

CALVARY UPDATE

December 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

-Council Meeting December
10th after church
-Sunday School Christmas
Program December 17th
-Christmas Eve Service
4:00PM (NO MORNING
SERVICE)

Find us on 

Church Services 11:00 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM



December Church Services

December 3rd- Jenny Lien
December 10th- Pr. Ruth
December 17th- Sunday School
December 24th- 4PM w/ Jenny Lien
December 31st- NO CHURCH



FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

To members of Calvary Lutheran Church,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The weather was nice for the Thanksgiving holiday which made it especially nice for anyone having to travel.

Sunday, December 3rd, starts the Advent Season. Jenny Lien will be here conducting the service for that day. On Sunday, December 10th, Pastor Ruth will be here, and we will have communion. The Sunday School will conduct the service on Sunday, December 17th, with their Christmas Program.

This year, we will be going back to having our traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service at 4 PM. Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, December 24th; as such, we will not be having a morning service. Jenny Lien will be conducting our service. I hope you plan on attending this service as it is a special time to celebrate the birth of Jesus with family and friends.

Note: We will not be having a Christmas Day service.

Thank you to Devra and the Sunday School for serving an early Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 19th. They had a very nice turn out for the event.

I hope you all have a nice, safe, and Blessed Christmas,

Elmyrna Kaupang, Calvary Church President



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Calvary Council met on November 12th after church. Members present included Marissa, LaVonne, Elmyrna, Steve, Dave, Byron and Joyce.

The meeting was called to order and the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were both read and approved.

For Old Business, LaVonne said she updated the Calvary Cemetery Association information at the bank. She also discussed, after verifying again with the insurance agent, the need for the umbrella policy. The agent suggested we drop the umbrella policy as we shouldn't need it. This will save the church some money by eliminating the policy. Steve made a motion to drop the policy, seconded by Dave.

Under New Business, it was brought up that Pastor Ruth is willing to come one Sunday a month from December-March. Elmyrna was going to ask Pastor Ruth and Jenny if either would be available for a Christmas Eve service at 4PM. Steve mentioned putting an ad in the paper for the service.

The meeting was adjourned, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be December 10th after church.

Marissa McWilliam-Donner, Secretary



*"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
-Isaiah 9:6*

Your Invited to join First Lutheran Church Book Club in Mahanomen.

Each month a new book is decided upon and generally, the last Wednesday of each month, we meet at 4:30 PM to discuss the book.

We will be meeting on Wednesday, November 29th, the same day this newsletter is being mailed, so a new book has not been selected yet. We do not plan on meeting at the end of December due to the holidays. A book will be chosen, and we will meet to discuss it the end of January.

If interested, please contact me for information on the book we will be reading, and I will also have it posted in the weekly church bulletin.

If you have any questions, please give me a call, La Vonne 218-280-3136. We could carpool too if that works out.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Our lessons until Christmas will be studying the meaning of the Advent season. 11/26/2023 each child will receive an advent packet. They can work at their own pace but hopefully it will be completed by Christmas.

December 3rd we will have a brief lesson and begin practice for the Christmas program.

December 10th we will have a brief lesson and practice for the Christmas program.

December 17th (11 AM) we will share our Christmas message. **Please have the kids to the church by 10AM so we can get into costume.** There will be treats after the program.

No Sunday School after the program on the 17th. We will resume class on January 14th at 11AM.

Thank you for all that you do to get your kids to Sunday School.

Devra



Dec 17th Sunday School Christmas Program

Prayer List:

**Marilyn Natwick
Leroy Johnson
Jesse Hickman,
Carr Smeby,
Bill Donner
Homebound, nursing
home & assisted living
members**



**REMINDER: We will have
Christmas Eve candlelight
service with Jenny Lien at
4:00 PM (NO morning
service)**

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER

December 3rd (Advent 1)

1st: Isaiah 64: 1-9
Psalm: Ps 80: 1-7, 17-19
2nd: 1 Cor 1: 3-9
Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37

December 10th (Advent 2)

1st: Isaiah 40: 1-11
Psalm: Ps 85: 1-2, 8-13
2nd: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

December 17th (Advent 3)

1st: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
Psalm: Ps 126
2nd: 1 Thess 5: 16-24
Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

December 24th (Advent 4)

1st: 2 Sam 7: 1-11, 16
Psalm: Luke 1: 46b-55
2nd: Rom 16: 25-27
Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

December 24th (Christmas Eve)

1st: Isaiah 9: 2-7
Psalm: Ps 96
2nd: Titus 2: 11-14
Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

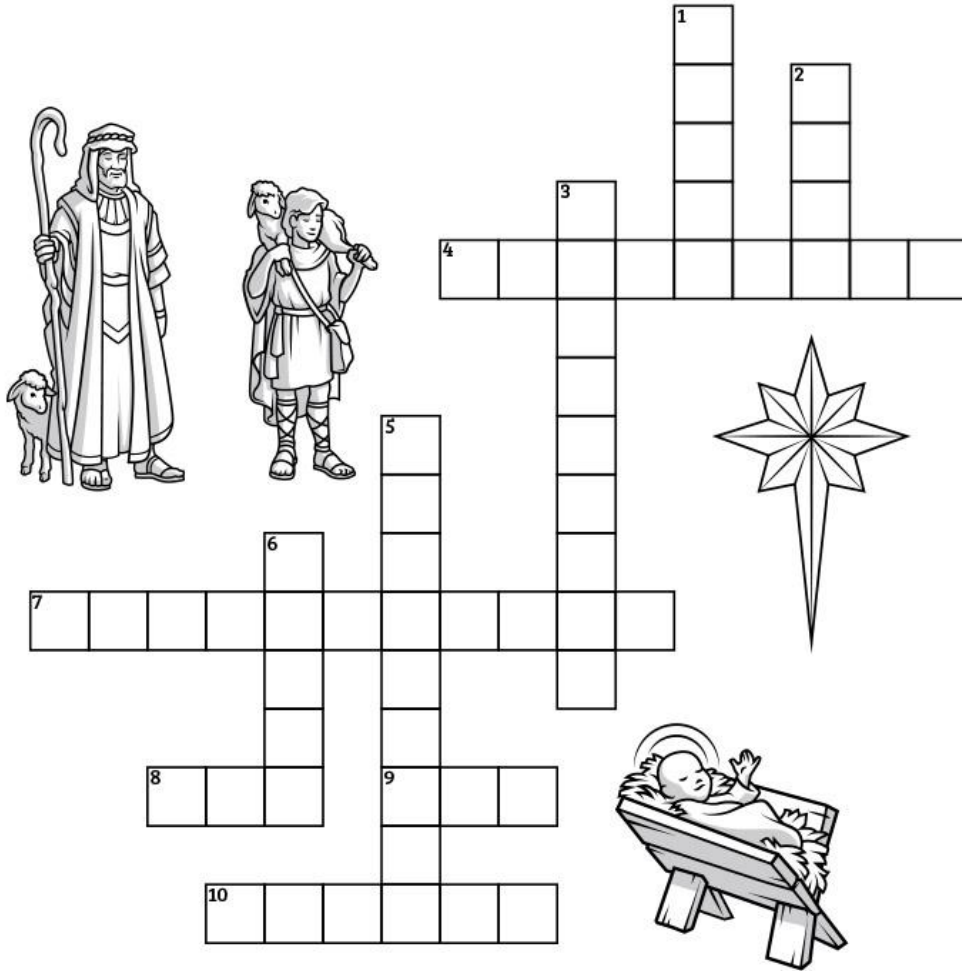
December 25th (Christmas II)

1st: Isaiah 62: 6-12
Psalm: Ps 97
2nd: Titus 3: 4-7
Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

December 31st (Christmas 1)

1st: Isaiah 61: 10—62: 3
Psalm: Ps 148
2nd: Gal 4: 4-7
Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

4. _____ watched their flocks by night.
7. Mary and Joseph brought _____ as a sacrifice to the temple.
8. Angels brought good tidings of great _____.
9. There was no room for Mary and Joseph in the _____.
10. Jesus lay in a _____.

DOWN

1. The wisemen brought gold, frankincense, and _____.
2. The _____ appeared in the East.
3. Mary and Joseph traveled to _____ to be taxed.
5. Jesus was wrapped in _____ clothing.
6. The _____ of the Lord shone down on the shepherds.