

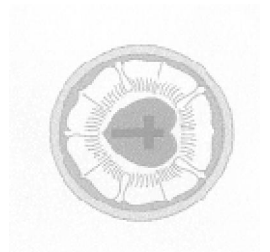
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We are located at 711 S. 7th Avenue, at the north end of Yuma.
Michael Joynt, Pastor. **We Welcome All Visitors!**

Worship Schedule

8:00 AM 1ST Worship Service
9:30 AM Bible Class/Sunday School
10:45 AM 2ND Worship Service
Check out our web site www.calvary-lutheran.com



January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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MISSION BOARD

Saturday, January 16 from 9-11 a.m. the New Life Pregnancy Center will have a Walk for Life at Smucker Park. Please pick up your sign-up sheet at the Lutherans for Life table display in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday January 10 to get your sponsors. Ask neighbors and friends to sponsor you to walk. Be a supporter of LIFE here in the Yuma area. If you can't walk or are busy that day, your donations are welcome!

Sunday, January 17, we will celebrate Life Sunday here at Calvary and will be promoting Lutherans for Life support and membership in both services and during the Fellowship time.

Please continue to save your used Portals of Prayer and other Christian material. Place them in the box in the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. All of them will be distributed in the Yuma area.

If you are interested in going on a Mission Trip in the future, please fill out the form that is on the display table in the Fellowship Hall.

The New Life Pregnancy Center has many needs. Place your donations in the box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!! Diapers, baby wipes, car seats, cribs, blankets, baby furniture,

toys, maternity clothes, clothing of all sizes. Did you know that Calvary has a member that does Ultrasounds at the New Life Center as a volunteer?

Tune in to THE LUTHERAN HOUR every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. on KCFY 88.1 FM. Our congregation helps to support this Christian program here in the Yuma area.

CROSSROADS MISSION

We are scheduled to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, January 9th. Six people needed per shift. Here's the schedule:

*Breakfast: 6:45am - 8am

*Lunch: 11:45am - 1pm

*Dinner: 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

Calvary Lutheran Church is still looking for someone to be our LCEF representative.

FROM THE PASTOR



MUSTARD SEED
CALVARY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a church we follow a lectionary system. That means the readings that we hear every Sunday are not chosen by me, but are a series of readings chosen and used by the whole church. With some variations, the same readings are used by the Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and others. That is, on any given Sunday the vast majority of Christians are hearing and centering their worship around the same scripture. This lectionary system has been in place for centuries and some have suggested that a similar system was used by the Jews even in the days of Jesus.

For many centuries the Church followed a one year lectionary with small changes over time. So that in the 1940s on any given Sunday the Church was using the same scripture that had been used on that Sunday in Luther's day and possibly even in the days of Augustine (a 4th century Bishop – although Luther did make some changes to the lectionary in his day.) In the 1960s Churches changed to a three year lectionary. That is, instead of the readings repeating every year, they repeat over a three year cycle. The advantage of the three year cycle is a larger selections of readings and especially the ability to concentrate on one Gospel for an entire year.

This year our Gospel will be Luke. That means the majority of Sunday readings will be from Luke's Gospel, with some readings from John and occasionally Matthew. While each

of the three synoptic Gospel (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) tells the same basic history of Christ, each also has a unique approach to what and how they report.

For example, Luke's Gospel seems more thematic and literary than Matthew and Mark. Because of this it is interesting to see how certain themes run through Luke's Gospel and how they will inform our worship life over the next year. "The Lord is present in His church both now and not yet". This statement (made in Arthur Just's Concordia Commentary on Luke) is a nice one sentence summation of central themes in Luke.

It is first about the Lord, Christ. In Luke's Gospel we see more of His heroic and prophetic nature and less of His suffering than we do in the other Gospels. Especially listen in Luke's Gospel for the life that Christ leads. It is an example as how we should live, and even more importantly the perfect life lived for our benefit that we inherit from Christ.

It is secondly about how the Lord is present. God has chosen to be present among His people in Word and Sacrament. This theme shows up continually in Luke as Jesus is shown teaching and eating with all different kinds of people, in a foreshadowing of our our teaching and eating with Christ in worship. This year be prepared to listen for Christ's gracious presence among sinners in word and at the table.

Thirdly, we see the Church in Luke's Gospel for what it is – not a

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human organization, but God's creation and Christ's very body on earth. While all the Gospels tell of the founding of the Church, Luke gives us more detail, as he describes not just the sending out of the 12, but also the sending of the 72. Throughout Luke's Gospel we see Christians meeting together in homes, as they would as the first churches are formed.

Finally, Luke helps us to understand the great now not yet. As Christians, we live knowing that Christ has been victorious, Satan and all evil defeated, and our sin overcome. At the same time we live in a world where God sometimes seems absent, evil seems victorious, on our own sin often threatens to overwhelm us. In this tension stands Christ and the Gospel, showing by His death on the cross that God's method of victory is not how we might expect or choose. Instead He chooses the weak to overcome the strong, the common man to teach the learned, and the humble peasant to be King over all. By making Himself, who is truly first, last, Christ has made us who deserve to be last, first. This great reversal is a theme throughout the Gospels, but it probably stated more directly and more often in Luke than anywhere else.

This is just a brief scratching of the depth available in the study of Luke's Gospel. There is much more to each of these ideas and many other themes. I encourage you to read the entire Gospel over the next couple of weeks to prepare to better hear the truth of God's death for sinners presented by Luke.

In Christ,
Pastor Joynt

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the opportunity you have given to me to serve our Lord and you as President of our congregation. It is truly a great honor and an equally great responsibility to hold this office but I know I can count on all of you for help and support. This job is made considerably easier because of the outstanding job Mike Kositzke and his councils did during his five terms (yes, that's five terms Mike served) as our President. Thanks Mike -- you did a great job.

I have been a Lutheran since I was baptized as an infant. Since that time, I have been a member of a number of congregations each of which was a wonderful place to worship our Lord. And yet, Calvary is very special to me. When Jan and I moved to Yuma five years ago, Calvary was the first LCMS church I visited because it was closest to home. We have never tried anywhere else. Believe me, my brothers and sisters in Christ, the warmth and Christian love that is found at Calvary Lutheran Church is something very special. That is why serving as your President is a particular honor for me. We will, of course, have our challenges but with God's help and yours (and I am certain of both) these challenges will be addressed and overcome.

I pray God's blessings be with you and yours in the New Year.

Bob Stash

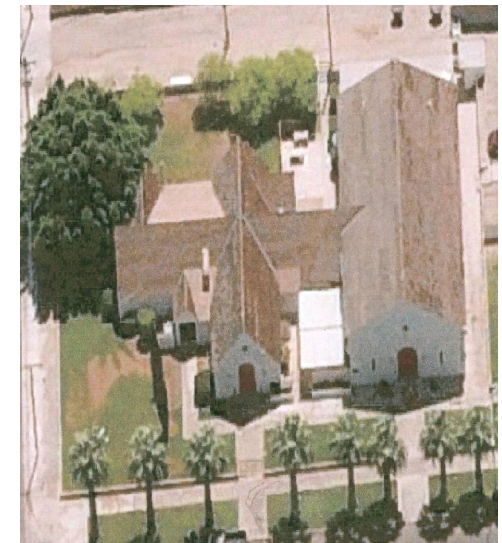
although common use today uses the term sanctuary to refer to the entire worship area of a church.

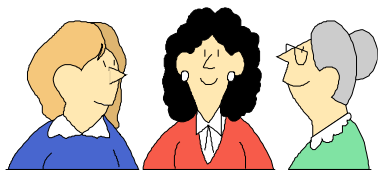
A cross with four equal arms is known as a Greek cross. There is symbolism for a church with a worship area in the shape of a cross. The symbol clearly defines us as Christian. Most of us have a regular place where we sit within this cross. Our "favorite" seat may be in the center or west wing which is the original worship area, because the pastor faces us during the sermon (although he does turn to face all wings throughout the sermon). Others may sit in the north or south wings.

Although our worship area has four arms of roughly equal length, anyone who has sat in each of the areas knows that they are not all equal in at least one respect - acoustics, or the manner in which sound travels. Sound does not carry the same throughout the three wings of the nave and we can use this to our advantage.

The organ is not as loud in each of the wings. If one has acute hearing, then one will notice that the organ sounds louder in the center or west wing. The organ has a lower volume in the north and south wings. If you have good hearing try the view from the north or south wings. If you have difficulty hearing, then try the center or west wing. So, when you choose a seat next Sunday, think

about acoustics as well as the view. And, rest assured, everyone can still see Pastor Joynt during his sermon regardless of which seat one chooses. If you have tried out all seats and still have a concern over acoustics, please speak to one of the elders.





LWML NEWS

Our December meeting was on the 3rd and we were entertained by a wonderful group of 26 children from Precious Treasures. They sang several Christmas songs for us and then made sure every one of us had a hug and Christmas greeting. Each month we make a mission gift of \$100 and the December gift went to Precious Treasures. We also made 140 door decorations for the residents of Emerald Springs. These were placed on the doors on the 10th and met with appreciation.

The LWML held their 6th annual Cookie Walk on the 5th and we took in over \$600. THANK YOU to all the ladies who furnished cookies for this successful fund raiser. In the past this money has gone to the kitchen fund or for our mission funds. In addition to the monthly gift of \$100, we send \$50 per month to the seminary food bank and also send support to a Lutheran Bible Translators missionary. Now that the kitchen has been completed and paid for, our balance of over \$4000 was put into an account for refurbishing the altar area.

Our January plans include
A CHOCOLATE TEMPTATION

on Saturday, January 23rd. All the ladies of the church are invited, also the ladies of Christ Lutheran and Shepherd of the Hills. We will be entertained by the dancers from Dancemakers and treated to chocolate, chocolate! We hope many of you will join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

The annual rummage sale will be held in March. If you have items to donate and would like to get them out of your way you may bring them to the church and put them in the old women's restroom. REMEMBER: all women members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are members of the LWML.

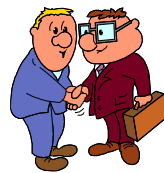
BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday mornings:
Parish Hall Sermon study
Sanctuary Sharing life;
Sharing faith

Wednesday mornings:
Parish Hall Gospel of Matthew

Thursday mornings:
Emerald Springs: Sermon study

Saturday mornings:
Parish Hall Sermon study



ELDERS REPORT

A new year is upon us and many make New Years resolutions. While the need or desire to set resolutions for the new year varies from person to person, everyone can benefit by annually reviewing accomplishments and setting goals for the ensuing twelve months. The Board of Elders is no exception and we have defined our goals for 2010.

As members of the board we seek these three things for 2010:

1. **Study God's Word.** Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Bible, and the Pastor's teaching, we seek to come to a deeper understanding of God's Word, its values in all aspects of life, and ways to apply it in our lives. The Augsburg Confession presents a clear description of the faith and beliefs of Lutherans, and is our initial focus of study during 2010 in developing a deeper understanding of God in our lives.
2. **Pray for the Pastor and Members of Calvary Lutheran Church.** Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to pray for every member of the congregation. In order to facilitate this, all members of the congregation are assigned to an elder.

3. **Review Worship and Communion Attendance as an Indicator of Spiritual Well-Being.** On a monthly basis, the office secretary enters the yellow registration cards and the data into the church's master records. Elders receive a quarterly print out of attendance to review with the Pastor. The Pastor and/or responsible elder will contact individuals whose attendance at worship and communion display a cause for concern.

If you have a concern about any aspect of congregational life, please speak with Bruce Fenske, Smokey Morner, Arlen Stange, or Gil Wheeler of the Board of Elders. May God bless you during the new year of 2010.

TO HEAR OR NOT TO HEAR

As most of you know, the layout of the current nave (the place where congregants sit and stand during worship) resulted from construction of an original building and one later building expansion on the south side and a remodel of the north side. The configuration is not, however, without significance. Take a close look at the worship area and you notice that it forms the shape of a plus sign, or cross. Worshippers sit and stand in three arms of this cross with the fourth arm serving as the sanctuary, or altar area,

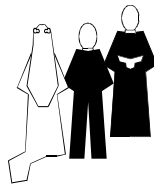
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Happy Birthday!

BAPTISM



Terry Pray	01/03	Pam Green	01/01
Norma Sigafoose	01/03	Eva Lowe	01/01
Lynn Shoemaker	01/05	Cecil Sigafoose Jr.	01/01
Peg Henderson	01/07	Betty Stewart	01/01
Hank Green	01/10	Lisa Stewart	01/01
Marilyn Damet	01/13	Randy Williams	01/01
Donna Barton	01/14	Jerry Ferguson	01/02
Madelyn Mason	01/17	Johnnie Ehrlich	01/03
Glen Wagner	01/19	Brian Rochester	01/10
Mary Ann Holloway	01/23	Eleanor Knapp	01/12
Leroy Pickett	01/27	Dawn Widmayer	01/14
Jacob Rochester	01/27	Anna Joynt	01/18
Michael Joynt	01/29	Jackson Joynt	01/18
Gilbert Wheeler	01/29	Roxana Williams	01/26
Thomas Hoerauf	01/31		
Carolyn Macomber	01/31		



ANNIVERSARIES

Ron & Evelyn Foster	01/18
Rodney & Bonnie Fischer	01/20
John & Catherine Cochran	01/21
Mark & Teri Jo Ford	01/21

Altar Guild Meeting

On Tuesday, January 12, 2010 @ 7:00pm the Altar Guild will have a short meeting, planning for next year. If you have any questions you may contact Mary Frances @ 246-8303.

Boards and Church groups

Please remember that all newsletter articles are due by the 15th. Newsletters are printed and folded to be made available the last Sunday of the month.

The bulletin announcements are due no later than Wednesday morning. Bulletins are printed Thursday morning.

All announcements for the bulletin and newsletter must be written up, e-mail is the best way to send them in. The office secretary will than copy and paste.

2009	
Altar Flower Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 57.78
Contributions	\$970.00
Expense	\$989.76
Ending Balance	\$ 38.02

2009 BUDGET



Contributions & Expenses NOVEMBER

Contributions	\$12,309.75
Expenses	\$12,172.52
Building Fund Contri.	\$ 450.00
Building Principal Contri.	\$ 100.00
Building Fund Expense	\$ 1,018.13
YEAR TO DATE	
Contributions	\$102,159.48
Expenses	\$166,005.53
Building Fund Contrib.	\$ 14,275.00
Building Principal Contrib	\$ 300.00
Building Fund Expense	\$158,815.57
OVERALL FUND BALANCES	
Building Fund	\$ 12,679.07
Altar Carpet	\$ 5,023.00



BUILDING PROJECT PHASE I

LOAN

LCEF Loan \$136,629.49
Balance (01/01/2010)

Principle payment

2009 Sunday school fund \$656.90

1/2 total to support LBT.
1/2 total to support Missionary Rev. Dennis Meeker.