

NORTHERN DOOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*Calvary & Zion* *Circuit Rider -*  
*December 2016*



**December 4th**

Choir Cantata at Calvary  
Theme: Between Advents  
Bible: Luke 10:38-42, Matthew 26:6-13  
Message: A guest in our lives

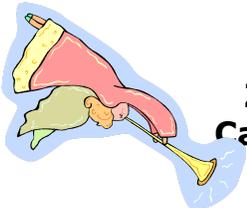


**December 11th**

Theme: Between Advents  
Bible: Isaiah 9:2,6-9, Philippians 2:1-11  
Message: The first coming in Vulnerability  
Main Thought: How open to God and each other do we need to be in order to receive the benefits of Christ's coming.

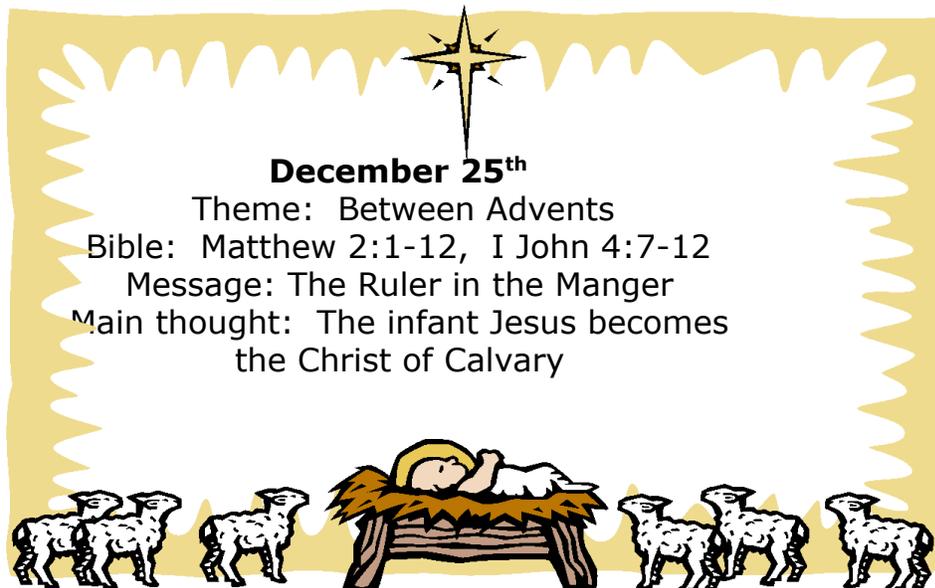
**December 18th**

Theme: Between Advents  
Bible: Revelation 21:1-5a, Mark 13:3-13  
Message: The Second Advent in Glory  
Main Thought: The gift of Hope given at Christ's coming is, "I have seen the future with its uncertainties and it belongs to God who loves you and is working in the present to save you



**December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

**Zion— 5:00---Communion with Candle lighting**  
**Calvary---7:00---Communion with Candle lighting**



**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Theme: Between Advents  
Bible: Matthew 2:1-12, I John 4:7-12  
Message: The Ruler in the Manger  
Main thought: The infant Jesus becomes the Christ of Calvary

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**Emergency Pastoral Care**

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**E-mail Updates\***

Please notify the office of any e-mail changes and birthdays.  
If you know of e-mail updates of members and friends,  
please feel free to send along this newsletter.  
Thanks so much!



**Choir Practice 10am, Friday, December 2nd @ Calvary**

**“Shout the Good News” Christmas Cantata**

**By Lloyd Larson**

**Presented by the Sanctuary Singers**

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at Calvary**

**Please Join Us!**

**CALLING GREETERS & FELLOWSHIP HOSTS**

Greeters and Fellowship hosts are needed to offer gifts of hospitality.  
Please sign up to help welcome our guests!

*“Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame.  
Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant...  
inventive in hospitality” (Romans 12:13, NLT)*

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**Christmas Eve Service at Calvary will be at 7:00pm.**

Christmas Day is on Sunday and we will have worship at our normal times for both churches. The service will be one of sharing stories of your past Christmases and singing the Christmas carols we did not get to over Advent.

New Year's Day is also Sunday and that service will be about looking at what we will leave behind in 2016 and take with us in 2017. We will also do an exercise to help us find a word or two that will be a guide for the year 2017. It is unusual to have a worship service on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day but it is also fitting that we greet Jesus on His birthday and that we begin the new year with communion.

### **DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: Heating Assistance**

Calvary and Zion will collect funds in support of area families during the month of December for Heating Assistance. Funds are distributed by We Are Hope, Inc. Please give generously. Checks can be made out to Calvary and Zion with "Heating Assistance" in the memo line.  
*Thanks so much for sharing your gifts!*

### **COST FREE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

There are several ways in which you can help support missions that don't cost you anything. Here are a few ideas.

The following can be turned in at church:

- Box Tops for Education
- Campbell Soup labels
- Labels for Education – Post Foods and Campbell Foods
- Kid\$ Cap\$ for Cash from milk bottles
- Econo Foods grocery receipts

Sign up at:

- Target for rebates to the school of your choice
- Pick 'n Save for automatic rebates to either church

**Bell-Ring this season!** With upcoming holidays comes the sound of Salvation Army bell ringing! Help neighbors in need with a little of your time. DC families needing assistance benefit from the proceeds of local ringing. Enjoy a rewarding volunteer experience at one of many locations. Nov. 18 - Dec. 24. Call Nancy at 920-883-7886.

### **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

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Calvary church will be decorated for the holidays on December 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30am. Please join us in this yearly fun event.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

A special thank you to all who contributed to the November Mission of the Month: Christmas Food Gift Cards. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those in need in the area. We received a thank you card from Coventry Care for our recent donation to their organization.

**ANGEL TREE**

Again this year, Calvary and Zion UMC are participating in the Angel Tree to assist clients of HELP of Door County. This year HELP has again requested \$25 gift cards for groceries, gasoline, or clothing/toys (instead of actual gifts).

You can participate in this project by selecting an angel off the Christmas tree located in each church and enclosing it in the envelope provided with your check for any amount written to Calvary or Zion UMC with "Angel Tree" on the memo line. All donations are due no later than December 11<sup>th</sup>. The money received will then be used to purchase gift cards for HELP. Let us joyfully participate in helping those who are in need this holiday season. Thank you.

**CALVARY/ZION UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)**

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Calvary at 1pm. The Brunch Bunch will meet on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am at White Gull.



**CURRENT EVENTS @ CALVARY**

Current Events meets Tuesdays at 9:00am in the Calvary Library; Warren Burlend, host. All are welcomed.

**ZION NEWS**

The balmy November weather has been a welcome surprise. The grass has remained very green; little plant life has really frozen, the trees have been bare for some time. The wind hasn't quite decided how or where to arrange the leaves. Word is out that this is all changing soon, very soon.

The church sign has been having some additions to it. Changeable boards have been made for Communion Sunday, Christmas Eve and Easter Sunrise Service with others to follow for the Hymn Sings. Others will be made if needed.

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December is usually a very busy month. There are extra holiday activities, family gatherings, parties, mission outreaches. The Christmas offering will go for emergency heating or the charity of your choice.

With all the business of the season, may the reason for all of this activity not be forgotten. Before all the lights and the glitter, may we see the babe in the manger and reflect on the significance of His coming and even beyond to the cross He will bear for us.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a Joyous New Year!

Myrtle Clark

### **MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

Christ taught us to pray and encourages us to pray unceasingly. Let us continually pray for our loved ones, our friends, our world. Michelle Reinhard is our new Prayer Chain leader. You may contact her by email: [teachers@gate.net](mailto:teachers@gate.net) using "Prayer Chain" in the subject line. For those without email, please call her cell phone 727-480-4409 year-round or locally at 920-839-9911 (Easter thru October). Michelle would like to start a phone prayer chain so people who do not have email can participate. The information would be the same, but you would receive a call. If you are interested in joining the email prayer chain or being included in the phone chain, please let Michelle know so you can be added to this "link of faith".

### **CALENDAR ITEMS**

If you have any events or items you wish to have included in future newsletters, please call or email the office for inclusion.

### **JUNE MARSHALL BREAST CANCER FUND**

In 2007, the June Marshall Breast Cancer Fund was established to assist members and friends of the church suffering from breast cancer. The fund is administered by Calvary United Methodist Church at no cost and all donations benefit those in need. If you wish to apply for funds to assist you in fighting breast cancer and its associated costs, please contact the parish office. As always, if you wish to donate to the June Marshall Breast Cancer Fund, please feel free to do so at any time by marking your check or envelope "June Marshall Fund Donation".

### **CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Dear Members and Friends,

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We will continue to publish a brief financial report. You will notice what our year-to-date offerings have been compared to our expenses. After looking at the report, if you have any questions please ask me.

In Christ,

Michael B. Morris, Pastor

<u>Year to date through October 31, 2016</u>	
<u>Calvary</u>	
Income:	\$89,523
Expenses:	\$85,859
Net Income:	\$3,664
<u>Zion</u>	
Income:	\$48,743
Expenses:	\$40,380
Net Income:	\$8,363

### **A New Year's Prayer**

Another year is dawning  
With the chance to start anew.  
May I be kinder, wiser, Lord,  
In all I say and do.  
Not so caught up in selfish gain  
That I would fail to see  
The things in life that mean the most  
Cost not a fancy fee.  
The warm, kind word that I can give,  
The outstretched hand to help,  
The prayers I pray for those in need –  
More precious these than wealth.  
I know not what may lie ahead  
Of laughter or of tears;  
I only need to know each day  
That you are walking near.

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I'm thankful for this brand new year  
As now I humbly pray,  
My hand secure in Yours, dear Lord,  
Each step along the way.

Submitted by Dorothy Hoslett

