Stewardship Corner

The first words of the Bible are "In the beginning God..." That is how everything begins—with God. God created all things, and He gives us all things. All of life is a gift from God. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). We are the recipients of all of God's gifts and blessings, and we are stewards of everything He entrusts to us. Receiving lies at the heart of what it means to be human. We are needy beings: dependent on God for our existence and all the good gifts of creation, and dependent on one another for community, relationship, sustenance, and so much more. We are needy. God created us that way. We receive, and then we can give. If we reject our dependence upon God, we are putting ourselves in God's place.



Building Healthy Families: Despite living with physical, emotional and financial challenges and through social and political upheaval which often separated them by many miles and at times threatened life itself, Martin & Katie Luther created and sustained a marriage and family life characterized by faithfulness, mutual respect, teamwork and a good degree of humor. As we remember and give thanks for the great

reformer and the blessing that his life and work have been to the church, we also give thanks for God's work in their lives which provides us with an example of Christian family life today. May the lives and marriage of Martin and Katie and their love for their children (and other people's children!) remind us of Christ's love for his church and of the Father's great love for us, His redeemed children. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org



God promises us in Isaiah 55, "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven ... so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose" (10-11 ESV).

Every time His Word is shared—in a worship service, on the airwaves or by podcast, or individually—it fulfills His purpose.

That's why your support is so vital. Together, we proclaim the Good News through The Lutheran Hour on radio, SiriusXM, podcasts, and streaming platforms ... through Thred and Vivenciar digital outreach to young adults ... and in more than 60 nations, including places where people can hear of Jesus for the very first time.

God's Word never returns to Him empty.

Will you give today to help carry the Gospel even further?

Our Prayer List - November 2, 2025

Rejoice always, **pray without ceasing**, give thanks in all circumstance, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Continued prayers for these individuals with chronic or long-term illnesses, homebound or in care facilities:

Baby Girl Hezel, great granddaughter of Jim & Shari Vail with health issues.

Rick Day, friend of Ken Gill, who has cancer.

Jeff Blonigan, who is recovering from heart surgery.

Tony Ivory, brother of Machelle Ivory & nephew of Betty Lewis, who has cancer.

Tom Henline, who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

Chad Kuehl who has cancer.

Angela Daugherty, mother of Kraig Daugherty, who is in hospice care.

Richard Runyan, brother of Karla Derrickson, hospitalized with heart issues.

Ian Larew, friend of the Cawthorn's, who has cancer.

Julie Gill, daughter-in-law of Ken Gill, who has cancer.

Barb Zimmerman, sister of Ken Gill, who has cancer.

Mellissa Zuber, sister of Michelle Meyer, who has cancer.

Marilyn Perry at Westview Care Center.

Phyllis Chumbley, at Good Samaritan Care Center.

Gayla Tighe, daughter of Lowell Lines.

Hannah Hester, our missionary, serving in Taiwan.

CALVARY'S CURRENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for the week of November 2, 2025

TODAY: 8:00 am Worship and Communion

9:15 am Sunday School and Bible Study

10:30 am Worship

MONDAY: 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study

6:00 pm Worship Board

6:00 pm Discipleship Meeting

TUESDAY: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm VOTING SITE

9:00 am Textile Tuesday

WEDNESDAY: 5:30 pm Midweek Meal - Jake Hermanson Family hosting

6:00 pm L.I.F.E. Classes

6:30 pm CHOIR PRACTICE. Come join us!

THURSDAY: 6:30 pm Bible Study: Christians in a Woke World

Next SUNDAY: 8:00 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:30 am Worship and Communion

Large print Hymnals are available. If you would like to use one, ask an Usher.

This week's Worship Service can be seen at https://www.mt-calvary.com/events/

November Newsletter is available. Pick one up at the Connection Center near the front door!!

Flowers on the altar today are given by the Ruth Circle.

TUESDAY NOV 4 – Mt. Calvary is a polling place (6 am till 9 pm). Plan accordingly if you are coming to church that day.

MIDWEEK MEALS: We would like to continue offering a MidWeek meal on Wednesday nights but we are in need of people to help prepare the meal. Ask a couple friends to join you and sign up on the pillar in the fellowship hall to prepare a meal for a good cause.

THANKSGIVING DINNER - Sunday, November 9, you are invited to our church family Thanksgiving Feast. This annual dinner will start immediately after the second service (11:30). There is a **signup sheet on the pillar** if you are willing to cook a Turkey (the church will provide the turkey), or provide the potatoes or dressing. You are welcome to bring a salad, vegetable dish, or dessert to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend!

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, NOV. 9 – following the Thanksgiving dinner, the semi-annual congregational meeting will be held (approx. 12:15pm). Please plan to attend.

GET READY TO DECK THE HALLS!!! Make sure to put this on your calendar: Saturday, December 6, starting at 9:00 am we will be decorating for Christmas here at church. Many hands can help get the decorating done quickly!! Thank you!

Giving Thanks – Plan to attend the Thanksgiving Eve service Nov 26, 7:00 pm.

November 30, 2025 – This is a 5th Sunday so we will be having one service that day. It will be a Traditional service, at 9:15 am, with an Elder Breakfast following the service.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

- Talk to the church office about becoming a Reader in Worship.
- Talk to an Elder about becoming an Usher at either service.
- Volunteer to be a song leader at our 10:30 am Sunday service.
- HyVee receipts. YES we are still collecting them.
- Sunday Morning treats Volunteers needed to host at Sunday morning coffee time. A sign up sheet is on the pillar in the fellowship hall. A Sunday without the needed volunteers willing to bring treats means we will not have treats during coffee time to enjoy.
- **Altar Flowers Needed:** Individuals to sign up to place flowers for the altar or to donate to the "Flower Fund." Check out the flower chart on the pillar in the fellowship hall.

OUR RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE October 26, 2025

Attendance: 8:00am 84; 10:30am 175