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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

*To Know Christ and To Make Him Known*

Thank you for worshipping here today!

January 17, 2016

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.

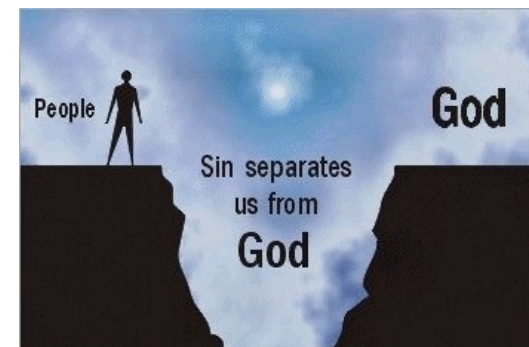
### Get Connected!

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

**Hymns** “Lion of Judah” ~ Praise Songs #47  
“Prince of Peace” ~ Praise Songs #58  
“Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here” ~ Screen

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

**Outreach of the Month** The Pink House

**Scripture** Psalm 106:37-42

**Message** “Death Before Birth” ~ Pastor Dave Motta

**Offering** (9:00) “Merciful God” ~ Calvary Choir  
(10:30) “Am I A Soldier Of The Cross” ~ Hymnal #511

## Benediction

We will receive a love offering after both services today for the Pink House. **Please make checks payable to Calvary UMC with Pink House in the memo line.** Thank you!



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.

# God's Demand to Repent

By John Piper

*Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ~ Luke 5:32*

**The first demand of Jesus' public ministry was, “Repent.”** He spoke this command indiscriminately to all who would listen. It was a call for radical inward change toward God and man. Two things show us that repentance is an internal change of mind and heart rather than mere sorrow for sin or mere improvement of behavior. The basic meaning of repent is to experience a change of the mind's perceptions and dispositions and purposes. Repentance is not doing new deeds, but the inward change that bears the fruit of new deeds. Jesus is demanding that we experience the inward change.

**Repenting means experiencing a change of mind that now sees God as true and beautiful and worthy of all our praise and all our obedience.** This change of mind also embraces Jesus in the same way. We know this because Jesus said, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God.” Seeing God with a new mind includes seeing Jesus with a new mind.

Just like the psalmist looked child sacrifice full in the face, so today we need to study abortion. We need the raw facts—just as raw as the language of Psalm 106. We need the statistics of over 40 million babies killed by abortion since 1973 just in our own country, with 90% of the abortion clinics in urban centers, and therefore wiping out massive numbers of minorities (over half of all abortions) with a kind of ethnic cleansing that pro-choice people cannot dare to think about. We also need to know the procedures that are used.

The psalm is as raw as it could get before photography and DVD. The point is: There are some sins that cannot be comprehended without raw language or raw pictures. Verse 38 states, “They poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters.” This is the difference between the Canaanites who are to be punished and the babies who are to be protected. This is not a statement about original sin or the lack of it. This is the ordinary legal statement that we all depend on in court: Did I do anything to deserve the punishment other people are about to execute on me? Among other people babies are innocent. They do not deserve to be mistreated by other human beings. Psalm 106:37-38 states that this innocent blood is sacrificed to demons and to idols. Not to Jesus. We are just as blind today as they were then, the big difference is that the babies can't run away. I pray that the horrors of abortion and the glory of God's grace will move you to the challenge of prayer.

# Weekly Events

## Sunday, January 17 Outreach of the Month & Blood Pressure Checks

- 9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship ~ *Sanctuary*
- 9:00 AM Sunday School/Youth Ministries
- 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ *Library*
- 9:00, 9:15, 10:30 AM Adult Growth Groups
- 11:30 AM-3:30 PM Ray of Hope Ministries-Worship ~ 102
- 4:00 PM Outreach Team ~ 101
- 6:30 PM Adult Growth Groups & Crossover ~ 101, 102

## Monday, January 18

- 3:00 PM Childcare Chapel ~ 114
- 6:45 PM BSF Evening Class for Men ~ *Sanctuary & Multiple Classrooms*

## Tuesday, January 19

- NOON Prayer ~ *Sanctuary*                      1:00 PM Staff Meeting ~ 101
- 2:00 PM Visitation Team ~ *Shortridge Home*
- 6:00-9:00 PM Upward Sports Practice ~ *Foyer, Gym, 102*

## Wednesday, January 20 Newsletter Deadline (4:00 PM)

- 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries; Men's & Women's Bible Studies
- 7:35 PM Adult Choir Practice ~ 106      8:35 PM Men's Chorus ~ 106

## Thursday, January 21

- 6:00-9:00 PM Upward Sports Practice ~ *Foyer, Gym*
- 6:00 PM YMCA Staff Meeting ~ *Youth Room*
- 6:30 PM Disciple Bible Study ~ 101      7:00 PM Praise Team Practice

## Friday, January 22

- 6:00-7:30 AM Men's Advance ~ *Foyer, Kitchen, various rooms*
- 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study ~ 101, 102, 115
- 6:00-8:00 PM Upward Sports Practice ~ *Gym, Foyer*

## Saturday, January 23

- 6:00 AM BSF Leaders ~ 114 & 115
- 8:00 AM—6:00 PM Upward Sports Game Day ~ *Foyer, Gym, 115*
- 8:00 AM Prayer ~ 105      9:30 AM GriefShare Seminar ~ 101

## Sunday, January 24

- 9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship ~ *Sanctuary*
- 9:00 AM Sunday School/Youth Ministries
- 9:00, 9:15, 10:30 AM Adult Growth Groups
- 11:30 AM-3:30 PM Ray of Hope Ministries-Worship ~ 102
- 6:30 PM Adult Growth Groups & Crossover ~ 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](mailto:office@calvaryfargo.com) before 4 pm Wednesday. Thanks, Rosie

# Sermon Notes

## **“Death Before Birth”**

Psalm 106:37-42

**I believe God is calling the church,  
God's people, to repent in 4 areas**

**Area No. 1: Injustice** ~ Psalm 106:37; Leviticus 18:21  
“I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked,  
nor suggest such counsel, and in like manner, I will  
not give to a woman a pessary to produce abortion.”  
~ Hippocratic Oath

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to injustice  
everywhere.” ~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Area No. 2: Inaccuracy** ~ Psalm 100:3; Genesis 1:27;  
Genesis 9:6; Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 27:25;  
Proverbs 6:16,17; Jeremiah 1:4,5; Psalm 139:13,14

**Area No. 3: Inadequacy**

**Area No. 4: Inactivity** ~ James 4:17; Proverbs 24:11

*Do you care?*

# Announcements

## THIS WEEK



**Blood Pressure Checks Today!**  
9:00-10:30 AM in the Library

### Upward Sports Volunteer Opportunities

**We can still use more help with the following volunteer opportunities:**



Referees, Hall Monitors, Score Keeper, Greeters, Halftime Devotions, and setup and teardown. We are privileged to have 347 children involved in this year's Upward Sports program. To accommodate this number for practices and Saturday games we are in need of a number of people who would be willing to patrol and greet families & children as they come to Calvary to participate in Upward Sports. Please sign up at the Information Center if you are willing to help. Thanks!



### February Newsletter Deadline Wednesday, January 20 ~ 4:00 PM

Please have newsletter articles & announcements to Rosie in the Church Office by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, January 20. *Thank you!*

### Small Group Studies begin today.

You are invited and welcome to sign up for any growth group that you may be interested in. Sign up today at the Information Center.



There are additional pictorial directories available. We would appreciate a donation of \$7.00 to offset our cost. Check with Pastor Joel or Jen.

**CALVARY'S USHERS** ~ The following are scheduled for ushering on Sunday, January 24: 9:00 am ~ \*Dave & Jan Christy; Don & Carol Geigle; Rick Vernon; 10:30 am ~ \*Steve & Diane Johnson; Peggy Miller; Dave & Dorothy Andrews. *Thank you for serving as an usher!*



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

# Outreach Prayer Update



**Our January Outreach of the Month is The Pink House.** We will receive a love offering after both services today. The following is prayer requests from The Pink House Director, Collette Michal:

Prayers are needed that Pink House will connect with students coming to NDSU for the first time in January and welcome them in a way that demonstrates the hospitality and love of God. Prayers for the many students who attended the Urbana mission conference in December, that they will spend time individually, and in community, processing all that they learned and encouraging each other to take risks and minister to others on campus.

Pray that God will raise up students to lead two investigative Bible Studies. Ask God to direct them by the Holy Spirit regarding who to invite to these studies. Pray for Collette as she is struggling with significant health issues. Seek God for healing and ask him to provide insight for the doctors who are striving to identify the best treatment options. Ask the Lord to release the needed funds for both meals and Collette's ministry budget.

### A Special Thank You

A special thank you to the volunteers for a wonderful Christmas (Dec. 25) evening meal at Churches United for the Homeless Shelter. What a delight, what a true Christmas. We had Christmas carols, elves with goodie bags for all, a ham meal, and lots of volunteers willing to do whatever chore was given to them. Thank you, thank you, for sharing your Christmas and love with the shelter.



### Thank you from the Calvary United Methodist Women

On behalf of the UMW, I would like to thank the congregation for the generous offering given to us on Christmas Eve. Words cannot express how much this means to us and our mission. I would also like to thank the Outreach Committee for recommending us to the Church Council and for their passing this request. We are truly blessed with a wonderful church family. God Bless you all, Marty Kranzler, UMW President



### 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.*