Calvary & Zion

Circuit Rider - December 2018



December Worship Themes



December 2th

Theme: Advent

Bible: Psalm 96:1-6, Psalm 33:1-8

Message: Do you hear what I hear... A song, a song

Main Point: We are part of a song that began at Creation. It is a song of

God's love and redemption for all creation.

Choir Cantata Calvary

December 9th

Theme: Advent

Bible: Isaiah 60:1-5a &19-20, Matthew 2:1-6 Message: Do you see what I see...A Star, A star

Main Point: The light of God shines into the dark places in people's lives.

December 16th

Theme: Advent

Bible: Isaiah 40:1-11, Matthew 1:18-25 Message: Do you know what I know... a child

Main Point: Healthy people allow their hearts to be ruled by babies. Our life is fuller and more meaningful if we allow The Christ Child to rule our hearts.

December 23th

Theme Advent

Bible: Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9, Luke 1:67-80

Message: Listen to what I say....pray for peace

Main Point: Peace is not so much the cessation of conflict but the active

working of hope and love by each of us.

December 24th

Zion-5:00pm

Calvary-7:00pm

Theme: The Child, the Child Bible: Various readings

Message: He will bring us goodness and light

Main Point: We believe in a God who comes to us and brings the gift of life.

December 30

Theme Christmas

Bible: Luke 2.22-38

Message: What happened a week later?

Main Point: Many meaningful events took place in the weeks following Jesus's birth. Gifts to be given, word of the arrival of the redeemer to be proclaimed in

Jerusalem and Mary & Joseph's reflections.

Emergency Pastoral Care

920-421-1968

*Pastor Michael's e-mail! michaelbmorris100@gmail.com

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 Sings Sunday, December 2nd- Cantata at Calvary Choir Practice Friday, November 30th @Calvary

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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CALVARY/ZION UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

There will be a meeting on December 11th at 1pm at Calvary. The Brunch Bunch will meet on Monday, December 17th at 9:15am at White Gull.

DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: Emergency Heating Assistance

Calvary and Zion will collect funds is support of area families during the month of December for Heating Assistance. Funds are distributed by the Veterans Council of Door County. 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

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to all who contributed to the November Mission of the Month: Sunshine House. Also, due to the number and severity of recent storms and fires, we will continue collecting money for UMCOR for disaster relief. A thank you was received from Door Tran for a recent donation from Calvary and Zion. We also received a thank you from the Northern Door Children's Center for the Thanksgiving Food Gift Cards. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those in need.



CURRENT EVENTS @ CALVARY

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

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 Prayer Chain leader. You may contact her by email: 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".

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ZION NEWS

It seems as though winter has arrived early. The leaves had hardly fallen before the snow covered them. Winter cold also came early. What other surprises? Accept. Adapt. Seek new adventures.

There will be no further adult classes on Sunday until January. Special programs, celebrations and Christmas activities are attended throughout December. But stay in touch with the true meaning of Christmas. So many activities tend to draw us away and to minimize the importance of this day which reminds us of the way to our salvation, our relationship with our Almighty Loving God who yearns for us. The Babe in the manger becomes the Christ on the cross.

"Sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell every day how He saves us. I Chronicles 16:23" "One day He will take away the sin of the land." Zachariah 3:9."

May each of you receive a special blessing this Christmas season that will stay with you in the coming days. And praise the Lord.

Myrtle Clark

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The Christmas Cantata will be at Calvary on Sunday, December 2 at 10:30am.

Our Sanctuary Singers will be presenting Lloyd Larson's "Morning Star". It will usher in Advent and set the tone for the Christmas season. Please join us.

Christmas Eve Services are at 5:00pm at Zion and 7:00pm at Calvary on December 24th. There are no services on Christmas Day.

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.

HANGING OF THE GREENS AT CALVARY

Tuesday, December 4th at 10:30am. All are welcome to help. Many hands make the job go quickly!

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Dear Members and Friends,

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

Year to date through October 31, 2018

Calvary

Income: \$93,162 Expenses: \$83,252 Net Income: \$9,910

Zion

Income: \$50,497 Expenses: \$38,846 Net Income: \$11,651

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Dear members and friends of Calvary and Zion United Methodist,

There is a way individuals can contribute to the Church from another pocket. Each year if you are 70½ you can give up to \$100,000 to a charitable organization without being subject to income tax on the distribution. The gift satisfies all or part of the annual required minimum distribution from an IRA.

In Christ, Michael B. Morris –Pastor

To Make a Charitable Rollover Gift

Use the letter below. When you have completed and signed the letter, send it to your IRA Custodian and ask them to make a direct transfer of funds from your IRA to your local church or favorite charity. Be sure that the check is made payable to the church or charity, even if it is mailed to you.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3. Erik Desotelle Jacob Howe
- 5. Tim Desotelle
- 7. Bill Bertschinger
- 8. Ron Moore
- 9. Apollo Lewis
- 12. Coggin Heeringa
- 14. Virginia Davis Carol Taylor
- 17. Georgeen Taylor
- 20. Jessica Kiehnau Kayley Joy Reinhard Staci Noelle Reinhard
- 21. Carla Johnson
- 22. Michaela Desotelle
- 23. Bob Lang
- 31. Dennis Dietrich

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3. Sally Alexander
- 4. Bob Bricker
- 6. Dottie Mirkes-Lopez



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

All suffering with illness
All recuperating from surgery
All awaiting test results
All lingering in the grief of loss
All struggling to make ends meet
All striving to bring healing in their families
All serving in the military and overseas

Members & Friends in Assisted Living

Evelyn Mueller
Sturgeon Bay Health Services, Sturgeon Bay
Wesley Fischer
Sturgeon Bay Health Services, Sturgeon Bay
Mary Ann Masson
Alexian Village, Milwaukee

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SUNDAY MONDAY **TUESDAY** WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY Mission of the Month: Emergency Heating Assistance 1 2 1st Sun of Advent 4 5 6 8 Cantata at Calvary 9am Current Events Communion at Zion 10:30 Hanging of the Greens @Calvary 9 2nd Sun of Advent 10 11 12 13 14 15 Gibraltar Choir 9am Current Events @Zion 1pm Unit. Meth. Women @Calvary **16** 3rd Sun of 17 18 19 20 21 22 Advent 9:15 Unit. Meth. 9am Current Events 4pm Zion Church Council Women Brunch Newsletter Articles Bunch @White Gull due today 23 4th Sun of 25 Christmas Day 26 24 Christmas Eve 27 28 29 Advent 5pm Service at Zion **Office Closed** 7pm Service at Today Calvary 30 1st Sun after 31 Christmas