

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday:	Ensemble Rehearsal (Church).....	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Children’s Church.....	9:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time (Education Building).....	10:15 a.m.
	LYF Bible Study (Youth Room)	10:15 a.m.
	No Sunday School or Bible Classes.....	
Monday:	Preschool Chapel	10:15 a.m.
	Happy Scrappers (Fellowship House)	2:00 p.m.
	Communion at Care Inn	
Tuesday:	Newsletter Assembly (Multipurpose Room)	2:00 p.m.
	Picnic Committee (Multipurpose Room)	6:00 a.m.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....	10:00 a.m.
	Lenten Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
	Lenten Lunch (Fellowship House)	11:45 a.m.
	Confirmation Class (Pastor’s Office)	4:15 p.m.
	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church).....	6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline	9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room).....	12:15 p.m.
Sunday:	Worship Service with Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School (Education Building).....	10:00 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....	10:15 a.m.
	LYF Bible Study (Youth Room)	10:15 a.m.

ABOUT THE COVER: *From the very beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, He prepared His disciples for the events that would complete His life on earth. Throughout all the suffering Jesus would endure, His desire was that all people believe that He loves them and has given up His life winningly, so that all may live with the heavenly Father for eternity. God’s great love for us provided out salvation.*

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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Our Mission: "Committed to reaching out with the love of Jesus."



Sunday, February 25, 2018
The Second Sunday in Lent

WELCOME to all in the name of our Jesus Christ, our Savior, who is God's answer for our suffering and struggles. May the consideration of His suffering for us give comfort and hope in our struggles. We extend a special welcome to visiting friends and guests. If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a "Welcome" card found in the pews and hand it to an usher.

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:..... *"There is a Balm in Gilead"* *arr. by Byron Arneson*
..... *"Prelude on Ellers"* *arr. by Harold Rutz*

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the **✠** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C who made heaven and earth.**

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God,

the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN LA GRANGE (Flyers for these events can be found on our bulletin board, if you need more information.)

March 2, World Day of Prayer prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname
Hosted by Second Baptist Church, 910 N Von Minden Rd., 12 Noon

March 3, Fayette County Day of Service, sponsored by the Disaster Recover Team of La Grange.
Meeting at 9:30 at the KC Hall for a day of work.

March 9, 5 PM - 6 PM, Neighbor to Neighbor is sponsoring a new series of Financial Literacy programs presented by Pioneer Bank at the Meadows building 275 E Ellinger Rd, La Grange. This first program is called SAFE-Stopping Adult Financial Exploitation.

March 10, 2018 Fayette County Historical Commission is sponsoring a class on conducting Oral History. Hosted by First Presbyterian Church 205 S Franklin. Class is scheduled from 10 AM until 5 PM in the Church Fellowship Hall.



SCHEDULE NOTE: Wednesday morning Bible classes will continue throughout Lent. However, the Wednesday evening classes will not be held until after Easter.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: Pastor Qualman would like to hold a class for new members wishing to join our congregation. The class takes 6 to 8 hours, and could be spread over 4 to 8 weeks, depending on the needs of the students. If you know of someone who might be interested, please have them contact the church office. You may also call Pastor Qualman for more information.

All **2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars®** have been made available for members to direct. As a reminder, 2017 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2018. If you are a Thrivent member, please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Mt. Calvary, the Preschool or Camp Lone Star!

Our own **BOB HORN** will be a speaker at Lutherhostel 2018 at Camp Lone Star on March 6th. You can attend just for that one day at a cost of \$26, which includes lunch. Bob will be making two 2-hour presentations (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) based on his book. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office.

The Men’s Club will have their annual **PORK STEAK DINNER** on Sunday, March 11th from 11 AM–12:30 PM. It is drive through only. Tickets are \$10 per plate. The meal includes a pork steak, German style potatoes, green beans and bread. Tickets will be available shortly from Daniel Fischer, a Men’s Club member, or the church office!

The **PICNIC COMMITTEE** will have a kick-off meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room. All members of the Picnic Committee, as well as those who will have booths at the picnic (Sunday School, Preschool, LYF, etc.), and any member who is interested in helping out at the picnic, are strongly encouraged to attend. This is the first, and most important, planning meeting, so please plan to attend. If you cannot be there, please send a representative. The picnic is our church’s primary fundraiser, and needs everyone’s support and involvement. Watch the bulletins for future announcements about how you can help!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES will be held at noon on Friday, March 2nd at the Second Baptist Church, located at 910 North von Minden Street. The program will be conducted by the ladies of Sacred Heart Church and hosted by the ladies of Second Baptist who will provide a light lunch and refreshments. Donations will be accepted for the local AMEN Food Pantry. Everyone is invited to attend.

DONATIONS FOR LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS are requested through Sunday, March 18th. Donations of bath-size bars of soap or cash will be greatly appreciated. Donation baskets are located in the Narthex. For more information check out the display in the Narthex showing where LWR quilts and kits were sent in 2017, or contact Jeanette Huelsebusch or Karen Fitch. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Mark 8:32 – “And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.” Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than

our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

☩ Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

☩ Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which you daily and richly forgive us our sins and 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.

☩ Amen.

☩ 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.

☩ Amen.

Sit

PRELUDE:..... “At the Cross”arr. by Anthony Giacomo

Stand as the cross passes by.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:..... “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” # 437

GREETING

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

☩ And also with you.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROITPsalm 115

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.
 We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise 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.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
 for they have been from of old.

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** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT READING:..... Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father

POSTLUDE: "Lenten Recessional" *by Regina Pozzi*

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- PASTOR:**..... Rev. Bill Qualman
- DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:**..... Laura Gillette
- STUDENT PIANIST:**..... Miles Gillette-Bockhorn
- CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Pastor Qualman
- ACOLYTE:** Brodie Filla
- LECTOR:**..... Susie Polasek
- ELDERS:**..... Karen Fitch, Joslyn Hensley
- HEAD USHERS:**..... Daniel Fischer, Dennis Winkler
- USHERS:**..... Ralph Streicher, OPEN, Avery Harbers, Caleb Stokes
- GREETERS:**..... Beverly Newell, Mason Harbers, Shaylee McCoy
- SOUND:**..... Frank Wolf
- ALTAR GUILD:**..... Marilyn Spillane

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.

FELLOWSHIP TIME today is sponsored by the Men’s Club, and will be held after the service today in the Education Building. Please stop by to say hello to our members as well as our guests!

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

Offerings:

Attendances:
 Sunday Worship: 123
 Sunday Bible Class: 5
 Wed. AM Bible Class: 13
Our weekly needs: \$6,138.75
 Home Purposes: \$6,089.00
 Online Donations: \$810.00
 Missions: \$205.00 Building: \$540.00
 Special Offerings: In memory of Louise Proske, \$50 to the New Fellowship Hall fund. In memory of Kermit Muske, \$50 to the Preschool, \$250 to the General Fund.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

- Acolyte:**Cody Kruse
- Lector:**.....Lori Hollek
- Elders:**..... Rev. La Verne Fitch, Justin Hollek
- Head Ushers:** Robert Boening, Lee Teinert
- Ushers:**..... Harold Streicher, Judy Zuhn
- Greeters:**..... Jeanette Huelsebusch, Rosalie Moerbe
- Sound:**..... William Crawford
- Altar Guild:**..... Shery Dunk
- Chancel Flowers:** OPEN

Conway; Lillie Diller; Joyce Dippel; Edna Ebner; Lorine Fischer; Dr. Mike Fitzpatrick; Jennifer Freeman (Judy Zuhn’s daughter); Ron Fritsch (Joan Miertschin’s friend); Kim Haskins; Sylvia Hebert; Frances Hentschel; Toni Hill (Beverly Newell’s sister-in-law); Doug Hlavaty (Cheryl Roitsch’s friend); Barbara Hoffmann; Shirley Hudson (Elsie Michalk’s friend); Irene Koopmann; Wayne Koopmann; Junell Ladewig; Sandra Ladewig (Junell Ladewig’s daughter-in-law); Gladys Mach; Marvin Matthijetz (Linda Herbrich’s brother-in-law); Renee Mazoch (Hannah Sanchez’s friend); Pat Michael; Marvin Miertschin; Ruby Mikulin (Paul Mikulin’s mother); Renee Moreland (Betty Pecora’s granddaughter); Jim Moulder (Charles & Sylvia Hebert’s friend); David Newman; Joyce Newman; Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Nancy M. Pietsch (James Pietsch’s sister); Linda Poncik; Mary Rauch (Mary Walker’s cousin); Bill Sagebiel; Jan Schaefer (Lee Herbrich’s mother); Glenn Schneider; Mary Lou Scoggins (Betty Pecora’s friend); A. F. Seifert; Penny Sengler (BJ Ullrich’s daughter); Ann Shofner (Charles & Sylvia Hebert’s friend); Ray Streger; William Trlica; Larry Urban; Kim Vanek; Robert Vanek; Ruby Weatherton (Lisa Caridi’s cousin); Mike Wherry (Junell Ladewig’s son-in-law); Thelma Zoch (Tami Pietsch’s mother).

Prayer of Christian Sympathy for the family and friends of Joseph Burge (Cheryl Roitsch’s cousin), who passed away on February 12th.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

☩ 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

☩ Let us bless the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

☩ 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.

☩ Amen.

Sit, but stand when the cross passes by.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:.....“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”..... # 611

of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

☩ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 5:1–11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

☩ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

(Children and song leaders come forward at this time.)

CHILDREN’S SONG:..... “Jesus Loves Me”.....

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE..... Pastor Qualman

(After the children’s message, the children will leave for Children’s Church in the Education Building.)

Stand

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

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

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

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

(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:..... *“Take My Life and let It Be”* # 784

SERMON: *“Life Under the Cross”* Mark 8:34

OFFERTORY:..... *“Passion Chorale”* *arr. by Iteke Prins*
(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
Proverbs 22:9 A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Undergoing Cancer Treatment: Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik’s friend); Cari Brownlee (Joyce Dippel’s granddaughter); Karla Frigard (Donna Kappler’s cousin); Erinn Guggenheimer (Beverly Newell’s cousin); Michelle Kiesling Henson (friend of Tami Pietsch and Lisa Caridi); Ben Huerta (Marissa Lehmann’s father); Casey Hyman (Betty Pecora’s nephew); Barbara Kautz (Carol Ahlschlager’s friend); Wanda Keene (Ruby Fehrle’s niece); Amanda Knox; Amy Lochte; Vivian Matthews (Dorothy Witt’s friend); David Mueller (Lorena Mueller’s son); Robert Pavlik; Lara Janda Perez; Bubba Schneider; Lindsey Schouten (Lorri Sanchez’s cousin); Barbara Tieken (friend of several members); Dionie Tolman (Gladys Teinert’s friend); Nancy Vasut; Mary Walker; and Leroy Wittmann.

Health and Other Concerns: Gladys Ahlschlager; Rebekka Aleman; Meagen Bednar (Hannah Sanchez’s friend); Velma Behrens; Calvin Bohot; Elva Bohot; Victor Bohot; Susan Bolado (Marilyn Spillane’s daughter); Olga Buchhorn; Heather Butler (Joyce Newman’s granddaughter); Woody and Carolyn Butler (Joan Miertschin’s cousin); Deb