

Calvary Comment

January 2025
Newsletter

From the Pastor

*So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!
2 Corinthians 5:17*



**Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich**



Special dates

- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 1/4 Altar Guild 10am
- 1/4 Epiphany Potato Lunch
- 1/6 Epiphany
- 1/12 Baptism of the Lord
- 1/20 MLK Jr. Day

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*Sharing God's word & love
within and beyond Calvary.*



Happy New Year! Have you ever wondered why we celebrate New Year's Day? I have. So, the question that I have asked myself is why is it so important for us to celebrate this change on the calendar? And the answer that I have come up with is that the New Year's observation offers us a chance to start fresh. Think about it. There is a reason that January is the most important month for gyms, and diet programs, and for making promises to oneself. New Year's Day is the perfect time to begin something new, and that is the reason why people make New Year's Resolutions.

But did you know that one does not need to wait for New Years Day to make a fresh start? It's true. As Christians we are made new daily. Lamentations 3:22-23 informs us "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

This text reminds us that we can reflect upon how God is at work in our lives every day. And we can rejoice in the fact that we are continually wiped clean of all our sins through Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. And we can cling to the promise that if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We do not need to wait for a New Year to experience a fresh start. The start of a New Day is the perfect time to recall our Baptism, and remember that we have been claimed, redeemed, and set free through the actions of Jesus Christ our Lord.

So, should we celebrate New Year's Day? I think that is a personal decision. New Year's Day is a good day to reflect upon the past year, set new goals, and look forward to a fresh start. But as Christians we can do this every day, and we can rejoice in the future that God has in store for us. And we can remind ourselves that "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Pastor Paul



"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
'What are you doing for others?'"
—Martin Luther King Jr.



Lou & Dorothy St. Germain (3)
In memory of our parents,
Ray & Elaine St. Germain &
George & Annabel Crook &
In honor of the blessings
from God

Pam Ulrich
In memory of John Ulrich

Donna Aguilar
In memory of Gorman
Anderson

Fritz & Margaret Leifstiz
To the glory of God

Mark & Elaine Mitchell (2)
Praise God for great-
grandchildren &
grandchildren.

Betty & Leon Thanz
In memory of family &
Friends

Ann Helm
In memory of William Helm

Pastor Paul & Phyllis
In memory of Joseph Zwarich

James & Blossom Parry
To the Glory of God

Ervilene Kuhlmann
In memory of Kathryn
Kuhlmann

Marie Williams (2)
Thanks & Praise to God

Rod & Kay Smith (5)
In memory of
Travis Joe Raab
Peggy Raab
Travis Renee Smith
Dick Smith
Phillip Lee Smith

Hank & Bee Rose
In memory of our parents

James & Norma Kahlig
To the glory of God

Jill Zuhlke & Sam Detlogos
In memory of our parents,
family & friends

Joyce O'Connell
In memory of parents &
aunt and in honor of
family & friends

THANK YOU for helping.

You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

DATE 2025	Assist. Minister	Reader (Lector)	Tech	Flowers	Altar Guild	Sunday School
1/5 Christmas 2	Joyce O'Connell				Diane Ross	
1/12 Epiphany 1				Thanes <i>Jesus is born.</i>		
1/19 Epiphany 2				Blossom Parry <i>Wise Men</i>		
1/26 Epiphany 3		Valerie Bluthardt				Ann Helm <i>Boy at the temple</i>

JANUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

1/24/1970
Fritz & Margaret Leifeste



BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Doris Wendland
- 11 Ann Helm
- 11 Rosalee King
- 20 Nicole Schwertner
- 21 Abigail Scott
- 21 Curt Tucker
- 23 John Rowoldt
- 26 Julius Bricker
- 31 Denise Cooley

There are no approved Council Minutes this month. The council met for a Christmas meal & did not have a regular monthly meeting.



ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild will meet Saturday, Jan. 4 at 10 am.

The Epiphany Potato Luncheon will begin at 11 am immediately following the altar guild meeting.

The speaker will be Calvary's very own *Tom Miller*. We look forward to hearing from Tom!

Potatoes will be provided. Everyone bring your favorite topping.



UCM at ASU

Calvary will be hosting the **Food4Thought** lunch at United Campus Ministry at ASU on **January 29**. Mark, Ann & Joyce will be serving taco soup, salad, chips and dessert.

Anyone else that would like to help is welcome. Monetary donations may be made into the offering plate with designation of "UCM lunch." Thank you!



MLK on what really matters

Exactly two months before his assassination, Martin Luther King Jr. preached his final sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. On February 4, 1968, the civil-rights icon spoke about how he wanted to be remembered at his funeral. He preferred that people recall not his education or achievements but that he "tried to give his life serving others" and "tried to love somebody."

Adapting a 1952 homily by J. Wallace Hamilton, King decried the "drum major instinct — a desire to be out front, a desire to lead the parade." Humans often want to be great and first, as evidenced by the disciples James and John requesting prime seats in paradise. But King urged listeners to focus on the "reordered priorities" of Jesus, who wants us to "be first in love."

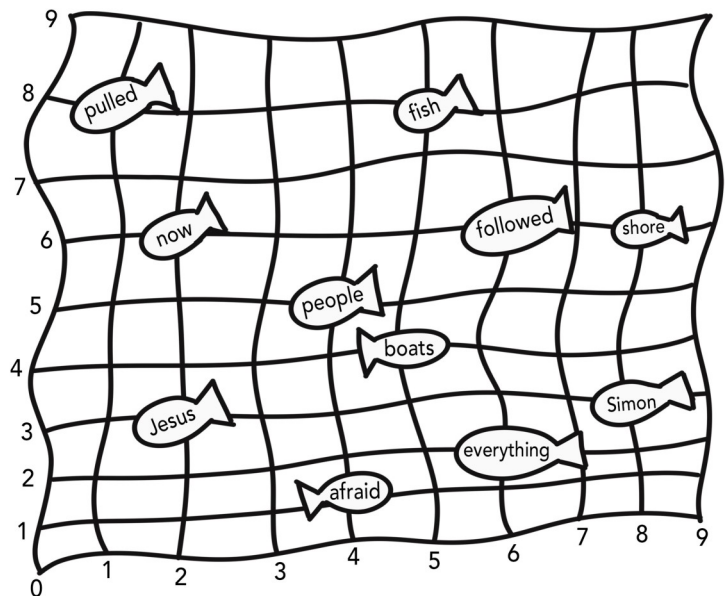
As Jesus showed, "everybody can serve," King said. Your background or status doesn't matter, as long as you have "a heart full of grace" and "a soul generated by love."



FISHING DIRECTIONS

When fishermen obeyed Jesus and let down their nets, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink! Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees. What happened next?

Directions: Use the coordinate clues to locate the correct words and complete Luke 5:10-11 (NIV) below. The first number in each clue pair goes across, and the second number goes up.



Then Jesus said to _____, "Don't be _____; from _____
 on you will _____ for _____." So they _____ their
 _____ up on _____, left _____ and _____ him.

Luke 5:10-11, NIV

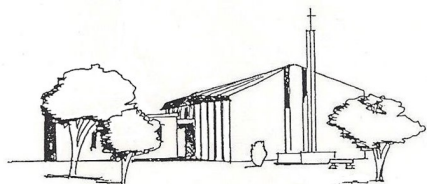
Answers: Jesus, Simon, afraid, now, fish, people, pulled, boats, shore, everything, followed





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year	2 AA group 5:30pm	3 AA group 5:30pm	4 Altar Guild 10am Epiphany potato Lunch 11am Speaker, Tom Miller
5 Christmas 2	6 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	7 AA group 5:30pm	8	9 AA group 5:30pm	10 AA group 5:30pm	11 Chet Cooley's Celebration of Life 2 pm
12 Epiphany 1 Baptism of our Lord	13 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	14 AA group 5:30pm Council Meeting 6 pm Zoom	15	16 AA group 5:30pm	17 AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1	18
19 Epiphany 2	20 AA group 5:30pm MLK, Jr. Day Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	21 AA group 5:30pm	22	23 AA group 5:30pm	24 AA group 5:30pm	25
26 Epiphany 3	27 AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	28 AA group 5:30pm	29 Food4Thought lunch at the UCM @ ASU	30 AA group 5:30pm	31 AA group 5:30pm	

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We strive to recognize and nurture the Christ in ourselves and each person that we encounter along the way. Our church is a thriving community of believers and lovers of the word of God. Calvary Lutheran has a long tradition of outreach and service to its members and the community. We hope you will join us for service on Sunday to experience for yourself the fellowship of Christ.