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## **WEATHER ALERTS –**

With the onset of winter weather here are 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.



## **PASTOR'S COLUMN**

<sup>1</sup> *Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.*

<sup>2</sup> *Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her*

*that her warfare is ended,*

*that her iniquity is pardoned,*

*that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.*

<sup>3</sup> *A voice cries:*

*"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our  
God.*

<sup>4</sup> *Every valley shall be lifted up,*

*and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.*

<sup>5</sup> *And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

*Isaiah 40:1-5*

This passage from Isaiah is a traditional reading for the Advent season – and gets taken up in the hymn (LSB #347) *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*, and is famously set to music in Handel's *Messiah*. So, what's the big deal?

As with many words of prophesy, these words have both a "lesser" and "greater" fulfillment. In this case, the "lesser" had to do with Israel in exile. Despite God's abundant warnings, the people did not repent of their idolatry and faithlessness – and so Yahweh allowed Babylon to conquer the nation, destroy Jerusalem, and take the people away into captivity. All hope seemed lost, and the people felt no comfort would ever come.

Yet, at the right time, Yahweh returned to His people, and His mercy overwhelmed His judgment. The phrases "comfort," "speak," and "cry out" are all imperatives – God orders His prophet to announce to His people that the time has come for her to be released, pardoned and restored. In response to the divine command, the voice of His servant announces the need to prepare for Yahweh's return. And the true wonder of this return is that Yahweh's glory will be seen by all. All previous appearances of God's glory to us fallen men and women had been shrouded in cloud and fire, accessible to a chosen (and often terrified) few.... But now – now all would see the Glory and rejoice to know themselves restored to the covenant in love. The "lesser" fulfillment of all this came when Cyrus, the Persian king, defeated Babylon, and sent the exiles home (a new exodus) to Jerusalem where they could

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rebuild the temple and the city and know themselves as God's people once again.

But the scar of sin runs deep. And even after the return, God's people strayed and wandered. Death continued to swallow up life, and judgment walked along side grace.

Then, a new thing happened. The Word was made flesh, and "tabernacled" among us – and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only-begotten.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all see the "voice crying the wilderness" as nothing less than John the Baptist heralding the reign of God and the coming of His Messiah. That's the "greater" fulfillment – for in the incarnation, birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus, not only is the glory of Yahweh seen by all flesh together – but the old warfare of sin ends, and pardon and mercy are for all. Jesus is our comfort, our hope, and our God come to us.

Hence the call to make a highway for our God. This is not a civil engineering project for us to get to Yahweh – for whom among us could do that? No – it about removing the obstacles that stand between our God coming to redeem us, and us who need redeeming.

This goes hand-in-hand with Advent as a season of repentance in which we examine those areas of our lives that are deep ravines of disorder, tall mountains of pride, uneven paths of doubt, and rough places of sin. We confess our sin – receive absolution – and then turn, struggling to improve our devotions, our service, our love – knowing that God is come to us in Christ so that we can greet Him with joy.

So, "Prepare!" (that's an imperative too), and then rejoice to celebrate Christmas when the glory of Yahweh was first seen in the face of Jesus born at Bethlehem.

In Christ,



## **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

On Christmas Eve we will gather for worship at 4:00pm for an spoken Divine Service. The evening service begins at 6:30 pm with pre-service music, followed by our Candlelight service at 7:00 pm. On Christmas Day we will gather again at 9:00 am for our Christmas Chorale Service. (There will be only one service on Christmas Day.)

## **CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS**

### **Sunday Morning Adult Class**

*Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?* – Based on Pastor Matthew Richard's book of the same title, this video series and discussion (led by him) will explore some of the false images of Jesus that tempt Christians to turn from the Lord Who actually comes to us. The books for this study are available – check in the office if you wish a copy.

### **Men's Bible Study Topic**

*The Reason I Believe* – We'll be reading Allen Quist's book on the basics of Christian apologetics – a branch of theology focused on defending and explaining why Christianity is the true faith and Jesus our only Savior. Text will be provided.

**Join us 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!**

We've added a little extra to our Thursday lunches: a Bible study. We gather for lunch at Noon, eat and visit for a while, and then read a chapter of Scripture together and talk about it. We're reading the Gospel according to St. Matthew together. Come join us!

### **Sunday School**

The children of the Sunday School are working with a program called *God's Hand in Our Lives*. This month they will review the events leading up to Christmas. The material can be found at <https://godshand.clclutheran.org/> if you wish to review it with your child/children.



**CLASSES**  
for All Ages



#### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Kristi Wickwire
2. Carole Hoffman  
Bruce Tagge
3. Mackenzie Riebel-Greenberg
7. Leanne Sturtevant  
Jerry Horst
10. Reagan Barr  
Gavin Maske  
Jonathan Tagge, Jr.
11. Andrew Tagge
17. Laurel Ruskusky  
Jayla Szold
18. Paul Kroenke
20. David Riddle  
Logan Gavic  
Milo Kovash
23. Carolyn Pauli
24. Debbie Hoffman
26. Lou Ann Cooper
29. Lydia Adcock
30. Marcia Riddle



#### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 Jim & Lorrie Kaspar
- 31 Paul & Jordan Horst

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

##### December 4

LaVelle Borders

##### December 11

Eileen Benne

##### December 18

Linda Khattar

##### December 25

Connie Kissner



Home for the Holidays

#### Worship Notes

#### LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

##### December 4<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Psalm 72:1-7; Isaiah 11:1-10;  
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

##### December 11<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Psalm 146; Isaiah 35:1-10;  
James 5:7-11; Matthew 11:2-15

##### December 18<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

##### December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

Psalm 2; Isaiah 52:7-10;  
Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-18



#### COUNTERS FOR DECEMBER

Anna Keehner & Teresa Brusick

#### ELDERS FOR DECEMBER

December 4<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Joel Eckert

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Tom Brosowske

December 18<sup>th</sup> – Phil King

December 25<sup>th</sup> – Gary Beenders

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Share the good news of Jesus' birth in a creative way.



#### What you need:

- Newspaper
- Bible
- Smooth, clean stones
- Pencil
- Oil paint pens
- Adult help



#### What you do:

1. In a well-ventilated area, cover a work surface with newspaper.
2. Read Luke 2:1-20 and choose key people and places to draw.
3. In pencil, sketch one drawing on each stone.
4. Follow directions on paint pens to fill drawings with color. Let dry.
5. Hide stones for younger siblings to find, set out a new stone each day or order them in a row and tell the Nativity story.





**Advent: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel....."**

**Sunday, December 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Sung Divine Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

Decorating of the Church: 12:45 p.m. to ?

**Wednesday, December 7 - *2nd Wednesday of Advent***

Mid-day Prayer, 11:15 a.m.

*Soup and Salad lunch to follow*

Vespers, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, December 8 - *2nd Thursday of Advent***

Spoken Divine Worship, 6:00pm

**Sunday, December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Matins, 9:00 a.m.

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

Voters' Meeting, 10:30 a.m. (in-person or via Zoom)

Cookie Decorating & Caroling, 1:00 p.m.

**Monday, December 12**

*Women's Christmas Party Returns!*

6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 14 - *3rd Wednesday of Advent***

Mid-day Prayer, 11:15 a.m.

*Soup and Sandwich lunch to follow*

Vespers, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, December 15 - *3rd Thursday of Advent***

Spoken Divine Worship, 6:00pm

**Sunday, December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent**

Service of Lessons and Carols, 9:00 a.m.

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.





**TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.**

*Matthew 1:22, ESV*

**Christmas: “Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace.....”**

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

Spoken Communion Service at 4:00 p.m.

Family Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, at 7:00 p.m.

*Pre-service music will begin at 6:30 p.m.*

**Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

Chorale Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve**

Spoken Divine Worship, 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, January 1 – Name of Jesus**

Sung Divine Worship, 9:00 a.m.

**Friday, January 6: The Epiphany of our Lord**

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:15 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

May God richly bless our keeping of the season by making us to grow ever more sure in the knowledge of our Savior, and ever more open to sharing His works of grace!



## ✠ 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>† Phyllis Basquin – mother to Luann Claudin</li> <li>† Mary Bonesteel – friend to Long family</li> <li>† Ethan Saunders – grandson to Roger and Carole 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>† Pr. Hoech &amp; family (Ivy, Noah and Kayla) – our “TIM” partners</li> <li>† Gordon Adams – Lynn Laredo’s father</li> <li>† Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina</li> <li>† Pr. Glenn Niemann – former associate at St. John’s, Pekin</li> <li>† Jonathan Stutz – grandson to Donna</li> <li>† Maureen Leuba – Concordia parent</li> <li>† Christiane Ramahi – member</li> <li>† Jerry Jungck – member</li> <li>† Ruth Leibel – friend to Mark Manthey</li> <li>† Yasmin Ramahi – daughter to Christiane</li> <li>† Phyllis Larson – sister to Marilyn Miller</li> <li>† Kathy Gruben – sister to Jan Heien</li> <li>† Gloria Carter – friend of Nancy Meyer</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>† Ward &amp; Cathy Lenz – sister and brother-in-law to Paula Horst</li> <li>† Shannon Wilson – friend of Maxwell family</li> <li>† Alex Zook – military, grandson of Barb Zook</li> <li>† Faith Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook</li> <li>† Jenna Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>† Joshua Zook – military, grandson to Barb Zook</li> <li>† Derrick Foote – military, husband to Wendy (nee Crook)</li> <li>† Josh Crosiar – member</li> <li>† Anne Maske – member</li> <li>† Steve Brinkmann – son to Dale &amp; Vonnie</li> <li>† Braylynn Davis – friend to Brill family</li> <li>† Steve Brown – family to Josh and Michelle Joseph</li> <li>† Gordon Dupres – family to the Tagges</li> <li>† Shane Cremeens – brother to Brande Ruskusky</li> <li>† Jan Kiesgen – friend to many</li> <li>† Lil Mulvaney – friend to Pauli family</li> <li>† Bill Hoffmann – son to Cheris Hoffmann</li> <li>† Ginny Preston – friend to LaVelle Borders</li> <li>† Clara Riddick – friend to Brill family</li> <li>† Jackie Brandt and Family – friends to Brill family</li> <li>† Neil Barnhart – friend to Long family</li> <li>† Miracle Peyton – daughter to Katie, granddaughter to Deb Wilson</li> <li>† Max Wessler – father-in-law to Carol Wessler</li> <li>† Bill &amp; Pam Barr – members</li> <li>† Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel</li> <li>† Karen Stabler – mother to Tracie Johnson</li> <li>† Sally Taylor – member</li> <li>† Kenneth Garner – acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel’s daughter)</li> <li>† Sally Leon – mother to Joe Leon (husband to Susie)</li> <li>† Jim &amp; Lorrie Kaspar – members</li> <li>† Penny Voss – member</li> <li>† Dale Brinkmann – member</li> <li>† Richard Coltrin – member</li> <li>† Constance Danage – former cleaning person for the congregation</li> <li>† Rod Pauli – member, son to Harold &amp; Carolyn</li> <li>† Gary Ruckle – member</li> <li>† Gloria Teeter – friend to Long Family</li> <li>† Carl Matson – father to Glenn Matson</li> <li>† Mark Buettner – associate of Carol Wessler</li> </ul> |
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## ✠ *Prayer List (continued)* ✠

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† 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  
 † Rebecca Sierra – friend to Linda Khattar  
 † Valerie Conner – Lorrie Kaspar's sister  
 † Virginia Tackmann – mother of Michele Keehner  
 † Kris Taylor – Josh Joseph's aunt  
 † 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  
 † Cheryl – friend to Linda Khattar  
 † Jenny & Olivia Bradley – family to Lynn Laredo  
 † Theo Norman – member, child of Cole and Brooke  
 † Harriet Nora – member  
 † Becky Richards – mother of Kim Carver  
 † Daryl Claudin – member  
 † Joy Wessler – daughter-in-law to Carol Wessler  
 † 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 Caughy – member  
 † Carole Hoffman – member  
 † Amanda Carpenter – member  
 † Maureen and children – extended family to

Roger & Carole Hoffman  
 † Jacqueline Pendarvis – member  
 † 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  
 † Keith Crook – member  
 † Tina Maxwell – member  
 † Patty Caughey – member  
 † Linda Perrone – friend to Patty Caughey  
 † Maria Vicitoria Corrales – extended family to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel)  
 † Ada Becker – mother of our custodian, Michelle  
 † Scott Grinslade – member  
 † Pr. Mark Matthews – brother in law to Tom Brosowski  
 † Jessica Horman – member  
 † Scott Wilson – custodian Michelle's boy friend  
 † Ron Achterberg – member  
 † Lisa Garrison – sister to Jim Kaspar  
 † Kinea Howell – Deb Wilson great-granddaughter  
 † Angel Howell – Deb Wilson granddaughter  
 † Katie Wilson – member  
 † Elizabeth Auer – military, daughter to MaryAnn and Doug  
 † Tomi – mother to Christ Brusick  
 † Cameron Dorsey – member  
 † Nancy Meyer – member  
 † Bill Parrott – Brad Parrott's father  
 † Diane Norris – friend of member  
 † Mr. Paul Thompson – Concordia's principal  
 † Marty Liex – friend to LaVelle Borders  
 † Deb Wilson – member  
 † Diane Norris – friend of a member  
 † Ann Jacobson – sister to Richard & Harold Pauli  
 † Jeanne Donald – sister to Eileen Benne  
 † Addie Wilson – mother to Eileen Benne

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| Attendance  |     | Com. | General Fund<br>Weekly Offering |
|-------------|-----|------|---------------------------------|
| October 30  | 79  | 67   | \$6,930.00                      |
| November 6  | 94  | 75   | \$9,036.00                      |
| November 13 | 93  | 33   | \$3,403.00                      |
| November 20 | 116 | 85   | Counted with 11/27              |
| November 27 | 89  | 37   | \$10,610.00                     |
| November 30 | 21  | —    | —                               |
| Total       |     |      | \$29,979.00                     |

### 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  
Vice Chairman.....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 Mary Ann Auer  
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 &  
Mary Ann Auer

6th Grade-High School — Paula Horst  
Tom Brosowske



*Seeking the story*  
Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

*Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the  
intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.*



#### **WORD BANK**

Shepherds  
Child  
Nazareth  
Census  
Baby  
David  
Mary  
Travel  
Town  
Register  
Born  
Night

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| N | R | W | X | B | E | Y | R | M | B | D | M | O | E | E |
| S | N | O | N | W | G | A | I | B | A | C | D | O | T | D |
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"Today in the town of David a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

LUKE 2:11, NIV

ANSWER: Savior

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- † Jennifer Lenz – niece to Paula & Gerry Horst
- † Lee Mauschbaugh – member
- † Doug Auer – member
- † Hugh – friend of member
- † William Corzine – father of Rev'd Dr. Jacob Corzine
- † Maddie Johnson - member

#### **CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD**

Brooke Anders & Erin Green

#### **CONCORDIA FOUNDATION**

Alex Kroenke & Eileen Benne

#### **CONCORDIA TRUSTEES**

Jarrod Horman

#### **Boards of Mt. Calvary**

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Teresa Brusick, 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**

Douglas Auer, Lisa Cornelius,  
Josh Crosiar, Larry Frank,  
Tim Gosnell, Lee Mauschbaugh  
Josh Joseph, Jarrod Horman,  
Vicky Brosowske

#### **BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP**

Theresa Johnston, Jim Kaspar  
Timothy Anders

#### **BOARD OF ELDERS**

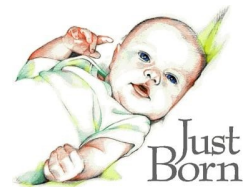
(families under each Elder's care)  
Achterberg -Brusick Tom Brosowske  
Carver — Grinslade Phil King  
Halverson — Kroenke Daniel Keehner  
Lampton — Norman Gary Beenders  
Parrott — Zook Dr. Joel Eckert

#### **FOOD PANTRY**

LaVelle Borders  
Paula & Jerry Horst

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- † Nate and LaDana Lampton on the birth of their daughter, Charolette Elizabeth Lampton on October 27, 2022. Charolette weighed 8 lbs 8 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Her grandmother is Harriett Caughey and Aunt Patty Caughey.
- † George and Nichole Wilhite on the birth of their daughter, Aurora Mae Wilhite on November 26, 2022. Aurora weighed 9 lbs. 21 oz and is 21 inches long. Her grandmother is Harriett Caughey and Aunt Patty Caughey.
- † Andrew and Marissa Kroenke on the birth of their son, Theodore Grant Kroenke, on November 29, 2022. All are doing well. Paul & Carrie Kroenke are the proud grandparents and Alex Kroenke is his uncle.

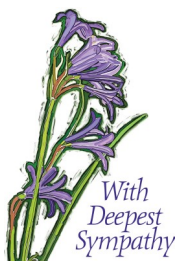




### **ADVENT LUNCHES ARE BACK!**

Come and join us for lunch after the 11:15 service on Wednesdays. If you are able to help provide something toward the meal, a signup sheet is on the bulletin board, across from Pastor's office. It will be a light affair. Sandwiches, soups or salads and (of course) dessert! If you have any questions, please call Abbie Matson, at 309-224-9432.

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



† Joan Ross, who was called to her eternal rest on Thursday, November 3, 2022.

† LaVerne Blanton, sister of LaVelle Borders, who was called to her eternal rest on Thursday, November 10, 2022.

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

### **HOLIDAY BAKING, ANYONE? --**

We welcome you to bring cookies, cupcakes, small breads, cake pops, snack mix, chocolate covered pretzels, candies, etc. to the main entrance of Lutheran Hillside Village 6901 N. Galena Road, Peoria before 11am on Thurs, Dec 15th. Please bring your goodies to the front desk inside a container that you do not need back. Many residents of LHV no longer bake. They love what you provide! Thank you for supporting Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria. Questions? Lisa Mack (309) 360-2669



**Then stop by for a sweet treat at Lutheran Hillside Village on Fri, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**, 6901 N. Galena Road, Peoria. We will be open for business between 8am - 1pm. Homemade baked goods will be sold for \$10 per pound. Jack Essex is making his fudge! We invite you! Proceeds benefit the Benevolent Fund for those residents who have outlived their resources. We supply a light weight Styrofoam container. You fill it up with your favorites! A special thank you to Mary Ann Auer and Phil King for their ongoing support of Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria.

**Donations may be left in the church kitchen. They will be picked up Thursday morning, December 15<sup>th</sup> by 11:00.**

### **ADVENT MID-WEEK SERVICES BEGAN LAST WEEK**

We have begun our Mid-Week Advent services at 11:45 am (followed by a light lunch) and at 6:30 pm with Vespers. The theme for Advent is "Restoration" and we will look at the Old Testament lessons from the previous Sunday. Remaining services will be on December 7th and 14th.

### **CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

Mark your calendars for the Concordia Christmas Concerts: Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, Band & Orchestra Concert and on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, Choir and Classroom Concert.

### **SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am** the Voters' will meet to consider the 2023 budget. We will need 25 voting members to make a quorum for this meeting. The reports should be in your e-mail and on the web site with the News & Announcements.

### **PLEDGES**

Your pledge regarding your giving for 2023 is a helpful tool for the Board of Stewardship as next year's budget is put together. Please consider making a pledge to support the mission of Mt. Calvary (it's Bible Classes, Support of Concordia, care given by the pastor, and Food Pantry - to name a few). Envelopes and forms are on the "Pledge Box" in the narthex. Although the budget for 2023 has been put together, we are still accepting pledges.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL JOINS LESSONS & CAROLS**

The children of the Sunday School will be working with the Mt. Calvary Choirs to present "A Service of Lessons and Carols" on December 18<sup>th</sup> in the 9:00 am service. If you wish your child/children to take part in this program, they **must** be in Sunday School the coming weeks - December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, to practice with Mr. Tagge.

Let's add a...

# Sprinkle of JOY



to the season for our shut-in members

cookie decorating • sub sandwiches • caroling

December 11th  
1:00 PM  
At Mt. Calvary

- o Children must be accompanied by an adult
- o Cookies and toppings will be provided

Sponsored by:  
The Family Life Committee  
The focus of the Family Life Committee, under the Board of Education, is to work to bring our Church Family - young or old, single or married - together to become better acquainted with one another.

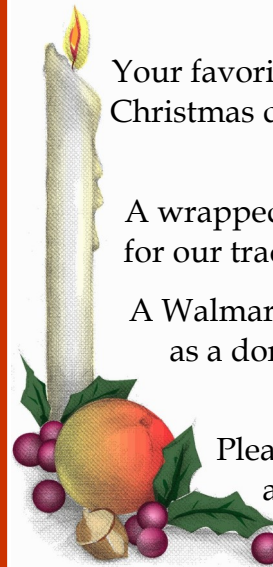


## CELEBRATE THE SEASON!

Women of Mt. Calvary's Christmas Party

Monday, December 12, 2022 — 6:00 pm

Sing Carols, have fun, play games and enjoy fellowship and refreshments!



Bring

Your favorite Holiday appetizer, Christmas dessert, Cookies or treat to share

A wrapped white elephant gift for our traditional Bingo Game

A Walmart or Target Gift card as a donation to support Family House.

Please sign up on the attendance sheet on the Bulletin Board.



## *Poinsettia Garden Orders*

*Help us beautify the chancel on Christmas Eve by ordering Poinsettias.*

*Then take your plant home on Christmas Day, or leave it to be used during the rest of the Christmas Season.*

*Orders can be placed in the envelopes to be found in the Narthex or in the Parish Hall on the "card table."*

*Cost for Poinsettia is \$8.00 per plant.*

*Deadline for ordering is December 18<sup>th</sup>.*

*Checks should be made out to Mt. Calvary Altar Guild and placed in Linda Khattar's mailbox.*



## LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES \*HOLIDAY HOPE CHEST\*

Women of Mt. Calvary are participating in the Lutheran Social Services "Holiday Hope Chest" and would like to invite the congregation to participate as well. The agency is providing services for approximately 700 children and adults in the Central Illinois Region. Donations will be going to a variety of services provided at LSS: elder care, single parents, foster children, children in need, and women's prison ministry. Items will be distributed by LSS as Christmas gifts.

### Donations:

Hats, gloves, mittens and scarves  
Miscellaneous toys (\$15-20 limit)  
Quilts, Lap Robes  
Children's Books (Dr. Suess, others)  
New car seats/booster seats  
Thomas the Train cars/tracks  
\$10 Gift Cards from Wal-Mart or Target  
McDonald's Gift Cards for Special Occasions

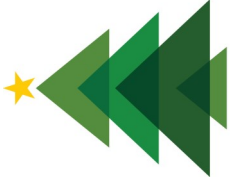
Donations will be accepted under the giving tree  
in the Parish Hall until Sunday, December 11th.

Please do not wrap your gift.

Thank you for your donation.  
Your help spreads the joy of Christmas  
to those in need.



| November 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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# DECEMBER 2022

| January 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



## 4 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a Divine Service (full)  
10:30 a Bible Study & Sunday School  
11:45 a Spoken Divine Service  
12:45 p Church Decorating

## 5

## 12

6:00 p Women of Mt. Calvary  
Christmas Party

## 6

9-11:00 a Food Pantry  
6:30 p Board Meetings  
7:30 p Administrative Council

## 7

6:30 a Men's Bible Study  
11:15 a Advent Mid-Day Prayer  
(Lunch Following)  
6:30 p Advent Vespers

## 8

10:30 a Crafts & Conversation  
12:00 p Lunch Together  
12:30 p Bible Study  
6:00 p Divine Service  
6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal

## 9

## 10

## 11 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a Sung Matins Service  
10:30 a Sunday School  
10:30 a Semi-Annual Voters' Mtg.  
11:45 a Spoken Divine Service  
1:00 p Cookie Decorating & Caroling

## 12

## 13

## 14

6:30 a Men's Bible Study  
11:15 a Advent Mid-Day Prayer  
(Lunch Following)  
6:30 p Advent Vespers

## 15

10:30 a Crafts & Conversation  
12:00 p Lunch Together  
12:30 p Bible Study  
6:00 p Divine Service  
6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal

## 16

6:00 p Concordia Band & Orchestra Concert

## 17

## 18 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 a Service of Lessons & Carols  
10:30 a Bible Study & Sunday School  
11:45 a Spoken Divine Service  
2:00 p Choir & Classroom Music  
Christmas Concert at Concordia

## 19

## 20

3:00 p Worship & Music Committee  
4:45 p Board of Elders

## 21

6:30 a Men's Bible Study



## 22

6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal

## 23

## 24

*Christmas Eve*  
4:00 p Spoken Divine Service  
6:30 p Pre Service Music  
7:00 p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



## 25

### Christmas Day

9:00 a Christmas Choral Service w/Holy Communion



## 26

### St. Stephen Martyr

## 27

### St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

## 28

*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*  
6:30 a Men's Bible Study  
3:00 p Executive Committee

## 29

## 30

## 31

*New Year's Eve*  
6:30 p Divine Service



Thanks  
be to God  
for his  
indescribable  
gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15