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Son Day Worship – 9:30am

Bible Hour for All Ages – 11:00am



POINTing the Way!

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 24th, 2021

everyone is
welcome

The Mission of Mount Calvary Lutheran, Greenville, is to POINT the Way:

Proclaiming Christ
Offering Hope
Inspiring Service
Nurturing All
Teaching God's Word

MOUNT CALVARY WELCOMES all members and guests today as we worship, share and learn together, in-person and online. It is a joy to meet together and be fed with the Bread of Life! God's peace be with you, friend in Christ!

PLEASE LET US KNOW of your online participation by sending an email to mclc908@sbcglobal.net.



HOLY COMMUNION will be served in a walk-through manner at this time. If desired, you may kneel/stand at the altar railing for personal meditation after receiving the bread and wine. Your participation indicates a common union we share, as a part of the body of Christ, in understanding the benefits that Christ has promised through this sacrament. When you commune, you are confessing as a baptized Christian who has been properly instructed that:

+++ I believe that I am a sinner and need God's grace for the forgiveness of my sinfulness.

+++ I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, Satan and death.

+++ I believe that in Holy Communion I receive the Real Presence, that is, the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, given and shed for me for the strengthening of my faith and forgiveness of my sin.

+++ I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular group worship and Bible study, sacrificial giving and thankful living.

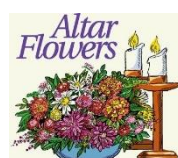
NOTE individual cups only will be used at this time.

We ask that first-time guests talk to the Pastor or an Elder before communing.

Please contact Pastor Jeff if you would like to receive private/home communion during the week.



For those who are sensitive to alcohol, you may use the clear cups in the center of the wine tray.



The flowers on the altar have been provided for the glory and honor of our Lord and in celebration of George Meyers' 78th birthday by Mike and Jeanette Watts.

HIS LOVE – OUR RESPONSE

01-17-21

Worship Attendance: 77

(Estimated Online and In-Person)

Average Weekly Attendance: 86

SERVING IN OUR LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Thank you for serving!

ELDER ~	H. Deines
GREETERS ~	EVERYONE
LAY READER ~	B. Deines
MUSIC LEADER ~	D. Veitengruber
A/V & ACOLYTE ~	F. Schmidt, J. Watts
ALTAR ~	C. Jensen, C. Zettel-Smith
COUNTERS ~	R. George, T. Tichelaar
FELLOWSHIP ~	Suspended 'til Jan. 31
CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR ~	M. Tichelaar

Every member is invited to serve!

Everyone is encouraged to be a greeter (and wear a face covering at this time).

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

TODAY	9:30a	Worship (in-person & online)
	10:30a	Bible Hour
Wednesday	9:30a	LifeLight Bible Study (F)
	12:00p	GPS Early Dismissal (F)
Thursday	9:30a	POINTer Deadline



Please check your church mail boxes

the Christian Growth Ministry Team is resuming the "Get To Know You" bulletin board in the Narthex. Be a part of our membership history at Mount Calvary by filling out questionnaire and returning to either Mary Tichelaar or Sharon Swindell. Members can read fun facts about your family and this can encourage conversations during our fellowship time together.



MOVING FORWARD WITH A NEW NORMAL ...

Our goal as a church & childcare is to maintain a low-risk environment and encourage good social distancing practices. In other words, our faithful response is to continue being the church and not abandon our calling to be people of great faith and hope, by the grace of God.

Mount Calvary will abide by current recommendations & guidelines for sanitizing and "risk-based" social distancing. We are always open for ministry, even when "deployed." You can contact us by email and phone.

You're invited to join us for worship online or in-person, depending on your situation. Worship online with "Mount Calvary Live" at www.mclc908.org, and feel free to subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) at:

<https://myyoutube.com/channel/UC0eKDw5rb7VpPDmLxnx4> 1w.

"Zoom" is also available for small group gatherings.

Let us know how we, the church, can help in any way during this time of uncertainty and ongoing spiritual warfare. Trusting in God's promises, we know the best is yet to come!

<>< **Pastor Jeff**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

TODAY ~ Chris Reisner

Tue, Jan 26 ~ Jay Linton

Wed, Jan 27 ~ George Meyers & Paul Miller

Fri, Jan 29 ~ Doug Nanzer

Sat, Jan 30 ~ Emilie Gertz



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY'S THIS WEEK:

Tue, Jan 26 ~ Jan Johnson, Jay Linton & George Meyers



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK TO:

Fri, Jan 29 ~ Bob & Fran Schuleit (#33)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

Thank you for serving!

ELDER ~	T. Tichelaar
GREETERS ~	EVERYONE
LAY READER ~	M. Tichelaar
MUSIC LEADER ~	A. Sandtveit
A/V & ACOLYTE ~	F. Schmidt, J. Watts
ALTAR ~	S. Swindell, H. Wilhelm
COUNTERS ~	H. Kreft, J. Watts
FELLOWSHIP ~	H. Harms, J. Kinyon
CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR ~	L. Kreft



Beginning in March we will be moving away from the SIGNUP GENIUS app.

Check your mail box in the middle of February for quarterly ministry servant schedule (blue sheets). *If you cannot serve that Sunday please find a replacement and notify the church office.*



ATTENTION ALL 2021 College Students -

Don't miss upcoming college scholarship deadlines. Check out the bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary for more information about our Concordia University schools. The [Grace Wilhelm Memorial Scholarship](#) was established to provide financial assistance to a student(s) pursuing post-secondary education who is an active member of a local Judeo-Christian congregation and actively involved in extracurricular community service activities. Preference is given to active members of a local church youth group. Scholarship Applications for all 2021-22 college students are available online at www.gacfmi.org/grants-scholarships/ or outside the church office. Applications are due by Wednesday, March 24, 2021. For more information, you may contact Pastor Jeff.



Sunday School/Bible Hour RESUMES TODAY:

Adult bible hour is available on [Facebook Live](#). Here's a link for our [Christmas bible study handout](#).

LifeLight Class: *For those unable to attend the class in person, we will discuss Session Two next Wednesday, January 27th.*

CHRISTIAN GROWTH MINISTRY TEAM



January – The Christian Growth Ministry Team will be supporting the needs of students in Greenville Schools by collecting the following suggested items: Non-Perishable snacks granola bars, fruit snacks, goldfish crackers, peanut butter or cheese cracker packs. Gift cards can be purchased also, for Subway, McDonald's, Burger King, Little Caesar's, B.C. Pizza and Daily Deals. **If you purchase gift cards please give directly to Helen Harms; snack items can be placed in a box in the Fellowship Hall. Collection will end Sunday, January 31st.** A Thrivent Action Team Grant will be applied for.

CONVENTION REFERENDUM –

The LCMS has submitted a vote to member congregations for the Synod to add a year to the current 2019-2022

triennium, allowing districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022, and moving the upcoming National Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023. The decision to delay conventions belongs to the congregations of the LCMS. The reason for this proposed delay is due to the uncertainty of Districts being able to safely gather in 2021 due to COVID-19 and the fact that some District conventions are scheduled to take place in early 2021. If approved, Districts could hold their conventions at any time during 2021 or 2022 and the Synodical Convention would move to 2023. This is a **one-time** adjustment. Making this decision now will minimize financial impacts and benefit future planning. *The church leadership council discussed this at our Jan. 5 meeting. The plan is for Pastor, Harold Deines and a member of congregation to make the vote by February 15. You can find out more about this issue by reading the FAQ sheet posted on bulletin board. Please contact a church leadership council member if you have any concerns.*



Reminder to Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31st

Thrivent Financial members have until **March 31** to direct their Choice Dollars for charity. **Don't let them expire!** Designate your Choice Dollars to Mount Calvary and serve the needs of our neighbor through the Benevolence Fund. Just log in to your Thrivent account today to direct your Choice Dollars, or contact Thrivent for assistance. Thrivent & Mount Calvary are pleased to be partners in POINTing the Way together. Thank you for your consideration and support!

Mount Calvary Youth Group

Tonight, we will continue with part 2 of a new video bible study series called "Different." The series is presented by Jonathon Evans, chaplain to the Dallas Cowboys football team and son of well-known Pastor and Author - Tony Evans. The theme for the bible study is "Identities" and is centered on Luke 7:35-50. Tonight's meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. We will meet in person! If you are unable to join us but would like to watch the video and complete the bible study on your own, you can follow this link:

<https://groups.rightnowmedia.org/88fcdff4-aaf4-4fa4-ab68-765f694336b6/watch>

Access to RightNow Media is provided by Mount Calvary.

Coming this Spring: The Testimony Project, Speed Intro Night, The Portable Pantry Project, The Pavilion Project, A possible fieldtrip to The Ark Encounter in Kentucky and a service project trip to Camp ReStore Detroit. Many of these projects will involve the congregation members as well, so keep your eyes on this section of the Pointer for future information.

If you have time, check out some other great resources at:

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/MCLC>

Sharing God's love with our future leaders is an honor! There are many great ideas and options available to us and it's exciting to get this opportunity. If you would like to join us as we forge a new season of MCLYG (Mount Calvary Lutheran Youth Group), please contact Holly. We can always use more adult sharers, as well. Holly's contact is dyfm_holly@mclc908.org or 616-754-4886.



CONCORDIA SEMINARY

Dr. Mark Seifrid, professor of Exegetical Theology. During the workshop, Seifrid will help participants explore the relationship between "justification by faith" and Christian ethics — revealing how Paul's message to the first century Galatians still applies today. Open to lay people, students, pastors and others interested in the proclamation of the Gospel, the workshop will be held online from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.** **Registration closes TODAY, Jan. 24.** Cost is \$20 per person.

You're invited to the online Feb. 6 Lay Bible Institute, "Galatians: Hearing Paul's Gospel Afresh" with

"Mount Calvary Preschool and Childcare Chatter"

Our special Bible time with the Preschool students is always an interesting time. This week we talked about Baptism. We first talked about all the things that we do with water. We use water to swim, cook, clean, play in, cool off with, freeze and skate/slide on, drink it and use it to grow plants. Water is very important. We then thought about using it to clean things and wondered: "How do we clean our inside when we feel messed up (guilty)?" This led to a discussion of Baptism and how God uses the water of Baptism to help clean us on the inside. We all make bad choices sometimes and those bad choices leave us feeling messy on the inside. In Baptism, God cleans us from the inside out (He renews us and restores us through the power of the Holy Spirit). In Baptism, He adopts us into His family and the Holy Spirit is with us to clean up our lives and help make us strong.

The pandemic has provided an opportunity to exercise our flexibility in helping families navigate a difficult time. We illustrated God's love for them in our eagerness to provide for their needs in an uncertain time.



Volunteer Client Mentors Needed: Female and male mentors demonstrating a growing relationship with Jesus, at least 18 years old, are needed to mentor clients 3-4 hours per week (at least a one-year commitment). Training and all materials are provided. Please contact: Karen Marsman, karen@alphafamilyservices.org or 616-225-2265.



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For Life

Equipping Lutherans to be
Gospel-motivated voices For Life

LIFE WEEK 2021

Calling All Pro-Life Supporters! Lutherans For Life (LFL) is excited to announce a brand new multi-generational online and in-person opportunity: **Life Week 2021: Invisible to Indispensable.** Plan to join us each day from **Saturday, January 23, through Saturday, January 30, 2021**, to learn about, share, and build excitement "For Life" in your home, church, school, and community! Each themed day will explore a distinct aspect of life ministry through local activities, online educational events, and interviews. Top off the week in person or online with mountaintop experiences like the March for Life and Y4Life in Washington, D.C. Watch for more news on our [Facebook page](#) and on our [Life Week 2021](#) page!

SHORT TERM PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES:

- ~ For **all those dealing with COVID-19** and especially those with multiple health complications.
- ~ For **all first responders and medical personnel** lovingly serving all patients ill with COVID19.
- ~ For **Rick Edgar** (Amy Miller's Uncle), suffering from AFIB and prostate cancer.
- ~ For **Randy George**, undergoing medical testing.
- ~ For **family and friends of Dorene Kaiser** (Norma George's sister) passed away Mon, Jan. 18.
- ~ For **family and friends of Tara Conway**, (former Greenville Librarian) passed away.

FOR THOSE WE HAVE PRAYED FOR IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS:

- ~ For **Siera** (Lori Gantz's niece) and **Lisa** (Siera's mom) as Siera undergoes testing to diagnose pain; **Meta Hyatt** (Brian Hyatt's mother), recovering at rehab facility; **Skip Gibson** (co-worker of Dave Gantz), **Jim Campbell**, (Amy Miller's stepbrother), **Emily George** (Randy & Norma's granddaughter), multiple health complications; **Reagan** (niece of Joyce Crandall), hospitalized and receiving mental health care.
- ~ **For families, marriages and all Christian relationships**, that the selfless love of Jesus is our goal, and God's people submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Eph 5:21).
- ~ **For those looking for suitable & fulfilling employment, and just payment for their labor.**
- ~ **For those who are in need of suitable housing for themselves and their families.**
- ~ **For those in the Military and their Families:** **Capt. Chelsea Prah-Kim & Capt. Eric Kim** (Ft Bragg, NC); **Tyler Aniszko** (US Army); **Zachary Watts** (US Navy); **Jessie Waldron**, grandson of Janet Kinyon; **Sgt. Patrick Robinson**, grandson of Jerry & Marje Robinson (Quantico, VA).
- ~ **For our Missionaries and families (see bulletin board):** **The Heiney Family** (Global Lutheran Outreach-Guinea); **Dan & Teresa Janzen** (South Sudan).
- ~ **For the caregivers of family and friends who have long term medical and emotional needs.**
- ~ **For cancer and other chronically ill patients:** ~ **Loretta Schmidt**, Frank's sister-in-law (Leukemia); **Dorse Perez**, Frank Schmidt's sister; **Barb Deines**; **Henry Kreft**; **Julie Johnson**; **Dee Veitengruber** (Cancer treatments); **Lyle House**, friend of Diane Linton, (Cancer); **Helayne Tichelaar**, sister-in-law of Tim Tichelaar; **Beverly Christiansen** (M.S.), sister-in-law of Sharon Swindell; **Char Switzer**, friend of Swindell's, (Breast Cancer); **Mike Edwards**, friend of Swindells (Cancer); **George Edgar**, Amy Miller's uncle (Prostate Cancer); **Sheila Miller**, Brain Miller's Aunt (Cancer); **Fred Riske**, Marilyn Meyers' brother, (Lung & Bone Cancer & AFIB); **Vera Wood**, Porter's neighbor; (Pancreatic Cancer); **Nehemiah Dykstra**, son of Dean & Michelle, (Brain Tumor); **Jasmine Luce**, friend of Diane Dunham (ALS); **Jim Ruehs**, Jared's uncle, (Cancer); **Richard Herrick**, Becky Goodall's father (Lung Cancer); **Dave Egenreither**, Goodall's brother-in-law, (Cancer of Lymph Nodes); **Roxanne Chesebro**, stepmother of Dan Chesebro; **Marilyn Rewa**, Sunny Chesebro's friend, (Lung Cancer); **Jan**, Sunny Chesebro's aunt (Breast Cancer); **Phil**, Dave Gantz's Uncle (Hospice); **Reagan**, (niece of Joyce Crandall), suffering from depression; **Bill Schmidt** (Type 2 Diabetes); **Rick Edgar**, Amy Miller's uncle, (Prostate Cancer/AFIB).
- ~ **For members & friends with assisted living:** **Jerry McDonald** (Veterans Home, GR); **Allen and Joyce Siefert** (Home); **Wilma Guldner** (Home); **Ruth Herrick** (Home); **George Meyers** (Home); **Meta Hyatt**, mother of Brian Hyatt; **Marian Park** (living with daughter in G.R.); **Judi Brecht**, mother of Wendi Philley, (Samaritas Senior Living G.R.); **Harriet Larkin**, former member; **Jeanne Wilcox** (Barb Deines' mother).

"Follow me,
and I will
make you fish
for people."



As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with hired men and followed him. *Mark 1:16-20*

