



## ANNOUNCEMENTS November 25, 2018

**WE WELCOME YOU** as honored guests or treasured members.  
**Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.**  
**During the service, listen as the Lord speaks to you through His Holy Word. After the service, speak to one another.**

*(If standing or kneeling during any portion of the worship service is a problem, you may sit or remain seated.)*

**VISITORS & MEMBERS**, please be sure to sign the **Attendance Register** in the pew so that your visit can be noted.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** is a printed Service of Responsive Prayer. Refer to the *Worship Insert* for readings, hymns and to guide you through the service. A triangle  $\Delta$  preceding a hymn stanza indicates that we stand for the verse(s).

**CHANCEL PARAMENTS** are green for the season of Pentecost to symbolize the new life in Christ's church.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by **Barb Cole** in celebration of **Brandon Balsley's** birthday on November 16.

**PARENTS, FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE... A CRY ROOM** is located at the back of the nave. Please do not leave children unattended. All the restrooms are equipped with changing tables.

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES**... meet at 9:30 a.m.

- **ADULT CLASS**...meets in Classroom A. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**... is meeting in the choir loft for opening each Sunday.

### PLEASE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Jennifer Beatty

Harold Cox

Don Day

Elizabeth DuVall

Mid Grolich

Trudie Hovarter

Angel Labra

Linda Matzat

Lori Meyer

Maxine Myers

Gisela Newell

Eric Piazza

Becky Schoof

Tanner Schoof

Sue Shorter

Marlis Snyder

Carolyn Tanner

Jean Taylor

Polly Wolf

Pilgrim Manor: Jim Allen, Bill Satorius

Military: Haley Hampton

### PRAYER LIST

Anyone whose name is on the prayer list and wishes to have it removed or anyone wishing to be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

**PASTOR INFORMATION**...Pastor Ahlemeyer will be out of the office until Tuesday, November 27, officiating a wedding in southern Indiana. If you need pastoral care, please contact an Elder. Seminary Assistant James Peterson is leading our worship service today. We thank him for his service to our church. *Please pray for safe travels for Pastor and his family.*

## **TELLERS NEEDED**

The church has instituted a change in our teller procedures. The change comes from insurance policies. We will now be using 2 non-related tellers each week in the counting and depositing of the weekly giving. Each pair of non-related tellers would then be responsible for counting one weekend a month. If you enjoy working with money, please consider volunteering as a teller. Contact the church office, Adam Beery, or Dawn Seifer if interested.

## **GREETING CARDS**

You will also find boxes of **Christmas** cards to purchase in the Narthex. Each box is priced. Please put your money in one of the manila envelopes provided and drop the envelop in the safe in the Production room or the Offering plate.

## **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICE IN GERMAN**

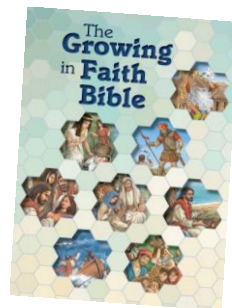
The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual "Weihnachts Vesper" (a Christmas Service in the German language) will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, South Bend. Seminarian Kyle Brown from CTSFW will share the message. A time of fellowship will follow the service. More information is located on the bulletin board.

## **HEARTFELT THANKS**

~ A big thank you to our Board of Trustees who continue to take care of our church building and properties, making sure the building is ready for preschool and worship. Be sure to thank these guys when you see them.

## **NEW CHILDREN'S BIBLES**

Have you noticed the new children's Bibles in most of the pews? "The Growing in Faith Bible" has recently been released from Concordia Publishing and is designed for children ages 8 – 12, as a transition from Bible story books to the Bible. A host of special features especially written for this age group is in addition to a full ESV text to help explain God's promises. There are also a few copies of "My Very First Holy Bible" for kids ages 5 -10, with beautiful illustrations and easy-to-read text. The Pew Edition Bibles are still in each pew. Please take a few minutes to look over these new additions.



## **HIGHER THINGS**

As discussed during the Youth meeting, Pastor Ahlemeyer will be taking youth to the Higher Things conference in July. In order to get in on the early bird registration, we need to have names and deposits for those youth who want to attend.

The deposit is \$100. If writing a check, please make it out to Calvary Lutheran Church and put Higher Things in the memo. Also please respond to this email so the church office can keep record of which youth wish to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or talk with Pastor Ahlemeyer.

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

On the cabinet in the Narthex are Advent devotionals. Large print copies are available. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The word "advent" is from the Latin word meaning "coming" and as such, describes the "coming" of our Lord Jesus Christ into the flesh. Let's prepare our hearts for Jesus.

## BUTTERBRAID ORDERS

If you were unable to pick up your ButterBraid order on Tuesday, please check the freezer for your order. If you are unable to find it, please contact Julie Hampton.

Thanks again for your support of the youth.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sunday, November 25

No Class – Thanksgiving Break

Sunday, December 2

Lunch provided by: Stuckmeyer family

Sunday, December 9

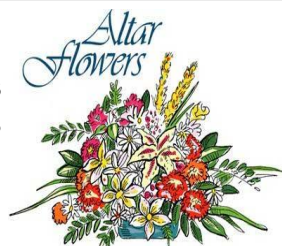
Lunch provided by: Ahlemeyer family

Sunday, December 16

Lunch provided by: Beery family

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2019 Altar Flower chart is on the bulletin board by the Pastor's office. Please take a moment to sign up. Approximately 10 days before your chosen Sunday, you will receive a reminder postcard. If you have any questions regarding the Altar flowers, please call the church office.



**Thank you to everyone who provided flowers in 2018!**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 9, 10:00 a.m. So it is time to start working on our songs for the program. Here are our songs: "Once in Royal David's City", "Go Tell it on the Mountain", "Away in a Manger", "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing". It would be very helpful if you could have your kids listen to these songs on YouTube to help them learn the lyrics.



## WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

The Annual Christmas Brunch will be Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. We will meet at the home of Brenda Meyers. Brunch will be provided by the Guild officers. Please bring money for the money tree, which we will give to three charities. Also bring a small gift for the gift exchange. All ladies of the congregation are invited. Even if you've never come, please join us. If you would like to carpool, please meet at the church at 9:00 a.m.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We are truly blessed to have our Seminary Assistant, James & his wife, Michela, and daughters during this school year.

The Elders would like to show Seminary Asst. Peterson our appreciation for all his help and hard work at Calvary. If you would like to give a donation for James, please put it in Don Buchtel's mailbox. Blank envelopes are in the Narthex (by the church office window) for you to use if you wish. If you are writing a check, please make it out to James Peterson.

## WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

It's that time of year when the weather can force us to stay home on Sundays. **Church cancellations will be aired on WNDU Channel 16 and WSBT Channel 22.** We will do our best to make the call early enough so you won't make the trip and find church has been cancelled.



## ALARM SYSTEM REMINDER

The Board of Trustees want to remind everyone about the use of the alarm system.

- If you enter when the alarm system is armed, you can only enter the entry doors to the Narthex or the Preschool door.

- Only enter your code if the system is beeping.

- If the alarm is set off, disarm it, then go to the ABC room and wait for the security company to call. You will be asked your code, which is the same code you use on the alarm system.

~If the alarm is set off, please let the church office know what date it was set off. We try to keep track due to if the police are sent, we receive a letter and eventually will be charged if we exceed 3 calls.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The Altar Guild invite you to come and help decorate the church for the Advent & Christmas season. They will be decorating on Saturday, December 1, at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please talk to Deb Buchtel or Cindy Merton, or call the church office.



Advent  
SUPPER

## YOUTH ADVENT MEAL

The Youth will be hosting the Advent meal on Wednesday, December 5. This will help the youth raise funds for different activities they are planning. Youth families please watch your email for a message from Michelle Buchert regarding your help with this meal.

## HEARTFELT THANKS

I would like to thank Julie Hampton for coordinating the ButterBraid fundraiser for the Youth Group. Thank you also to all who bought a ButterBraid. We hope you loved them. The funds received from this fundraiser will help pay for those Youth Group members who will be attending the Higher Things Conference in July. If you thought the ButterBraids were yummy and would be interested in one for Easter, please let us know. We are hoping to have more fundraisers to help pay for other Youth Events.



Thank you! Michelle Buchert, Board of Youth Chairman

## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY & CAROLING

The Youth group and Confirmation Class will have a Christmas Party with a Bible Study, games, & caroling on Sunday, December 9, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Youth will meet at the church. At 2:30 p.m., we will join others from our church and go caroling. After, we will return to the church.

Each youth is asked to bring a Christmas gift for an exchange.

Youth are encouraged to bring a friend. Be sure to bring a gift for them to put in the pile.

## ALL CHURCH CAROLING

As you prepare your heart and home for Christmas this year, take time to study the words of your favorite Christmas carols to better understand the message of peace and great joy and undeserved God-love that is ours to celebrate.

Then join other members of Calvary on **Sunday afternoon, December 9**, to go **caroling to our shut-ins** to share with them the Love that came down at Christmas.

More details will be forthcoming.

## ADVENT MID-WEEK MEAL & SERVICE

In preparation for Advent Mid-Week Meals, December 12 and 19, sign-up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board. The Youth will be providing the meal on December 5.

Please take a moment to sign up and then mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is a great time of fellowship and worship after the meal. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Cole or the church office.



Fellowship Meal

# **2018 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**



## **~Advent Midweek Light Meal & Service~**

Wednesdays, December 5, 12, 19  
(Meal at 6:00 p.m./Service at 7:00 p.m.)

## **~Divine Service~**

Sunday, December 2, 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
(SS & ABC at 9:30 a.m.)

## **~Children's Christmas Program~**

Sunday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.  
(Note: 1 service; No SS or ABC)



## **~Divine Service~**

Sunday, December 16, 10:00 a.m.  
(Note: 1 service; SS & ABC at 9:00 a.m.)

## **~Worship Service~**

Sunday, December 23, 10:00 a.m.  
(Note: 1 service; SS & ABC at 9:00 a.m.)

## **~Christmas Eve Candlelight Service~**

Monday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.



## **~Christmas Day Divine Service~**

Tuesday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.

## **~Worship Service~**

### **A Service of Lessons & Carols**

Sunday, December 30, 10:00 a.m.  
(Note: 1 service; ABC only 9:00 a.m.)

## **~New Year's Eve Divine Service~**

Monday, December 31, 6:00 p.m.



## LOOKING AHEAD

- Dec. 4 Winkle @ St. John LaPorte  
Braille 9:00 a.m. / 1:00 p.m.  
Board of Elders 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 5 Advent Midweek Meal & Worship 6:00 / 7:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice (following service)
- Dec. 8 Children's Christmas Program Practice 9:00 a.m.  
Women's Guild Christmas Brunch 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 9 Children's Christmas Program @10:00 a.m. service  
Confirmation Class 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Youth Bible Study, Christmas Party, & Caroling 12:30-2:30 p.m.  
All Church Caroling

## IMPORTANT DATES



### THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY (11/25)

ACOLYTE: Ben Beery (8:15)  
Bruce Bohm (10:45)

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Buchtel

CONFIRMATION MENTOR: No Class

ELDER: Adam Beery (8:15)  
Don Buchtel (10:45)

GREETERS: Tom & Sue McGee (8:15)  
Dusty Eckman (10:45)

ORGANIST: Sarah Rippy

TELLER: Jan Rusch & Damaris Story

USHERS: Paul Skibbe, Steve Skibbe (8:15)  
Rick Huff, Kurt Richeson (10:45)

### THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK (12/2)

ACOLYTE: Thea Shepherd (8:15)  
Elsaya Bohm (10:45)

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Buchtel

CONFIRMATION MENTOR: Seminarian Peterson

ELDER: John Ott (8:15)  
Mel Sims (10:45)

GREETERS: Cindy Pucciarelli (8:15)  
Randy & Ann Hoover (10:45)

ORGANIST: Sarah Rippy

TELLER: Jan Rusch & Damaris Story

USHERS: Gene Matzat, Jim Ross (8:15)  
Jack Holm, Paul Skibbe (10:45)

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (November 25 – December 2)

**TODAY** Worship, 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.  
NO Confirmation Class

**MONDAY** Chrismon Work 10:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Braille 9:00 a.m. / 1:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Christmas Decorating 9:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY** Divine Service, 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.  
Confirmation Class noon – 1:15 p.m.

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