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

Thoughts on the turn of the year....

So, I know I joked at the beginning of Advent (the Church's "new year") that we were ahead of the world in bidding 2020 a not too fond farewell, but in recent days I have been reminded that for all the heartache and struggle and uncertainty of 2020 - it was not a year without blessings.

And this isn't a cheery "look on the bright side" message trying to ignore what was hard. The virus, the racial tensions and divisions, the political arguments, social unrest, economic pressures (and losses), and deaths - these have all piled up, and leave us pretty dis-spirited at times. Years ago, when the royal family in Britain had a tough year (divorce, scandal, and a fire at the palace as final woe), Queen Elizabeth II described her family's year as an *annus horribulus* (a horrible year) - and a few of us might be tempted to slap that title onto 2020 as well.

But....

There were baptisms in which children born un-

der the deadly inheritance of Adam were reborn to eternal life in Christ. There were marriages in which men and women, flawed though they might individually be, confessed they were called into a life of faithful love that would show others something of the love between Christ and His Bride, the Church. And there were births - mightily testifying to the fact that God was still at work, still had plans, and still willed good for His creation. Absolution was spoken countless times, by myriad voices, to ears that longed to hear of forgiveness, grace, and acceptance. Christ's Body and Blood were consumed at millions of altars, by 100's of millions of mouths - lockdown or no lockdown - so that men and women received the sustenance they needed for this journey.

And there were lesser joys as well. Friends still talked. New friendships continued to be formed. Meals were eaten with joy and satisfaction - even if the table wasn't always as full as we could have wished. In other words, 2020 was another *Anno Domini* (year of our Lord), in spite of all the rest of it.

Which means, as we head into 2021, we are not without hope - regardless of what happens with vaccines, politics, the world, weather, or whatever. We are not without hope because we are redeemed by the One Who went down into death and hell for us, and Who triumphed over all the powers of darkness to bring us new life. We have hope because Jesus, born at Bethlehem, flesh of our flesh, suffered - as no one had ever suffered before or ever would after - and still came to glory, still was raised, still ascended,

and still has all power in heaven and on earth. Because no amount of suffering, pain, betrayal, or death could keep Jesus from fulfilling all things for us, we no longer need fear the trials, pains, heartache or fears of this world – for they cannot prevent Him from fulfilling His will in us or for us. And so, mindful of the troubles of this “vale of tears,” we still move forward – in hope, seeking the good where it may be found, and seeking to do good as we have the opportunity. And always, always, do we come to Christ – in prayer, in devotion to His Word, and seeking His gifts and strength as we gather for worship. We know this will be another *Anno Domini*.

While St. Paul was addressing a different context when he wrote his second letter to the Church at Corinth, I think these words give us wisdom as we look to 2021:

“6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death is working in us, but life in you. 13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak, 14 knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. 15 For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

(2 Corinthians 4:6-18)

We have seen, we do see, the glory of God in Christ, and we know Him to be our Brother, our Redeemer, our Lord. Yet, in spite of knowing Him and His excellencies, we ourselves are still fragile – earthen vessels, easily cracked pots. As painful as that may be, it can’t rob us of the glory that is to be revealed, and Christ has promised that He is with us always, even to the end of the age, whenever that finally is. And we have the assurance that as we have been joined to Christ’s death, and even though we often feel that death in our own bones in too many ways, we are also joined to His life, which shall be manifest in us – in faith, endurance, hope and love. And so we press on, no matter what the road looks like ahead. We don’t lose heart – for we know the troubles of this life, while real, are still only temporary. We have been forgiven, and we are loved by the Almighty God.

So let us not worry. We shall be anxious for nothing. Rather, let us continue to lift up our prayers – know that the God of peace hears us and will be with us. For here’s what we can say for certain about 2021: the same God Who calls us to wakefulness on January 1, will be the God Who settles us to sleep on December 31, and He is none other than Jesus – Whose love never ends.

God bless you all – and God bless 2021!

In Christ,



OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY – Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

✠ Todd Heady, a former member of Mt. Calvary, who was called to his eternal rest on Friday, December 4, 2020, and given Christian burial on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

✠ Rob Powell, Tina Maxwell’s father, who was called to his eternal rest on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Services are pending.

May their families find comfort, hope, and peace in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Arlysha Bovane-Morrow
Steven Flynn
2. Sherri Long
4. Barbara Zook
6. Edmund Fletchall
8. Kyra Lee (Szold)
10. Colin Barr
John Brauer
11. Debbie Livingston
12. Rilla Adcock
14. Keith Crook
Elsa Wilhite
16. Leon Adcock
17. Michael Wilson
18. Doug Auer
Abbie Matson
19. Stephen Bremer
20. Larry Frank
Benjamin Craig
Jeff Fager
Trinity Foote
Rachel Terpening
21. Greg Browning
22. Theresa Johnston
23. Eric Hoffman
28. Ella Barr
Bret Miller
29. Colton Maske
31. Aaron Keehner
Rowena Roake



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 28 Larry & Julie Frank

ALTAR FLOWERS

- January 17
Theresa Johnston

COUNTERS

- Pam Lehmann & Nick Brusick

ELDERS

- January 3
Gary Beenders & Tom Brosowske

- January 10
Paul Kroenke

- January 17
Phil King & Gary Beenders

- January 24
Tom Brosowske

- January 31
Paul Kroenke & Phil King



Worship Notes

LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

January 3rd – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Psalm 119:97-104; 1 Kings 3:4-15;
Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52

January 10th – Baptism of Our Lord

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

January 17th – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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

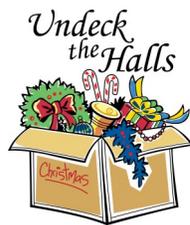
January 24th – St. Timothy, Pastor & Confessor/3rd Sunday after Epiphany – Life Sunday

Psalm 71:15-24; Acts 16:1-5;
1 Timothy 6:11-16; Matthew 24:42-47

January 31st – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

CHURCH DE-DECORATING



Linda Khattar is calling her band of merry elves together again to take down the lovely Christmas decorations and store them away until next December. She plans to do this on Sunday, **January 10th, following the 11:45 am service.** Anyone can help – just let her know you'll be available.

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A
COLORFUL
body

Melt crayons to show how the body of Christ works together.

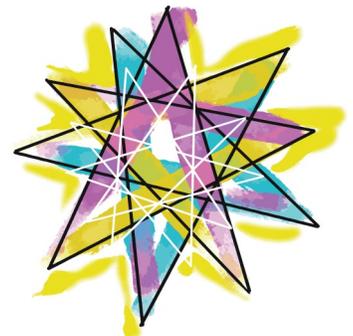


What you need:

- Crayons
- Metal baking sheet
- Adult help
- Metal gingerbread man cookie cutter

What you do:

1. Remove labels and break crayons into 1-inch pieces.
2. Scatter pieces on the baking sheet, about two layers thick.
3. Bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees until melted. Allow to cool 15 minutes.
4. When melted crayons are the consistency of playdough, press the cookie cutter through them (while still on pan).
5. Cool the pan in freezer for 15 minutes until crayons are hardened.
6. Remove from pan and break apart the shapes.



✠ 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. Help us keep the list manageable!**

- † Jacob Achterberg – grandson to Ron, nephew to Linda Khattar
- † Elwin & Phyllis Basquin – parents to Luann Claudin
- † Mary Bonesteel – friend to Long family
- † Ethan Saunders – grandson to Roger and Carole Hoffman
- † Gail and Jonathan von Holten – friends of Jessica Horman
- † Sharon Wenger – daughter to Sally Taylor
- † Cathy Hafley – daughter to Sally Taylor
- † Sandy Kissner – relative to Connie Kissner & family
- † Joel Hoffmann – son to Cheris Hoffmann
- † Pr. Hoech & family (Ivy, Noah and Kayla) – our “TIM” partners
- † Gary Smith – brother-in-law to Rick Laredo
- † Shirley Poole – mother to Luann Cooper
- † Lloyd Burdett – step-father to Rick Laredo
- † Gordon Adams – Lynn Laredo’s father
- † Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina
- † Pr. Glenn Niemann – former associate at St. John’s, Pekin
- † Rick Laredo – member
- † Jonathan Stutz – grandson to Donna
- † Maureen Leuba – Concordia parent
- † Roy Lewis – grandfather to Jenny Hamilton
- † Christiane Ramahi – member
- † Jerry Jungck – member
- † Gayle Smick – grandmother to Jenny Hamilton
- † Debbie Pfeiffer – relative of Dave Hamilton
- † Ruth Leibel – friend to Mark Manthey
- † Yasmin Ramahi – daughter to Christiane
- † Phyllis Larson – sister to Marilyn Miller
- † Kathy Gruben – sister to Jan Heien
- † Gloria Carter – friend of Nancy Meyer
- † Eric Puterbaugh – friend of a member
- † Patty Reck – sister-in-law to Carole Hoffman
- † Michael Teeter – friend to Long Family
- † Dale Warren –
- † Dianne & Wally – aunt & uncle to Jenny Hamilton
- † Steve & Gerry – family of Jenny Hamilton
- † Ward & Cathy Lenz – sister and brother-in-law to Paula Horst
- † Esther Hoffman – member
- † Shannon Wilson – friend of Maxwell family
- † Rudy Brewer – father to Genie Frank
- † Alex Zook – military, grandson of Barb Zook
- † Faith Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
- † Jenna Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
- † Joshua Zook – military, grandson to Barb Zook
- † Derrick Foote – military, husband to Wendy (nee Crook)
- † Gabby Smit – friend to LaVelle Borders
- † Josh Crosiar – member
- † Anne Maske - member
- † Steve Brinkmann – son to Dale & Vonnie
- † Braylynn Davis – friend to Brill family
- † Steve Brown – family to Josh and Michelle Joseph
- † Gordon Dupres – family to the Tagges
- † Shane Cremeens – brother to Brande Ruskusky
- † Jan Kiesgen – friend to many
- † Lil Mulvaney – friend to Pauli family
- † Bill Hoffmann – son to Cheris Hoffmann
- † Ginny Preston – friend to LaVelle Borders
- † Clara Riddick – friend to Brill family
- † Jackie Brandt and Family – friends to Brill family
- † Neil Barnhart – friend to Long family
- † Miracle Peyton – daughter to Katie, granddaughter to Deb Wilson
- † Max Wessler – father-in-law to Carol Wessler
- † Pam Barr – member
- † Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel
- † Adrianna – grand-daughter to Deb Wilson
- † Karen Stabler – mother to Tracie Johnson
- † Pr. John Senter – retired pastor, friend of member

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✠ *Prayer List (continued)* ✠

(Prayer List continued from page 4)

- ✠ Sally Taylor - member
- ✠ Kenneth Garner - acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel's daughter)
- ✠ Sally Leon - mother to Joe Leon (husband to Susie)
- ✠ Jim & Lorrie Kaspar - members
- ✠ Penny Voss - member
- ✠ Dale Brinkmann - member
- ✠ Richard Coltrin - member
- ✠ Constance Danage - former cleaning person for the congregation
- ✠ Rod Pauli - member, son to Harold & Carolyn
- ✠ Jameson Winslow - extended family to the Brosowskes
- ✠ Gary Ruckle - member
- ✠ Gloria Teeter - friend to Long Family
- ✠ Carl Matson - father to Glenn Matson
- ✠ Laurel Alexander - friend to Long Family
- ✠ Richard Voss - husband to Penny
- ✠ Mark Buettner - associate of Carol Wessler
- ✠ Alice Johnston - member
- ✠ Tamesha Gates - friend to Szold family
- ✠ Sandra Boyer - daughter of food pantry contributor
- ✠ Mark Leon - brother-in-law to Sue Leon
- ✠ Lois Lohrmann - aunt to Phil King
- ✠ Shirley King - mother to Phil King
- ✠ Kathy Caughey - mother to Patty & Harriet Caughey
- ✠ Greylin Gibbs - student
- ✠ Rebecca Sierra - friend to Linda Khattar
- ✠ Valerie Conner - Lorrie Kaspar's sister
- ✠ Virginia Tackmann - mother of Michele Keehner
- ✠ Kris Taylor - Josh Joseph's aunt
- ✠ Ron Millard - friend of the congregation
- ✠ Delcie Lane - member
- ✠ Mark Manthey - member
- ✠ Sherry Emberton - Vonnie Brinkmann's sister
- ✠ Earl Boyett - grandfather of Nick Brusick
- ✠ Sharon Rumbold - member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us
- ✠ Brian Kelly - uncle to Josh Joseph
- ✠ Luann and Shelby Cooper - members
- ✠ Victoria Buschard - family of Michael Marshall
- ✠ Ms. Ellen Rytter - teacher at Concordia
- ✠ Mark Dickman - co-worker, Chris Brusick
- ✠ Bronwyn Mirretti - member
- ✠ Cheryl - friend to Linda Khattar
- ✠ Jenny & Olivia Bradley - family to Lynn Laredo
- ✠ Theo Norman - member, child of Cole and Brooke
- ✠ Pat Goetz - member
- ✠ Harriet Nora - member
- ✠ Beth Mirretti - grand-daughter to Gary & Kim Beenders
- ✠ Becky Richards - mother of Kim Carver
- ✠ Marjorie Ruskusky - grandmother to Scott
- ✠ Joan Ross - member
- ✠ Daryl Claudin - member
- ✠ Barb Craig - member
- ✠ Joy Wessler - daughter-in-law to Carol Wessler
- ✠ Natalie Filice - friend to Nick Brusick
- ✠ Susie Fink - member
- ✠ Deb Alig - co-worker of Theresa Johnston
- ✠ Cheryl Reibel - member
- ✠ Debbie Block - sister to Lisa Cornelius
- ✠ Ardeanne Ruckle - member
- ✠ Carol Loughridge - member
- ✠ Anne Bolwerk - daughter to Dave & Jan Heinen
- ✠ Rev. Ralph Laufer - father-in-law to Rachel (Keehner) Laufer
- ✠ Cheris Hoffmann - member
- ✠ Lee Mauschbaugh - member
- ✠ Harriet Caughey - member
- ✠ Penelope Lampton - infant daughter of Nate & LaDana
- ✠ Luke Horst - son to Jerry & Paula
- ✠ Kyra & child - friend to Deb Wilson
- ✠ Tonya Speed - relative to Beenders

FLOWER CHART FOR 2021



Altar Flowers

The flower chart for 2021 has been posted on the bulletin board. Sign up early so you have flowers on the Sunday you want. There are many slots available yet! **Be careful –**

The name of the month is below the box for the Sundays.

Flowers for January - Only one Sunday in January has been taken. Can you sign up for one of the other four? The 3rd, 10th, 24th, and 31st are still available.

ENVELOPE BOXES

Your envelope boxes for 2021 are on tables in the Parish Hall. Please pick up those that belong to you and your family. Now you may use your 2021 offering envelopes – **please discard the leftovers from 2020 and do not use them.** Chances are the number has changed, and that causes problems for the volunteers that count and record the offerings.



PORTALS OF PRAYER, MY DEVOTIONS, AND HAPPY TIMES (for children)



Family Devotions

These publications are available on the table in the Narthex or from the church office – you can stop by and pick one up (call first and let us know you are coming) or we will mail

them to you. Just let us know what you need and whether you need regular size or large print.

HOPEFUL LIVING

Worship Anew and Concordia Publishing House have joined together to publish *Hopeful Living*. We will continue to receive our subscription as we have in the past. Look for copies on the table in the Narthex with the other devotional materials. The new books for January-March have arrived and are on the table.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS –

During **January** our pantry will be in need of **Canned Fruit, Canned Tomatoes, Pancake Mix, and Syrup.**



If you can help out by bringing some, your donation can be left in the church entry way during regular office hours.

LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR SPOUSE IN A WHOLE NEW WAY!

Registration is now open for the next **VIRTUAL January 29 - 31, 2021 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Experience**. You can participate privately from your home or anywhere that affords you privacy as a couple. Apply now to learn more at GodLovesMarriage.org! Questions? Contact Bob & Billie Dee Briggs at bobandbd@roadrunner.com or 330-608-3595. Pre-registration is required to send your encounter materials to you via snail mail – don't miss out!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the members of Mt. Calvary for thinking of me at Christmas. I am very humbled by your gifts. Thank you also to the volunteers who have helped me during the past year in the office. I could not do without your help.



Judy Honig, Secretary

AND ANOTHER THANK YOU

To Mt. Calvary Congregation:

I want to thank you for your very generous Christmas gift. It is greatly appreciated.

Bruce Tagge, Minister of Music

✦ News & Announcements ✦

Attendance	Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
December 2	25	—
December 6	86	67
December 9	25	—
December 13	96	44
December 16	35	—
December 20	88	67
December 24	87	65
December 25	27	24
December 27	42	35
Total		\$34,969.25

In His Service

PASTOR:
Rev. Barry Long 243-2042

MINISTER OF MUSIC
Mr. Bruce Tagge 361-9821

SECRETARY
Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321

CONCORDIA SCHOOL
Mr. Paul Thompson, 691-8921
Principal

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS
Chairman.....Gerald Horst
ViceChairman.....David Heien
Secretary.....Judy Honig
Treasurer.....Carol Wessler
Finan. Secretary.....

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS
Marcia Riddle, LaVelle Borders & Eileen Benne

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY
Chairperson Jessica Horman
Vice Pres: Susie Fink
Secretary: Marcia Riddle
Treasurer: Dawn Henderson

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Pre-K — 1st Grade: Linda Crook, & Linda Khattar
2nd — 4th Grades: Samantha Dorsey, Sherri Long
5th — 8th Grades: Tom Brosowske, Jarrod Horman

CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD

Brooke Anders & Michele Joseph

CONCORDIA FOUNDATION
Jim Kaspar, Carrie Kroenke & Eileen Benne

CONCORDIA TRUSTEES
Jarrod Horman

Boards of Mt. Calvary

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Carrie Kroenke, Paula Horst, & Samantha Dorsey

BOARD OF EVANGELISM
Jan Heien & Julie Eaton

BOARD OF YOUTH
Michele Keehner & Tina Maxwell

BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING

Dormant

BOARD OF PROPERTY
Daryl Claudin, Lisa Cornelius, Josh Crosiar, Larry Frank, Josh Joseph, Jarrod Horman, Vicky Brosowske

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP
Theresa Johnston, Jim Kaspar, Nick Brusick

BOARD OF ELDERS
(families under each Elder's care)
Achterberg -Brusick Tom Brosowske
Carver — Grinslade Phil King
Halverson — Kroenke Daniel Keehner
Lampton — Norman Gary Beenders
Parrott — Zook Paul Kroenke

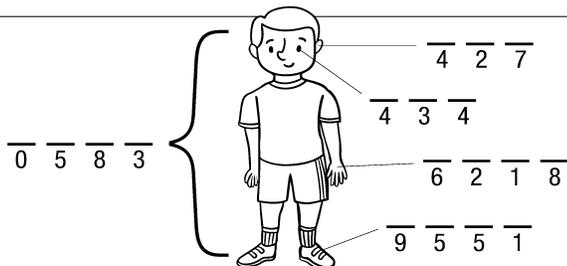
FOOD PANTRY
LaVelle Borders



WORKING IN UNISON

Just as body parts work in unison, the church — the body of Christ — is to work together for God's purposes.

Directions: Fill in the letters for each body part. Add up each part's number total, and use those totals to complete the Bible passage.



Now if the $\frac{\quad}{20}$ should say, "Because I am not a $\frac{\quad}{17}$, I do not belong to the $\frac{\quad}{16}$," ... And if the $\frac{\quad}{13}$ should say, "Because I am not an $\frac{\quad}{11}$, I do not belong to the $\frac{\quad}{16}$," it would not for that reason stop being part of the $\frac{\quad}{16}$. If the whole $\frac{\quad}{16}$ were an $\frac{\quad}{11}$, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole $\frac{\quad}{16}$ were an $\frac{\quad}{13}$, where would the sense of smell be? ... As it is, there are many parts, but one $\frac{\quad}{16}$.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-17, 20, NIV

Answer: body = 16, eye = 16, ear = 11, ear = 13, hand = 17, foot = 20

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jonathan and Michelle Tagge on the birth of their son, Jonathan Charles Tagge, Jr. on Thursday, December 10, 2020. Jonathan Jr. weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and is 20.25 inches long. Both mother and baby are doing well. The proud grandparents are Bruce & Katie Tagge.





COVID-19 ERA —Tier 3

As we continue to live out our callings in these challenging times, here's what life at Mt. Calvary looks like:

1. **Regular Office hours** will continue – feel free to call or visit.
2. **Pastor Long is still making an effort to reach out to folks who haven't been able to make it back to church yet.** — mostly this is to “check in” — but please share your concerns or prayer requests as well. If you think you've been over-looked, please call us!
3. **You Tube Devotions:** Pastor Long is still posting devotions to You Tube three times a week. We're currently using them to take brief looks at the “other” readings from the previous Sunday. Look for them Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays.
4. **Worship:** We're now recording the main service from Sunday and uploading it to YouTube Sunday afternoon. Subscribe to our YouTube Channel or look for links on Face book or our web page.
5. **In Person Worship: Until conditions change, our schedule will remain as it is.** We are allowed to have in-person services with up to 25% of the sanctuary's maximum occupancy. The Fire Department has determined that our max occupancy is 264 in the pews which means 25% is 66. We will continue to use Sign-Up Genius to pre-register attendance. If you haven't had a chance to sign up this week, here is the link for this week's Sign Up-Genius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA4A728A5FB6-worship8>
6. **Bible Studies** – We will be looking at how the Old Testament points to Christ in the Sunday morning Bible Study. You may attend by Zoom, or in person – 10:30 am. The Men's Bible Study continues in a “Zoom” format, and is now reading the *Gospel According to St. Luke* — we meet Wednesdays at 6:30 am.
7. **Challenge:** As we are away from one another, we can still be “church,” even if in a different way. One of the things St. Paul commends to us as the “body of Christ” is to share each other's joys and burdens. Turns out, you can do that by phone, even with someone you don't “know” all that well. So, I urge you all to join me (if you can) in “calling around the

congregation” to check in on each other, get to know each other and encourage each other. Lost your directory? Judy will send you a new one.

8. **Stewardship during COVID-19:** While God has blessed us with a “cushion” financially during these odd days, the ministries of Mt. Calvary still need your support – whether it's Judy taking care of the office, Pastor Long trying to provide study and worship opportunities, the Pantry continuing to reach out to our area, or Mr. Tagge providing music. The November 2020 Treasurer's Report shows year-to-date expenses as \$330,614.88, and year-to-date offerings as \$269,766.16. We've also received \$70,000 from the Endowment Fund. Please, prayerfully continue to send in your contributions.

Tier Three protocol -- Some quick reminders for those of you attending the “larger” worship service this Sunday (and things for everyone to consider).

1. If you are not feeling well or have a temperature 100 degrees Fahrenheit or over, please stay home and get well.
2. If you are in a “high risk” category and don't feel safe, then also continue to take proper care – but make sure you are in touch with us so we can properly minister to you.
3. We ask you to wear your mask when entering and exiting the building. You may take it off during worship.
4. In the sanctuary, please “socially distance” yourselves in the pews. Family/household groups may sit together. You should leave an empty pew between you and folks sitting in front of you. Signs indicate which pews should be left empty.
5. Single use bulletins will be available as you enter the nave. Please leave them in the recycling container when you depart (unless you are taking yours home).
6. Communion will be brought to you in the pew.
7. The offering plate will be at the entrance of the nave for you to leave offerings as you are so moved.
8. Please do not socialize in the building - but do visit outside (weather permitting) with safe distancing.
9. If you have not indicated your preference for individual or common cup at communion, please go back to Sign Up Genius and do so (it allows us to prepare ahead of time).

Remember, we are continuing to offer the abbreviated communion services for those who feel more comfortable in the smaller settings. And we are continuing to make a service available on You Tube for those who prefer to worship remotely.

December 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

February 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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January 2021

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

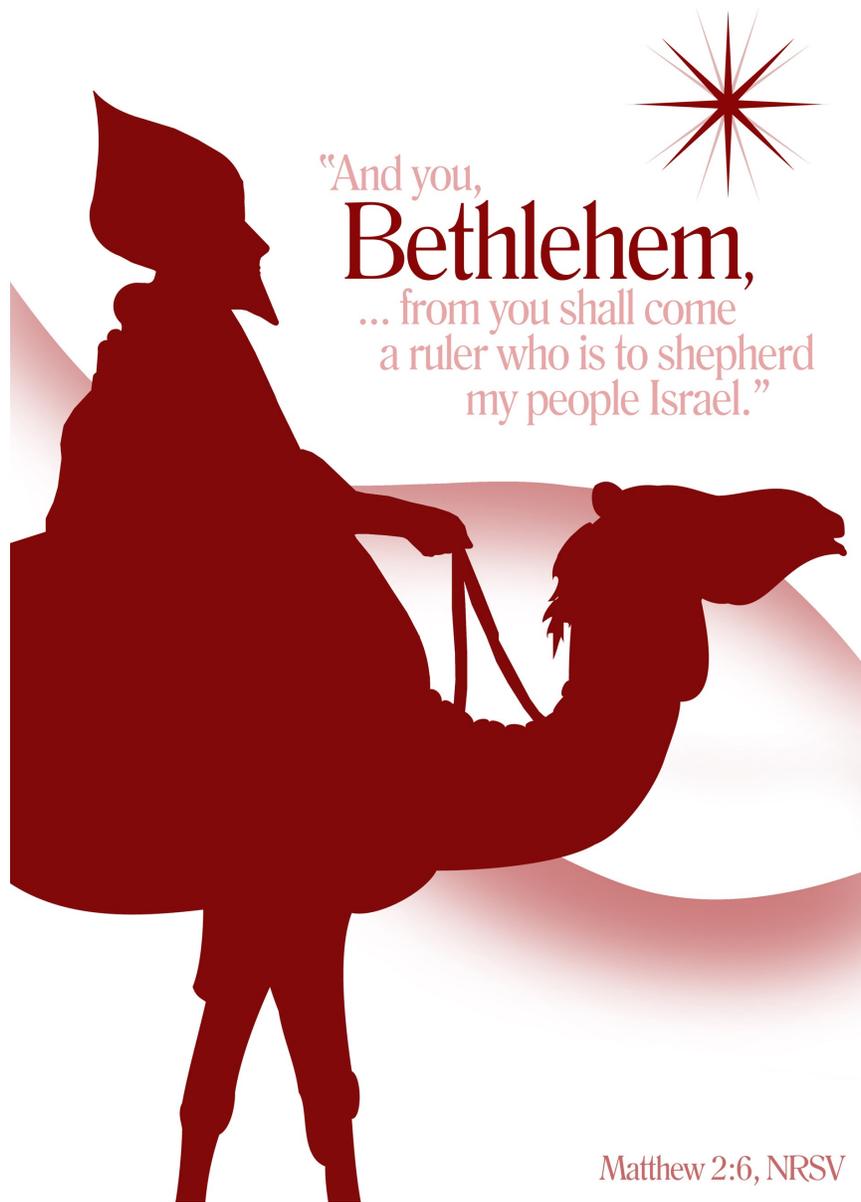
Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

3 <i>3rd Sunday after Christmas</i> 8:00 a Abbreviated Divine Service 9:00 a Full Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study (Zoom/live) 11:45 a Abbreviated Divine Service	4	5 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:00 p Executive Committee 7:30 p Administrative Council	6 <i>The Epiphany of Our Lord</i> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 11:15 a Divine Service 6:00 p Divine Service	7 6:00 p Spoken Divine Service	8 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Circumcision and</i> <i>Names of Jesus</i> OFFICE CLOSED	9 4:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service
10 <i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i> 8:00 a Abbreviated Divine Service 9:00 a Full Matins Service 10:30 a Bible Study (Zoom/live) 11:45 a Abbreviated Divine Service 12:15 p De-Decorate Church	11 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	12 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 4:00 p Youth Confirmation	13 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	14 6:00 p Spoken Divine Service	15 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 4:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service	16 4:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service
17 <i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 8:00 a Abbreviated Divine Service 9:00 a Full Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study (Zoom/live) 11:45 a Abbreviated Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	18 <i>The Confession of St. Peter</i> <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	19 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 4:00 p Youth Confirmation 5:15 p Board of Elders	20 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	21 6:00 p Spoken Divine Service	22 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 4:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service	23 4:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service
24 <i>St. Timothy, Pastor</i> <i>and Confessor's 2nd Sunday</i> 8:00 a Abbreviated Divine Service 9:00 a Full Matins 10:30 a Bible Study (Zoom/live) 11:45 a Abbreviated Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	25 <i>The Conversion of St. Paul</i> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	26 <i>St. Titus, Pastor</i> <i>and Confessor</i> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 4:00 p Youth Confirmation	27 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	28 6:00 p Spoken Divine Service	29 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 4:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service	30 4:00 p Abbreviated Divine Service
31 <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 8:00 a Abbreviated Divine Service 9:00 a Full Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study (Zoom/live) 11:45 a Abbreviated Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation						



“And you,
Bethlehem,
... from you shall come
a ruler who is to shepherd
my people Israel.”

Matthew 2:6, NRSV