

# CHURCH NOTES

January 22, 2012

## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Mother's ChristCare (Room 210 in Ministry Building)
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Education
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Parish Services
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
	8:15 p.m.	Church Council
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Anniversary Committee (Parish Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Mary-Martha Guild
	7:00 p.m.	YMLT
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	6:15 p.m.	Celebration Ringers
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Class (Parish Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Braille #5
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Pick-Up Basketball (gym)
	7:00 p.m.	SEA Group (Parish Hall)

## FLOWERS/LANDSCAPING

Flowers are placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings by Marylin Marshall; and by the Cowan family in memory of Matthew Willis' birthday, on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for this service of love.

**WE LOVE CHILDREN** and are happy they are here with us. Just as a child learns to speak by imitating the voice of mom or dad, so too a child learns to worship by participating in the service at an early age. We have a beautifully equipped and staffed nursery in the Ministry Building. It is open for all young children. Parents can also use it when quieting a child or changing a diaper. The service can be heard in the nursery. An usher can direct you. Thank you for your help. We do ask that sick children not be left in the nursery for the well being of the other children there. **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to insurance regulations only nursery staff and family members who are dropping off or picking up children are permitted beyond the counter in the nursery.

**MY QUIET CHURCH BAGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN:** Having children in the worship service is a sign of a healthy, and growing, congregation. They contain coloring books, crayons, Bible Story books, and other goodies that will be "new" to your child. They are available in the narthex (just ask an usher). We just ask that you put them back after the service so that they can be used again by another child—ENJOY!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

1. **Adult Bible Class:** 9:45 a.m. in the gym. Today, Pastor DeVries will continue a series on Spiritual Gifts. The Bible tells us that each Christian has gifts and abilities that they have been given to use in service to God and others. Come find out about talents you may not even know you have yet.
2. **Children's Sunday School:** 9:45 a.m. **Nursery/Kindergarten (age 3 and up)** meet in the gym; **grades 1-3** meet upstairs in room 202; **grades 4-6** meet upstairs in room 204; **grades 7-8** will meet in the High School classroom; **High School** meets upstairs in room 218. Grades 1-6 go directly to your classroom.
3. **Bread of Life:** We have begun a new Paul Maier DVD series called **The Odyssey of St. Paul**. Today's lesson is **The New Saul**—Paul's desert experience and early ministry in Cilicia. This adult class, taught by Wanda & Larry Laxson, meets on Sunday at 9:45 in the Parish Hall. **NOTE: We meet in the gym next Sunday, Jan. 29, for the congregational meeting and resume class on Feb. 5.**

**THE ODYSSEY OF ST. PAUL**—Last Sunday the Bread of Life adult class began a new study by Dr. Paul Maier called *The Odyssey of St. Paul*. This DVD series was filmed on location in Israel, Greece, Italy and Turkey and covers the life, ministry and teachings of St. Paul, one of the most written about figures in history. The class meets in the Parish Hall at 9:45 today and is taught by Wanda & Larry Laxson. It is not too late to join this interesting and informative study.

## CHRISTCARE SMALL GROUPS

**Day Group** – Joy Miller – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m. at Mt. Calvary in the Parish Hall. Will resume January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Night Group** – Jan Miyauchi – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at 2219 Peach Blossom.

**Women** – Tammy Copello – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Mt. Calvary in the Parish Hall.

**Men** – Jay Miller – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 8:00-9:30 a.m. at Mt. Calvary in the Parish Hall.

**Mothers** – Wanda Laxson – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Mt. Calvary in the Parish Hall.

**JOIN US FOR THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** taught by Pastor DeVries on "Digging Deeper into Lutheran and Biblical Doctrine". Find out things you many have never known before. Class begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

**HIGH SCHOOL CLASS** – Are you an accident? Or were you designed by a loving God that knows you inside and out? We are in a battle of worldviews – a battle of ideas, and ideas have consequences. We just started a DVD series called *Discover Creation*, that discredits evolution and proves creation by our loving Father through fossils, geology, anatomy, biology, etc. Class meets at 9:45 a.m. sharp on Sunday mornings, upstairs in room 218. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn White at [RMuellerWhite@yahoo.com](mailto:RMuellerWhite@yahoo.com)

**COLLEGE AGE/YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** is back. Today, Laura Pulliam, DCE, will begin teaching the class, which will now meet year-round. Class will meet at 9:45 a.m. sharp, upstairs, in room 210.

**OUR SYMPATHY TO** Celeste Casseb at the death of her mother, Marie Ellis; and to Alex Hansmann at the death of his sister, Laura Middleton.

**OUR SYMPATHY TO** the family of Dr. Guido Merkens who died January 11, 2012. Dr. Merkens was a member of Mt. Calvary from March 1996 to March 2010. During those years he often preached, led Bible class, and assisted in other ways. We are thankful for his ministry in our midst during those years.

**SUNDAY SERVICE CD'S AVAILABLE** – CD's only for Sunday's services are available upon request. Please sign the sheet in the narthex or call the church office if you would like one made for you. They will be available for pick up the following Sunday barring no technical difficulties. Cost is \$2.00. Thank you.

**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES** are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evening of the month at 6:30 p.m.

**COFFEE MAKERS ARE NEEDED!!** Sign up today in the gym to help prepare coffee on Sundays! Just write your name on the calendar for the Sunday you would like. For details, see Susan. The Coffee Crew Calendar is in the gym kitchen on the counter. Thank you!

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2012** are available in the narthex. If you cannot find one with your name on it, please contact Susan in the church office so a box can be assigned to you.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS** will meet tomorrow, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Church Council will meet the same evening at 8:15 p.m.

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** will be having their annual planning meeting this Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at The Barn Door on New Braunfels Avenue. Committee Members – please let the church office know if you are planning on attending. Thank you.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the gym. The Fellowship Committee will serve a delicious complimentary breakfast in the gym starting at 9:15 a.m. Join us to find out what is happening at Mt. Calvary

**PLANNING COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, **January 31<sup>st</sup>**, at 7:30 p.m.

**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS:** You have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to have Thrivent direct your Choice Dollars. You can do this on their website [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) or call 800-847-4836. Please call Robin Mittwede if you have questions.

**ME, A PASTOR? ME, A DEACONESS?** If you have found yourself asking this question, now is the time to discuss your future! Rev. Neil Ray of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, is going to be in Texas from January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come and explore the possibilities! Men of all ages are invited, as are their wives, fiancées, and parents. Women interested in the deaconess program are also invited, along with their families. Conferences are individual and informal. Reservations are not required; however, if you are able, please phone Rev. Ray at 260-452-2278 or his mobile at 260-452-0979 or feel free to e-mail him at [neil.ray@ctsfw.edu](mailto:neil.ray@ctsfw.edu) to make an appointment. Rev. Ray will be at Concordia Lutheran Church (16801 Huebner Road, 479-1477) on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**THE LUTHERAN WITNESS** is \$12.00 for the year. Please use the Lutheran Witness envelope in your box. Each household should be receiving one. If you are not and would like to receive this publication, please contact Susan in the church office.

**HELPING HANDS** - Mt. Calvary member looking to use RV/Motorhome/Coach/Travel Trailer/Fifth Wheel for the month of February. Please contact Julie Wheeler at (210) 388-6630 or e-mail to [familyof3jde@gmail.com](mailto:familyof3jde@gmail.com).

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – January 29<sup>th</sup>, “One With Authority”** - Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus - Even Jesus' enemies had to admit that He spoke with authority. What's more, Jesus showed His power and authority to forgive sins and conquer death itself. (Mark 1:21-22)

Times/Stations: 6:00 a.m. on WOAI 1200 AM; 9:00 a.m. on KAWZ 88.5 FM; or KWED 1580 AM (Seguin)

#### **ELDERS FOR TODAY**

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>
Rowan James	Mike Wille	N/A

#### **ACOLYTES FOR TODAY**

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
William Greehey	Isaiah Sefton

#### **USHERS FOR TODAY**

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>
Steve Melancon*	Sid Greehey*	Gary Franzen (1 <sup>st</sup> )
David Potter	Karl Johnson	Gregg Henning (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Max Breon	Nathaniel Aguilar	
Don Loomis	John Greehey	

#### **GREETERS FOR TODAY**

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Elaine Ward	Mary Henning
Denise LaBonté	Brenda Hoffmann

#### **ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

8:30 a.m. – 155	9:45 a.m. - 140	11:00 a.m. - 167	6:30 p.m. – 23
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### **Blood is Critically Needed**

In the last few days, however, we have seen area hospitals have an increase in orders due to various incidents in our community.

**We have reached critically low levels in all blood types and are asking you to donate now to help the community blood supply. Donate today and help save a life. You can give today in the Church Parking Lot between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

**All blood types are currently needed.**

