

# Mt. Calvary Messenger



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## IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER



We will post on our web page and list with the cancellations on WMBD, WEEK, and WHOI should the weather be such that coming out for a service would be dangerous. We will also send out

an e-mail for those we have an address for.



## PASTOR'S COLUMN

So, drawing a blank on what to write about for this month, I turned to the internet, and invited folks to suggest what they would like to read about. Of course, there were many good suggestions, but the one that gets the nod is "kindness." And since I'm a word geek, I'll give you some background first.....

Our English word, *kind*, goes back to 900 AD or so, and was used to denote the character or nature of a thing, usually good, gentle and benevolent. But the Greek word it is used to translate is more along the lines of being morally excellent in character, useful, and gentle.

And where this crops up in the Scriptures is in Paul's lists of the qualities believers ought to exhibit in Christ:

Colossians 3:12 - *Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,...*

Galatians 5:22 - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,...*

Ephesians 4:32 - *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

So, what is it to be kind? Well, let's start with Christ. In Him we have God's kindness come to us, and we know that because God forgives us in Christ. Christ shows us God's gentle and tender heart. So then, consider Jesus, the man, doing the work He was given to do, coming to us with grace and love.

Obviously He was "morally excellent," not just in the sense of doing the good continually, but also in the sense that He is the good, He knows the good, He fulfills the good - or, if you will, He does what is right so completely that there is no room for doing it better. Now, He does this for us, as a man, so that in Him we too can be righteous, and know that the Law is satisfied. In Christ, there is nothing left for us to do because He has done it all.

But we've still sort of talked around moral excellence - just what is it? Well, if morals, or morality, has to do with what is right and good in behavior - in thought, in motive, in word, in desire, in action - then moral excellence is not just about doing what is right all the time, but also doing it with a pure mind and heart - never wavering, never doubting, never being tempted to do otherwise. And how might one be directed by moral excellence? I think only if you are turned toward

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others. You see, when we are turned in on ourselves, our motive is not moral excellence, but what pleases or satisfies us. And this is the deceptive character of our old nature – for we can be pleased by being moral – but not for its sake, but for the good feelings we have about ourselves when we think we are upright. But when I am turned toward others – so that my actions are shaped by their needs, then I am motivated to do what is right by them with no concern for myself. And of course, that is Jesus' excellence – He poured Himself out for us because He completely gave Himself to doing what we needed for life and salvation to be reconciled to God. So, in Christ, the first step toward kindness is to get unstuck from ourselves, our wants, our prejudices, our desires, our likes, and so on – so that we can see what others truly need. And what they need is what God calls us to and provides.

Now, in addition to moral excellence, kindness involves being useful. That is, kindness really helps – it doesn't put on a show, it doesn't stand by idly – but seeing the needs of others in Christ kindness moves us to help. Why? Because Jesus helped us, and made Himself of use to us. He did not stand off at a distance giving advice. He did not put on a display of super-religious piety for us to admire. He came down, stood beside us, carried our griefs, was wounded for our transgressions, shouldered our burdens, had compassion on us, and gave us what we needed – new life. He was useful to us in every way to return us to the life God intended for us from the beginning. And in Christ, we can serve and be useful to others – seeking to help them with what they truly need. Don't be useful to others in doing what is wrong and hurtful, but be useful in guarding and guiding them to the good. Kindness doesn't help people stay stuck in what demeans them, it seeks to lift them up so that they might know what is good and right and true.

Finally, kindness is gentle. Do I need to point out that gentleness is in short supply these days? In fact, we need to remember that gentleness means to do things without threat, without force, without rudeness or roughness of any sort. To be gen-

tle involves humility – and again, being turned toward the needs of others. Christ was, is gentle with us (His yoke is easy, His burden is light, and He gently leads His sheep to green pastures.....). He is gentle with us because He doesn't want to lose anyone, scare anyone away, chase anyone off. He encourages, leads, calls, coaxes, admonishes – but all with the aim to bring us to life, joy, love, and peace. And so, in Him, as we humbly look to serve others, we can and must be gentle with them – making sure that we do not chase or push any away from the grace and abundance that is in Christ.

Christ is kind. And in Him we are given to be kind. So let us receive His grace, and then turn to others in grace and show the kindness that we have received.

Blessings to you all in Christ,



### **ASH WEDNESDAY, LENT**

While we'll be getting a calendar out in the first week of February, we want to warn you now: Lent is coming! Ash Wednesday is February 14, and we'll offer communion and the imposition of ashes at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm that day. Then we'll have Mid Day and Evening Prayer services on the Wednesdays after that (11:15 am and 6:30 pm again) with lunch after the mid-day services! The theme for the mid-week services this year is the "Wisdom of the Cross." Watch for details.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AKA VBS**

By golly, we're going to take another shot at offering our neighborhood a Vacation Bible School program. Paula Horst has graciously volunteered to be the director. Watch for news in the coming weeks about dates and volunteer sign-up.



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2. Matt Morrow
- 3. Harm Klokenga
- 5. Delcie Lane  
Jenna Taseff
- 7. Jason Benne
- 8. Tess Ruskusky
- 10. Jarrett Khattar  
Andrea Shanks
- 11. Alexander Kroenke
- 12. Larry Traub  
Harriet Caughey
- 14. Becky Garvey  
Daniel Keehner  
Susan Vogt
- 15. Maggie Cornelius  
Brianna Laredo
- 17. Kenyon Gillespie  
James Henderson
- 18. Gordon Hoffman  
Carey Moore
- 19. Kent Watkins  
Scott Grinslade,
- 20. Emery Halverson
- 22. Destinee Miller
- 23. Brandon Bell-Lampton  
Darian Wilson
- 24. Michael Leon  
Ryder Norman
- 27. Tyler Crosiar



**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Gordon & Esther Hoffman
- 9 Dave & Jenny Hamilton

**GREETERS**

- February 4  
8:00 a Carrie Kroenke  
10:45 a Susan Fink
- February 11  
8:00 a Robert & Michelle Muse  
10:45 a Paul & Becky Garvey
- February 18  
8:00 a Lee Mauschbaugh  
10:45 a Susan Fink
- February 25  
8:00 a Lavelle Borders  
10:45 a LaVelle Borders



*Worship Notes*

**LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS IN JANUARY**

**February 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Psalm 147:1-11; Isaiah 40:21-31;  
1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Mark 1:29-39

**February 11<sup>th</sup> – Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Kings 2:1-11;  
2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 4:1-6; Mark 9:2-9

**February 18<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 25:1-10; Genesis 22:1-18;  
James 1:12-18; Mark 1:9-15

**February 25<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16;  
Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38



**PRIVATE CONFESSION**

Pastor Long will be available by appointment and **between 1 and 2 pm on the Saturdays before services of Holy Communion for private confession.** Come in through the front door and find him in his office or the sanctuary.

Confessions are sealed by a vow of absolute confidentiality, and all ministers of the Gospel in the Lutheran Church are sworn to suffer harm rather than ever reveal anything brought to them in private confession. Questions? Please speak with Pastor Long.

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**USHERS**

- 8:00 Paul Kroenke
- 10:45 Dale Brinkmann



**ELDERS**

- February 4  
8:00 Jim Henderson  
10:45 Tom Brosowske

- February 11  
8:00 Paul Kroenke  
10:45 Tom Brosowske

- February 18  
8:00 Jim Henderson  
10:45 Daniel Keehner

- February 25  
8:00 Paul Kroenke  
10:45 Tom Brosowske

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- February 4  
The Ruskusky Family

- February 11  
LaVelle Borders

- February 18  
Ray & Linda Khattar

- February 25  
Marilyn Miller

**NURSERY STAFF**

- February 4

- February 11

- February 18

- February 25

**COUNTERS**

- LaVelle Borders & Carol Loughridge

**Love** one another,  
for love comes  
from **God.**

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## ✠ 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!**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✠ Jacob Achterberg - grandson to Ron, nephew to Linda Khattar</li> <li>✠ Elwin &amp; Phyllis Basquin - parents to Luann Claudin</li> <li>✠ Mary Bonesteel - friend to Long family</li> <li>✠ Ethan Saunders - friend to Roger and Carol Hoffman</li> <li>✠ Gail and Jonathan von Holten - friends of Jessica Horman</li> <li>✠ Sharon Wenger - daughter to Sally Taylor</li> <li>✠ Cathy Hafley - daughter to Sally Taylor</li> <li>✠ Sandy Kissner - relative to Connie Kissner &amp; family</li> <li>✠ Joel Hoffmann - son to Cheris Hoffmann</li> <li>✠ Gerald Hull - brother to Sally Taylor</li> <li>✠ Pr. Hoech &amp; family (Ivy, Noah and Kayla) - our "TIM" missionaries</li> <li>✠ Gary Smith - brother-in-law to Rick Laredo</li> <li>✠ Shirley Poole - mother to Luann Cooper</li> <li>✠ Lloyd Burdett - step-father to Rick Laredo</li> <li>✠ Gordon Adams - Lynn Laredo's father</li> <li>✠ Dave Maxwell - husband to Tina</li> <li>✠ Joan Waldron - member</li> <li>✠ Pr. Glenn Niemann - former associate at St. John's, Pekin</li> <li>✠ Rick Laredo - member</li> <li>✠ Jonathan Stutz - grandson to Conley &amp; Donna</li> <li>✠ Mark Stutz - son to Conley &amp; Donna</li> <li>✠ Dolores Hoffmann - sister-in-law to Cheris Hoffmann</li> <li>✠ Maureen Leuba - Concordia parent</li> <li>✠ Edward and Dolores Bohne - parents of Katie Tagge</li> <li>✠ Roy Lewis - grandfather to Jen Hamilton</li> <li>✠ Loretta Horst - Gerry Horst's mother</li> <li>✠ Anne Bolwerk (nee Heien) - member, teaching in Surinam</li> <li>✠ Sandy Jolliff - daughter of Phyllis Knebel</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✠ Rachel King - Concordia student</li> <li>✠ Virginia Williams - member</li> <li>✠ Phyllis Knebel - member</li> <li>✠ Christiane Ramahi - member</li> <li>✠ Ann Jungck - member</li> <li>✠ Gayle Smick - grandmother to Jenny Hamilton</li> <li>✠ Debbie Pfeiffer - relative of Dave Hamilton</li> <li>✠ Ruth Leibel - friend to Mark Manthey</li> <li>✠ Yasmin Ramahi - daughter to Christiane</li> <li>✠ Aurelia Fisher - member</li> <li>✠ Phyllis Larson - sister to Marilyn Miller</li> <li>✠ Kathy Gruben - sister to Jan Heien</li> <li>✠ James Nora - husband to Harriet</li> <li>✠ Robert Wilcoxon - member</li> <li>✠ Gloria Carter - friend of Nancy Meyer</li> <li>✠ Harm Klokkenga - member</li> <li>✠ Eric Puterbaugh - friend of a member</li> <li>✠ Patty Reck - sister-in-law to Carole Hoffman</li> <li>✠ Michael Teeter - friend to Long Family</li> <li>✠ Dale Warren -</li> <li>✠ Dianne &amp; Wally - aunt &amp; uncle to Jenny Hamilton</li> <li>✠ Steve &amp; Gerry - family of Jenny Hamilton</li> <li>✠ Ward &amp; Cathy Lenz - sister and brother-in-law to Paula Horst</li> <li>✠ Esther Hoffman - member</li> <li>✠ Patty Caughy - member</li> <li>✠ Joshua Muse - member, studying in South Korea</li> <li>✠ Shannon Wilson - friend of Maxwell family</li> <li>✠ Norm Sarver - friend of Maxwell family</li> <li>✠ Rudy Brewer - father to Genie Frank</li> <li>✠ Alex Zook - military, grandson of Barb Zook</li> <li>✠ Faith Zook - granddaughter of Barb Zook</li> <li>✠ Jenna Zook - military, granddaughter of Barb Zook</li> <li>✠ Joshua Zook - military, grandson to Barb Zook</li> <li>✠ Derrick Foote - husband to Wendy (nee Crook), stationed overseas with family</li> <li>✠ Gabby Smit - friend to LaVelle Borders</li> <li>✠ Josh Crosiar - member</li> <li>✠ Anne Maske - member</li> <li>✠ Steve Brinkmann - son to Dale &amp; Vonnie</li> </ul> |
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## Mt. Calvary News and Announcements

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- † Carole Hoffman - member
- † Braylynn Davis - friend to Brill family
- † Steve Brown - family to Josh and Michele Joseph
- † Shirley Steckmann - mother to Linda Crook
- † Della Ricketts - mother to Ginger Abel
- † Robin Tompkins - sister David Maxwell
- † Gordon Dupres - family to the Tagges
- † Shane Cremeens - brother to Brande Ruskusky
- † Jan Kiesgen - friend to many
- † Paul & Valerie Litten - family to the Paulis
- † Lil Mulvaney - friend to Pauli family
- † Rachel Myers - grand-daughter to Penny Voss
- † Bill Hoffmann - son to Cheris Hoffmann
- † Ginny Preston - friend to LaVelle Borders
- † Carter Tompkins - great-nephew of Maxwells
- † 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, grand-daughter to Deb Wilson
- † Max Wessler - father to Peter Wessler
- † Pam Barr - member
- † Megan Primmer - cousin to Ginger Abel
- † Adrianna - grand-daughter to Deb Wilson
- † Sedric Britt - friend to Mark Manthey
- † Ron Abel - husband to Ginger
- † Karen Stabler - mother to Tracie Johnson (visitor)
- † Arlene Bishop - sister to Barb Zook
- † Jenna (nee Moore) Taseff - member
- † Pr. John Senter - retired pastor, friend of member
- † Anna Keehner - member
- † Patricia Jacobs - mother of visitor
- † Philip Aurick - friend of Kroenkes, injured in Vegas shooting
- † Sally Taylor - member
- † Dorothy Hartnack - member
- † Todd Crowe - neighbor of Eileen Benne
- † Harold Brosowske - father of Tom Brosowske
- † Mrs. Renee Manahan - teacher at Concordia

- † Susan Fink - member
- † Kenneth Garner -
- † Sally Leon - mother to Joe Leon (husband to Susie)
- † Richard Huntley - Eileen Benne's father
- † Lorrie Kaspar - member
- † Penny Voss - member
- † Julie Frank - member
- † Debbie & Jim Rada - friends of Christiane Ramahi
- † Dale Brinkmann - member
- † Richard Coltrin - regular visitor
- † Marie Achterberg & child (unborn) - sister-in-law to Jennifer Johnson/Linda Khattar
- † Constance Danage - former cleaning person for the congregation
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### **OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

- † Gloria Sheets, cousin to Harold and Richard Pauli, who was called to her eternal home on Thursday, January 4, 2018, and given Christian burial on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

May her family find comfort, hope, and peace in the Child born in Bethlehem, Who came to give Himself that we might have eternal life.



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- † George and Nicole Wilhite on the birth of their daughter, Elsa Christine, on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Elsa weighed 9 lbs. 9 oz. and is 20.5 inches long. The proud and happy grandmother is Harriett Caughey, and aunt, Patty Caughey.



### LOCK YOUR CARS!

Please remember to lock your cars at all times when on our parking lot and do not leave anything of value in them. And, especially in the evenings, be aware of your surroundings. (Property Board is looking for more security for the lot at night.)



### Transept Chairs

Now that the Christmas decorations are all gone, we know it looks a little spare where the pews used to be in the transept area. But the Renovation Committee has a plan for that: moveable chairs! We're recommending that 20 chairs be purchased. Watch for news in the coming weeks concerning how you can help with the purchase of chairs for the transept.

### FOODSHARE CAN-A-THON

The annual Foodshare Can-a-thon sponsored by the Peoria Area Anti-Hunger Coalition is **March 4<sup>th</sup>**. Our Food Pantry takes part in this activity to help restock our shelves for the coming year. All of the food we collect stays at Mt. Calvary. If you wish to help, contact LaVelle Borders. More information will be available in the coming weeks.



### WITTENBERG LUTHERAN CENTER AT ISU

A free Forum on Saturday, February 10 is being sponsored by the Wittenberg Center at ISU beginning at 10:00am.

- ✓ *How can a Christian bear witness in a secular public square?*
- ✓ *How has the parenting paradigm changed in the last 50 years?*
- ✓ *What have been the cultural and governmental influences on God's design?*

These questions and more will be discussed at our 2nd Speakers' Forum on the campus of ISU February 10, 2018. Nationally-renowned speakers John Rosemond and Tim Goeglein bring their years of experience in a day-long event that is offered free of charge to the public, young and old. If you're interested, please call Pastor Bill Jensen at 309-452-5971.

The Forum will be held on campus in Lecture Hall 130 of Schroeder Hall. Our lecture venue is handicap accessible. Handicap/disabled drop-off is recommended on University St., on the west side of Schroeder Hall. Schroeder Hall does not have its own parking lot, but there are several red and green surface lots to the west, northwest, and northeast, within 1 block of the lecture hall. Per ISU parking rules, all red and green surface lots are open parking on weekends unless reserved for a specific ISU event. PLEASE BE SURE YOU ARE PARKED IN A RED OR GREEN LOT. All purple lots within this area have meters or require payment. A free pizza lunch will be provided.



### News from Concordia

#### Trivia Night

Do you remember the TV show called "Are you smarter than a 5th grader?" Well, here's your chance to put that question to the test! The CLS Band Parents Organization will host their annual Trivia Night fundraiser on Saturday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm. To reserve a table call 309-691-8921 or go to <https://goo.gl/rfNQpv>

#### Blood Drive

Concordia Lutheran School is sponsoring a blood drive on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 6:00 pm in the school commons, 2000 West Glen Ave., Peoria. To schedule an appointment, please contact the school at 309-691-8921 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (enter sponsor code: CONCORDIA) or sign up with a student. Give a pint, get a pint! Get a coupon for a free pint of Culver's famous frozen custard!

**FROM WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY**

**Valentine Packages for Our College Youth and Military**



During their February meeting on **Monday, February 5th**, Women of Mt. Calvary will be packing boxes for our young people who are in college or serving in the military.

In this endeavor we need your help: 1) Please get the names of your college youth to Dawn Henderson (691-5547); and 2) Consider contributing candy, microwave popcorn, individually wrapped snacks, tissue packages, pencils, pens, hotel samples (no bar soap, please), or anything a young person away from home might need. Your items can be placed on the kitchen counter, but please mark them for Women of Mt. Calvary College Student Project.

**Women of Mt. Calvary Bake Sale**

Between services on **Sunday, February 11th**, Women of Mt. Calvary will hold a bake sale. They are in need of baked goods and candy of any kind, and request that you bring it on Sunday morning before the 8:00 am service, packaged, priced, and ready to sell.



**Help! People Needed to Staff Nursery!**



Women of Mt. Calvary would like to have at least two people in the nursery during the 10:45 am worship service every Sunday. Please consider helping with staffing the nursery and then sign the sheet indicating when you are available to serve. Sign-Up sheets are on the bulletin board through March 2018.

**WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY:**

Pr. Long is “zone counselor” for the Peoria-Pekin zone of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in the Central Illinois District. As such, he gets the inside scoop on a variety of things. For instance, as you think about your giving in the “mite boxes,” know that this month the emphases for using the funds are to provide \$100,000 toward the purchase of Lutheran children’s books for families throughout the world – specifically for missionaries to be able to teach basic Bible stories in the languages of those whom they serve (National LWML), and to provide \$3,000 toward the cost of sending nursing students on mercy medical teams through the LCMS Office of International Mission (Central Illinois LWML).

Also, it’s not too early to think about the Fall Zone rally. While details are still being worked out, the date is set: **September 26th**. And, if you have gone on a mission trip of one sort or another, they are looking for speakers who can share their experiences at the rally. Talk to Pr. Long if you are interested.

**JOIN THE CHOIR —JUST COMMIT FOR LENT AND EASTER**

Once again this year, we would like to invite anyone who would like to sing with the Easter Festival Choir to join us for rehearsals. Our Adult Choir rehearses at **7:45 pm on Thursday evenings**, and voices are needed in all sections. The rehearsal lasts roughly one hour. We would love to have you – please come. This is not a long term commitment, but who knows, you might like us well enough to stay with us the rest of the season.



### **LIFE ESSAY CONTEST**

Peoria Area Lutherans for Life wishes to announce its Annual "Life Essay Contest" for students in grades 5 to 12. Essays should reflect the student's feeling on life issues. Where possible the student's thoughts, as expressed in the essay, should be substantiated by God's Word. If other works are used for research or are quoted, they should be credited with footnotes and a bibliography. All entries should be submitted to Peoria Area Lutherans for Life, 908 W. Hanssler Place, Peoria, Illinois 61604. Entries must be submitted no later than **March 26, 2018**. Be sure each essay has student's name, grade, and school (or congregation) listed on title page.



This year we have chosen a theme for the contest from John 10:10 - "*I (Jesus) have come that they may have life and may have it more abundantly.*" (NKJV) Please choose a "life topic" (abortion, Euthanasia, Stem Cell Research, Sanctity of Human Life, The Unborn, etc.) for your essay and tell us how that fits with the above scripture text from St. John.

### **FROM LUTHERAN LAYMANS LEAGUE**

Former Lutheran Hour speaker Reverend Gregory Seltz and Congressman John Shimkus will team up to discuss "The Two Kingdoms and the role of a Christian in the Political Process" at the upcoming Lutheran Layman's League Annual Meeting Mar 17. St John's Congregation of Champaign will host the meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. More details and registration information will be forthcoming. Please put the date on your church and personal calendar. Reverend Seltz is now Executive Director of Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) in Washington DC and Congressman Shimkus was a Lutheran School teacher before going into Congress.

### **FROM LUTHERAN WOMEN OF GREATER PEORIA**

#### **What Is The Church Mouse?**

Do you have items that you no longer need or use? Instead of donating to Goodwill or another local resale shop, *please* consider The Church Mouse. It is located near Bradley University at 600 West Main Street, Peoria. Parking in the rear of the building. Donations accepted Tues - Sat 10 - 2 pm. Items such as furniture, small appliances, jewelry, kitchen supplies, clothing, shoes, books, craft supplies, childrens' gently used toys, knick knacks, holiday decorations you no longer use, etc. Televisions not accepted. Simply drive your vehicle around to the back entrance and others can help unload.

#### **Looking for Volunteers**

The Church Mouse could definitely use some helping hands in 2018. You choose the day of the week. The Church Mouse is a faith-based ministry. Proceeds benefit Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. If you are willing to help, you choose the amount of time: 2 hours a week, 2 hours per month, one day a month, etc. Please contact one of the store managers: Shirley Lewis or Joan Resler at (309) 673-2363. The Church Mouse Thrift Store needs volunteers and occasionally the use of a truck & driver Tues - Sat, 10 - 2 pm. Duties inside the store would include: sorting and hanging clothes, bagging purchases, organizing shelves and racks. A person with a pick up truck would be beneficial as calls are received describing large items that cannot be easily transported. Staff would accompany you to load and unload, as needed.

#### **Did you know?**

In 2017, Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria was able to generously give over \$18,000 to Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois to help serve their residents and clients, respectively. This large amount of money was due to the profits at The Church Mouse. You donate, customers buy, and we give back to the community.

## Our Worship and Stewardship

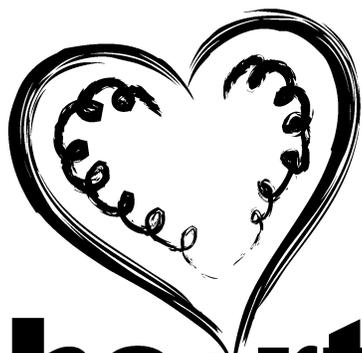
	<u>Church</u> <u>Attend.</u>	<u>Comm.</u> <u>Attend.</u>	<u>Bible</u> <u>Youth</u>	<u>Classes</u> <u>Adult</u>	<u>Sunday</u> <u>School</u>	<u>Tithes</u> <u>Offerings*</u>
Thursday, December 28	10	7	—	—	—	*
Sunday, December 31 AM	51	42	—	—	—	\$3,625.00
Sunday, December 31, PM	20	18	—	—	—	*
Thursday, January 4	9	7	—	—	—	*
Epiphany, January 6	19	18	—	—	—	*
Sunday, January 7	88	64	0	36	16	\$6,755.00
Sunday, January 14	113	—	2	41	11	\$6,418.38
Thursday, January 18	25	20	—	—	—	*
Sunday, January 21	104	70	0	36	17	\$4,987.00
*Offerings from mid-week services are counted with the following Sunday's Offerings.					<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$21,785.38</b>



## Mt. Calvary Personnel

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>In His Service</u></p> <p><b><u>PASTOR:</u></b> Rev. Barry Long      243-2042</p> <p><b><u>MINISTER OF MUSIC</u></b> Mr. Bruce Tagge      361-9821</p> <p><b><u>SECRETARY</u></b> Mrs. Judy Honig      688-4321</p> <p><b><u>CONCORDIA SCHOOL</u></b> Mr. Paul Thompson,      691-8921 Principal</p> <p><b><u>CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS</u></b> Chairman.....Gerald Horst ViceChairman.....David Heien Secretary .....Judy Honig Treasurer.....Carol Wessler Finan. Secretary.....Susan Fink</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS</u></b> Marcia Riddle, Joan Ross &amp; Eileen Benne</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY</u></b> Chairperson      Jessica Horman Vice Pres:      Susie Fink Secretary:      Marcia Riddle Treasurer:      Dawn Henderson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></b> Co-Presidents:      Abbie Matson &amp; Linda Khattar Treasurer:      Marcia Riddle</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u></b> Pre-K, Kindergarten:      Linda Crook, Sherri Long &amp; Linda Khattar 1st &amp; 2nd Grades      Jan Heien &amp; Paula Horst 3rd — 4th Grades:      Becky Garvey, Samantha Dorsey, Katie Tagge, 5th — 9th Grades:      Jerry Horst Tom Brosowske</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD</u></b> LaVelle Borders &amp; Peter Wessler</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CONCORDIA FOUNDATION</u></b> Conley Stutz &amp; Carrie Kroenke Eileen Benne</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CONCORDIA PROPERTIES BOARD</u></b> Nate Dorsey &amp; Pastor Goetz</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Boards of Mt. Calvary</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u></b> Carrie Kroenke, Paula Horst, &amp; Samantha Dorsey</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BOARD OF EVANGELISM</u></b> Conley Stutz, Jan Heien Timothy Anders &amp; Becky Garvey</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BOARD OF YOUTH</u></b> Michele Keehner &amp; Brande Ruskusky</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BOARD OF PROPERTY</u></b> Daryl Claudin, Lisa Cornelius, Josh Crosiar, Larry Frank, Josh Joseph, Michelle Muse, Vicky Brosowske</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP</u></b> Theresa Johnston, Robert Muse &amp; Jim Kaspar</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BOARD OF ELDERS</u></b> (families under each Elder's care) Abel — Browning      Tom Brosowske Carver — Grinslade      Jerry Jungck Halverson — Kroenke      Jim Henderson Lampton — Myers      Daniel Keehner Netters — Ruskusky      Gary Beenders Samp — Zook      Paul Kroenke</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>FOOD PANTRY</u></b> LaVelle Borders</p>
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# heart sandwich

Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentine's Day.



### What you need:

- 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)

### What you do:

1. Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
2. Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
3. With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
4. If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.



## A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

*Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.*

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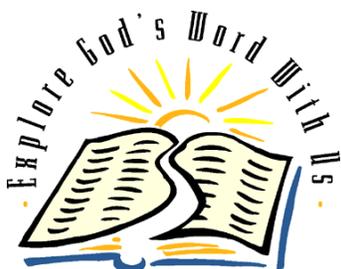
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JOHN 13:34, NIV

Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, NIV



## Christian Education at Mt. Calvary



### SUNDAY:

#### YOUTH:

#### Sunday School:

Age 3 through Grade 8 meet downstairs. During February the children will learn more about Paul's Missionary journeys and some of the people he met and traveled with (Timothy, Lydia, and Silas), and follow him on his way to Rome.

### ADULTS:

#### Adult Class:

*A Man Named Martin:* -- Join us as we take a look at the second part of Lutheran Hour Ministry's look at Martin Luther. This part of the series is called *A Man Named Martin: The Moment* and delves into the history of the church that led to the Reformation. Includes both video and discussion. **Meets in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.**

### WEDNESDAY

#### Men's Bible Study

Letter to the Philippians: Join us as we read through St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. This letter, written while Paul was on trial in Rome, and written to a congregation that had stood by him as he spread the gospel, gives us an insight to how Christ's mind and spirit move us to live in grace with each other. **We meet at the IHOP on Big Hollow Rd. (across from Target), Wednesdays at 6:30 am.**

#### Wednesday Evening Study Group:

*On Being a Theologian of the Cross:* Join us as we take up reading *On Being a Theologian of the Cross*. While at one level, this book is about Luther's Heidelberg Disputation of 1518, its real purpose (and goal) is found in the author showing us how to be theologians of the cross. What is that, you ask? A believer who becomes a theologian of the cross is one who has begun to see the cross at the center of our life with God and His work to redeem us in Christ. It's not "doom and gloom," but a recognition that our sinful nature must die, our will be frustrated, and our hearts reborn if God's will to reconcile us in Christ is to be accomplished. **We'll meet Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**

### THURSDAY:

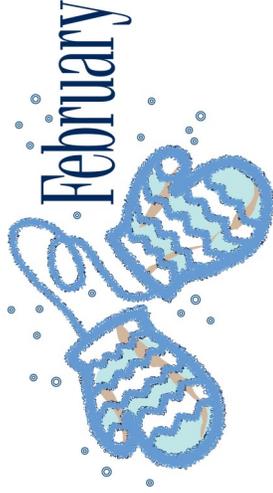
#### Afternoon Bible Study:

**Numbers:** How did God's people get from Mt. Sinai to the Plains of Moab and the threshold of the Promised Land? Join us as we work through the book of Numbers. Far from being a census book, it narrates a history that is full of God's grace and judgment. **We meet at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**



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<p><b>4 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Fellowship Coffee 9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 a Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:30 p Women of Mt. Calvary</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 4:00 p Youth Confirmation 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council</p>	<p><b>7</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 6:30 p Wednesday Study Group</p>	<p><b>8</b> 10:00 a Crafts &amp; Conversation 1:00 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir 7:00 p Neighborhood Watch 7:45 p Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>9</b> 10:00 a Crafts &amp; Conversation 1:00 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir 7:00 p Neighborhood Watch 7:45 p Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	
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<p><b>18 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Fellowship Coffee 9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 a Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation</p>	<p><b>19</b>  PRESIDENTS' DAY</p>	<p><b>20</b> 4:00 p Youth Confirmation 5:45 p Board of Elders</p>	<p><b>21</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer (Lunch Follows) 6:30 p Evening Prayer</p>	<p><b>22</b> 10:00 a Crafts &amp; Conversation 1:00 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir 7:45 p Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24 St. Matthias, Apostle</b></p>	
<p><b>25 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 8:00 a Worship 9:15 a Fellowship Coffee 9:15 a Anchoermen Rehearsal 9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 a Worship 1:30 p Youth Confirmation</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6:30 p Lutherans for Life</p>	<p><b>27</b> 4:00 p Youth Confirmation</p>	<p><b>28</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer (Lunch Follows) 4:45 p Executive Committee 6:30 p Evening Prayer</p>				

*Create in me a*  
**clean heart,**



*God,*  
*and renew a*  
**right spirit**  
*within me.*

*Psalm 51:10, ESV*