

**Combined Service Feedback:** In 2025, we experimented with having one combined service any time there was a fifth Sunday in the month. Now that this experiment is complete, the Elders and Pastor Vanderbilt would like your feedback. Would you like to see it continued? Do you have suggestions for improving it? If there is support for it, we'll continue this practice going forward. You can either mention your ideas to an elder or to Pastor or drop a note in Pastor's box. We'll gather your thoughts and opinions until February 22. Thanks!

**TURKEY & NOODLE LUNCHEON: Feb 15th** Come join us in fellowship. The luncheon will start right after the 10:30 service. Help us plan ahead and signup, on the sheet on the pillar in the fellowship hall, if you can join us. There is also a signup sheet if you can bring a crockpot of mashed potatoes. Congregation Challenge is to - Take home a meal for someone you know in need of a meal or maybe just a visit.

**CANADA MISSION TRIP.** Plans have started for a mission trip to Canada. If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile mission please contact Steve or Noreen Smith. 641-414-2704 or email no1cowdr@yahoo.com

#### **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 Prayer List – February 1, 2026**

*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

**Family & Friends of Richard Runyan**, brother of Karla Derrickson, who passed away.

**Jo Pulse**, recovering from surgery.

**Betty Lewis**, recovering from a fall.

**Marlin Zaiser**, brother in law of Terry Pauling, who is hospitalized with health issues.

**Lani Lambert**, infant relative of Tammy Becker, with health issues.

**Jeff Blonigan**, who has an infection.

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

**Ron Goodrich**, brother of Marilyn Reinholdt, who has cancer.

**Kathie Hicok**, friend of Lisa Wiese, whose cancer has returned.

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

**Dianna Cooper**, sister of Diane & Mark Johnson, with health issues.

**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.

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

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

**Melissa Zuber**, sister of Michelle Meyer, who has cancer.

**Marilyn Perry** at Westview Care Center.

**Phyllis Chumbley**, at Good Samaritan Care Center, recovering from pneumonia.

**Gayla Tighe**, daughter of Lowell Lines.

**Hannah Hester**, our missionary, serving in Taiwan.

#### **OUR RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE**

**Attendance:**

**January 25, 2026 8:00am 72; 10:30am 50**

**CALVARY'S CURRENT**  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS** for the week of **February 1, 2026**

**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 mtg  
6:00 pm Discipleship mtg

**TUESDAY:** 9:00 am Textile Tuesday

**WEDNESDAY:** 5:30 pm Midweek Meal  
6:00 pm L.I.F.E. Classes  
6:30 pm Choir practice – Come make a joyful noise!!

**THURSDAY:** 6:30 pm Bible Study – Genesis

**SATURDAY:** 9:30 am LWML quarterly meeting – bring a brunch item to share.  
10:00 am Noodle & Pie making day.

**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/>

**Adult Catechism Class:** Are you new to Mt. Calvary and wanting to take the next step in membership? Are you a long-time member and looking for a refresher on the Lutheran faith? Are you wondering what Lutherans believe and just curious for more information? If any of these questions describe you, then join us for our Adult Catechism Class. Beginning February 15 and running through March 29, we'll explore Luther's Small Catechism and talk about our beliefs in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We'll meet on Sunday evenings at 6pm. People who complete the class will be invited to join Mt. Calvary on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Church Office or talk to Pastor Vanderbilt to register!

**THANK YOU:** To all who have given me updated information for our Church Phone Directory, thank you. I will be printing a 2026 Directory soon.

**LADIES OF MT. CALVARY. LWML QUARTERLY MEETING: Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 9:30 am. You may bring a brunch dish to share. No membership required.** All women are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting. See you there!

**NOODLES & PIE MAKING DAY: Feb 7th-** Make plans to come to the church at 10:00 am to make homemade Noodles and Pies. Bring your rolling pin and your favorite pie filling. Any questions contact JoAnn Chapman 515-250-3847

**NEWSLETTER:** The February issue of Mt. Calvary's newsletter "Shadow of the Cross" is available in paper form at the Connection Center. Pick up a copy and see what is happening at church. You can also find it on our church website.  
[www.mt-calvary.com/onlin/shadow-of-the-cross/](http://www.mt-calvary.com/onlin/shadow-of-the-cross/)

**Honest Repentance:** "Return to the Lord, your God," is the traditional call to repentance from the prophet Joel. This return to God is summed up in the word, "repentance." Repentance starts with being honest before God and ourselves about who we are. When it comes to sin, everyone has a natural impulse to hide, but repentance means finding the courage to be honest. It also means having faith in the promise of forgiveness. But being honest about faith means recognizing that faith is contested on many sides not only by society, but by our own experiences, and sometimes even by the actions of God himself. Finally, repentance means becoming more human, not less. Because our thoughts, desires, and actions are so linked with sin, it is easy to view repentance as fighting against our humanity as if holiness meant trying to stifle as many of our natural human impulses as possible. But honest repentance recognizes that sin is the thing that stifles our humanity, while repentance results in our natural impulses functioning more as God designed them. Join us on Wednesdays this Lent as we explore God's gift of repentance.

**New flower chart is posted on the pillar if you would like to signup to donate flowers for the altar in 2026!!**

**Signup sheets for Sunday treats during coffee time AND midweek meals is on the pillar in the fellowship hall.**