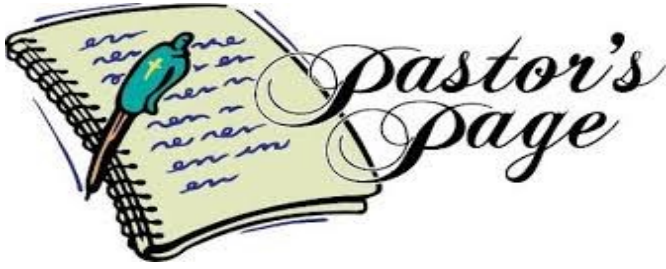


JANUARY

2024

***Calvary Caller***





## New Year's Devotions

'Tis the season for forming good intentions, taking on new projects, creating new habits, and according to extensive research, reverting to previous habits within months, if not days, or weeks! The enduring appeal of New Year's Resolutions is testament to the triumph of human optimism over experience.

Perhaps you already have a regular devotional pattern or Bible reading plan that works for you. In that case, may it continue to meet you where you are headed in the new year!

But if you're anything like me, you've tried many plans and patterns over the years and struggled to find one that sticks. Calvary offers "Christ in Our Home" as a quarterly print offering, as well as sending "Taking Faith Home" and Calvary's own "Midweek Meditation" by email on a weekly basis. I gratefully commend all of these to you.

But perhaps these aren't what you need either. I'm happy to help you evaluate any devotional materials or Bible reading plans with you on a one-on-one basis to find something that suits your interests and desired, sustainable level of commitment.

Let me also offer the one resource that has been most helpful to me for over a decade now. The Moravian Daily Texts, in

continuous print for nearly 300 years, are distributed by a group started by a forerunner to Martin Luther himself, Jan Hus (aka John Huss). The Moravians' missionary zeal was renewed in the early 1700s by a young Lutheran, Count Nicholas Zinzendorf, who was perhaps a little too energetic for his fellow Lutherans in Saxony!

The Moravian Daily Texts can be found on their website [https://www.moravian.org/daily\\_texts/](https://www.moravian.org/daily_texts/) or ordered in print, subscribed to by email, or now even browsed in a smartphone app. I receive them in my email daily. They offer a "watchword," two short snippets of scripture and a related prayer, and three or four longer Bible passages which, if you keep up with over the course of a year, will cover a huge proportion of the Old and New Testaments.

I offer this only because it's the one resource I keep coming back to! I'll tell you more about the Moravians down the road. In the meantime, whatever you resolve in the next week, may God grant you the grace and strength to see it through — or at least the daily hope of renewal and redirection to God's will in your life, when your best laid plans and intentions fall through. Again.

Pastor Jon



# InterGenerational Ministry: What Does This Mean?

Last month I wrote about “intergenerational ministry” and heard clearly that some of you have questions about what that even means. I always strive to speak and write as clearly as possible. If I ever say something that doesn’t make sense or you don’t understand, please come talk directly to me and we can chat. In this case, I already see inter-generational ministry happening at Calvary, and I would love to see even more develop over time!

Intergenerational ministry simply refers to any ministry or faith-building activity involving people of varying ages, including those with an age gap of at least 20 years. Several of our small groups and bible studies fit this definition, as do some of the events that Parish Ed has created with the hope of mixing people of various ages. We know that not everyone in the congregation will participate each time, and we want to offer a variety of different opportunities. The goals are always the same: building faith and building relationships.

It often makes sense to create gatherings or groups that are age-specific. But other times, we can create opportunities for younger people to learn about faith and build relationships with those older than them, and vice-versa. It’s amazing what each of us can learn from kids and youth, even with our years of experience.

Worship is the most central expression of ministry at Calvary, and we are all worshipping together. That is the heart of intergenerational ministry, although we don’t normally call it that. As I’ve said before, and will surely say again, kids and youth are still learning how and why we worship in the particular ways that we do. And we learn from each other by being and doing things together. Simply put, being at church is more fun when we’re doing it all together, older and younger alike!

*In peace,  
Sister Jennie Myers*

## Prayer Small Group

As I promised in my verbal report at our December Annual Meeting, I’m looking to see who would be interested in a monthly prayer-focused small group. I’m not committed to when it would meet – that will be determined by who shows an interest. The purpose would be creating a space to bring an openness to sharing what’s going on in your life. But also an openness to learning new ways to pray. And it would be one where sharing about different ways to pray would not all be flowing from me alone, but others in the group, as trust builds. We all come from different backgrounds and, with that, comes different ways of being introduced to prayer.

If this sounds like just what you need in your life, or it strikes curiosity, please come talk to me. If enough people approach me with some interest, we’ll later advertise a quick standing meeting before worship at a future date (after worship gets too busy). Right now I’m just trying to gauge if there is interest or not at this time. If the answer for you is “not right now,” the seed of the idea still gets planted in your soul and may grow and at a later time become a resounding, “yes!”

Prayerfully,

Sister Jennie Myers

# FROM THE COUNCIL:

Dear Calvary Friends,

Happy New Year!

A huge thank you to Lisa Jaroslow for leading the Church over the past two years. It was a period of stress and uncertainty, and I (we) thank Lisa for ensuring that we prospered.

This last year was filled with so much change for the church; a new pastor, a deacon (first for the church), and more new faces. I look forward to the future: What does God have in mind for us next? As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. (Ezekiel 34:12)

It was wonderful to see so many children participating in the Christmas story this year. As the new year unfolds, it is my hope that we will continue to see the kids running up for Children's Time, lighting candles, and participating in the services (and church) on a regular basis. Their energy is amazing and needed. Oh, what the future must have in store for them.

As we embark on this new year, it opens for all the opportunity of possibility. My hope for this year is for all the change to settle. We are a different church than we were a year ago and, with that, comes new opportunities. Opportunities for fellowship, learning, and outreach.

It is important to note that we have an open position on Council... for Stewardship Chair. This position is never easy, as it deals with the giving of the church. However, if we are going to continue our mission as we have planned, we do need increased giving. The person in this role will be instrumental in helping all of us achieve great things. I ask that you prayerfully consider if this might be the role for you. If you are interested, please let a member of Council or myself know.

Together in Christ,

Matt Eide,  
Council President



# Parish Education Notes

## Thank You's Abounding!

On behalf of the Parish Education Team, I want to thank you all for supporting the children and youth at Calvary by coming to worship to experience the Christmas Drama. I didn't learn until days before the Drama that there hadn't been any kind of Christmas pageant in some 14 years. It was about time, then!

But that's not the only way people supported and encouraged the children and youth – many of you heard the invitation to be a part of the drama to help tell the Christmas story, whether by throwing on a costume yourself, helping direct the kids during the drama and keeping them on track, teaching and leading carols, helping organize the costumes, or by gathering the youth who can play an instrument to put a few pieces of music together.

Thank you also to all the parents for helping make sure your young person was there on time and ready. That is no small task. It was a beautiful and hopeful sight for many seeing all the children and youth of varying ages all together!

Kids & Youth Sunday school and Adult Bible Study will all be resuming on Sunday, January 7th, and we hope to see you there. We hope that you enjoy the rest of your time this holiday season with family and friends.

*Happy New Year to all!*

*Sister Jennie Myers and the Parish Education Team*





# Calvary Happenings in January



**WE ARE CLOSED  
JANUARY 1ST FOR  
NEW YEAR'S DAY.**



**COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY** resumes the study of David on January 8th from 10:00—11:30 a.m. If you are interested, but would like more information, please contact Barbara Williams at 541-955-4595.

**HEARTS & HANDS** begin meeting again each Wednesday of every month beginning January 3rd at 9:30 a.m. Please see Mary Quick for more information or if you have questions.



**MUSIC & WORSHIP** will begin meeting again on each Wednesday of every month beginning January 3rd at 3:30 p.m. See Wendy Ross if you need more information or have questions.

### OF NOTE:

**FELLOWSHIP** meets Jan 11th at 3:00 p.m.  
**PARISH ED** meets Jan 9th at 2:00 p.m.  
**COUNCIL** meets Jan 11th at 4:30 p.m.  
**OUTREACH** meets Jan 23rd 1:00 pm.

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**JANUARY 26th**  
from 9:00 a.m.—  
2 p.m. Located in  
Calvary Lutheran's  
Fellowship Hall.  
Hope to see you  
there!



**January 15th is a holiday: Martin Luther King day. The office is closed.**

### LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

IS HERE AGAIN. WE HOPE TO SEE  
YOU ON  
FRIDAY,  
JANUARY  
5th AT  
NOON!



**The Friendship Bible Study group** resumes on January 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Please contact JoAnne Smith for questions/information.

# Calvary's Children, Youth & Family



High School Hangout

Snacks, conversation and games!

At the Angstadt's home

Let Sr. Jennie or Denise know if you can come!

Sunday, January, 14 @ 2:30 pm



Attention:  
Kids &  
Youth and  
Families  
You're All  
Invited  
So Mark  
Your  
Calendars!



THE MYERS FAMILY INVITES CHILDREN & YOUTH FAMILIES

Post-Christmas Party & Potluck Dinner

JANUARY 28 • 4:00-6:00 PM AT THE MYERS HOME  
TEXT SR. JENNIE TO RSVP OR QUESTIONS  
A MAIN DISH WILL BE PROVIDED. BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE, AND SHARE IN A BIT MORE CHRISTMAS JOY TOGETHER



# EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

## Calvary Hikers Small Group

Join us as we attempt to  
hike Limpy Creek Trail again  
(pending no rain this time)

Good exercise and good conversation  
guaranteed! For questions or directions talk to  
Sister Jennie.

JANUARY 6 @ 10 AM

**come for the hike/walk  
stay for the conversation!**

## Calvary Walkers Small Group

Join us on Saturday,  
January 27 @ 10 am

**We're returning to Reinhart  
Volunteer Park!**

We'll walk a different part of the  
park as we converse and  
continue getting to know each  
other.

**Meet at parking lot by the  
pedestrian bridge**



**Small Groups!**



# 2023 CHRISTMAS DRAMA





# 2023 CHRISTMAS GALA





# 2023 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP—CANDLELIGHT SERVICE





# 2023 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP—CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



2023 GIFTS  
UNDER THE  
ANGEL TREE!  
THANK YOU ALL  
FOR YOUR  
CARING, LOVE,  
AND  
GENEROSITY!



# January

January 11      Shawna & John Henderson  
January 15      Marie & Dale Wachsmuth  
January 19      Marlo & Monte Zeller  
January 25      Ron & JoAnne Smith  
January 31      Karen & Herman Baertschiger



Jan 1            Richard Rice  
Jan 1            Dan Rodriguez  
Jan 3            Judy Gent  
Jan 7            Richard Marsh  
Jan 8            Sharla Coon  
Jan 8            Kathie Renfro  
Jan 9            Meredith Myerchin  
Jan 9            Kjersti Wolter  
Jan 12           Nadine Powers  
Jan 13           Jennie Myers  
Jan 13           Linda Wheeler  
Jan 14           Candy Rentz  
Jan 15           Jonathan Angstadt  
Jan 15           Crystal Zimmer  
Jan 16           Alex Angstadt  
Jan 18           Jackie Johnson  
Jan 20           Bill Bianchi  
Jan 25           Gary Blom  
Jan 26           Marlo Zeller  
Jan 29           Frank Damico  
Jan 30           Sharon Emfinger

# ***Serving the Lord in January***

## **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

Pastor Jon/Sister Jennie  
Jeanine Nave/Diane Weaver

Pastor Jon/Sister Jennie  
David & Tanya Haight

Pastor Jon/Sister Jennie  
Crystal Zimmer & Melinda Eide

Pastor Jon/Sister Jennie  
Travers & Jennifer Voris

## **ALTAR GUILD**

Anna Gorskaya/David & Tanya Haight  
Evelyn McFarland/Teresa Schwerdt  
D. & M. Angstadt / Sandy Hoadley  
Dolly Rodriguez

## **LECTORS**

George Straka  
Linda Johnson  
Jennifer Voris  
Marcia Cottrill

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Pastor Jon Myers  
Matt Eide  
Karen Blom  
Crystal Zimmer  
Judi Bliss  
JoAnne Smith  
Gary Blom  
Noel Hoback  
Jeanine Nave  
Jackie Matheny  
Audra Myerchin  
Jennifer Voris

## **HOSTESS COMMITTEE**

April Marshall  
Bonnie Stucke  
Nancy Higgins  
Amy Thompson  
Kelly Tommerup

## **VIDEO/SOUND**

Gary Blom  
Larry Weaver  
Janine Nave  
Dean Schwerdt  
Jim Sweeney  
Monte Zeller

## **USHERS**

Monte Zeller  
Dick Cottrill

## **ACOLYTES**

Deserae Gindlesperger  
Kimberly Gindlesperger  
Kayden Gindlesperger  
CJ Myers  
Allie Myers

## **ALTAR FLOWERS PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:**

Gordon Hoefler  
(needed)



# JANUARY



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 6 am Men's Breakfast  9:30 am Hearts & Hands  10 am Music & Worship mtg  3:30 pm Choir	4	5 12 pm LWF	6 Calvary Small Hikers Group— Limpy Creek Loop  
7 9:30 Service  10:45 Adult & Youth Sunday School	8 CBS 10-11:30 am	9 2:00 pm Parish Ed mtg	10 6 am Men's Breakfast  9:30 am Hearts & Hands  1 pm Friendship Bible Study  3:30 pm Choir	11 2:00 pm Countryside Service  3:00 pm Fellowship mtg  4:30 Council mtg	12	13
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21 9:30 Service  10:45 Adult & Youth Sunday School	22 CBS 10-11:30 am	23 1:00 pm Outreach mtg	24 6 am Men's Breakfast  9:30 am Hearts & Hands  3:30 pm Choir	25	26 9 am—2pm Red Cross Blood Drive  	27 10:00 am Calvary's Walking Small Group—Reinhart Volunteer Park. Meet at the parking lot by the pedestrian bridge!
28 9:30 Service No Sunday School today  4-6:00 pm Post- Christmas Party & Potluck Dinner for Children & Youth Families at the Myers' home	29 CBS 10-11:30 am	30	31 6 am Men's Breakfast  9:30 am Hearts & Hands  3:30 pm Choir			



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**Sister Jenny, Deaconess**

**Wendy Ross**, Director of Choirs

**Kimberly White**, Administrative Assistant

**Sundays:**

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School