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ANNUAL MEETING

- ◆ Annual Reports will be available **January 28**
- ◆ Annual Meeting is Sunday, **February 14**, at 10:15 am (following worship)

Annual Reports Due

Reports from officers and ministry team leaders or committee leaders that will be included in the Annual Report of the Congregation are due shortly after the New Year. Please note the due dates below, prepare and submit your report. If you have questions contact the Church office and a sample from a previous year will be given to you.



- *Reports that include financial information are due in the Church Office on Friday, January 15. Remember to also turn in your record books and statements (check book, savings acct records, etc.) The Auditing Committee will be meeting on January 16 to review those reports.
- *Written reports without financial information are due in the Church Office on Wednesday, January 20.

Nominations!

Nominations are needed for the following Ministry Positions:

- 6 – 2 year Council positions
- 1 – 1 year youth Council position
- 1 – 3 year Extended Ministry position
- 1 female and 1 male voting member for Conference and Synod Assemblies.
- 3 members for the 2017 Auditing Committee (will serve in January 2017)
- 2 – TREM board members

Please talk to a current Council Member (they are listed on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the flower chart) if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else. Prayerfully consider whom we will nominate and elect to lead our church at our Annual Meeting on February 14, 2016. Nominations should be turned in by January 20.



Special Congregation Meeting!

The Council of Calvary Lutheran Church has called a special congregational meeting on

**Sunday, January 10, 2016,
at 10:15am (following worship)**

to address the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Calvary Lutheran Church's Council is approved to access up to \$250,000.00 from the Extended Ministry Fund in accordance with Calvary Lutheran Church's Endowment Fund Policy Statement and Bylaws, Page 3, titled "Accessing Fund Principal", paragraph (A).

Calvary's Constitution Available Soon!

Calvary's Constitution will be ratified at the Annual Meeting on February 14, 2016. Copies will be available in the Gathering Space beginning January 7, 2016.

As you may remember, we approved amendments to the Constitution at our special congregational meeting on November 8. Then we discovered that the rest of our Constitution was out-of-date and needed to be updated so that it met ELCA requirements. The Council has approved all of the updates and the new document is ready for you to review prior to the Annual Meeting. The amendments that we approved in November have been incorporated into the new Constitution and the basics have not changed from what our previous Constitution said -- other than those updates required for ELCA compliance.



Please take the time to read through the Constitution. Review how our congregation is related to other ministries and the larger church -- both Synod and ELCA. Let Nancy Hoover, President Ben Dow or Pastor Kay know if you find any typos in the document. (We worked quickly to get this ready for the Annual Meeting, and we may have missed typos as we were proof-reading. Your help on this front is greatly appreciated.)

Pastor's Ponderings

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

While it may seem odd to receive this greeting so late in December, many of you will be picking up your Calvary Caller on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day when you come for worship. And so you will be receiving this greeting at the very beginning of the Christmas Season ... if it is mailed to you, you will be getting it in the middle of the Christmas Season ... so blessings to you for this Holy Season!

The Christmas Season begins on December 25 – Christmas – and ends on January 6 – Epiphany. There are twelve days (just like the song says) and they are all days to remember the great gifts that God has given to us.

Both of Christmas and Epiphany are celebrated by Christians around the world. Epiphany is much more emphasized in the Eastern Orthodox tradition and for those churches who have descended from it. It was Magi from the East who came to see Jesus, after all, so it makes sense that Epiphany would be a significant day of remembrance for them. For many, *this* is a day of giving gifts, rather than Christmas, since the Magi brought gifts to Jesus. (The shepherds did not bring presents on the day Jesus was born.)

In recent years, some Christians have stopped celebrating “Christmas” ... at least, in the way the world celebrates “Christmas” ... you know, with the tree and ornaments and lights, with lawn decorations and piles of presents and Santa Claus ... because that is the secular impression of Christmas and is not really what Christmas (short for Christ Mass) is all about.

Christmas and Epiphany are all about God’s gifts to us and our response of worship and praise to God. When Jesus was born, the shepherds were



told of his birth by the angels. It is likely that these shepherds, like King David who was also a shepherd from Bethlehem, were Jewish. And so, the original Christmas was a celebration of a gathering of Jews (Mary and Joseph were also Jewish) rejoicing at the birth of the Messiah – God’s anointed King for the Jews.

At the same time, a new star appeared in the night sky. The Magi saw the new star as a sign that a great King had been born, and they began their search for him. It took almost two years for them to arrive in Jerusalem – where they asked King Herod about the infant King of the Jews. He and the teachers of scripture directed the Magi to Bethlehem – King David’s hometown – where they found Jesus and his parents, and then they presented their gifts. This was a gathering of Gentiles – astrologers who were advisors to the Persian royalty who came to worship and offer gifts to the new King.

Jews and Gentiles – both welcomed the child who was born to be King. Today, we celebrate Christmas – that original Jewish gathering – and we celebrate Epiphany – that original Gentile gathering – as we worship Jesus, the Son of God, who is our Lord and King.

May your Christmas be a Season filled with God’s blessings and many opportunities for you to respond to God’s blessings with worship and praise and offerings to our King.

Pastor Kay



The Rev. Dr. Craig Nesson
will be presenting

**Shalom Church:
Rebuilding the Body of Christ
for Mission in the World**

Calvary Lutheran Church, Two Rivers
January 30, 2016
8:30am-3:00pm

Are you ...

- Noticing changes in your community and congregation?
- Discussing how to deal with these changes?
- Working to discover your congregation's mission?
- Planning your congregation's ministry in relation to mission?
- Thinking about what the future holds for your community and congregation?
- Wondering where the church fits into your community?
- Pondering the best methods for reaching unchurched people in your community?

Bring your questions and your thoughts to this workshop, as we envision the future of the church as the Body of Christ at work in the world, serving our evangelizing God.

Registration Deadline January 17

Early Bird discount:
Register by January 10 for \$10
After January 10 – \$15
Lunch included

Register Online at
www.calvarytr.org
Or pick up a form at church

Winter Weather Cancellations

To avoid any confusion about church activities as winter weather approaches, please keep track of cancellations within the Two Rivers Public Schools.

❖ If the Two Rivers Schools are closed **due to weather**, Calvary will cancel all activities that day.

❖ If the Two Rivers Schools evening activities (concerts, sporting events, etc.) are canceled **due to weather**, Calvary's evening events are also canceled.

❖ If the Two Rivers Schools have a **weather delay** and begin classes late, Calvary's morning events will be canceled, but the rest of the day's events will run as scheduled.

❖ For Sunday Worship, Sunday School, and Confirmation -- if weather is such that Sunday activities are canceled, an announcement will be put on WOMT, WBAY, and WCUB as soon as possible. The Church answering machine, Facebook page, and website will also have that message, and Pastor will contact worship helpers.

If you are uncertain about your safety, PLEASE, do not venture out for any events. When in doubt, use your best judgment and *stay put* if you feel it is unsafe for you to travel.



Flower Chart

The chart for 2016 has been posted on the bulletin board by the church office. If you would like to donate flowers, please sign up on your preferred date. Put your name and the occasion if there is one (for instance, in honor of, in remembrance of, a birthday, an anniversary, etc.).



Pay for the flowers when you order them from a local florist. Please ask that they be delivered to the church on Thursday so that all of Calvary's worshippers can enjoy them. You may pick them up after Sunday morning worship.

January through November 30, 2015 Financial update

GENERAL BUDGET (GB) Income & Expense Report

Starting balance, Jan 1	\$1,735.18
General Budget income	98,810.52
General Budget expenses	131,012.54
General Budget deficit	(32,202.02)
Capital Impr Funds used for GB	10,362.33
GB Reserve funds used*	15,718.19
Remaining GB deficit	\$ (6,121.50)

* Remaining General Budget Reserve Fund \$5,245.11



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Income & Expense Report

Jan 1, 2015 Starting balance	\$16,503.45
Income	5,166.77
Total	\$21,670.22
Expenses	
- Used for GB deficit (see left)	10,362.33
- Used for capital improvement	774.34
Total expenses	11,533.55

BUILDING FOR ALL FUND (mortgage)

Income & Expense Report

Beginning balance	\$12,465.84
Income	25,242.08
Expenses	33,254.96
Ending Balance	\$4,452.96
Balance owed on Mortgage	\$240,045.42

Sunday Supper at St Peter the Fisherman

Calvary is scheduled to host Sunday Supper this year on January 31st at St. Peter the Fisherman. This is an opportunity for Calvary members to provide a warm meal in a hospitable setting for households who may be experiencing financial stress and/or loneliness.



Volunteers are needed to help set up (starting at 3:45), serve the meal (at 4:30), clean

up (done at approximately 6:00), and donate desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet in the gathering space in January.

Also needed are plastic containers such as for margarine, cottage cheese, whipped topping, etc., and plastic bags.

Any questions can be directed to Cindy Schmidt at 793-4982, cas3761@gmail.com.

Quilters News

A big THANK YOU to everyone who baked cookies for the cookie sale on December 13. The generosity of both bakers and buyers is very much appreciated! The funds raised help us continue to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and we are blessed to have the support of our church family as we continue to work in mission.



In the past 6 months we have had our quilts delivered to people in Mauritania, Tanzania and Burkina Faso. We receive notice when our quilts are delivered through a tracking system and look forward to seeing where the latest shipments go!

Support Calvary When You Shop

If you shop in stick & brick stores consider using Scrip, if you shop online please consider entering your store site through our shopping site at <http://impactshopping.com/clctr>. Both of these will help support Calvary financially while you make every day and special purchases.





Equipping Ministry in a Diverse World: Listening Deeply to the Other...

Turns out to not be so easy when our assumptions get in the way. In an increasingly diverse world, it's important to consider aspects of your own culture within that diversity and how our assumptions make it difficult to hear The Other. We will begin a conversation that will move us forward into more effective and just relationships.

Mark your calendar for the following events taking place throughout the synod in January and February for Rostered Leaders, Congregational Members, High School Youth and Young Adults.

Saturday, January 16th

St John's Lutheran Church
2700 Babcock Rd., Green Bay (Ashwaubenon)
Gathering 8:30am, Workshop 9am-12pm
or

Calvary Lutheran Church
2580 W. Ninth Avenue, Oshkosh
Gathering 1:30pm, Workshop 2pm-5pm

The conversation will continue at an event on February 6 with Judith Roberts, the ELCA Program Director for Racial Justice, and flow into our 2016 Synod Assembly and beyond, as we seek to build bridges across differences that divide.

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Trinity Lutheran Church
209 S. Allen Street, Appleton
8:30am-3pm with lunch
Separate information and registration to come for this part of the series.

Scrip Update

Mills Fleet Farm is now available in \$25 and \$100 cards, with a 3.5% rebate. Calvary does not keep Fleet Farm on hand in the scrip box, but we are now able to order it. Just let us know if you would like to use Fleet Farm scrip and we will be happy to get it for you!



TREP

The Pantry is open:
Monday & Friday 8:30-12:00 noon
Wednesday 1:00 – 4:45 pm
The pantry will be closed
December 23-January 1.

and is located at:
1902 22nd Street
Two Rivers, WI 54241



TREP is in particular need of meals-in-a-can, cereal, toilet paper, soups of all kinds, mac & cheese, shampoo, deodorant, beans of all kinds, and any of the helpers--hamburger, tuna, cheeseburger, etc.

In November Calvary members gave 97 food items, 76 health and cleaning items, plus 20 gifts for the "light bulbs".

Christmas Poinsettias

Joyce and Jim Beth - in Memory of granddaughter Danielle Beth Olson and our parents

Joe & Bonny Bitto – in Memory of Norm Cope

Caroline Curtis - in Memory of Bob Curtis
Mike & Diane Grasee - in Honor of our grandchildren

Brian & Barb Jensen - in Honor of our children and grandson

Rita & John Kreeger – in Memory of their parents

Ken & Monica Mittag – in Honor of our children and grandchildren

Cheryl and Charlie Philipps – in Memory of Darlene Christoffel
Dr. & Mrs. Erich Press – in Honor of Pastor Kay and our grandson Ben & Shawna's wedding December 5, 2015

Bev Schmidt – in Honor of her children and grandchildren

Cindy Schmidt – in Memory of Gary Schmidt

Jim & Lori Williams – in Memory of Grandma Nataline Langa



Poinsettias

Thank You

"Thank you so much for the St. Nick treats, the residents really enjoyed it! And thank you for always remembering how much the elderly how much the elderly enjoy when they know how much others care! Sarah Coemen, Wisteria Haus"

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: January 15

Send items to newsletter@calvarytr.org

Lent Worship in 2016

Please plan to attend these Two Rivers Ecumenical Ministry (TREM) worship opportunities. More details will be coming during January.

- February 17, St. Peter the Fisherman, Pastor Colie Bettiva preaching
- February 24, Grace Congregational, Father Maurice Mmegbuadimma preaching
- March 2, Emanuel Methodist, Pastor Jim Rasmus preaching
- March 9, Calvary Lutheran, Pastor Joan Frost preaching
- March 16, Zion Methodist, Deacon Paul Gleichner preaching
- Good Friday, Noon Tenebrae at Calvary Lutheran



January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				31 6:30 New Year's Vigil 8:00 AA	1 <i>Church office closed</i>	2 6:00 AA
3 9:00 Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Confirmation 6:30 Dwelling group	4 6:00 Music Planning Team 7:00 AA	5	6 8:00 AA	7 6:30 Worship 7:15 Fellowship 7:00 AI-Anon	8	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Lay School</div> 6:00 AA
10 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Congregational Special Meeting 6:30 Dwelling group	11 6:00 Church Council 7:00 AA	12 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Finance Cmt	13 8:00 AA	14 6:30 Communion 7:15 Fellowship 7:00 AI-Anon	15 Newsletter Deadline <i>Annual reports w/ financial information due</i>	16 9:00 Audit 6:00 AA
17 9:00 Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Confirmation 6:30 Dwelling group	18 7:00 AA	19 9:00 Quilters 4:30 TREM Board	20 <i>Annual reports & nominations due</i> 8:00 AA	21 6:30 Worship 7:15 Fellowship 7:00 AI-Anon	22	23 6:00 AA
24 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Confirmation 6:30 Dwelling group	25 7:00 AA	26 9:00 Quilters	27 8:00 AA	28 <i>Annual Reports available</i> 6:30 Communion 7:15 Fellowship 7:00 AI-Anon	29	30 8:30-3:00 Shalom Church Workshop @ Calvary 6:00 AA
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The Calvary Caller
1921 Adams Street
Two Rivers, WI 54241

January 2016

Join us for Worship, Education & Fellowship

Sundays

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Confirmation
6:30 pm Dwelling in the Word

Thursdays:

6:30 pm Worship
7:15 pm Fellowship

