



# Calvary Lutheran Church Newsletter

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2020

## Pastor's Ponderings

The world we live in is full of noise. We are bombarded with messages and noise. Turn on the TV, noise, worry, fret and stress. We can see and hear and feel; our emotions get all stirred up. Movies and entertainment tempt us with images of sex, intrigue and glamour. Behind all the emotion is fear. Fear that we will not have enough. Fear that we will lose. Fear that we are not good enough. Fear that we are too fat. Fear that we are too skinny. Fear that we will not be loved, or worse that we are unlovable. You can name just about anything and behind whatever negative emotion we will find fear. These fears are the precursors of other emotions, most likely anger. All these things lend themselves to the noise of the world. World noise leads us away from God, and we set up false gods that we worship.

An infant in the first moments of life must learn how to breathe. The first thing we learn is the **voluntary** response of breathing. Think about it for a moment. We can hold our breath. We cannot stop our hearts from beating which is an **involuntary** response our body creates when an electrical signal is sent from the brain to the heart. Christians believe that all things, even the air we breathe comes from God. When we breathe, we take in the very life essence of God. God who gives the gift of life fills us with the air we need to live. The ancient church fathers and mothers understood that breath is a Holy thing. Breathing is a Holy thing of God that is important for sustaining **all** life.

Silence. The power of silence. It is only in the silence that we find God. Elijah encountered windstorms, earthquakes and tremendous fires, all very loud noises, but never found God in any of those things. Elijah never found God in the noise. Elijah found God only in the

“sheer silence.” (1Kings 19: 12). We too find God only in the silence. The noise of the world drowns out and distracts us from God. Embrace the silence. God is waiting for us in the silence.

While I was on retreat, I discovered that if I remain silent and focus my breathing, God is there. God is inside all of us. This is not sentimental emotion. This is not a product of the noise. This does not compute on an intellectual level. We wonder and search and look for God in the noise of the world, and God is right here with us. “I am with you always even unto the end of the age.” (Matthew 28). Everywhere is God. God is everywhere. Loving us, giving us breath, walking with us along the journey of life. God is also perfecting us, creating with the breath new life every day, in every way.

Long for the silence. Enjoy the breath. Enjoy God. I am so proud to be your pastor.

Peace,  
Pastor Bob

## **Clione’s Corner**

February is ablaze with all matters of the heart. Red hearts, cards, candy, and movies are everywhere to turn our thoughts towards feelings and relationships.

We all are aware that a basic human need is love. We need to be loved, and we need to love. Both actions significantly affect our happiness and quality of life. Our faith is all about love—God’s love for us and the assurance of his love through Jesus, and he calls us to pass his love on to others.

Our bishop has called for 2020 to be the Year of Mission with the focus on the Mission of God. “The Triune God is working to renew everyone and everything and invites us to participate.” The Northwest Ohio Synod (<https://nwos-elca.church/>) has many resources for this focus, including a Bible study on the Book of Acts.

Mission is a matter of the heart. February is a good time to reexamine our hearts to nurture our relationship with God so we can intentionally share the good news of the Gospel with others in the way God has gifted us to do. We are all invited to participate!

## **“A View From The Pew”**

Hello again and a Happy Valentine’s Day to all. I’m Tom Susor here bring you this month’s edition of “A VIEW FROM THE PEW”.

As we move into the month of February “the month of love”, we need to embrace the notion that “all We Need Is Love”. After all, would John Lennon Lie? The Bible says in

Mark 12:29-31 (NLT)

29 Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. 30 And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’[a] 31 The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’[b] No other commandment is greater than these.” This Commandment didn’t come to us via a stone tablet; it comes to us from the lips of our Savior Christ the Lord. Jesus then said no other commandments are greater, I believe if Jesus would have said that statement today, He would have simply dropped the mic and walked off the stage! Pretty powerful stuff wouldn’t you say? You may have noticed He didn’t say love only neighbors that look like you, or worship like you, or talk like you, or live like you. I truly believe Jesus wants us to love and respect all of Gods people. This doesn’t mean we have to agree with everyone or never get angry with someone. It does however mean that we may hate a person’s position on a subject but we must not let our disagreement with one’s opinion lead to hatred as that is not a Christian behavior and as we all know hatred leads to the dark side.

Let’s all embrace the February theme of Love! Love brings happiness and this world of darkness does indeed need the light of GOD’S LOVE!

February is a cold month come and warm your heart with God’s word and the hugs of fellow Christians at our Little Country Church!

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

Peace & Love

Tom Susor Sr.

## **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.

## **Blood Pressure Screenings**

Our Parish Nurse, Jackie Langlois, will be doing blood pressure screenings in the Gathering Place the last Sunday of every month beginning Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The times for the screenings are at 9:00 a.m. before Service and at noon after the Service.

## **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

The Family of Chuck Campbell, Paulette Columbo, Candace Ross, Dee Mutchler, Norma Carsten, Sandy Murray, Rex Parsons, Bob JJoehlin, Eleanore Sheronick, Pat Snider, Don Koenig, Sandy Susor., Carol Galuzny, Shirley Jeffries, Kim Fitch, Eric Mason, Emily Hyder-Jasinski, Jeanette Shepard, Ava Burkey, Jon Schwandner, Cinda Robertson, the Family of Darlene Kalambach, and Tonya Meeker.

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## A Thank You From The Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee would like to thank the families of Richard Brim and Joanne Pettit for their donations of Memorial Funds to purchase two new memorial boards that will hang in the Narthex. The boards are a lasting memorial to deceased members of Calvary Lutheran Church.

## 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**
- **Jeantte Shepard 5015 Parkside Drive Oregon, OH 4361**
- **Marlene Fouty-Ehrsham 2466 Luther Hills Circle**
- **Apt. 66**
- **Oregon, OH 43616**
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## FEBRUAY BIRTHDAYS

Carol Corl	2/4
Lorraine Putnam	2/5
Marv Reitzel	2/6
Noelle Wulf	2/7
Patti Hotmer	2/10
Jill Cousino	2/13
Vel Campbell	2/20
Mike Joseph	2/21
Kathleen Ross	2/24
Don Collins	2/25
Carol Crosser	2/26

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSAR

<b>Tony &amp; Dodie Bruns</b>	<b>52 yrs.</b>	<b>2/3</b>
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### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Tom Susor	3/1
Annette Joseph	3/6
Annie Rose Land	3/8
Mary Jane Joehlin	3/13
Wendy Kimble	3/13
Kim Reitzel	3/21
Candace Ross	3/21
Roger Jeffries	3/22
Morgan Susor	3/24
Cliff Bury	3/29
Aubrey Whitmore	3/30
Ronald Phillips	3/31

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Jake & Annie Rose Land	8 yrs.	3/3
Tamia & Marty Land	43 yrs.	3/12
Kurt & Lorraine Putnam	37 yrs.	3/27

Happy  
Anniversary

### 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:

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.



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

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Please sign-up if you plan to attend.



### **Altar Flowers**

February 2	The Glory of God
February 9	Tamia Land in Honor of her sister, Kari's, birthday
February 16	Kurt & Lorraine Putnam in Honor of the Lord Jesus
February 23	Pat Sneider in Honor of her sister's birthday
March 1	Rosemary Brim in Memory of Richard
March 8	The Glory of God
March 15	Tamia Land in Honor of her and Marty's 43 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary
March 22	Kurt and Lorraine Putnam's 37 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
March 29	The Glory of God





## **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 **calvarynorthwood@hotmail.com** 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.



# Calvary Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

January 26, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 11:46 by acting President Tom Susor, Sr. He turned the meeting over to Pastor Bob for the opening worship in the annual report handout. There were 37 members present.

Elections

Tom read the ballot and asked for nominations from the floor. Pastor moved and Norma Car-ten seconded that the ballot be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

The results were:

Council: Ted Jeffries

Endowment Committee : Cheryl Hicks

Memorial Committee: Ted Jeffries

Annual Reports

Ted moved and Paula seconded to approve the minutes from last years annual meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom gave an oral President's report. The reports from Pastor, the Auditor, the Treasurer, Endowment Committee, Memorial Committee, Maintenance Committee, Equipping Team, and Sending Team were presented in the annual report handout. Questions were entertained.

Tamia Land moved and Jackie Langlois seconded to approve the budget as presented. Questions were entertained. The budget was approved unanimously.

The meeting closed with the benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02.

Respectfully submitted, Tamia K. Land, Council Secretary

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2020 Order form for Easter flowers

	<u>HOW MANY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	_____	\$7.75	_____
*Tulip	_____	\$7.00	_____
Daffodil	_____	\$7.00	_____
Hyacinth-pink, blue	_____	\$7.00	_____
12" Pansy Bowl	_____	\$7.00	_____

\*Tulip Colors-yellow, pink, orange, red, white, purple (Circle color choice)\_

Please place your order form and payment in the offering plate. Orders must be placed by Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of\_\_\_\_\_





Call your friends to come have some fun as you join us for a day of fellowship, scrapbooking, card making or your favorite crafting project Your participation in this fun-filled day will support programs and services that provide direct care to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Included in your fun day for \$35.00:

- Light continental breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Snacks and bottled water
- Full 8 ft. table space
- Help unloading and loading your supplies \$25.00 Registration option
- Raffle prizes (tickets 6 for \$5) for Half (4 ft.) table space

Register and pay online at [lutherhome.org](http://lutherhome.org) or make a check payable to Luther Home of Mercy and mail with registration below to:

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Megan O'Brien

Please contact Megan with any

5810 N Main St questions at 419-972-4436 or Williston, OH 43468 [mobrien@lutherhome.org](mailto:mobrien@lutherhome.org)\*



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Name:

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Address:

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Phone Number

Email:

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I need electricity for laptop/Circuit use: Yes No (bring extension cord and power strip just in case)

I would like to be seated near:

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(We will do our best to accommodate special requests.)

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, April 10th

If you miss the deadline, contact Megan to see if spots are still available.