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Core Values

1. **Christ-Centered Ministry:** John 17:3; Colossians 1:18
2. **Authority of Scripture:** 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 1 Peter 1:25; Matthew 4:4; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119
3. **Lost People Matter:** Luke 15; Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 5; Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 10
4. **Foundation of Prayer:** Psalm 127; Philippians 4:4-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5
5. **Ministry Team Approach:** Ecclesiastes 4:12; Proverbs 27:17; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 12
6. **Leader as Role Model, Recruiter, Equipper:** Ephesians 4:11-13; Luke 10; 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1

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- To Know Christ and To Make Him Known -



Calvary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Thank you for worshipping here today!

December 13, 2015

Calvary cares about **you** because **you matter to God!**
Our desire is to be a Christ-centered, family-oriented, word-sharing,
life-changing, need-meeting, world-touching body of believers.

We exist to **KNOW Christ and TO MAKE HIM KNOWN** through:

EVANGELIZING the Lost of the Community,

EXPERIENCING the Lord in Worship,

ENCOURAGING the Fellowship of Believers,

EDUCATING the Faithful in Christ, and

EQUIPPING our Leaders for Ministry.

Get Connected!

Sunday Worship - 9:00 AM

Sunday School and Youth Ministry - 9:00 AM

Growth Groups - 9:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

Sunday Worship - 10:30 AM



Service Schedule

Our nursery is staffed and available during Sunday services for children ages birth to 3 years. Please remember that children must be dropped off and picked up by an adult in the south Childcare wing. The Cry Room in the back of the Sanctuary is a quiet place for a parent to take an infant or toddler (through age two) and still be able to listen to the service.

Order of Worship

Praise Team “Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)” ~ Screen
“In Christ Alone” ~ Praise Songs #36
“Offering” ~ Praise Songs #53

Lyrics for all songs and hymns will be projected on the screen. You may also use the black “Praise Songs” binder or the Hymnal—both are located in the pew racks along with Bibles for your reference.

Welcome Pastor Joel Winckler

Calvary Children Sing (9:00)

Staff Appreciation ~ Bruce Harmon

Ministry of Music (10:30) “Bethlehem” ~ Calvary Choir

Scripture Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:1-4

Message “Jesus, Born of a Virgin” ~ Pastor Dave Motta

Offering (9:00) “Bethlehem” ~ Calvary Choir
(10:30) “O Little Town of Bethlehem” ~ Hymnal #230

Benediction



Welcome Guests

Welcome New Guests to Calvary UMC. Please complete the Connection Card and **drop it off at the Information Center for a free gift and information packet.** We welcome you to join us again.

Do you have a concern and need prayer?

Caring individuals will be available at the back of the Sanctuary at the beginning of the service and also at the pillars at the end of the service.

Preparing for a Meaningful Advent

From the *Christianity Today Leadership Journal*

The Season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before. What is possible is to not see it, to miss it, to turn just as it brushes past you. And you begin to grasp what it was you missed, like Moses in the cleft of the rock, watching God’s [back] fade in the distance. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For worrying. For pushing. For now, stay. Wait. Something is on the horizon.

YOU keep us waiting. You, the God of all time, Want us to wait for the right time in which to discover Who we are, where we are to go, Who will be with us, and what we must do. So thank you....for the waiting time.

Planning to practice: There are many creative ways to practice Advent. Here is one example from the family of Tony Kriz.

1. **Set the atmosphere:** One of our boys lights a candle on our simple wooden Advent wreath. Then we discuss some aspect of each candle’s theme (hope, peace, joy, love.)
2. **Read:** We do a daily reading from an Advent Book. We open 1 new door (each page of the book is an artistic door) and read a portion of the Advent story.
3. **Create a tradition:** One boy pins a tiny ornament to a tired-out old felt tree that my wife has treasured since she was a girl.
4. **Worship:** We sing a Christmas carol appropriate to their age, like “Away in a Manager”.
5. **Closing:** One boy blows out the candle.

All in all, it is about a 15-minute ceremony. It gives us ample opportunity to share why the incarnation is so important to us, how God valued His people, and to build hope-filled anticipation of Christmas (the practice of delayed gratification). We also include others: neighbor kids and houseguests.

Will you practice as well? Now is the time to prepare for your Advent ceremony. Whether you celebrate alone or with others, whether the participants are young or old, I am convinced that these practices will deepen your spiritual experience. Just remember to keep your readings short, save time for meditation or conversation around the theme, and share the experience with people you love.

God is coming! Can’t you feel it?

Weekly Events

Sunday, December 13

- 9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship ~ Sanctuary
9:00 AM Sunday School and Youth Ministries
9:00, 9:15, 10:30 AM Adult Growth Groups ~ various rooms
11:30 AM-3:30 PM Ray of Hope Ministries-Worship ~ 102
6:30 PM Adult Growth Group ~ 102

Monday, December 14

- 3:00 PM Childcare Chapel ~ 114

Tuesday, December 15

- NOON Prayer ~ Sanctuary 1:00 PM Staff Meeting ~ 101
2:30 PM Visitation Team ~ Shortridge Home

Wednesday, December 16 Newsletter Deadline

- 5:00 PM Newsletter Deadline for January Newsletter
6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries
7:00-7:45 PM AWANA ~ Foyer
7:00 PM Upward Sports Coaches Meeting ~ 101
7:35 PM Adult Choir Practice ~ 106
8:35 PM Men's Chorus ~ 106

Thursday, December 17

- 6:00 PM YMCA Childcare Christmas Program ~ Foyer, Kitchen, Sanctuary
6:30 PM Disciple ~ 101
7:00 PM NO Praise Team Practice tonight

Friday, December 18

- 6:00 AM Men's Advance ~ Foyer, Kitchen, various rooms
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study ~ 101, 102, 115

Saturday, December 19

- 8:00 AM Prayer ~ 105

Sunday, December 20 Blood Pressure Checks

- 9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship ~ Sanctuary
9:00 AM Sunday School
9:00 AM NO Youth Ministries (Start again on January 10th)
9:00-10:30 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ Library
9:00, 9:15, 10:30 AM Adult Growth Groups ~ various rooms
11:30 AM-3:30 PM Ray of Hope Ministries-Worship ~ 102
4:00-6:00 PM Outreach Team ~ 101
6:30 PM Adult Growth Groups ~ 101, 102

Would you like to post a Calvary announcement in the Sunday Bulletin? E-mail your brief, print-ready announcement to Rosie at office@calvaryfargo.com before 5 pm Wednesday. Thanks, Rosie

Sermon Notes

Jesus, Born of a Virgin

Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:1-4

Why do we believe in the Virgin Birth? 2 Forceful Reasons

Reason No. 1: The Fact of the Virgin Birth is undeniable

5 Witnesses:

Witness No. 1: Isaiah the Prophet ~ Isaiah 7:14
Alma = Young Maiden or Virgin

Witness No. 2: The Septuagint ~ Isaiah 7:14
Alma = Parthenos (virgin)

Witness No. 3: Dr. Luke ~ Luke 1:3,4,26,27

Witness No. 4: Mary ~ Luke 1:28-30, 34

Witness No. 5: Joseph ~ Matthew 1:18-25; Romans 5:12

Reason No. 2: The Practicality of the Virgin Birth is indispensable!

3 Practical Truths:

Truth No. 1: A natural Savior provides no supernatural help

Truth No. 2: A human Savior offers no divine hope

Truth No. 3: A sinful Savior is no Savior at all



Announcements

THIS WEEK

Staff Appreciation Gifts

As the end of the year approaches we present the opportunity for the people of Calvary to be part of a monetary gift to the pastors and ministry staff for their tireless work for the Lord. Your monetary gifts of gratitude, if by check, can be made out to Calvary UMC and marked Appreciation Gift. Thank you, Staff Parish Relations Committee



January Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, December 16th ~ 5:00 PM

Please have newsletter articles and announcements in to Rosie in the Church Office by **Wednesday, December 16 at 5:00 pm**. Thank you, Rosie!



YMCA Childcare Christmas Program December 17 at 6:00 pm at Calvary

All of Calvary is invited. We hope you can join us for a very special YMCA at Calvary Christmas program put on by each of our classrooms. Please feel free to invite family and friends and have a very **Merry Christmas!** Cookies, Coffee, and Cider will be served following the program. Merry Christmas! Katie, ELC Site Director



New Life Center Men's Shelter Donations

The New Life Center Auxiliary is receiving donations for Christmas gifts for the men that are staying at the New Life Center. Items must be new and unwrapped! Donations may include stocking caps, work gloves, gloves/mittens, crew socks, jackets/coats, scarves, thermal underwear tops/bottoms - size L & XL, t-shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants and long-sleeved shirts. Gifts will be picked up on **December 17**. Please leave your gifts by the container near the gym doors. Thank you! Contact: Dee Moser (701) 306-6114

The Outreach Team is looking for the following donations:

These are pressing needs for the Churches United Homeless Shelter in Moorhead for the **month of December**: Winter clothing all sizes; adult and children cough drops; chap stick; Kleenex; spray for Athletes feet; anti-fungal cream; Children's Tylenol; body soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes; wipes; and diapers size 4-5. You may place these items in the bins by the Gym. Thank you! Ada (701) 721-3371

Announcements

LOOKING AHEAD

CALVARY'S USHERS ~ The following are scheduled for **ushering on Sunday, December 20: 9:00 am** ~ *Carl & Polly Wendelbo; Don & Carol Geigle; Kevin & Cindy Stoick; **10:30 am** ~ *Steve & Diane Johnson; Peggy Miller; Marty Kranzler. *Thank you for serving as an usher!*



Perry Center/Good Samaritan Giving Tree

We love because Christ first loved us! Each year our congregation blesses others through a Christmas giving tree. This year the youth ministry is sponsoring a tree for **the Calvary Good Samaritan fund and the Perry Center** (a residential home providing the love of Christ to single women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy). Resource the Perry Center or give to those with a financial need by picking up a tag today. Or donations of cash, check, grocery, gas, or Target cards can be dropped in the lock box at the tree (no need to mess with tags or sign ups!). **Donations should be returned to the tree in the foyer by December 21**. Contact: Becky (701) 212-5277.



The Calvary Outreach Team is serving at Churches United Shelter in Moorhead December 25th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

If you can help in any way please sign up at the Information Center. We are also looking for people who can sing, play piano or guitar and can offer the residents Christmas Carols. ~ Ada (701) 721-3371

GriefShare Seminar ~ January 9, 2016

A special 13-week seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close begins **Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 9:30 AM** at Calvary. Family members, friends, neighbors, or co-workers who may benefit from GriefShare are welcome to attend. Sign-up at the Information Center or by calling the church office (701) 232-5650. For further information contact: Karen Fleming, 232-0596 or Peggy Miller at 866-0612.

We pray weekly for your requests!

If you have a prayer request or know anyone needing prayer, please fill out a prayer request in the Calvary Connection card found in your bulletin.



Health Concerns: Dorothy Andrews, Carole Gray, Sarah Hodson, Roger Kalinowski, Marlys Keller, Nicole Keisacker, Jensen Odegaard, David Scheid and Wayne Schumacher.