



**JANUARY 2020**

# **Calvary Lutheran Newsletter**

## **Pastor's Ponderings**

By the time you read this the New Year will have started. Happy New Year. 2020 promises to be a year of great excitement and challenge for Calvary and other churches in the area. Many of our sister congregations in the area will begin to run out of money this year. The people in those congregations will have tough decisions to make. We pray for them. Closing the doors of “your” church building must be difficult because it must feel like change is being forced upon you. Humans don’t like change, and yet the nature of the church is changing. Those changes are happening faster than I ever thought they would. God has a direction for the church. We have no choice but to embrace each other and God’s will for our collective lives together.

Your leaders and I here at Calvary Lutheran Church will be open to the changes that this year will bring. I encourage all of you to pray for us and our community. As a community we will be looking at the mission of the church. What God is calling us to do and be in the coming year. We will be offering more opportunities for Bible Study this year. Mission can only happen when a person studies and listens to the word of God through prayer and study. Our new parish nurse will be providing education and assistance on all matters pertaining to our health. We will continue to visit our homebound members more regularly, bringing and sharing the Good News with them. This is going to be a busy year!

Finally, as we begin our twelfth year together, I am humbled by the call and confidence you have placed in

me to be your pastor. We have all come a long way in these years. Let us reflect on the past, but not dwell on it, because God is calling us to a bright and hope-filled future full of God's LOVE. I am so proud to be your pastor.

Peace,

Pastor Bob

## **Clione's Corner**

It is a New Year, a new decade, and a new beginning! I hope this year brings you blessings! I love New Year's Day. It is a good day to examine one's life and reflect. It is a good day to define strengths and weaknesses, and determine what should continue or what needs to be revised. For more than two decades, I have kept a special journal where I note the goals and changes I want to make in the coming year. (I don't make resolutions. I make goals.) Before writing, I reread the goals from the previous year and check off goals achieved, make notes, and reevaluate those obviously off-track. Then new goals and dates are entered. A new year and a new decade is a good time to reflect upon our spiritual life and how we live out our faith in everyday life. We all have areas of strength and areas that need our attention. Honest reflection can help us to live life more fully and completely—as Jesus wants us to do. We can have a clearer vision of our life's purpose and passion (there are no age limits on this), and be open to Jesus leading us. We may find ourselves on a path out of our comfort zone, but it may bring us the most fulfillment.

My prayer for you for this New Year, is that you will be filled with the Spirit, renewed and refocused in your relationship with God.

## **Jackie's Journal**

Jackie's Journal will be down for a few of months until she completes her studies to become a Certified Parish Nurse.

## **"A View From The Pew"**

Hello again and a Happy New Year to all. I'm Tom Susor here bring you your second edition of "A VIEW FROM THE PEW".

As we move forward through the headlines and news casts it would really be easy to get discouraged and want to "chuck it all in" the path to sin and degradation is wide, paved and lined with temptations! Matthew 7:13-14 (NLT) 13 "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell[ is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. 14 But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it. Now know that what makes the path to rigorousness narrow and difficult is the simple fact that there is only one way and that way is through Jesus Christ our Savior!

God offers salvation to everyone who accepts it, Romans 10:9-10 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. The road to salvation may be narrow but Jesus has assured us the it is indeed accessible through him and him alone.

As the chaotic world spins around us with every distraction imaginable we need to focus on the things

that will please the Lord, Kindness, Forgiveness, Love, Faith, and let Jesus lead the way!

Faith is seeing light with your heart, when all your eyes see is darkness. ... The dictionary says faith is having complete trust or confidence in something. As a Christian who believes in God, my faith is in God.

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

Peace & Love  
Tom Susor Sr.

### **Annual Congregational Meeting January 26, 2020**

The annual congregational meeting and election 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, There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for Council and Committee members. Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of these positions. Mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 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](mailto:lthompson@areaofficeonaging.com). Lisa is the HEAP Coordinator.

### **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

### **Toiletries Collection for St. Paul Episcopal Church's Food Pantry**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oregon continues to be in need of toiletries for the 160 families that they serve every month. We will continue collecting toiletries for their food pantry. Items such as soap, shampoo, shaving cream, disposable razors, deodorant, tooth paste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, and paper towels are needed. The food pantry is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help at the food pantry, please let Pastor know. All help is greatly appreciated by the members of St. Paul's

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### **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, Dee Mutchler, Norma Carsten, Beverly McIntosh, Sandy Murray, Eleanore Sheronick, Pat Snider, Don Koenig, Tom Susor Sr., Carol Galuzny, Kim Fitch, Eric Mason, Emily Hyder-Jasinski, Jeanette Shepard, Ava Burkey, Jon Schwandner, Cinda Robertson, and Tonya Meeker.

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### **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.

### **A Letter of Thanks**

Dear Calvary Congregation,

Thank you so much for the holiday card that you sent to me. All of the signatures and warm wishes made me feel very blessed even with my current situation in this gated community.

Getting any mail in here is special but your card really lifted my spirits and was truly an extra blessing for my month.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness. It was definitely appreciated more than you know.

Dan Pfouts

### **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**

### **January 2020 BIRTHDAYS**

Kurt Putnam	1/2
Tony Sleek	1/11
Nate Gartee	1/14
Lauren Susor	1/15
Mason Lake	1/17
Sue Sass	1/19
Thomas McCory	1/20
Eleanore Sheronick	1/20

Allison Susor	1/20
Don Pfouts	1/22
Emily Whitmore	1/22
Pat Snider	1/23
Marilyn Roth	1/25
Marlene Fouty-Ehrsam	1/26
Sandy Harmon	1/30
Tamia Land	1/30

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Rodger & Terrie Phillips	1/14
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**Memorials Given**

**In Memory of Sue Zaerr**

Timothy & Nancy Archer	Carol Crosser
Mary Jane Joehlin	Tony & Lola Sleek
Larry & Karen Schanke	Charlene Hoot
Edward & Judith Stewart	Theone Caris
Jeanette Shepard	Ted & Carol Jeffries

**In Memory of Richard Brim**

Carolyne Allen	Jeanette Shepard
Ted & Carol Jeffries	

**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:

- January 19, 2020
- February 16, 2020
- 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  
November 18, 2019



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



Jan. 5th Carol Crosser – I Memory of Bill's Birthday.

Jan. 12th

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> Tamia Land – In Memory of her parents on her birthday January 30th



## Loves 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.

### **Holy Space**

Please be mindful of members who desire quiet time in the Sanctuary before the Service. Please speak in low tones. Thank you.

### **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.

### **2019 Giving Statements**

The giving statements for 2019 are ready and can be picked up in the Narthex at the Welcome Center. Envelopes for 2020 can be picked up in the Gathering Place.