

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND MEMBERS: A Nursery and a Cry Room are located in the upper north pod if a need arises. Children's Activity Boards are provided in a bin next to the south Sanctuary doors. Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available – ask one of the ushers for assistance. Please sign the red Attendance Book found in the pew so we can have a record of your attendance with us. Those needing to sit instead of stand should feel free to do so at any time. If you would like to know more about Calvary or are interested in becoming a member, please talk to the pastor or call the church office.

NOTICE FOR SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING, JANUARY 21 AT 10:30 AM: On December 13, the Council of Calvary received a letter from an anonymous member stating they would provide a \$30,000 gift to Calvary for a Vicar or a Deaconess Intern for the period of July 2024 to July 2025, and an additional \$20,000 gift to the Calvary operating budget. On December 29, the Church Council reviewed the proposal and decided this was a very generous offer and a wonderful opportunity for Calvary. It also is in line with our ongoing Strategic Planning, wanting to add additional staff to foster and nurture growth. It is important to note there are 2 requirements to the gift:

- A pledge drive begin before February 1, 2024.
- A total of \$20,000 be pledged by March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday.

Should these requirements not be met, the entire gift will be sent to the Lutheran Hour Ministries as per the wishes of the member. The LCMS Kansas District has estimated an annual cost of a Vicar/Deaconess Intern to total \$40,000-\$50,000. This gift, along with the \$20,000 pledged from Calvary, should be sufficient to fund either a vicar or deaconess intern for the 2024-2025 year. This gift may be repeated in subsequent years so that we may adjust our giving to continue with new staffing without the gift. While the Church Council can recommend accepting this offer, the final decision remains with the congregation. The Constitution of Calvary states:

"The right of calling pastors and other called workers shall be vested in the Congregation."

The Council is calling a special voters' meeting on January 21 at 10:15 AM to discuss and vote on acceptance of a Call for a Vicar/Deaconess intern. Announcements and other information will be made up to that date. The Council will have its recommended course of action between a vicar and deaconess intern out soon. The Council asks for you to give thanks for all of His blessings, including this wonderful opportunity and wisdom as we deliberate together in faith for Calvary's future.

THE PSALM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS being taught by Boone Smith starts back up again this morning. Class will be meeting in the Crume Room in the north pod of the basement.

WE WILL BE PUTTING THE CROSSES UP immediately following Sunday school this Sunday and would appreciate any help anyone is willing to provide. There will be a handful of things to assist with inside like tightening of the crosses and the rest will be putting them up outside. Thank you!

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR OCKREE AND JOANN LACRONE: We would like to thank our brothers and sisters in Christ for your generosity during the Christmas season. Your gifts are very much appreciated, but the friendship and support we receive from you are all the more appreciated. May your New Year be blessed by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you again!

FED TO FEED: During the month of January Calvary is collecting Peanut Butter to help supply the TNO Food Pantry. Items should be placed in the bin under the Usher's Table in the Narthex. Thank you!

CALVARY LUTHERAN LEARNING CENTER HAS THE FOLLOWING JOB OPENINGS:

- Part-Time Teacher (to cover other teachers/float between classrooms);
- Kitchen Help - 7:30 AM–1:00 PM (serve breakfast and lunch);
- A qualified Director to work with infants through age 4, and a school age summer program. We are looking for a person with a minimum of 2 years' experience to lead a Christ-center, faith-based program where excellent care and spiritual support is provided for both children and families.

If interested in any of these positions, please contact Janice Sellers at 785-554-6280 or by email at jsellers54@gmail.com.

LIFELINE PREGNANCY CENTER is in need of the following items:

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| -Diapers: sizes newborn, 3, 4, 5, 6 | -Infant formula |
| -Baby Wipes | -Baby Wash and Lotion |
| -Newborn size clothing | -Toddler size shoes/boots |
| -Toddler size clothing, socks, underwear | -Toddler size shoes/boots |
| -Toddler size coats, hats, gloves/mittens | |

You can leave these items in the round blue tub under the mailboxes in the Narthex. Thank you!

To place announcements or prayer concerns in next Sunday's bulletin contact the church office by 9 AM on Thursdays. Prayer concerns printed in the bulletin do not replace prayer chain requests. To place a prayer chain request during evening and weekend hours please call Leila Schuh at 785-224-7962; during week days call the Church Office.