Cor 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Jan. 26 th	Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Ps 19	1 Cor 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21

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.



- *Adult study class Sunday morning at 10:00 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 9:00a.m.*



**ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY
JANUARY 19, 2025**

The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 19, 2025 following service. In the event of bad weather, the meeting will be held February 2, 2025. Please plan on attending!! Thank you.

CATECHISM

JANUARY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 5th – catechism class at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Dowling

Sunday, January 12th – catechism class at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Dowling

Sunday, January 19th – catechism class at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Dowling

Friday, January 24th – field trip to the Synagogue. Details not yet available.



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!



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, 5824 Brown Rd., Oregon, OH 43616
- Ted Jeffries, 1705 S. Coy Rd., Oregon, OH 43616
- Pat Snider, 862 N. Curtice Rd., Oregon, OH 43616

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



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

Flower Chart

The 2025 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board across from the office. The cost of the flowers will be \$35.00. Flowers are put on the altar for the Glory of God!



Altar Flowers



January Birthday's

Tony Sleek	1/11
Nate Gartee	1/14
Lauren Susor	1/15
Mason Lake	1/17
Sue Sass	1/19
Thomas McCrory	1/20
Eleanore Sheronick	1/20
Allison Susor	1/20
Don Pfouts	1/22
Emily Schimming	1/22
Pat Snider	1/23
Marlene Fouty-Ehrsam	1/26
Tamia Land	1/30



January Anniversaries

Rodger & Terrie Phillips Jan. 14th 40 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 9/30/24	\$603.65
October revenue	\$18,034.39
October disbursements	\$17,951.36

Council notes: October 2024 meeting

***Old Business:** Carpets and pews were cleaned. Trunk or Treat was held October 19, 2024. Beautiful weather and approximately 80 children participated. WAM is moving forward on opening an office at Calvary in January, 2025. The Finance Committee submitted a 2025 budget request to council. After discussion it was approved to submit to the congregation.

***New Business:** The copier lease to expire. We received a quote from Perry Protech for a Konica multi-function machine with a savings of approximately \$66.00 a month. Council approved the new lease. Discussed Angel Tree and decided to sponsor 20 residents of Luther Home of Mercy. Working on quotes for property insurance. Council completed the Synod SAM evaluation for Clione Schneider. Calvary to collect donations to provide 15 families from Northwood Thanksgiving food baskets.



Epiphany Word Search

(Horizontal + vertical word searches)



- Words to find:**
- JANUARY
 - EPIPHANY
 - CAMEL
 - GOLD
 - MYRRH
 - FRANKINCENSE
 - STAR
 - WISEMEN
 - BALTHASAR
 - GASPAR
 - MELCHIOR
 - KING
 - NIGHT
 - MAGI
 - BETHLEHEM



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