

# Mt. Calvary Messenger



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**WEATHER ALERTS** - With winter weather approaching, here are the ways to receive cancellations. The TV stations, WMBD, WEEK, and WHOI will be notified, an e-mail will be sent out (if I don't have your e-mail and you want these notifications, please let me know) and it will appear on our web-site ([www.mtcalvarypeoria.org](http://www.mtcalvarypeoria.org)) and facebook page.



The Sabbath is established in both Genesis and Exodus. In Genesis it is the day God hallowed after all His work of creation. It was a day to enjoy the wonder and goodness of the creation. In Exodus it is the day God gives to His people after they had been delivered from slavery. In Egypt, there was no rest for the slaves. With God, there is a day of rest given to His free people. And, we know from the Book of Hebrews, Jesus is our final "Sabbath rest" (Hebrews 4:9-11). Because Jesus has fulfilled the Law, we know that we are no longer bound by the regulations of the Sabbath Day - but the gift of the Sabbath remains a thing we should take to heart.

So, back to Dr. Lessing. He's commenting on Isaiah 58:13,

*"If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the LORD...."*

God is addressing those in Israel who have turned away from following Him in faith, yet complain that He has abandoned them. Essentially, God says, "if you would actually do what I tell you, you'd find that I'm right here with you...." And when we recognize God's presence with us, the Sabbath Day becomes a gift. Here's what Dr. Lessing writes:

*(Pastor's Column continued on page 2)*



## PASTOR'S COLUMN

A new year, a new month, and yet all is still under God's hand. As was casting about seeking a topic to address in this column, I remembered a nice reflection on the nature of the Sabbath Day that I came across in Dr. Reed Lessing's Isaiah Commentary (Concordia Publishing House, 2014) - the one I've been using as a guide for our Wednesday Men's Bible study.

Now, we all know the Small Catechism looks at the Sabbath Day in terms of hearing God's Word - "Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it." And that is quite right as far as it goes. But there is more there than simply, "make time to hear God's Word."

(Pastor's Column continued from page 1)

...[the] "work stoppage" emphasizes our dependence on God's work; we are not creators or saviors or owners, but mere managers of God's gracious resources. The Sabbath is also a constant reminder that "life is greater than food and the body [is greater] than clothes" (Mt 6:25). Consumption and achievement can cease, and life will still go on. We are more valuable than the birds of the air and grass of the field, and God richly provides for them. Will He not also care for us (Mt 6:26-30)?

Work must cease so that we remember that our reason for living is not to desire, perspire, and then acquire. The Sabbath says "yes" to the intrinsic value of God while at the same time saying "no" to our insidious need for more and the frantic frenzy for upward mobility. To observe the Sabbath is to confess that we belong wholly to God. To profane this holy day is to deny Him and His Torah... The essence is this: "I am not my own. Yahweh created and redeemed me. I demonstrate this by resting every seventh day, and this reminds me of the coming Sabbath when I will never again toil or work (cf. Is 66:22-23). Such hope enables me to get busy doing justice and righteousness (cf. 56:1)."

(R. Reed Lessing, Isaiah 56-66, CPH 2014, p. 159)

The world around us tells us to "make something of ourselves." The world tells us that we are the "masters of our fate, the captains of our souls" (see the dreadful poem *Invictus* by William Ernest Henley if you want see the full horror of the world's lie here). We can get caught up in thinking, and believing, that our value is in what we do and produce, and that if we don't "use" our time to pursue what we want (entertainment, recreation, business, chores, etc.) then we will miss the boat. But none of that is true.

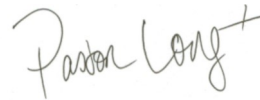
What is true is that God loves and cares for us, and provides us with what we need. He is ever, and always answering our prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." When we take a day to rest, we recognize all that God continues to do, and are freed from thinking that it is all up to us. And, when I'm not trapped in thinking that everything is up to me, I am free to see

where I can offer help. And more than that, I begin to grasp why I need to take time to listen to God. We don't like passivity - but sometimes the only way to receive the gifts that God has for us in Christ is by being still and letting Him give as He wills.

So - remember the Sabbath. Come to worship. Receive His gifts.... And then go share them.

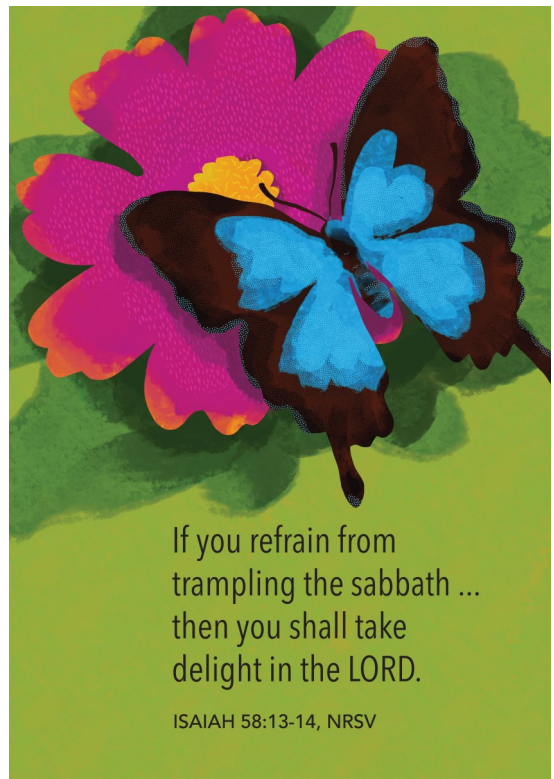
Okay - that's enough for now. Peace to you all!

In Christ,



### **SCHEDULE FOR LENT**

Pastor will be preparing a Worship Schedule for Lent and Easter - Look for it in a week or two. But put on your calendars for now worship services on each of the 5 Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday services at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm.



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2. Matt Morrow
- 5. Delcie Lane  
Jenna Taseff
- 7. Jason Benne
- 8. Tess Ruskusky
- 10. Jarrett Khattar  
Andrea Shanks
- 12. Larry Traub  
Harriet Caughey
- 13. Thomas Eaton
- 14. Daniel Keehner
- 15. Maggie Cornelius  
Brianna Laredo
- 17. Kenyon Gillespie  
James Henderson
- 18. Gordon Hoffman  
Carey Moore
- 19. Kent Watkins  
Scott Grinslade,  
Keahgynn Szold
- 20. Emery Halverson
- 21. Etta Romero
- 22. Destinee Miller
- 23. Brandon Bell-Lampton  
Darian Wilson
- 24. Michael Leon  
Ryder Norman
- 26. Tyler Crosiar
- 28. Harper Benne

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

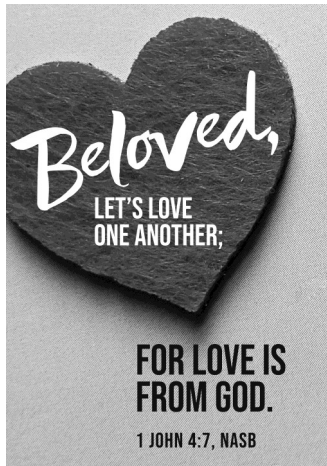
- February 4 — Eileen Benne
- February 11 — **Open**
- February 18 — **Open**
- February 25 — Rob Cairncross

**ELDERS**

- February 4 — Dr. Joel Eckert
- February 11 — Gary Beenders
- February 18 — Tom Brosowske
- February 25 — Phil King

**COUNTERS**

Pam Lehman & Kelly Eckert



*Worship Notes*

**LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY**

**February 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after 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 2:1-12;  
2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 4:1-6; Mark 9:2-9

**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday**

Psalm 51:1-19; Joel 2:12-19;  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6-10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

**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 1:1-15

**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

**LENT BEGINS**

On Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> the season of Lent begins. This season helps us prepare for the Easter Celebration of Christ’s Resurrection. Mt. Calvary will offer two Divine Services on Ash Wednesday – one at 11:15 am and one at 6:30 pm, each with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion as part of the service. On that note, if you have any palms left from last year, please bring them to church by the morning of Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Pastor uses the palms from last Palm Sunday to make the ashes for the Ash Wednesday Service this year.



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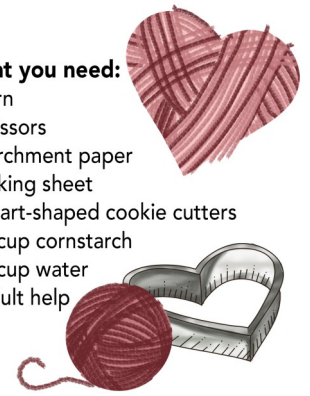
**KIDS PAGE**



Make this heartfelt craft as a decoration or gift.

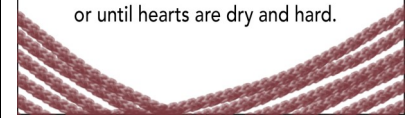
**What you need:**

- Yarn
- Scissors
- Parchment paper
- Baking sheet
- Heart-shaped cookie cutters
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ cup water
- Adult help



**What you do:**

1. Cut yarn into 12-inch pieces.
2. Place cookie cutters atop a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
3. Combine cornstarch and water in a saucepan. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and cool to form a “glue.”
4. Dip each piece of yarn into the mixture to coat completely. Squeeze off any excess.
5. Place yarn in the cookie cutters, allowing pieces to cross and loop within the heart. Add more until the cookie cutter is filled and the yarn looks like a heart.
6. Remove cookie cutters and bake the sheet for two hours at 150°F, or until hearts are dry and hard.





## ✠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
- † Phyllis Basquin – mother 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
- † Pr. Hoech & family (Ivy, Noah and Kayla) – our “TIM” partners
- † Gordon Adams – Lynn Laredo’s father
- † Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina
- † Pr. Glenn Niemann – circuit pastor, disability
- † Jonathan Stutz – grandson to Donna
- † Maureen Leuba – Concordia parent
- † Christiane Ramahi – member
- † Ruth Leibel – friend to Mark Manthey
- † Yasmin Ramahi – daughter to Christiane
- † 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 –
- † Ward & Cathy Lenz – sister and brother-in-law to Paula Horst
- † Jennifer Lenz – their daughter, niece to Paula & Gerry
- † Shannon Wilson – friend of Maxwell family
- † Alex Zook – military, grandson of Barb Zook
- † Faith Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
- † Jenna Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook

- † Derrick Foote – military, husband to Wendy (nee Crook)
- † 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
- † Lil Mulvaney – friend to Pauli family
- † Ginny Preston – friend to LaVelle Borders
- † Clara Riddick – friend to Brill family
- † Jackie Brant and Family – Member
- † Neil Barnhart – friend to Long family
- † Max Wessler – father-in-law to Carol Wessler
- † Bill & Pam Barr – members
- † Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel
- † Larry & Karen Stabler – parents to Tracie Johnson (member)
- † Sally Taylor – member
- † Kenneth Garner – acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel’s daughter)
- † Sally Leon – mother to Joe Leon (husband to Susie)
- † Lorrie Kaspar – member
- † Constance Danage – former cleaning person for the congregation
- † Rod Pauli – member, son to Harold & Carolyn
- † Gloria Teeter – friend to Long Family
- † Mark Buettner – associate of Carol Wessler
- † Tamesha Gates – friend to Szold family
- † Sandra Boyer – daughter of food pantry contributor
- † Mark Leon – brother-in-law to Sue Leon
- † Shirley King – mother to Phil King
- † Rebecca Sierra – friend to Linda Khattar
- † Virginia Tackmann – mother of Michele Keehner
- † Kris Taylor – Josh Joseph’s aunt
- † Delcie Lane – member
- † Mark Manthey – member

*(Prayer List continued on page 5)*

## ✠Prayer List (cont.)✠

*(Prayer List continued from page 4)*

- ✠ Sherry Emberton – Vonnie Brinkmann’s sister
- ✠ Earl Boyett – father of Theresa Brusick, grandfather of Nick
- ✠ Sharon Rumbold – member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us
- ✠ Luann and Shelby Cooper – members
- ✠ Victoria Buschard – family of Michael Marshall
- ✠ Ms. Ellen Rytter – teacher at Concordia
- ✠ Cheryl – friend to Linda Khattar
- ✠ Jenny & Olivia Bradley – family to Lynn Laredo
- ✠ Theo Norman – member, child of Cole and Brooke
- ✠ Becky Richards – mother of Kim Carver
- ✠ Daryl Claudin – member
- ✠ Natalie Brusick – member, wife to Nick
- ✠ Deb Alig – co-worker of Theresa Johnston
- ✠ Carol Loughridge – member
- ✠ Anne & Miguel Bolwerk – daughter and son-in-law to Dave & Jan Heien
- ✠ Cheris Hofmann - member
- ✠ Harriet Caughey – member
- ✠ Carole Hoffman – member
- ✠ Maureen and children – extended family to Roger & Carole Hoffman
- ✠ Teresa Kerrick –
- ✠ Mary Dowds – occasional visitor
- ✠ Pr. Drews – member of our local circuit
- ✠ Joann Bettinghouse – mother to Abbie Matson
- ✠ PJ Comacho – friend to Mark Manthey
- ✠ Lorie Livingston – wife to Ty
- ✠ Patty Caughey – member
- ✠ Linda Perrone – friend to Patty Caughey
- ✠ Ada Becker – mother of our custodian, Michelle
- ✠ Pr. Mark Matthews – brother in law to Tom Brosowske
- ✠ Jessica Horman - member
- ✠ Scott Wilson – custodian Michelle’s boy friend
- ✠ Elizabeth Auer – military, daughter to Doug
- ✠ Tomi – mother to Chris Brusick
- ✠ Nancy Meyer – member
- ✠ Bill Parrott – Brad Parrott’s father
- ✠ Diane Norris – friend of member
- ✠ Marty Liex – friend to LaVelle Borders
- ✠ Ann Jacobson – sister to Richard & Harold Pauli
- ✠ Doug Auer – member
- ✠ Hugh – friend of member
- ✠ Ray Khattar – husband to Linda
- ✠ Dale & Vonnie Brinkmann – members
- ✠ Harold & Carolyn Pauli – members
- ✠ Jane Wood – mother to Sherri Long
- ✠ Ryan & Carol Stetzler – friends to the Tagges
- ✠ Sue Elder – friend of Theresa Johnston
- ✠ Roger Woolsey – Carolyn Pauli’s brother
- ✠ Tricia Smith – sister to Marcia Riddle
- ✠ Chris Walker – brother-in-law to Vicky Jones
- ✠ Brett Parrott – relative of Brad & Erin
- ✠ Paul Fager – member
- ✠ Diane Freeman – member
- ✠ Don Moran – Judy Norman’s brother
- ✠ Bruce Tagge – member
- ✠ Bev Hoffman – niece to Gordon
- ✠ JayCee Grier
- ✠ Norah Rossman – friend to Riebel family
- ✠ Nan Borunda – sister to Lou Ann Cooper
- ✠ Chris Pacey – son to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel)
- ✠ Bob Burdin – neighbor to Patty Caughey
- ✠ Donna Kirkman – sister to Lynn Laredo
- ✠ Kevin Gartley – nephew to Tom Brosowske
- ✠ Ilsa Adams – stepmother to Lynn Laredo
- ✠ Karla Boorum – sister to Bruce Boorum (regular visitor)
- ✠ Ruth Hoech – mother of Rev. Kip Hoech
- ✠ Robert Marshall – father to Michael Marshall

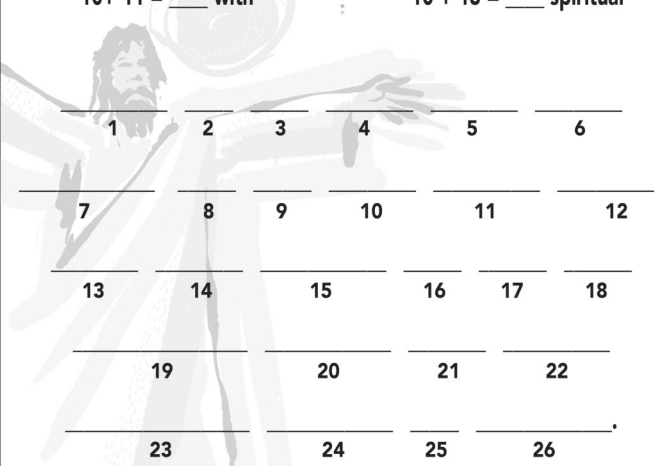


Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
January 6	18	14	—
January 7	68	55	\$16,648.00
January 14	62	26	\$2,451.00
January 21	147	99	\$5550.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,649.00</b>

# Puzzle!

After solving the equations, write the words on the correct numbered lines below. Complete Ephesians 1:3 (NIV) to discover how God shows his great love for us.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 14 - 7 = ___ Father    | 10 + 15 = ___ in        |
| 10 + 9 = ___ heavenly  | 10 - 5 = ___ God        |
| 9 + 9 = ___ the        | 6 - 3 = ___ to          |
| 12 + 12 = ___ blessing | 12 - 6 = ___ and        |
| 2 - 1 = ___ Praise     | 6 + 6 = ___ Christ      |
| 7 + 7 = ___ has        | 18 - 9 = ___ our        |
| 11 + 11 = ___ every    | 22 - 11 = ___ Jesus     |
| 13 + 13 = ___ Christ   | 1 + 1 = ___ be          |
| 8 + 8 = ___ us         | 7 + 6 = ___ who         |
| 10 + 10 = ___ realms   | 2 + 2 = ___ the         |
| 8 + 9 = ___ in         | 10 + 5 = ___ blessed    |
| 5 + 5 = ___ Lord       | 4 + 4 = ___ of          |
| 10 + 11 = ___ with     | 10 + 13 = ___ spiritual |



Ephesians 1:3, NIV

Answer: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3, NIV

## 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. Andrew Monkemeyer 691-8921  
Principal

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

## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

Marcia Riddle, LaVelle Borders & Eileen Benne

## WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY

Chairperson Luann Claudin  
Vice Pres: Theresa Johnston  
Secretary: Marcia Riddle  
Treasurer: Dawn Henderson

## ALTAR GUILD

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-School-1st Grade — Linda Crook & Linda Khattar  
2nd—5th Grades — Teresa Brusick & Kelly Eckert  
6th Grade-High School — Paula Horst & Tom Brosowske

## CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD

Kelly Eckert & Erin Green

## CONCORDIA FOUNDATION

Eileen Benne

## CONCORDIA TRUSTEES

Jarrod Horman

## Boards of Mt. Calvary

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Teresa Brusick & Paula Horst,

## BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Jan Heien

## BOARD OF YOUTH

Michele Keehner & Erin Parrott

## BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING

Dormant

## BOARD OF PROPERTY

Chris Brusick, Lisa Cornelius, Lee Mauschaugh  
Josh Joseph, Jarrod Horman, Vicky Brosowske

## BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Theresa Johnston, Kim Beenders  
Mike Gavic

## BOARD OF ELDERS

(families under each Elder's care)  
Achterberg -Brusick Tom Brosowske  
Carver — Grinslade Phil King  
Halverson — Kissner Daniel Keehner  
Lampton — Norman Gary Beenders  
Parrott — Zook Dr. Joel Eckert

## FOOD PANTRY

LaVelle Borders  
Paula & Jerry Horst

## OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

† Jean Haedicke, sister-in-law of Alice Johnston, aunt of Theresa Johnston, who was called to her eternal rest on Monday, January 15, 2024, and given Christian burial on Thursday, January 18, 2024.

† Harriett Nora, who was called to her eternal rest on Sunday, January 21, 2024. Services will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024.

May their families find comfort, hope, and peace in the Christ Child Who has come to give us life.

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*



**JOIN  
A  
STUDY GROUP**

**CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS**

**Youth Sunday School Classes** – Sunday School has begun again. Sunday School has a new look, new activities, new lessons, new fun. Please bring your students, ages 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and encourage them to participate every Sunday from 10:30 to 11:30 am. We will have 2 or 3 levels for classes depending on our turnout and hope to add more if needed. Any high schoolers interested in starting a class please let Pastor or Paula Horst know. **We hope to see you all in the new year.**

**Sunday Morning Adult Class** – “The Just shall live by Faith.” These words drive the whole of Paul’s Letter to the Romans, as he is inspired to show them both how we are justified and the life that flows from that. Join us Sunday mornings as we read Paul’s *Epistle to the Romans* together.

**Men’s Bible Study Topic** – **Isaiah 40-66** – “The Book of Consolation” – Join us as we read through the portion of Isaiah written for exiles before they were even born! God promises deliverance to them – and promises a greater deliverance with the Messiah, and points us all to the final deliverance that comes the Last Day.

**Men’ Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am at Gebby’s Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.**

**Thursday Lunch Together and Bible Study!** – Join us as Thursday lunches with Bible Study have started up again. We are reading the *Book of Ruth* – in which a woman from Moab ends up in the family tree that leads to Jesus!

**NEXT WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY FEBRUARY MEETING – Join us on Saturday, February 10th!**

Love is in the air during the month of February and God’s love is all around us each and every day! Please join the Women of Mt. Calvary for our monthly meeting on **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am**, as we will be packing boxes for our college students and planning out our next few months of activities and events.



**HELP US GATHER ITEMS FOR OUR VALENTINE PACKAGES FOR OUR COLLEGE YOUTH AND MILITARY**

During their meeting on **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**, 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 and addresses 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. The ladies would like them there before Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.**



**EARLY WARNING FROM ABBIE MATSON**

Easter is early this year. Lenten light lunches will begin Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and continue for 4 weeks (February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>). Come and join us! If you can help, the signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from Pastors’ office. Questions? Please call, Abbie Matson. 309-224-9432.





**FROM CAMP CILCA**

**Camp CILCA's Woodcutters' Retreat**  
**February 23-24, 2024**

Saint Paul admonishes the Christians of Corinth to "act like men." Cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God's word are all great ways to get started in this endeavor. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. For more information or to register, go to [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org) using the events/retreats tab under "act like men" events.

4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

**Camp CILCA's Pancake Breakfast**  
**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

Come enjoy a free breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and fruit at Camp CILCA. We want to thank you for all of your support! Breakfast will be served from 10 am-1 pm in the Dining Hall.

4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

**ANNOUNCING 2024 CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT YOUTH BIBLE BOWL**

**"The Gospel according to St. John."** In the best way you know how, study the Gospel according to St. John with your young people so they get to know better the only true God, and Jesus Christ. The CID Bible Bowl is being planned for a Sunday afternoon in April, at Camp CILCA. Circuit Bible Bowls may be held in March. The CID Youth Bible Bowl is an opportunity for young people in Senior and Junior High School (grades 6-12) to study a portion of God's word each year, and meet with other young people of their circuit and the District. If you would like more information you may contact Pastor Mark Eddy at Zion Lutheran Church,

Taylor Ridge, Illinois ([zionlcms@juno.com](mailto:zionlcms@juno.com)) or 309-795-1063.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY**

During February our pantry will be in need of Ramen, Mac & Cheese, Velveeta Cheese Slices, Baked Beans, and Peanut Butter (or anything else you would like to



contribute). They are also looking for the heavier plastic bags that grocery stores use for delivery. Your donation can be left in the church office during regular office hours.



**A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS**

A Dollar for Missions gathers many small gifts – one dollar at a time! – to add up to a big impact for the spread of the saving Gospel of Christ. The current Dollar for Missions project is to provide mileage for Pastor David Dunlop of Zion, Chestnut and Christ, Clinton to travel every week to Lincoln for prison ministry. \$1,800 would cover the cost of reimbursements for a year, relieving Pastor Dunlop and/or his churches of this expense. For more on this project, see <https://youtu.be/tKDHSjqjHb8>

Envelopes addressed to the CID-LCMS Dollars for Mission Project are available on the offering table in the Narthex.

**TRIVIA NIGHT—SUPPORTING THE MUSIC PARENT ORGANIZATION**

Do you remember the TV show "Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?" Put a team of 8 players together and put that question to the test! Help support the CLS Music Department and students by participating in their annual trivia night fundraiser. The event will be at 7:00 pm on Friday, February 2 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 6801 N. Allen Rd, in Peoria.

Proceeds will help Concert Band & Concert Choir students defray the cost for their spring music competition trip to King's Island in Ohio! Please contact Mr. Hipple at [hipple@concordiapeoria.com](mailto:hipple@concordiapeoria.com) for more information.



January 2024						
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<p><b>4</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i>            9:00 a Divine Service            10:15 a Fellowship Coffee            10:30 a Bible Study &amp; Sunday School            11:45 a Spoken Divine Service            1:30 p Youth Confirmation</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>		<p><b>1</b>            10:00 a Crafts &amp; Conversation            12:00 p Lunch Together            12:30 p Bible Study            6:00 p Divine Service</p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>Purification of Mary and Presentation of Our Lord</i>            7:00 p Concordia Band Trivia            Night at Reckemer</p>	<p><b>3</b>            11:00 a Harriett Nora Funeral</p>
<p><b>11</b> <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>            9:00 a Matins Service            10:15 a Fellowship Coffee            10:30 a Bible Study &amp; Sunday School            11:45 a Spoken Divine Service            1:30 p Youth Confirmation</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>		<p><b>8</b>            10:00 a Crafts &amp; Conversation            12:00 p Lunch Together            12:30 p Bible Study            6:00 p Divine Service            7:00 p Neighborhood Watch</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>            9:30 a Women of Mt. Calvary  </p>
<p><b>18</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>            9:00 a Divine Service            10:15 a Fellowship Coffee            10:30 a Bible Study &amp; Sunday School            11:45 a Spoken Divine Service            1:30 p Youth Confirmation</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>		<p><b>15</b>            10:00 a Crafts &amp; Conversation            12:00 p Lunch Together            12:30 p Bible Study            6:00 p Divine Service</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>
<p><b>25</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>            9:00 a Matins Service            10:15 a Fellowship Coffee            10:30 a Bible Study &amp; Sunday School            11:45 a Spoken Divine Service            1:30 p Youth Confirmation</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>		<p><b>22</b>            10:00 a Crafts &amp; Conversation            12:00 p Lunch Together            12:30 p Bible Study            6:00 p Divine Service</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i></p>
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*God made him  
who had no sin  
to be sin for us ...*

*2 Corinthians 5:21*