



Calvary Lutheran Newsletter

DECEMBER 2019

Pastor's Ponderings

We are back and better than ever! Thank you to so many folks who have put this new and improved Calvary Chronicle together. We are hoping that you find this newsletter a wealth of information and an inspiration for your walk with Jesus.

So much has happened since last I wrote a Pastor's Ponderings. Instead of focusing on all the good things that have happened let us use this time to focus on the Light that is Jesus the Christ.

We are a blessed people. God has blessed us with so many gifts. The greatest of these gifts is His Son Jesus the Christ. The light of Christ shines in this world and the world needs that light more and more every day.

We all watch what happens in the world and it seems as though society and culture are moving away from God, and they are!! Christian life as we remember it is no more. Church attendance and commitment to Christian community is not an imperative for many people. Because of that, the size of communities' shrink. Fear takes over and fear is the greatest enemy of the light of Christ. The light of Christ, however, cannot be dimmed. The light of Christ shines in the hearts of Christians across the world as we work together for justice and peace. The light of Christ shines in the minds of Christians as we work to comfort the sick and dying. The light of Christ shines in the bodies of people as we feed the

hungry and clothe the naked. **WE** are the light of Christ. Not just here on Sunday morning, but in all the places that we go. We are the light shining in the darkness. We are the hands and voice of Jesus as we reach out and speak of matters of injustice, hunger and poverty. This is our calling that we received in baptismal waters. We are fortified for this calling at the Table of our Lord. We are moved to action not by miracles or wonders, but by that still, small voice that leads us to live as the light of Christ. Let us ever dwell in the light of Christ. I am so proud to be your pastor.

Peace

Pastor Bob

Clione's Corner

A few weeks ago, Jackie Langlois was installed as Calvary's Parish Nurse and I was installed as Pastoral Assistant. Jackie will be bringing useful health information to our congregation and I will be assisting pastor in various areas.

Together, with Pastor Bob, we will be working as a team to provide hospital and home visits, along with communion to homebound members. Pastor Bob will continue doing pre-surgery visits. We remind you (or a family member) to contact the office with hospitalization information because the hospitals do not always inform us you are there.

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Sundays, a healing service will be held during worship time on the fifth Sunday. The tentative dates for the coming year will be March 29, August 30, and November 29. (May 31 is Pentecost so there are different plans.) Please mark your calendars for these important dates. Your prayers and presence are needed!

It is exciting to be a part of this ministry team to serve the members of our church family. If you have thoughts, ideas, or comments, please share them with us.

Jackie's Journal

Life doesn't always turnout like we expected. Illness, loss of a loved one, divorce, loss of independence, etc. The above are known as stressors. Times like these can be very traumatic to an individual and can produce periods of anxiety. Anxiety can be in the form of increased heart rate, increased blood pressure and agitation, along with other forms. Prayer is a tool to use to reduce the response to a stressor. Becoming aware of your body's' response to stress, getting rid of negative thoughts in your mind and taking time for meditation and prayer can help heal your spirit to give you strength to deal with life. Gods' peace be with you all.

"A View From The Pew"

Hello, I'm Tom Susor here bringing you a brand-new feature to our monthly newsletter "A VIEW FROM THE PEW". This article will be dedicated to reporting interesting facts and observations with a Christian flare as well as a sense of humor.

Thank you very much for allowing me this opportunity to serve the Lord as your acting congregational president. As we move forward through these troubled times, we must strive to keep our hearts, minds and decisions focused in Christ and trusting in his guidance. I would like to use this venue to have an open and informative platform for our church family to discuss matters of interest and or concern.

The Lord wants us to look forward to help guide the future of church.

Philippians 3:13-14 New Living Translation (NLT)

¹³No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it,^[a] but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

As all Christians today deal with diminishing morality and dwindling numbers this passage from Philippians tells us to forget the past and look to the future. With prayerful consideration we need to consider a Godly pathway to build our relationship with the Lord and His Church. I look forward to an exciting time of growth filled with an abundance of love and fellowship here at Calvary.

Remember when you think that “someone should do something” that someone can be you!!!!

Peace & Love

Tom Susor Sr.

Annual Congregational Meeting January 26,

2020The annual congregational meeting, election and installation of officers will be held Sunday, January 26, 2020 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. In the event of bad weather the alternate date of the meeting is February 2, 2020. Please plan to attend!

Home Energy Assistance Program

Applications for HEAP, a federally funded program designed to help eligible Ohioans meet the cost of home heating this winter, are available in the holder on the office door, There is a green flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex with

more information. If you have questions, you may contact Lisa Thompson at 419-725-6957 or email her at lthompson@areaofficeonaging.com. Lisa is the HEAP Coordinator.

Designing Women In Need Of Double Knit Fabric

The Designing Women are in need of double knit fabric. They use this fabric to make their lap blankets. If you have double knit fabric that you no longer need you may bring it to church and it will be put to very good use.

Prayer Chain

Are you, a loved one or friend in need of prayer? Calvary's Prayer warriors 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 Carol 419-691-7941. 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 Carol at 419-691-7941.

Many thanks and blessings.

Carol Crosser

Christmas Basket Envelopes -- Angel Tree

The Angel Tree will be up on Sunday December 1st. We will be providing Christmas food baskets and gifts for needy children from Northwood and Lake Schools. Christmas Basket envelopes will be in your bulletins each week in December.



Let's Go Deeper During Advent

During Advent this year we are going deeper, and we hope you will join us. Starting December 1st and running every Sunday in Advent we will be gathering at 9:15 am for Fellowship and Learning. We will first enjoy a nice breakfast together as community. Then we will break off and the Sunday school kids will go to their classes and the Adults will also enjoy a time of learning. There will be one Service at 10:30 a.m. during Advent.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We are offering two opportunities for worship on Christmas Eve. 4:00 PM will be our family oriented service. Come and hear our children play the bells- all children are welcome to participate. 10:00 PM will be the traditional candlelight service. with Holy Communion.

Hunger Sunday

The second Sunday of every month is Hunger Sunday. Please remember to bring in your donations which will be delivered to St. John's Stony Ridge for their Food Pantry.

Prayer Concerns

Paulette Columbo, Candace Ross, Lucas BrileyNorma Carsten, Sandy Murray, Eleanore Sheronick, Pat Snider, Don Koenig, Emily Hyder-Jasinski, Jeanette Shepard, Ava Burkey, Jeff Norris, Jon Schwandner, Cinda Robertson, Joyce Justice, and Tonya Meeker.

A Message From The Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee, at the direction of Church Council, would like to thank the following families for the use of their loved ones' memorial funds for the River Rock Project. Funds were used from the accounts of Grace Bookenger, Daniel Corl, Betty Hammersmith, Robert Hammersmith, Kerry Hoot, the Rehm Family, Jerry Snider, Jack Strantz, and Jan Strantz. We would also like to thank Al Studtmann for his individual donation. The beautification of our Church entrance will be a lasting memorial for all our members.

Remember our Homebound Members

Let us not forget Calvary's family members that have difficulty in attending our worship and events. Please consider our Homebound Members by dropping a note or a card with kind words to let them know they are in your thoughts.

- **Ken Orris, Ohio Veterans Home, 3416 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, OH 44870**
- **Eleanore Sheronick, 3445 Fleitz Road, Oregon, OH 43616**
- **Lloyd (Jim) Schneider, Ohio Veterans Home, 3416 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, OH 44870**
- **Jeanette Shepard 5015 Parkside Drive Oregon, OH 43616**

DECEMBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS

Rex Parsons	12/1
Rosemary Brim	12/8
Jensen Ross	12/13
Jeffrey Rumpf	12/21
Ted Jeffries	12/25
Ann Calevro	12/28

DECEMBER 2019 ANNIVERSARY

George & Wendy Kimble	32 yrs.	12/26
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Memorials Given

In Memory of Mary Ann Clark:

Bob and Norma Carsten

In Memory of Richard Brim:

Dave & Noreen Walton	Mary Mortemore
Rich & Rita Henzler	Suzanne DeMarc
Mary Jane Joehlin	John & Carolyn Walton
William Eickholt	Ron & Jan Walton & Family
Mr. & Mrs, Randy Kruse	Carol Crosser
Paul & Terry Herman	Pat Snider
Mike & Nancy Dusseau	Larry & Gerry Dominique
Carl & Denna Restenmayer	Bob & Norma Carsten
Arnold Perry	Paige Price
Carolyn Imms	W.J. Miller
D.J. Miller	Joan Keister
Kurt & Lorraine Putnam	

In Memory of Connie Jeffries

Kurt & Lorraine Putnam

Confirmation Classes

Below is a list of dates for this year's Confirmation Classes. You will note that there are fewer dates. We will be doing more work on-line this year on our Band page. Class times will be 4-6 p.m. We will conclude each class this year with a small supper. We will be focusing on the Bible this year. Anyone is invited to join us. Class dates are as follows:

October 27, 2019
November 17, 2019
December 15, 2019
January 19, 2020
February 16, 2010
March 15, 2020
April 26, 2020

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 Council Meeting Minutes October 21, 2019

Members Present: Pastor Bob Noble, Pastoral Assistant Clione Schneider, President Vice President Tom Susor, Sr., Planning Committee Chair (Vacant), Treasurer Carol Corl, Secretary Tamia Land, , Carol Crosser, Paula Hudak, Carol Jeffries, Ted Jeffries, Gwen Neundorfer, Vicki Puterbaugh, and Tom Susor, Jr.

Members Excused: John Jenkins and Parish Nurse Jackie Langlois

Tom, Sr. opened the meeting with a prayer.

Review of previous meeting's minutes:

- A motion was made by Paula and seconded by Vicki to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

- The Financial Report was submitted by Carol Corl. The report was accepted unanimously.
- All the bills will be paid this month.
- The current checking balance covers the bills still due and we have one Sunday left.
- \$500 was deposited in savings and \$500 to the parsonage fund.
- The Putnam Recovery Fund has covered the expenses. Any further donations will go to the Thanksgiving Baskets.

Pastor's Report:

- The Pastor's report was given and accepted.

Pastoral Assistant's Report

- The report was received and accepted.

Committee Reports:

- Endowment:
 - A report was received and accepted.
- Executive: No Report
- Memorial:
 - A report was received and accepted. No changes since last month.
- Nominating: No Report
- Personnel: No Report
- Planning: No Report

Team Reports:

- Equipping: No Report
- Gathering:
 - A report was received and accepted.
- Sending:
 - Clione, Paula, and Tamia attended a Parish Committee meeting.
 - The websites have been linked.
 - St. Paul's will work with us on the Thanksgiving Baskets and Operation Turkey Sandwich.
 - Combined Christmas caroling has been scheduled for 12/15/2019
 - Clione has asked a couple of women to head up a WECA group.

Old Business:

- Insurance Quotes
 - Three quotes were received.
 - The council voted to accept the task force's recommendation to go with Acuity Coverage.
 - The coverage should start 11/1/2019.
- Church Directory
 - Pastor will resend the info to Life Touch.
 - Sunday School changes: No report

New Business:

- Snow Removal
 - A bid was received from Diekman's which was similar to last year.
 - Gwen moved and Ted seconded to continue with Diekman's. the motioned passed unanimously.
- Newsletter
 - The newsletter will be revamped with the addition of reports/letters from Tom, Sr., Jackie, and Clione.
- Advent
 - No Wednesday night services
 - Service of the word on Sundays with the inclusion of the Cantata that Pastor wrote a few years ago.

The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tamia K. Land, Secretary



Please join us Wednesday evenings at
7:00 p.m. for choir practice.
All are welcome!



Dec. 1st Paula Hudak In Memory of Her Father, Paul Spencer
Dec. 8th Pat Snider in Honor of her Mom and Dad,s Birthdays.
Dec. 15th Wendy and George Kimble in Honor of their 32nd Anniversary
Dec, 22nd Kurt and Lorraine Putnam in Memory of Jennifer and their Mothers.
Dec. 29th Josh and Candace Ross in Honor of JJ's 8th and Luke's 4th birthday.



Loaves and Fishes

Our "Loaves and Fishes" ministry has a new facilitator: **Jackie Langlois**. When anyone in the congregation is temporarily home bound because of an illness or surgery we try to provide meals for about a week. If you are willing to prepare a meal or would be willing to make calls, please call our new **Parish Nurse, Jackie Langlois 419-779-6283**. You do NOT have to prepare a gourmet meal, they can either be home cooked, deli or store bought. As always your help would be greatly appreciated.

Savvy Senior News Letter

We now have a Savvy Senior News Center in the Narthex on the table by the Sanctuary. It will have current newsletters and information available to you from Lucas, Wood, and Ottawa County. If you should have any questions or need help, please let the office know.

Electronic Automated Giving:

Electronic automated giving is now available. You may fill out a form, sign-up online, or use the GivePlus app on your smartphone. The forms are available in the office. The office will input the information and return the form to you. You may sign-up online for automatic giving. Go to Calvary's webpage at [button](#) and create your account. You can also sign-up and create an account on your smartphone. Download the GivePlus + app, create your account, make sure you delegate Calvary Lutheran Church, Northwood as your default church and choose how you wish your donation set up.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH **CARRILLON PROGRAMMING**

Please find on the Welcome Center in a stand a *Carrillon Programming* sheet. If you would like the Carrillon, Chime Master, to play a hymn on a certain date, please fill out this form and put it in the basket on the Welcome Center. The hymns list that it plays is in the Chime Master Carillon folder on the Welcome Center. Thank You.