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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD



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Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

– Ephesians 4:15-16

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are the church together and I am thankful for all the ministry that Mount Calvary has accomplished together. On February the 11th we will have an opportunity to hear and celebrate not only what was accomplished together in the previous year, and what we are looking forward to accomplish in the upcoming months. I would like to touch on a few things as an appetizer.

First, Mount Calvary continues to grow. Through parents taking very serious their responsibility to disciple their children, we continue to have parents bringing their children to baptism and we have a good sized junior confirmation class studying God's Word. But not only that but in the last 2 ½ years we have confirmed 14 adults. Those are people you made a connection with either directly or that we made a connection with through our online presence, who came and studied the Word and came into our fellowship as brother and sister Lutherans. I am thankful for each one and for those who have helped us connect with them. Please keep up this excellent work.

You have also shown care and concern for others in so many ways. Prayer, comforting words and even more. These touches: cards, meals, a phone call; can mean so very much to folks. I am going to encourage those of you who are interested in this supportive ministry to join into our Care and Concern Committee. For those involved: thank you! And for those interested, we could use some more folks who have the time and inclination in this area of our ministry to one another.

In January we were blessed to have a speaker from the Pregnancy Care Center regarding the important work that is being done to save the lives of unborn children. I wonder if the potential exists among us to form a Lutherans for Life Chapter.

Our braille ministries and quilting ministries are going strong. But if you are looking for an opportunity to serve in a way that does have real impact in people's lives beyond our congregation they are always looking for more assistance.

Soon the new Aeolian –Skinner organ will be complete and augmenting our worship services. The quality of this instrument will open new potential avenues for engagement with our community. One of the goals our leadership has with the calling of a full-time minister who has a focus on music was to use music as an outreach and ministry tool. We look forward to hearing what Pastor Craig has in mind for this ministry.

Related to this is the issue I spoke to briefly following services on Sunday January 28th regarding Divine Service 1. Some of our members have expressed a desire to explore adding this service into our rotation. But as I shared, after we exposed it for a few Sundays, we also had some members who communicated they did not like the service. So I think it is important for us to have fraternal, caring and honest conversation as a family of God about this. To that end, I have asked Pastor Craig to give us some more historical and theological background on the service to help inform any decision. Given that we have tried this service, I plan to ask you through an anonymous survey, for your opinion about this option for worship during the congregational report meeting on February 11. I will provide your feedback to our Board of Elders as we ask and answer this question.

Some folks have asked if we could add the service (something I've been asked about since my first months here). As for myself and Pastor Craig, we don't have strong feelings one way or the other. Theologically Divine Service 1 has a strong Lutheran structure and historically incorporates elements with a very ancient heritage, so I am not opposed to adding the service if the congregation so desires.

To be clear, no one has asked or advocated for replacing the centrality of Divine Service 3 in our worship rotation. Divine Service 3 is very much part of who we are and is not something anyone is looking to replace. Likely, we would only use it on the first Sunday in place of Divine Service 4 on even months with Divine Service 4 on the first Sunday in odd months. But to help us learn this new service, we would use it as a Service of the Word (non-communion) once during the month when it is not used for communion. So a typical schedule keeping Divine 3 as the core of our worship identity but also retaining Divine 4 and adding Divine 1 might look like this:

Month 1 1 st week	Divine 1 (communion)
2 nd week	Divine 3 (non-communion)
3 rd week	Divine 3 (communion)
4 th week	Divine 3 (non-communion)
Month 2 1 st week	Divine 4 (communion)
2 nd week	Divine 1 (non-communion)
3 rd week	Divine 3 (communion)
4 th week	Divine 3 (non-communion)

However, this is not a decision that is already made nor to be made lightly. We will only augment our current worship tradition if we hear from the church (you) that indeed this is something that is desirable and we can do so without causing offense. As such our pastoral staff and Board of Elders will be deliberate and careful in exploring this possibility. As always, it remains our intention, and mine, that Mount Calvary will remain a strongly confessional and liturgically traditional congregation.

Christ bless you richly and abundantly family of God.

Pastor David Reetz



Hi everybody!

Several of you have asked about the schedule of upcoming events. Well, break out your calendars and grab a pen! Here is the list of events that were planned for the spring semester by the Student Ministry Leadership Team. Some of the details may change as the events get closer, but the rhythm of having Sunday Night Live on the first and third Sundays should stay consistent.

First, mark your summer calendars for **July 12-15th**



Glorybound is a high school youth gathering of all of the students in the Texas District, LCMS. It is happening at the Westin DFW Airport. More details for registration and price are coming soon.

Here are the rest of the dates for middle school and high school students (6-12th grade) this Spring:

February 4th, 6-8pm – SNL Super Bowl Party

February 18th, 6-8pm – SNL Sex Series

March 4th, 12-4pm – SNL Hiking

March 18th – SNL Service Project (More details coming soon)

March 31st and April 1st – SNL Serve: Easter Taco Breakfast (more details coming soon)

April 15th, 12-3pm – SNL Botanical Gardens trip

May – Be looking for more information soon.

That should do it for the calendar for now. Be looking for more updates as we go along and thanks for your patience!

In Christ,

Rev. Mark T. Pulliam

Dear Members of Mount Calvary,

This has been an amazing year! This past summer I served as Camp Program Director for my practicum church's (King of Kings Round Rock) summer camp. Through this, I was able to share the love of our Savior with many different children from all over! I had so much fun playing games and sharing Bible stories with children that had not heard of Jesus before. Some of my campers didn't even speak English very well as most of them were from South Korea. It was amazing to see the Holy Spirit work through their time at camp.

After the summer, I was offered a part time position working as an Interim DCE Intern at King of Kings Lutheran in Round Rock. I gave multiple children's messages, taught Sunday School, facilitated a pumpkin patch, and led youth events throughout the semester. This was an amazing opportunity to continue being a practicing DCE before heading out on internship!

Speaking of internship, I will be starting my internship at Grace Lutheran Church in Denison, Texas, on January 8th! I cannot wait to serve our Lord in this new place. I will be working with children, youth, and adults as well as going into the community and sharing God's word with as many people possible! It is so exciting to see what God has planned in this next chapter! I can't wait to get started!

It is safe to say that none of this would have been possible without Mt. Calvary! I am happy to report that I finished my last semester at Concordia on the Dean's list once again. Your prayers and financial support have been invaluable and appreciated more than you know. A special thanks to Laura Pulliam for being a mentor and a valuable resource in my time training as DCE! I am sad to leave this church family, but I am excited to see what God has in store next! Thank you for all of the prayers and support that you so lovingly gave to me through my time at Concordia!

In Him,

Sarah Pulliam

Concordia University Texas Graduate! Class of 2017!!!

Dear Christian Friends,

It is with deepest gratitude that we thank you for the dedicated service of everyone involved in preparing the greenspace in honor of Pastor DeVries' ministry: from the landscaping work done by the Terrell Heights Neighborhood Association to the work done by Linda Cowan in creating the plaque and its installation by Steve Melancon, David Willis, and Rick Willis. To the staff members involved in preparing the Blessing and Dedication Service we express our heartfelt thanks. What a glorious witness of faith to the community as we gathered together at the service to praise and thank our God through His Word, prayer and song.

This neighborhood greenspace has evolved into a special place that reminds us of the beauty of God's creation and the dedicated work of His servant – our Pastor, friend, husband, father, grandfather. May it remind us to rededicate our own lives to our Lord's service as each of us continues our earthly journey to Heaven.

To God be the Glory great things He has done and will continue to do,

The DeVries Family

PARENT-TO-PARENT

GAYLE PULLIAM | STUDENT MINISTRY MENTOR TEAM : PARENT SUPPORT

This Forgiveness Business
(or as in the hit lyrics from the Disney movie: Frozen)
"Let it go... Let it go!"

I'd truly like an answer other than, "...because humans are sinful, fallible people," but that seems to be all I've got right now for the question of why it's so hard to forgive at times. If apologies can often be difficult to make because they have a way of humbling us and perhaps bruising our egos...forgiveness? Being able to offer true forgiveness in the Biblical sense as Jesus Himself taught us? Well, that can be an exercise that proves downright debilitating for many of us. It shouldn't be, at least it shouldn't be for people who call themselves Christians, but we're all part of the walking wounded when it comes to exercising real, wholehearted forgiveness. And...lest any of us thinks he or she must certainly be exempt from such accusations, all we need do is to take a good, hard look in the mirror.

Real forgiveness is freeing and healing for both the person offering it and for the offender receiving it. True forgiveness is tricky though. It involves much more than merely uttering the words, "I forgive you," no matter how sincere. We might convince ourselves that the deed is done with that spoken word, that conflict has been resolved and restoration has taken place, but that's only the first part of forgiveness, and I dare say, the easiest. The second part, the more difficult part by far, is that we must now try with all our might to put the offense out of our minds, and to never, ever bring it up again. Ahhh...much harder to do, isn't it? "Forgive and forget" may be a catchy phrase, but its reality is staggeringly difficult.

Do you categorize wrongdoings? Let me rephrase that. Do you have offenses squirreled away, stuffed back deep in your mind and your heart under safe-keeping, for future reference? Do you have said offenses classified and sub-filed under headings ranging anywhere

from minor infractions to, "I'll let it go this time, but they'd better NEVER do something like that again!" No?? Perhaps that's just me. I admit it. I sometimes have a problem with true, real, Jesus-commanded forgiveness, and if that mirror is doing its job, it's likely you might too.

Perhaps you have even found yourself on the **receiving end** a time or two of someone's recollections of *your* wrongdoings, wrongs you mistakenly thought had been righted, forgiven, and resolved. How did it make you feel to have the same litany of faults revisited again and again? Unsettling? Uncomfortable? ...Unproductive? One can apologize only so many times for the same offense before it becomes a futile exercise for both parties involved. This has happened to me too, but before the sappy violin music is cued, you must know that I've been on the "doling out" end plenty of times myself. Yep, seems I can dish it out as well as I can take it. That's sin...and **I HATE IT!** I hate that I am proficient at bringing things up that had been put-to-bed weeks, months, years ago...things I sincerely thought had been forgiven and forgotten...that in a moment of anger come flooding forth as if poised at the ready for just such an occasion. And who are the unlucky recipients? Often it's my own family who feels the brunt...my husband, my kids...the people I love most in all the world. Sad.

Why? Why is practicing genuine forgiveness so difficult? Why can't we just let things go and move on? I think for me, at least, the answer lies somewhere in the ballpark of, "I must have forgotten **my** sinfulness." My husband told me once that we should all have a log sitting on our tables at home or on our desks at work to remind us to look inward at our own faults before looking outward and judging others. I heard something similar years ago from Verena Moll, the leader of our second grade Sunday school teachers' group at Concordia Lutheran. In a lesson on forgiveness and grace, she taught the children that when you're getting ready to point an accusatory finger at someone, you need to stop and look down at your own hand first. When you do, you'll notice that there are THREE fingers pointing back at you. Wise woman. Good advice. We are ALL sinners. There's not a one of us who is perfect. God's Word makes that

abundantly clear, but when we fail to forgive in the truest sense of the word, we are missing that point, and we are acting as though His Word doesn't apply to us.

An even more sobering thought is this: Should God hold one sin against us...*just one*...we could never inherit eternal life. Our heavenly Father has been lavish with His grace toward us. It rains down on us, soaking into every fiber of our being. He has held nothing back from us, not even His own Son, to offer that forgiveness free for the taking. And **His** forgiveness **IS** true. It **IS** real, for He assures us that, "As far as the East is from the West, so far have I removed your transgressions from you." He promises us that He has cast our sins into the depths of the sea and that He **remembers them no more** . Oh, to be able to forgive like that.

Forgiveness is a gift. It's a gift of the **best** kind. It can heal wounds. It can restore relationships long thought hopelessly shattered. It can bring families and friends back together. It can even do miraculous things for a person willing to forgive an offender who hasn't yet asked for forgiveness or who may never be willing to do so. Forgiveness is part and parcel of our Christian faith. We cannot possibly speak of God and His love without it. We cannot possibly hope to share our witness of Jesus Christ and what He did for us at Calvary without it, for our entire relationship with the Lord is based on grace.

When I, in my arrogance, forget how much in need **I** am of the saving grace and forgiveness of my Lord and Savior...when **I** file offenses away, when **I** hold a grudge, when **I** bring up old wounds for the sake of making my point, **I** hurt my heavenly Father. **I** injure my relationship with Him, and **I** do the greatest disservice of all to none other than myself. So tell me, please, after all my soul-searching and self-discovery why it is still so difficult to forgive....to forgive one another in the truest, most Christ-commanded sense of the word. Annnnd...we're back to the initial response that we are sinful, fallible people.

Yes. We are. That truth is inescapable. We are, indeed, sinful, fallible people; but we are sinful, fallible people who have been rescued from our sin by a Savior who loved us and gave Himself up for us while we

were still sinners. Because of Jesus -because of His saving grace and forgiveness- we have hope, we have second chances, and we have a perfect, **in**fallible example to follow. We also have mirrors, mirrors to gaze into and the mirror of God's Word to reflect upon, so let's commit to taking some good, long looks at both of them often and see if real, true forgiveness doesn't come a bit easier for us when we do.

Memorials

In memory of:

Eva Glaspay

Ruth Faubion

Mona Preuss

Lou Feaster

Betsy Harrell

Betty Cox

Given by:

M/M Winstor Curry, Peter Heide, M/M Jim Koenig,

M/M Winstor Curry, M/M Vincent Olstad, M/M Jim Koenig

M/M Charles Koch, M/M Jim Koenig

M/M Jim Koenig, M/M Dennis Bahrenburg, the Wayman family, M/M Rod Brehm

M/M Jim Koenig, Robert Buchanan, Ruby McPherson, M/M William Mitchell, M/M Richard Weidman, M/M Curtis Herbert, Eleanor Lamb, Kathy Singleton, Dorothy Chappell, John Wilson, Sherman Macdaniel, T. C. Frost, M/M Richard Peacock, M/M Joe Peacock

Muriel England

The annual Congregational Meeting will be February 11th during the Education Hour. A complimentary breakfast will be served. Come get an update on 2017 and what plans we have for 2018.

Music News

Divine Service One

Pastor Reedy asked me to give a bit of background on Divine Service One, and how it came into being within the Missouri Synod and a little bit about its history.

Actually this year marks the 50th year that what is now Divine Service One has been used by Missouri Synod congregations as one of the preferred Divine Service settings found in our last three hymnals, Lutheran Book of Worship, published in 1978, Lutheran Worship, published in 1982, and our current hymnal, Lutheran Service Book, published in 2006. Without getting too far into the weeds, please allow me to share a bit of history with regards to the two hymnals that were published prior to our current Lutheran Service Book. This will give some context with regards to the current Divine Service settings in use throughout the Synod.

As Lutheran immigrants from Europe began arriving to North America, they each formed new groupings of congregations. The Swedish Lutherans established the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, German Lutherans centered in New York, Iowa, Ohio, and Texas combined to form the American Lutheran Church, Germans settling in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and the upper Midwest combined to form the Missouri Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference, and the Finnish, Norwegian, and Icelandic Lutherans formed their own synods as well.

These new immigrants establishing citizenship in the United States were very passionate about assimilating and responding to their new land, language, and situation. In 1945, eight of these Lutheran Synods formed the *Joint Commission on the Liturgy and Hymnal* with the desire for common worship in a common language without forsaking their Lutheran heritage and doctrine. In 1958 the *Service Book and Hymnal* was published by these synods which a couple years later combined to form the ALC and LCA.

The Missouri Synod had just published *The Lutheran Hymnal* in 1941 and therefore was not part of the 1945 hymnal endeavor by the other synods. However similar to the LCMS hymnal, the ALC and LCA

Service Book used English language liturgies from the Anglican Church (TLH page 5 & 15 and LSB Divine Service Three) to unify their members through a common liturgical language.

In 1965, after abandoning work on new hymnal project started in 1953, the Missouri Synod invited the other Lutheran Synods in North America to join in an effort to produce a common hymnal and service book. In 1966, long before what is now the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) was formed, there were six major synods of the Lutheran Church in the North America which in part, were formed by the mergers of several smaller synods. They were the Missouri Synod (LCMS), Wisconsin Synod (WELS), American Lutheran Church (ALC), the Lutheran Church in America (LCA), and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada (ELCC).

With the exception of the Wisconsin Synod, these synods accepted the invitation of the LCMS and formed the *Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship*. This group was tasked with the goal of producing one hymnal that would be used by all the congregations of each participating synod. The result of this endeavor was the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW the green hymnal) which was released by the four Synods in 1978.

Shortly after the release of LBW, the LCMS had serious misgivings and regrets over some of the doctrinal discrepancies found in some of the liturgies and hymns in LBW. At the 1979 LCMS Synodical Convention, the *Commission on Worship* was formed to address the several issues inherent in LBW and to publish our own hymnal apart from the other synods. In 1982, *Lutheran Worship* (LW the blue hymnal) was published by the LCMS. While using the work and appropriate contents put into LBW as a starting point, doctrinal errors and other issues were corrected or eliminated. This leads us back to our Divine Service One in our current hymnal.

One of the lasting Missouri Synod contributions made to these three hymnals is our current Divine Service One. The musical/sung portions of this liturgy setting were composed and written by Dr. Richard Hillert, 1923-2010, Professor of Music at Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois. Dr. Hillert served in teaching and parish music roles in the LCMS until he began his tenure at River Forest in 1959, where he

remained until his retirement in 1990. The crown jewel of this setting is the canticle "This is the Feast" which vividly sets to music the texts of Revelation 5 & 19 celebrating the victory of Christ over death, and the everlasting "Feast of Victory" we will share with Him in His Kingdom.

The use of this service would never replace Divine Service Three, but merely add to the already liturgically deep worship offerings at Mount Calvary. This service is organically Lutheran and was constructed using the historical patterns for the Service of the Word and the Service of the Sacrament, and is doctrinally solid in every way. In the end I truly do not have a service preference as each Divine Service Setting has its own inherent character and beauty and is part of the liturgies that help unify as a Church body. I know each Divine Service in Lutheran Service Book is scripturally and doctrinally sound and was compiled by a committee that took much time and much effort to make sure our hymnody and liturgies reflected the confessional teachings of our church.

As Cantor, my goal is to lead, teach and present the liturgical and historical hymnody and liturgies of our Church with pastoral care, enthusiasm, and excellence. I respect the traditions of the Lutheran Church and Mount Calvary and will always strive to best use the hymnody and liturgical resources that are available to us, to and for the glory of God!

Pipe Organ Update

During the past several weeks the tedious work of wiring the wind chests and control systems have taken place. The construction of the wooden airlines or wind trunks have also been constructed and installed. Most of this work is at the base of the organ loft, so there hasn't been a lot of vertical movement in this stage.

This week saw the installation of the lower wall of the Choir Division enclosure (pulpit side of the pipe loft) and the permanent placement of the wind chests and airlines affected or dependent on that wall location. The airlines from the blower and between bellows are complete and final connections from bellows to chests are underway this week.

The week of February 4th should see the first pressure test wherein the blower is turned on for the first time and the builders check for leaks and flush any debris and dust out of the system. The upper Choir Division wall will also be installed and they will begin installing walk-boards and ladders between the wind chests. Pipe installation could also begin at the end of this week and the week after. The large Pedal pipes will be installed first with the smaller pipes to follow soon after.

As the schedule allows, the installation of finished ceiling surfaces in the balcony on the underside of the organ platform will begin. This is the first step towards the facade installation.

The console has largely been dry-fit with all components and will be stripped back down to get final finish repair and touch-up as needed. The console will be reassembled, function tested, and delivered to the church. This will be one of the final phases of the project after the balcony ceiling and lighting has been completed.

While the space is getting tighter up there, there still is room to move around, so if anyone would like to venture up the ladder and take a look, just talk to me after the Sunday services and I'll be happy to show you around. Again, most of the work thus far has been laying the foundation of the organ and therefore there is not much to see from the ground level. I will be putting some photographs on the bulletin board in the ministry building to show how progress is going. Please feel free to ask any questions that you might have.

The Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ, *Opus 1053*, was last played on Easter Sunday, 2017, at St. James the Less Episcopal Church in Scarsdale, New York. The organ will sound again on Easter Sunday, 2018, here at Mount Calvary!

Good-Bye Johannus...

The Johannus digital organ will be used for the last time at Mount Calvary on Transfiguration Sunday, February 11. On February 12, the organ will be moved to its new home at Divine Savior Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Devine, Texas. Pastor Wehmeyer, and the congregation in Devine are extremely excited as they too will have a new organ for their Easter Sunday worship services. During the

season of Lent we will be utilizing the piano and small Continuo organ to musically lead our Divine Services.

Visiting Choir

The choir from Lake Country Lutheran High School in Hartland, Wisconsin will be presenting a concert at Mount Calvary on **Saturday evening, March 17, 2018, at 7:00 PM**, and will be presenting music in our 11:00 AM worship service on March 18. Host families are needed for the students on that Saturday evening. If you are able to host, please fill out one of the bulletin inserts or host forms in the narthex.

Also, we encourage everyone to make an effort to support the students of our Lutheran Schools by attending this concert. Many of these students go on to serve in God's Kingdom as pastors, teachers, musicians, and other Church workers within the Missouri Synod. Our prayers and support can help make the difference as they decide their calling and vocation.

Music Ministry Vision

We are indeed blessed with the addition of the beautiful Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ here at Mount Calvary. We will see this addition to our church as a catalyst for much growth and depth within the music ministry at Mount Calvary. My vision is to help make Mount Calvary the "go to" LCMS church in San Antonio for exceptional liturgical worship and sacred music. Please allow me to share the dream and provide a brief overview of what I envision the music ministry to look like in the coming months and years as we build upon the rich musical heritage of the Lutheran Church.

The Mount Calvary Lutheran Choir

30-35 Members - No Audition Required - 90 minute weekly rehearsals.

Previously called the Chancel Choir, this existing group is the choir tasked with supporting congregational singing, presenting liturgical components and anthems within the Divine Service, and providing leadership in two services per month and all festival services.

Mount Calvary Motet Choir

8-16 Members - Audition Required - 45-60 minute weekly rehearsals

This choral group would be an auditioned group of experienced singers with the ability to work on musical pieces on their own.

Rehearsals would be required to polish and blend pieces for presentation in one or two worship services per month.

Luther Jugend Choir of Mount Calvary

10-32 Members - No Audition Required, open to kids between 8-16 - 60 minute weekly rehearsals

This youth and kid's choral group would present music in worship services once or twice per month. Rehearsals would include learning music fundamentals and preparing music for worship.

Celebration Ringers

11 Members –No Audition Required –Some musical knowledge preferred - 60 Minute Weekly rehearsals

This existing handbell group rehearses weekly and presents music in worship services once or twice per month and for special services.

Additional ringers needed.

Children's Handbell Choir

12 Members – No Audition Required – 45 minute weekly rehearsal -

Using our successful Homeschool Co-op as a foundation, the kids in this ensemble would meet weekly to learn music fundamentals and ringing techniques. This group would also present music in worship once per quarter.

Calvary Brass

4-6 Members – Confident musical proficiency required – Rehearsals as required

This group will play for Festival and special services, as well some regular, Sunday Divine Services. The Calvary Brass ideally will be comprised of members of Mount Calvary augmented by High School and College players as required. Ideally this group would include two trumpets, two trombones, French Horn, tuba, and timpani.

Calvary Woodwinds

4-6 Members – Confident musical proficiency required – Rehearsals as required

Similar to the Calvary Brass, this woodwind group would provide ensemble and solo opportunities for those who play the flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, or bassoon, to present music during worship services.

Music at the Mount

As a community outreach to our community, I foresee wonderful opportunities to create a Sacred and Classical Concert Series throughout the year. With our exceptional sanctuary, great acoustics, our new Aeolian-Skinner Organ, and beautiful facilities - combined with our central location, Mount Calvary is a very desirable location for presenting music and recitals.

Calvary Gospel

4-8 Members – Confident musical proficiency required – Rehearsals as required

This ensemble would be comprised of guitars, mandolin, banjo, accordion, bass, and drums, and would **not** be presenting music in Sunday morning worship services. This "for fun" group would rehearse as necessary and present Gospel'ish music at congregation potlucks, and other gatherings in the gym and elsewhere.

I encourage you all to prayerfully consider where you might be able to give your time and talents to one or more of these musical offerings. A bulletin insert will be forthcoming in the next couple to indicate an area where you might be interested in serving. I welcome your input and ideas as we work together to musically build on the ninety-five year history of Mount Calvary, serving and witnessing to the community with the blessings of the Gospel of Lord Jesus Christ.

In His Service,
Pastor Craig Meissler

ELDERS FOR FEBRUARY

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
February 4 (communion)	Jason Strawn	Jim Koenig
February 11	Marshall Leiber	Spencer Hasch
February 18 (communion)	Bill Stolhandske	Mike Wille
February 25	Jim McNeel	Gary Franzen
Special Services @ 7:00PM		
Wednesday, February 14	Walter Marks	
Wednesday, February 21	Jim Koenig	
Wednesday, February 28	Toby Elbert	

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Robert Axtell	Roy Stepan
Robert Wieding	Troy Wilson
Charles Koch	Walter Marks
Lamar Gillian	Isaiah Sefton

ACOLYTES FOR FEBRUARY

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
February 4	Corben Perankovich	Joe Morrison
February 11	David Meissler	Jacob Wille
February 18	Josh Smetzer	Wyatt Wilson
February 25	Corben Perankovich	Joe Morrison
Special Services @ 7:00PM		
Wednesday, February 14 & 28	Joe Morrison	
Wednesday, February 21	Daniel Morrison	

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
March 4	Olga McGlothing Elaine Ward	Clara Cobb Carolyn Friedle
March 11	Grace Morris Leslie Smetzer	Rexann George Bonnie Koenig
March 18	Kim Hendrix Virginia Axtell	Eunice Stepan Judy Hanson
March 25	Jo Ann Koehn Brenda Hoffmann	Jill Cott Sue Weller

MORNING CLASSES

- **Adult Bible Class** | This large, lecture-style class meets in the gym and is taught by Pastor Reedy. On September 3rd, this class will look at the next chapter in the book of Romans. Upon conclusion, this class will begin a study of *The Theology of Martin Luther* (by Paul Althaus).
- **Bread of Life Adult Class** | This class is smaller and meets in the Parish Hall, allowing for more discussion. This class is led by Wanda & Larry Laxson. Sunday, November 5, the class will begin the video lecture series "The Fall of the Pagans and the Origins of Medieval Christianity."
- **PreK through College** | Children and students in are divided into classes that teach the Bible in age-appropriate ways. We offer classes specific to: PreK-K (small gym classroom), 1st-2nd (room 210), 3rd-4th (room 206), 5th-6th (Pre-Confirmation, room 204), 7th-8th (Confirmation, room 208), High School & College (room 218), Special Education (room 112), and Nursery (room 117)

MIDWEEK CLASSES

- **Adult Information Class (AIC)** | *Wed* | 7:00pm | *Church library*
New to Lutheranism? Just want to brush up on the basics? This is the class for you! Each course is 10 sessions. This class will begin January 24th at 7:00pm. Classes will be at 8:00pm during Lent. Speak to Pastor Reedy if interested.
- **Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Morning)** | *Every Tuesday* | 10:00-11:30 am | *Room 212 (upstairs)*
We will resume January 9th with the evangelism training curriculum, "Everyone His Witness." Sign up today in the Parish Hall lobby .Childcare available.
- **Men's Bible Study** | *1st & 3rd Saturdays* | 8:00-9:30 am | *Parish Hall*
Nothing starts the weekend off right like breakfast tacos, coffee, and Christian fellowship! This group is led by Jeff Harwood.
- **Triple F Men's Bible Study** | *Mondays beginning September 11th* | 6:30-pm | *Cheddar's, IH35 in Selma*
A new men's Bible study followed by fellowship/food.
- **Women's Bible Study** | *3rd Mondays* | 7:30-8:30 pm | *Meets at members' homes*
Talk to Shirley Wille for more information.
- **Mothers' ChristCare Small Group** | *2nd & 4th Mondays* | 6:30-8:00 pm | *Room 218 (upstairs)*
This group is led by Wanda Laxson and is a great way for moms to get to know one another and be encouraged for the coming week!
- **Night ChristCare Small Group** | *1st Thursdays* | 7:00-8:30 pm | *Miyauchi Home*
This group is led by Jan Miyauchi and meets at 2219 Peach Blossom. Join us on September 7th as we determine what we will study.

● **Other** | TBA

Would you like to participate in a study but don't know where to begin? Contact the church office for more details about any of these classes *or* to let us know if a class at another time or in another location might be beneficial to you and a few friends. We'd love to provide support for starting a Bible study in your workplace, neighborhood, or school!



Lenten Schedule
(all services at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted)

- February 14 – Ash Wednesday (dinner at 5:30 pm)
- February 21 – Lent 2 (dinner at 5:30 pm)
- February 28 – Lent 3 (dinner at 5:30 pm)
- March 7 – Lent 4 (dinner at 5:30 pm)
- March 14 – Lent 5 (dinner at 5:30 pm)
- March 21 – Lent 6 (dinner at 5:30 pm)
- March 29 – Maundy Thursday
- March 30 – Good Friday Tenebrae (service of shadows)
- April 1 – Easter Sunday

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