

*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

Sunday:	LWR Quilt Dedication	
	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church) .....	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Children's Church) .....	9:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time (Education Building).....	10:00 a.m.
	No Sunday School .....	
	No Bible Classes .....	
Monday:	Preschool Chapel.....	9:30 a.m.
	Happy Scrappers (Fellowship House) .....	2:00 p.m.
	Communion at Care Inn .....	
	Church Council (Multipurpose Room) .....	6:00 p.m.
	Sunday Worship TV Broadcast (Cable Channel 16).....	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Newsletter Assembly (Multipurpose Room) .....	2:00 p.m.
	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship House) .....	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....	10:00 a.m.
	Lenten Service .....	11:00 a.m.
	Lenten Lunch (Fellowship House).....	11:45 a.m.
	Confirmation Class (Fellowship House).....	4:15 p.m.
	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church) .....	6:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline .....	9:00 a.m.
	Women's Bible Study (Fellowship House) .....	10:00 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room).....	12:15 p.m.
Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church) .....	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Communion .....	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School (Education Building).....	10:15 a.m.
	Bible Class I (Multipurpose Room) .....	10: 15 a.m.

**ABOUT THE COVER:** *Jesus is our light and our salvation! Even though He is no longer physically with us on earth, as He was with His disciples, He is still with us in His Word and Sacrament. Therefore, when Jesus says, "I am the light of the world," He is still leading His people out of the devil's sinful darkness into the marvelous light of salvation. Thanks be to God for His Son, our light!*

**MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL**

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project is greatly appreciated. Be sure to check out the LWR display in the Narthex. For more information or assistance, please contact Jeanette Huelsebusch at 968-3829.

We will again be holding a **RAFFLE** in conjunction with our annual May Picnic and Auction. We will have 15 prizes: one \$2,500 gift card, one \$1,000 gift card, three \$500 gift cards, and ten \$100 gift cards. Members are being asked to sponsor one or more of these 15 prizes. The sponsors' names will be listed on the raffle ticket next to the prize(s) they choose to donate (or you may remain anonymous). The deadline to sponsor a prize is **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Contact the church office if you'd like to sponsor one of the prizes or donate any amount towards a prize. Your money should be turned in to the church office by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

It is time to order an **EASTER LILY** to honor a loved one, or to memorialize someone for this Easter, **April 16<sup>th</sup>**. Orders will be taken now through April 3, and order forms are available on the table in the narthex. For more information, please contact the church office.

**NEW INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY WITH CHURCH EXTENSION FUND** - Reformation Note bearing 9.5% interest, \$500.00 investment amount, 7 month term, one \$500 investment per household. *This is a limited time offer!* Application forms available in the narthex or at [www.TexasCEF.org](http://www.TexasCEF.org) or contact Jeanette Huelsebusch, CEF Representative.

It has been 5 years since our last **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**, so we will be doing a new one this year. The dates for the photography sessions are Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have your photo taken, you will receive a free 8x10 portrait. There will be no high-pressure sales tactics. You can see your photos right on site. Family photos with pets may be done with prior arrangement. **SIGN UP SHEETS** are available in the narthex, so you can choose the most convenient time for your photo session. Contact the church office for more information.

**THE ANNUAL DECORATION DAY SERVICES** at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, located on the Old Plum Highway west of La Grange, will be observed **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend the devotional service and remain for a visit with friends and family. Please bring a lawn chair for your comfort.

We are **EXPANDING CHILDREN'S CHURCH!** We have wonderful volunteers who have expressed interest in working with the children. We will be having children's church on both the 2nd and 4th Sunday's now. After the children's message in church, we will take the children over to the education building for children's church, if you wish for them to attend. Starting in April, children's church will be each 2nd and 4th Sunday.

The new **PORTALS OF PRAYER** are here. Pick up your copy in the narthex today!

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Psalm 142:5** —I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control – so we can follow His Word in confidence.

**UPCOMING LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Wednesday Lenten Services at 11:00 AM (followed by Lunches at the Fellowship House):  
March 29<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Palm Sunday**, Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM

grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **✠** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

**PRELUDE:** .....“At the Cross Her Station Keeping” .....arr. by Anthony Giamanco

*Stand as the cross passes by.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**.....“Lamb of God” ..... # 550

**GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT** .....Psalm 27

My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.  
One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.  
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.  
And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

**KYRIE**



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

*(During Lent, the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted.)*

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray.
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT DEDICATION**

Today we dedicate the quilts made by our Happy Scrappers for Lutheran World Relief. Imagine the comfort that comes from a hug at the time when you need it most. That’s the feeling you can share with an LWR Quilt. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, you can reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope — you are not alone. These quilts may be used to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. But their versatility also makes quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother’s back. Your donations and work have made it possible to provide 83 quilts to people in need.

**+ READINGS +**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** ..... Isaiah 42:14–21

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.”

Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**TODAY’S BROADCAST OF THE LUTHERAN HOUR** over Radio Station KBUK (FM 104.9 on Sundays at 7:00 a.m.) is sponsored by the Men’s Club.

**THIS WEEK’S TV BROADCAST OF OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP** on cable channel 16 has an anonymous sponsor.

**LWR QUILT DEDICATION** - A total of 83 mission quilts constructed by the Happy Scrappers are on display this morning. Included are four Silent Auction Quilts in the Narthex available for a minimum bid of \$50.00 with bidding to close at 11:00 AM on Sunday, April 2nd. Any one of the other quilts can be purchased today for only \$75.00! One-half of all funds raised will be used for shipping expenses by Lutheran World Relief Headquarters throughout the world and the remaining one-half will be used by the Happy Scrappers for future quilting projects. Happy Scrapper members include Donna Kappler, Gladys Teinert, Beverly Ullrich, Beverly Newell, Elsie Michalk, Joyce Newman, Karen Fitch, Artie Schultz, Faye Winkler and Jeanette Huelsebusch. Thanks for your generous support.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** today is sponsored by the Bell Choir, and will be held after service today in the Education Building. Please stop by to say hello to our members and guests!

**OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:**

**Attendances:**  
 Sunday Worship: 116  
 Sunday Bible Class: 12  
 Wednesday Bible Class: 13  
 Wednesday Lenten Service: 69

**Weekly Offerings:**  
**Our weekly needs: \$5,616.61**  
 Home Purposes: \$4,627.00  
 Additional Online Giving: \$365.00  
 Missions: \$252.00      Bldg. Fund: \$15.00

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Acolyte:**..... Gus Herbrich  
**Lector:**..... Gus Herbrich  
**Elders:**..... Rev. La Verne Fitch, Justin Hollek  
**Head Ushers:** ..... Willie Ahlschlager, Larry Faldyn  
**Ushers:**..... Karen Fitch, Ron Glaiser  
**Greeters:** ..... Beverly Newell, Linda Poncik  
**Video:**..... Clayton Wolf  
**Sound:**..... William Crawford  
**Altar Guild:**..... Linda Streicher

The Men’s Club would like to thank everyone for another successful **PORK STEAK MEAL** on Sunday, March 12th. Special thanks to all who helped, including the Mary Martha Guild and the LYF. Without everyone’s help, this meal would not be able to take place.

**PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF 2017 INGATHERING** The Mary Martha Guild is currently collecting the following items: Dark colored, light weight bath size towels (approx. 24" x 44"), wrapped 4 oz. bars of soap, adult-size tooth brushes, sturdy combs (not picks or fine toothed), and metal nail clippers. Each complete care kit costs approximate \$6 - \$7 so if you do not have time to shop or cannot find certain items, cash donations are welcome. With cash, uniform and/or difficult to find items can be purchased online, all of which will facilitate completing uniform care kits. Your support of this

Tegtmeier (Pastor Dennis Tegtmeier's wife – Holy Cross, Warda); William Trlica; Larry Urban; Kim Vanek; Robert Vanek; Mary Walker; Ruby Weatherton (Lisa Caridi's cousin); Fritzie and E.C. Zuhn.

**Silent prayer for situations and people not listed in the bulletin.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**G** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**G** Amen.

*Sit, but stand when the cross passes by.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**.....*“When to Our World the Savior Came”* .....# 551 vs. 1, 2, 5

**POSTLUDE:**.....*“Elevation”* .....by Nicolas de Grigny

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**PASTOR:**..... Rev. Bill Qualman

**GUEST PREACHER:** .....Rev. John Stelling

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** .....Laura Gillette

**STUDENT PIANIST:**.....Miles Gillette-Bockhorn

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** ..... Brenda Fischer

**ACOLYTE:**.....Hannah Sanchez

**LECTOR:**.....Cristina Sanchez

**ELDERS:**..... Karen Fitch, Joslyn Hensley

**HEAD USHERS:**.....Daniel Fischer, Dennis Winkler

**USHERS:**..... Lee Herbrich, Lee Teinert

**GREETERS:** ..... Donna Kappler, Gladys Teinert

**VIDEO:**.....Neal Lochte

**SOUND:** ..... Linda Streicher

**ALTAR GUILD:** ..... Shery Dunk

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given to the Glory of God by Paul and Geraldine Teinert in loving memory of Geraldine's sister Doris Jordan, who went to her heavenly home on March 20, 2016.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING:** ..... Ephesians 5:8–14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** ..... Brenda Fischer

*Stand*

*(During Lent, the ALLELUIA AND VERSE is omitted.)*

**GOSPEL:**..... John 9:1–41

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among

them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

(after the reading)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

**SERMON HYMN:**..... "Amazing Grace"..... # 744

**SERMON:**..... "A Blind Man Receives His Sight - Twice"..... John 9:35-38

**OFFERTORY:**..... "Ellers"..... *arr. by Harold Rutz*  
*(Members and visitors are invited to record their attendance in the red folders at this time. If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a "Welcome" card from the front of the red attendance folder or in the pews, and hand it to an usher.)*

**OFFERING**.....  
*Deuteronomy 16:17 - Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.*

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Stand*

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Undergoing Cancer Treatment:** Clifton Becker; Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik's friend); Michelle Kiesling Henson (friend of Tami Pietsch and Lisa Caridi); Jerry Hentschel (Ruby Fehrle's brother); Ben Huerta (Marissa Lehmann's father); Casey Hyman (Betty Pecora's nephew); Brice Kuhlmann (Leah Wolf's father); Vivian Matthews (Dorothy Witt's friend); Carolyn Mersiovsky; David Mueller (Lorena Mueller's son); Mike Roberts (Lorri Sanchez's cousin); Ed Scarborough (Lorri Sanchez's friend); Bubba Schneider; Kathleen Tintner (Sylvia Hebert's friend); Dionie Tolman (Gladys Teinert's friend); Pam Vinklerek (Susie Polasek's and Rick Herbrich's sister); and Leroy Wittmann.

**Health and Other Concerns:** Gladys Ahlschlager; Rebekka Aleman (great-granddaughter of Victor & Elva Bohot); Judy Bayless (Joan Miertschin's friend); Glenn Behrens; Velma Behrens; Robert Boening; Calvin Bohot; Elva Bohot; Victor Bohot; Olga Buchhorn; Heather Butler (Joyce Newman's granddaughter); Deb Conway; Lanny Conway; Lillie Diller; Joyce Dippel; Edna Ebner; Lorine Fischer; Jennifer Freeman (Judy Zuhn's daughter); Ron Fritsch (Joan Miertschin's friend); Jennifer Harris (Lisa Qualman's co-worker); Kim Haskins; Sylvia Hebert; Doug Hlavaty (Cheryl Roitsch's friend); Nikki Hurry (Andrea Davis' sister); Irene Koopmann; Wayne Koopmann; Junell Ladewig; Calvin Lange; JoAnn Lange (Joan's Miertschin's cousin); Edna Leschper (Dorothy Witt's sister); Gladys Mach; Lillie McGuire; Carolyn Mersiovsky; Victor Moerbe (Joan Miertschin's friend); David Newman; Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Lillian Pietsch (Randy Pietsch's mother); Pastor Qualman; Christine Rasche (Lisa Qualman's sister); Bill Sagebiel; Mary Lou Scoggins (Betty Pecora's friend); A. F. Seifert; Penny Sengler (BJ Ullrich's daughter); Ray Streger; Harold Streicher; Lorine Sunderhuse (Mary Walker's friend); Dee