

Mt. Calvary Messenger

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

First, as always, the Long Household gives a *big* Thank You to everyone who offered us holiday greetings, left goodies

for us to munch on, or who otherwise blessed us in this Christmas season. You are all a true gift to Sherri, Sarah, 'Bekah and me. We thank God regularly for you all.

And now to the regularly scheduled column.

The World Won't Come To An End in 2012..... probably.....

Not that Sherri and I get out to movies much anymore, but.... a movie recently caught my eye, not so much because it seemed to be any good, but because it explored an interesting idea. In the movie, everyone on earth was imperiled by the approach of a rogue planet that seemed to promise the destruction of our planet. The scientists couldn't be absolutely certain that the earth would be hit, but it seemed highly probable. And so people lived every day with this other planet looming over their heads, knowing every day that it was drawing closer and closer, and that they were every day getting closer to their own probable death, and the death of everyone on the planet. Not exactly a holiday "feel good," film. But what is interesting is how the director used this

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*From the
Deaconess'
Desk*

DEACONESS' MESSAGE

Thanks be to God for the gift of our Savior, Whose birth we celebrate at this Christmas season.

Thank you all for making me so much a part of this church family and for welcoming me into your lives in so many ways. Thank you for your Christmas cards and gifts which are very much appreciated. I would like to say a special thank you also to the congregation as a whole for your generous Christmas gift, which was especially helpful at this time. - My car is at the shop today for a major service, so you know it has been put to good use! Your love and generosity leave me at a loss for words, except to say how blessed I am to be here.

I am writing this letter on the first anniversary of my serving here at Mount Calvary. As I look forward to the year ahead, I find myself also reflecting on the time of my arrival a year ago. How time flies! It does not seem that long since I was first driving into a very white world that looked so different from the semi-desert of New Mexico, and wondering how our Lord would use me here.

We may have a general idea of what to expect in any of the various roles into which God places us in life but we cannot foresee the details. And so I could not have foreseen that

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three of the people whom Pastor took me to visit in my very first week would not be with us much longer. And yet it was not a depressing start. Time and again as I have visited folks in the final stages of their lives, I have watched the comfort that faith brings to the believer, and I have been blessed though seeing that.

I am reminded of Psalm 116, which is a psalm of thanksgiving. When we sing the Offertory, we probably don't think about the part of Psalm 116 which is sandwiched between the bits we sing. Verses 12-15 read: "What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints." (NKJV) This is not to say that God delights in death like some sadistic being. Rather the psalmist is glowing with praise and thanks towards the One Who has delivered his soul from death and his eyes from tears (verse 8). Indeed Ezekiel 18:32 tells us that God has no pleasure in the "death of one who dies". But the death of a believer is not that of "one who dies" but of one who has passed from death to life and has everlasting life (John 5:24). The death of His saints is precious in God's sight because they are His redeemed and He is taking them to Himself.

It has been a joy to me to see the closeness of many families at Mount Calvary, particularly in difficult times. And yet, on hospital and nursing-home visits, one sees also many people without that kind of support. And one sees the heartaches of those who feel powerless to help.

Do you ever look at someone else's struggles and feel inadequate to help them? Do you feel frustrated because someone you care about is suffering and you can't cure their illness or take away their pain, or they are lonely and you cannot be with them, or they are depressed and you cannot seem to reach them? These are

common concerns, and there is certainly no shortage of suffering in this world. But we should not be discouraged.

We do not know all the challenges, needs and opportunities that will confront us or those around us, but we who know Christ do know the One Who will bring us safely through all life's twists and turns. Paul writes to the Philippians (4:13) that "I can do all things [literally *All things I am able* or *I am strong*] through Christ Who strengthens me." (NKJV) What does this mean? It does not tell us that we become like Superman, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound and solve all of the world's problems along the way. Paul has just written (verses 11-12) that he has learned to be content in any circumstances - not that he can change his earthly circumstances but that he can be content. What this verse does is to remind us that God is with His people in His grace and mercy. As He tells His people through the prophet Isaiah (41:10): "Fear not, for I *am* with you; Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." We have the assurance that He will uphold us, and that nothing in this life, neither things present nor things to come, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:39).

God gives each of us particular gifts and the opportunities to use them. We cannot all be expert nurses, psychologists, counselors, builders, electricians, and the like. We cannot meet every physical, emotional or spiritual need. We cannot bring back the loved ones who have died or cure every illness. We may not be able to do anything that will restore the broken relationships, or heal the psychological damage.

But there is one thing that all believers can do - one gift that God has given to us all. We can love our neighbors where they are in their suffering. We love because He first loved us. God abides in all of us who confess that Jesus is the Christ, and He is love (I John 4:15-17). And so,

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Arlysha Bovane-Morrow
Steven Flynn
2. Sherri Long
- 3.
4. Barbara Zook
Cindy Wegner
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
8. Elizabeth Rein
Ellen Heien
- 9.
10. Colin Barr
John Brauer
11. Debbie Bloom
12. Rilla Adcock
13. Tom Taylor
14. Keith Crook
15. Joe Pergande
16. Leon Adcock
17. Michael Wilson
18. Abbie Matson
19. Stephen Bremer
20. Larry Frank
Benjamin Craig
Jeff Fager
Trinity Foote
21. Greg Browning
22. Theresa Johnston
23. Eric Hoffman
- 24.
- 25.
- 26.
- 27.
28. Ella Barr
Bret Miller
- 29.
- 30.
31. Rowena Roake

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Bob & Cindy Wegner
- 28 Larry & Julie Frank
- 29 Jerry & Ann Jungck

COUNTERS

Jill Adcock & Donna Stutz

GREETERS

- 8:00 Larry Bentz
- 10:45 Phil & Eileen Benne

WINTER



Worship Notes

LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

January 1, Name of Jesus, 1st Sunday after Christmas – One Service at 10:00 am

Psalm 8; Numbers 6:22-27;
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 2:21

January 8, Baptism of Our Lord

Psalm 29; Genesis 1:1-5;
Romans 6:1-11; Mark 1:4-11

January 15, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 139:1-10; 1 Samuel 3:1-20;
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

January 22, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 62; Jonah 3:1-5, 10;
1 Corinthians 7:29-35; Mark 1:14-20;

January 29, 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 18:15-20;
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS MONTH

Sunday, January 1st, one service at 10:00 am –
No Sunday School or Bible Classes
Thursday, January 5th, Epiphany Eve, Spoken
Communion Service at 6:00 pm
Friday, January 6th, The Epiphany of Our
Lord, Spoken Communion Service (repeat of
1/5), 11:15 am.

Where Is It?

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USHERS

- 8:00 Jerry Horst
- 10:45 Bob Cornelius

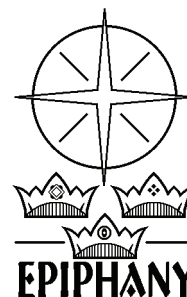
ELDERS

- January 1
10:00 a Paul Kroenke
- January 8
8:00 Paul Kroenke
10:45 Tom Brosowske
- January 15
8:00 Jerry Jungck
10:45 Gary Beenders
- January 22
8:00 Jim Henderson
10:45 Tom Brosowske
- January 29
8:00 Jerry Jungck
10:45 Paul Kroenke



ALTAR FLOWERS

- January 1
Ron & Lilliann Achterberg
- January 8
David and Jan Heien
- January 15
The Benne Family
- January 22
Theresa Johnston
- January 29
Larry & Julie Frank



✠ Prayer List ✠

Prayer Notes: Folks have asked from time to time “who all are we praying for?” Here’s a partial list with reference to their relation to the congregation. If you know of anyone who needs to be added, or who can be removed, please let Pr. Long or Judy know.

- † Geri Nordstrom – member
- † Lena Nordstrom – member
- † Andrew Willetts – friend of Long Family
- † Herb Schmedt – member
- † Corrine Johnson – sister to Sally Taylor
- † Richard Johnson
- † Jacob Achterberg – grandson to Ron & Lilliann, nephew to Linda Khattar
- † Elwin & Phyllis Basquin – parents to Luann Claudin
- † Don Peterson – father to Vicky Brosowske
- † Mikayla Schauble – friend to Maxwell family
- † Mary Bonesteel – friend to Long family
- † Ethan Saunders
- † Stephanie Hampton
- † Gail and Jonathan von Holten – friends of Jarrod & Jessica Harmon
- † Sharon Wenger – daughter to Tom & Sally Taylor
- † Kathy Hafley – daughter to Tom & Sally Taylor
- † Tom Boulter
- † Sandy Kissner – relative to Connie Kissner & family
- † Joel Hoffmann – son to Cheri Hoffmann
- † Gerald Hull – brother to Sally Taylor
- † Pr. Hoech & family – our “TIM” missionaries
- † Wilma Kost
- † Robert Kissner – member, deployed military
- † Brandt Klawitter – grandson to Gwen Klawitter, deployed military chaplain
- † Ed Bohnemann – son-in-law to Virginia Williams, deployed military
- † Jonathan Dallefeld – brother to April Brewer, deployed military
- † Eric Lonn – friend to Horst family
- † Gary Smith – Brother-in-law to Rick Laredo
- † Donald Browning – Grandfather to Tina Maxwell
- † Shirley Poole – Mother to Luann Cooper
- † Grace Burdett – mother to Rick Laredo
- † Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina
- † Charles Sommers – friend to Cheri Hoffmann
- † Connie Johnson – sister-in-law to Pam Barr
- † Elizabeth Rein – member
- † Larry Bentz – member
- † Pr. Paul Park – chaplain at Lutheran Hillside Village
- † Paul and Cheryl Rosenak – friends to Cheri Hoffmann
- † Bill Hartmann – friend to Bob & Cindy Wegner
- † Ken and Anne Crank – family to Phyllis Knebel
- † Joan Waldron – member
- † Pr. Glenn Niemann – St. John’s, Pekin
- † Tim and Paula Lynch – niece and her husband to Phyllis Knebel
- † Bill Meisner – friend to many
- † James Gibler – uncle to Leann Strutevant & DJ Gibler
- † Mark Kassa – friend to Cornelius Family, co-worker with Glenn Matson
- † Joan Cook – cousin to Conley Stutz
- † Harold Pauli – member
- † Rick Laredo – member
- † Tom and Polly Fitch – friends to Dcs. Gillian
- † Michele Sawicki and child – friend to Tagge Family
- † Jessie “JT” Jackson-Hohmann – grandson to Ginger Abel
- † Pat Peters
- † Karen Maddox – Sister to Kieth Moore
- † Ann Jungck – member
- † Susan Whitby – friend of the congregation
- † Jim Kaspar – son to Gwen Klawitter
- † Cindy Wegner – member
- † Norm Miller
- † Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel
- † Susan Baker – friend to Beenders family
- † Laura Davis – sister to Joe Leon
- † Ardeanne Ruckle – member
- † Helen Polk – friend to Barb Zook
- † Wilma Witworth – relative of Honig Family
- † Phyllis Knebel – member
- † Rudolfo Nytrej – son-in-law to Alice Manthey

Pastor's Column

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fanciful set-up to get at two very real human responses to impending doom. In the face of certain death and destruction, some folks will ask "then, what does it matter?" They give up, lose all hope, and live out their days in listless despair. On the other hand, there are also folks who will seek to get the most out of the days they have remaining, seeking to be true and faithful to all they have been given, all they have loved, and all they believe. Think here of Luther once commenting that if he knew the world would end tomorrow he would still plant an apple tree today, because that is what we are given to do - to live each day for the future - whether it ends up being there or not.

I bring all this up, not because of the new year, but because *this* new year - 2012 - has some special significance in the popular imagination. As many of you have heard, or will hear, the world is supposed to end in December. This is based on the fact that a famous Mayan calendar runs out of days in December of 2012 - provided it has been correctly interpreted. I hardly need to tell you that this reading of the calendar and explanation have been de-bunked by every credible scholar imaginable. The problem is that credible de-bunking is never as interesting as over-hyped popular misconceptions. So the theory continues to get trumpeted that the world will end this year. Some claim there is a government cover-up, and we are going to get slammed by an asteroid. Some claim it will be an ecological disaster. Some claim it will be divine judgment. Just get ready - you'll hear and see *news* specials discussing all this. The more wild-eyed programs will even claim several sources for the 2012 "end-of-the-world" prediction: Nostradamus, Native American folk-lore, various *psychics,* and so on. All nonsense. The world is not going to end this year, probably.

Now, there are things that will come to an end this year. Some people will die. Some jobs will end. Some people will think it's the "end-of-the-world" depending on what happens with political contests and economic conditions. This is not to discount the very real pain and fear such things can cause - but this is no reason for despair. Life doesn't lose its point or meaning just because things don't go the way we would like.

And, in fact, in the Church, we are called to proclaim the value of life regardless of what happens around us. Life is valuable - and our lives are worth living - no matter how humble or fruitless they may sometimes seem - because we are redeemed in Christ. Created by God, redeemed in Christ, sustained by the Spirit. Because we are cared for by Him Who alone is wise, is love, and is grace, our lives are worth something, mean something, and have weight to them. Which means that we have meaningful work, and play, and love, and kindness, to show to the world around us. Each moment does matter - and we have the grace to use the moments we are given as best we can. This is, I think, what St. Paul meant when he wrote to the Ephesians: "*See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*" (Ephesians 5:15-17). We "redeem" the time by making good use of it, no matter the evil surrounding us or the fearful things that stand before us. We do what we are given to do in our various vocations - not because we think things will necessarily get better - but because it is simply good to do what hands on the grace and love we have received. And the grace and love and forgiveness we have in Christ far outweighs whatever fears the world imagines for the future.

For here is the truth we know in Christ: the

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Lord can return at any moment. It might be next week. It might be in December. It might be yet a hundred years. No one knows the day or hour save God.

But even when the Lord returns, and this old creation is rolled up and set aside like a worn-out garment, we know that a new heavens and earth shall come forth. Creation will be restored. Life will go on – because He Who is the Life of the World has no beginning or end. He is Alpha and Omega. His days are without end. He is the same yesterday, today and always. And all who live in him share in that. They have His love, His life, His grace now and always – no matter what happens.

So don't worry about tomorrow, much less about next December. You have Christ's love and grace today. You will have it tomorrow as well. Enjoy it. Share it. Trust it.

And may your new year be richly blessed in Him Who is all in all.

Peace to you all,

THURSDAY DIVINE SERVICES CONTINUE

Have you tried the Thursday evening Worship/Holy Communion service at 6:00 pm? It's a great alternative service for those who will be out-of-town over the week-end or want to commune weekly. The service is in a spoken and abbreviated format, but still traditional and reverent. The homily is based on the readings of the "one year" lectionary, so it's not a rehash from last Sunday! Give it a try and bring a friend!

THANK YOU

Thank you to my Mt. Calvary family for your generous Christmas gift, and all the other cards, gifts, and well wishes given to me. With St. Paul in Philippians 1:3, I can joyfully say, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."
Judy Honig



SPECIAL JANUARY VOTERS' MEETING

Because we were not able to finish all the business for the December meeting, a short meeting will be held at **9:30 on Sunday, January 8, 2012**. We will need a quorum of 25 people for this meeting. The business to be discussed concerns the upcoming Circuit Forum in February and the Central Illinois District Convention to be held in July.

HOPE-FULL LIVING, DEVOTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN SENIORS

This book of daily devotions is published by Lutheran Senior Services, the parent company for Lutheran Hillside Village in Peoria. There are copies available on the tables in the Narthex and outside Pastor's office. Please help yourself to a copy.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our current topic is "*Women of the Bible*." We will meet next on **Thursday January 5th from 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. (immediately following the Thursday Divine Service)**. This month we will be studying Sara (later called Sarah). Scripture records several interesting parts of her life – as, for example, when she moved with her husband Abraham to the Promised Land and even into Egypt for a time, and as she waited until she and Abraham were very advanced in years before the birth of Isaac, the son whom God had promised them. **Please do join us, whether or not you have come before.** And remember, questions and discussion are always welcome! – This group loves to talk about Scripture and its application!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Scott & Brande Ruskusky on the birth of their daughter, Laurel Ann, on Saturday, December 17, 2011. Laurel weighed 10½ pounds and is 22 inches long. She was welcomed into this world by her brother, Payton, and sisters, Ella and Tess.

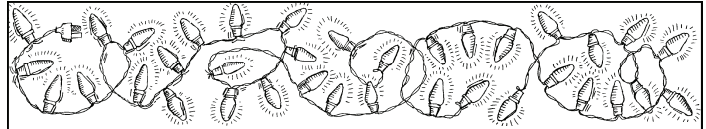


OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

- † Joseph Chamberlain, brother-in-law of Virginia Williams, who was called home on Monday, November 28, 2011;
- † Norman Miller, brother of Marilyn Miller, who was called home on Tuesday, November 29, 2011;
- † Loretta Van Gundy, aunt of Carrie Kroenke, who was called to her eternal rest on Monday, December 5, 2011, and given Christian burial on Thursday, December 8, 2011;
- † Ray Dunton, friend of Larry Bentz, who was called home on Sunday, December 4, 2011, and a memorial service was held on Thursday, December 8, 2011;
- † Elinor Rosenak, friend of Cheris Hoffmann, who was called home on Thursday, December 8, 2011, and given Christian burial on Saturday, December 17, 2011; and
- † Rolan "Barry" Johnson, brother of Pam Barr, who was called to his eternal home on Monday, December 19, 2011, and given Christian burial on Thursday, December 22, 2011.

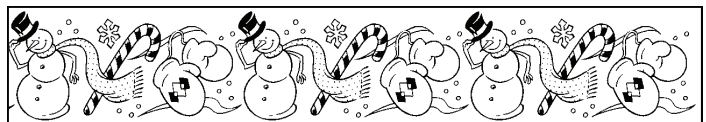
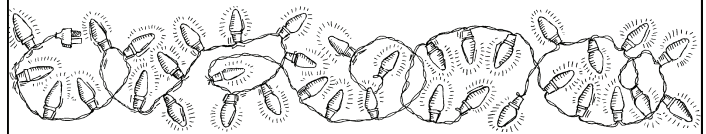
May these families find comfort, peace, and hope in the Christ-Child Whose birth we celebrate.



YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

It's that time again. The decorations for Christmas were beautiful, but sadly, it's time to take them down and put them away until next year. So, we'll be helping Linda Khattar and the Altar Guild do just that on **Sunday, January 8th, following the late service.** Remember — many hands make light work, so the more people who show up to work, the sooner the job is done. And we do feed you. Points will be given to helpful workers.

Otherwise, watch this space or the weekly News and Announcements for news of your next activity.



Youthful Minds

Now that pre-Christmas finals are over, and you have a week or two before you go back to classes, is it time to get together again? If you have any ideas of what you would like to do, or where you would like to have a meal together, let Pastor Long or Deaconess Gillian know, and we'll see what we can do to make it happen.



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as inadequate as we are of ourselves, His love shines forth through us.

We help in whatever way we can with material needs. We show compassion, we listen, and we speak God's Word in love. We should not be discouraged because we cannot solve every problem. This world is hard and there will be suffering and death, but in Christ we have the promise that everything will be made new. In heaven there will be no more hunger or thirst, no more death or mourning or pain. What more beautiful hope can we share than that the Lamb will be our Shepherd and God Himself will wipe away every tear from our eyes (Revelation 7:15-17; 21:1-4)? And what better time to remember that this Lamb is He Who came among us as the Babe Whose birth we celebrate at Christmas.

Blessings in Christ,

PENNIES FOR LIFE

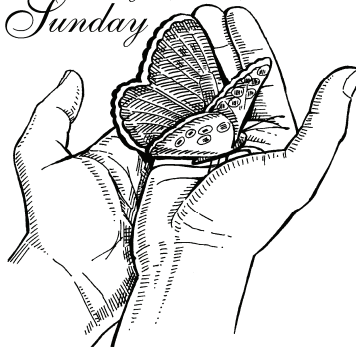
JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE!!

In Celebration of the Life God has given to each of us, the PEORIA AREA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE *asks your help*. We are asking for donations of one penny for each year of age from each member, young and old alike. (Larger contributions will be happily accepted!) A special collection will be taken at church on Sunday, January 22, 2012, which is "Sanctity of Life Sunday."

Peoria Area Lutherans for Life thanks you for your help in their endeavor to uphold the "Sanctity of Life" through education.

Peoria Area Lutherans for Life generally meets at 6:30 pm the 4th Monday evening of the month at Mt. Calvary September to June. The next meeting will be, January 23rd. Please join us.

*Sanctity of Life
Sunday*



LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"The Bible has much to say about God's concern for the defenseless. And the most defenseless of all people are unborn children. They are speechless to plead their own cause and helpless to protect their own lives. So it is our responsibility to do for them what they cannot do for themselves."
John Stott, English Christian leader and Anglican cleric

"How many young people are hurt, angry, and resentful that their parents robbed them of their siblings—brothers and sisters they would have grown to love and who would have supported them throughout their lives? May God give them the grace to forgive one more painful fruit of the abortion culture and give us the courage to stand against this practice in whatever way possible."
Rev. Don Richman, LFL International Representative

"Unless we recognize that each individual is irreplaceable and valuable by virtue of simply being conceived human, we cannot begin to talk about human rights. This includes the right to be born ... True justice should be for each human being, visible and invisible, young and old, disabled and able, to enjoy fully their right to life ... color, sex, intelligence, economic circumstances, physical or mental disability should not be used as an excuse to deprive a person of life." *Dr. Margaret Ogola, award winning author, medical doctor, human rights advocate, Kenyan pro-life humanitarian*

"Men, women, and children all have the same stake in the sanctity of life, because all have the same life—knitted together by the Father and embraced by the outstretched arms of the Man, Jesus Christ." *Carl C. Fickenschner II, associate professor of pastoral ministry and missions and dean of certification and pastoral education, Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana*

Our Worship and Stewardship

	<u>Church Attend.</u>	<u>Comm. Attend.</u>	<u>Bible Youth</u>	<u>Classes Adult</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Tithes Offerings*</u>
Wednesday, November 23	25	22	—	—	—	*
Sunday, November 27	111	—	1	37	9	\$2,919.00
Wednesday, November 30	51	—	—	—	—	*
Thursday, December 1	23	18	—	—	—	*
Sunday, December 4	112	95	1	39	14	\$6,294.00
Wednesday, December 7	60	—	—	—	—	*
Thursday, December 8	18	15	—	—	—	*
Sunday, December 11	113	—	1	43	14	\$5,813.50
Wednesday, December 14	59	—	—	—	—	*
Thursday, December 15	18	16	—	—	—	*
Sunday, December 18	131	103	**	**	**	\$4,155.25
Wednesday, December 21	69	—	—	—	—	*
Thursday, December 22	16	14	—	—	—	*
Saturday, December 24	169	112	—	—	—	*
Sunday, December 25	69	59	***	***	***	N/A
*Offerings from mid-week services are counted with the following Sunday's Offerings. **Voters' Meeting & Birthday Party for Baby Jesus —No Bible Class or Sunday School ***Christmas Day, one service, no Sunday School or Bible Classes					Total:	\$19,181.75

Mt. Calvary Personnel

In His Service

PASTOR:
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Mr. Bruce Tagge 361-9821

SECRETARY
Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321

CONCORDIA SCHOOL
Dr. Scott Russell, 691-8921
Executive Director
Mr. Paul Thompson, Principal

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS
Chairman Phil Benne
Vice Chairman Gerald Horst
Secretary Judy Honig
Treasurer Carol Wessler
Finan. Secretary Diane Freeman

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

Vicky Brosowske & Donna Stutz

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY

Co-Chairpersons: Luann Claudin
Jessica Horman
Vice Pres: Virginia Williams
Secretary: Nancy Meyer
Treasurer: Dawn Henderson

ALTAR GUILD

Co-Presidents: Abbie Matson
& Linda Khattar
Treasurer: Marcia Riddle

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent:
Pre-K, Kindergarten: Linda Crook
& Linda Khattar
1st & 2nd Grades: Jan Heien
& Paula Horst
3rd — 5th Grades: Kim Beenders
6th — 8th Grades: David Heien
Jerry Horst
9th-12th Grades: Tom Brosowske

CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD

Carrie Kroenke & Eileen Benne

CONCORDIA FOUNDATION

Conley Stutz & Virginia Williams

CONCORDIA PROPERTIES BOARD

Bill Barr & Daryl Claudin

Boards of Mt. Calvary

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jan Heien & Debbie Hoffman

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Larry Goetz, Ty Livingston,
& Christiane Ramahi

BOARD OF YOUTH

Brooke Barr, Eileen Benne,
& Paula Horst

BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING

Conley Stutz

BOARD OF PROPERTY

Daryl Claudin, Jarrod Horman,
Lee Mauschbaugh, Ardeane Ruckle,
Cindy Wegner, & Bob Wegner

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Dale Brinkmann & Theresa Johnston,

BOARD OF ELDERS

(families under each Elder's care)
Abel—Connelly:.....Tom Brosowske
Cooper—Henderson:.....Jerry Jungck
Hoffman—Luepke:.....Jim Henderson
Manthey—Riddle:.....Gary Beenders
Riebel—Zook:.....Paul Kroenke

FOOD PANTRY

LaVelle Borders & Bob Wegner

NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:














1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.



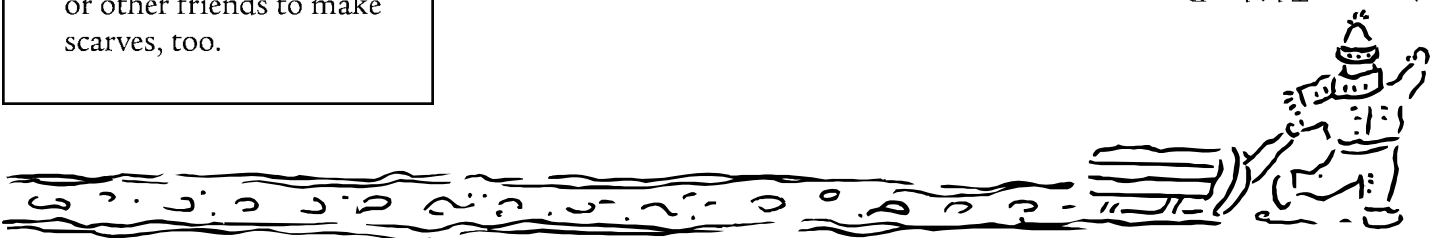
A caring disciple

In Acts 9, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

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___ pehtshred			
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___ fadoo			
Her name in Greek			
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___ dchilnero			
___ drove			
___ acehtr			
___ sarcos			
___ nusoatim			

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas



Christian Education at Mt. Calvary



Sunday:

YOUTH:

Sunday School:

Age 3 through grade 6 meet downstairs.

Grades 7 through High School Students meet upstairs in room above the kitchen.

ADULTS:

James: Join us as we read through this challenging letter. It is a reminder that faith is never content to be idle, but wants to show itself in how we live and treat each other. **Meets in the Parish Hall during the Bible Study hour.**

Women's Class: The class will be working through the study, *The Unexplained*, which explores in detail the fascination and beliefs our contemporary society has with spirituality and the spirit world. **They meet in the nursery room during the Bible Study Hour.**

TUESDAY:

Lutheranism 101: What are the basic teachings of the Christian faith? What gifts are given us by God so that we can live with Him in peace? Why do we worship the way we do? Where do Lutherans come from anyway? These and other questions – including yours – may well be answered during our current Lutheranism 101 class. **Meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

WEDNESDAY:

Men's Bible Study:

The Gospel According to St. Mark: While it is the "shortest" of the Gospels, Mark brilliantly emphasizes what it means for Jesus, the Mighty One, to break into this sin-broken world. Join us as we read through this engaging account of Jesus' work to redeem us. **Meets 6:30 am at Bob Evans on Big Hollow Road.**

Evening Bible Study:

Luke: – **On hiatus until January 11, 2012.**

What does it mean for Jesus to be the One Who brings God's Kingdom to earth? Find out as we read through the Gospel according to St. Luke with its wonderful emphasis on Jesus' grace, His fellowship with sinners, and the journey of the life of faith. **Class meets in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm.**

THURSDAY:

Afternoon Bible Study:

The Gospel According to St. John: Sometimes simply called the "Fourth Gospel," this account of Christ's work and teaching was given as a supplement to Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John is given to focus on Jesus' divine nature, the power of His word, and that faith in Him is what brings life now and in eternity. Join us as we read through this powerful witness to Jesus. **We meet at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

Thursday Evening Women's Study: **Meets the first Thursday of the month (January 5th) at 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall.** Deaconess Gillian will be leading this study. Their first topic will be "Women of the Bible." This study looks at Eve, Sarah and Hagar, Rebekah, and Leah and Rachel.

December 2011						
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January

February 2012						
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Sunday

1 *Circumcision and Name of Jesus*
1st Sunday after Christmas
10:00 a Worship/Holy Communion

8 *Baptism of Our Lord*
8:00 a Worship
9:15 a Fellowship Coffee
9:15 Anchoermen Rehearsal
9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Classes
10:45 a Worship
12:00 P Church De-Decorating
12:00 p Worship & Music Committee
7:00 p Ruckle/Stutz Cell Group

Deaconess at Accreditation Meetings in Baltimore and Lutheran Symposium at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne

22 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Life Sunday
8:00 a Worship
9:15 a Fellowship Coffee
9:15 a Anchoermen Rehearsal
10:45 a Worship

29 4th Sunday after Epiphany
8:00 a Worship/Holy Communion
9:15 a Fellowship Coffee
9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Classes
10:45 a Worship/Holy Communion

Monday

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6:30 p Board Meetings
7:30 p Administrative Council

OFFICE CLOSED

9
8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia

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8:00 a Worship/Holy Communion
9:15 a Fellowship Coffee
9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Classes
10:45 a Worship/Holy Communion

Tuesday

3
8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia
9-11:00 a Food Pantry
7:00 p Lutheranism 101

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8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia
11:30 a Circuit Conference
7:00 p Lutheranism 101

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4:30 p Board of Elders
7:00 p Lutheranism 101

Wednesday

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6:30 a Men's Bible Study
8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia

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6:30 a Men's Bible Study
8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia
7:00 p Bible Study

18 The Confession of St. Peter

6:30 a Men's Bible Study
7:00 p Bible Study

Thursday

5
8:30 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia
1:00 p Bible Study
6:00 p Divine Service
6:45 p Women's Bible Study
6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal

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8:30 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia
1:00 p Bible Study
6:00 p Divine Service
6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p Neighborhood Watch
7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal

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8:30 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia
1:00 p Bible Study
6:00 p Divine Service
6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday

6 The Epiphany of Our Lord
8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia
11:15 a Divine Service



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8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia

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8:30 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia
1:00 p Bible Study
6:00 p Divine Service
6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

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10:30 a Youth Confirmation

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10:30 a Youth Confirmation

Deaconess Away

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10:30 a Youth Confirmation

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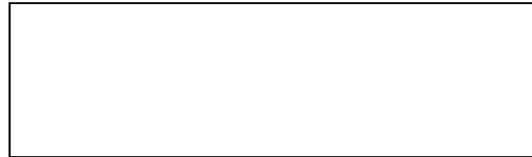
10:30 a Youth Confirmation





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Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement

The purpose of this congregation shall be:

- *To spread the kingdom of the Word of God by :
 - ◇ *the preaching of the Word of God,*
 - ◇ *the administration of the Sacraments,*
 - ◇ *and the religious instruction of youth and adults according to the confessional basis of the Lutheran Church; and**
- *To foster Christian fellowship and charity.*