MT CALVARY CONNECTION

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GROWING UP
in the Word

OUT
with the Gospel

TOGETHER
in Christ

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP 5:00 & 7:00PM

In order to enhance the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, we are asking that a few precautions are taken during the candle lighting ceremony:

1) We are asking that if a child wishes to participate (and they will probably want to do so), an adult guide their hand throughout the process. (even if they want to "do it themselves")
2) Please always hold the lighted candle in a vertical (upright position). The unlighted candle can be tipped for the lighting process.
3) Keep all lighted candles in the upright position until it is extinguished and the wax has hardened. (It just takes a few seconds.)

Hopefully this will keep everyone safe from accidents that could happen with fire or hot wax, as well as eliminate spilled wax on the cushions and carpet.

Thank you so much for following the above guidelines so that we can continue this beautiful tradition.

MT. CALVARY CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Please join the Altar Guild as we prepare for the Advent of Christ! We will be decorating the church on Friday, December 2nd from 9am to noon. Childcare will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Lindsey Blevins 816-273-9898.

CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2016
8:00A.M.
(No 10:30 Service)

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Hear "The Lutheran Hour" message with Rev. Gregory Seltz on the following local stations each Sunday…

Station	City	Frequency	Time
K208FE	Topeka	89.5FM	9:00am
WIBW	Topeka	580AM	7:30am
KCLY	Clay Center	100.9FM	7:30am
XM Radio	Nation wide	#170	12:00pm
BOT radio		92.5FM	8:00am

December 4 - **"Wait Until He Comes!"**
A broken world waits, yearns, and hopes for restoration. Jesus has already done everything to make that restoration a reality. (Isaiah 11:1-10)

December 11 - **"Let the Adventure Begin"**
In Christ, all of life is an adventure, one that is full of His promise and hope. (Isaiah 35:1-10)

December 18 - **"Peace On Earth, Peace That Lasts"**
What is the key to real and lasting peace on earth? Jesus, God with us. (Matthew 1:18-25)

December 25 - **"What We Really Want"**
Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus - What do you want this Christmas? Jesus is God's greatest gift to a sinful world. (Galatians 4:4-5)

CONGREGATION VOTER'S MEETING & POTLUCK

SUN., DECEMBER 11, 2016

Following the late service.

LWML CORNER

2016 LWML Officers

President: Arlys Hartmann V-Pres: Carol Brase
Secretary: Carolyn Stutzman Treasurer: JeriLee Richter

December Dates to remember...

1 Executive Board Planning Meeting - F.H.
(No evening meeting this month)

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WOMEN*, ages 22-35: Would you like to be informed - inspired - motivated - energized to be about mission work in God's kingdom? Then you are invited to apply to be a Young Women Representative for the Kansas District at the LWML National Convention to be held in Albuquerque, NM, June 22-25, 2017.* ***Application are due December 9th.*** *If interested, contact Arlys Hartmann, LWML president or any Mt. Calvary LWML member.*

LWML

"Serve the LORD with gladness."

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Cereal Peanut Butter Jelly Tuna
Canned Fruit Hamburger Helper, etc
Spaghetti Sauce Canned Chicken
Frozen Meat

MIDWEEK ADVENT SCHEDULE

Suppers are served from 5:45-6:45p.m.
Worship begins at 7:00.
Pastor Boye will be leading our midweek services.

December 7 - The Youth will prepare and serve up their famous **Taco Bar**

December 14 - The Choir will prepare and serve supper with proceeds going toward the White's adoption

A free will offering will be taken at each supper.

Youth Stuff

SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL/WINTER MISSIONS

As you may know, our fall/winter offerings will be going to the Haitian Lutheran Mission project, specifically to help after the hurricane to build storage sheds to house food for the lunch program. The Lunch program allows 3700 children to get one meal of rice and beans a day. They need a secure location to store the food before the program can continue. To read more about the work of Haitian Lutheran Mission Project check out http://haiti144.blogspot.com

Sunday Night Live- Special Christmas Party

December 11th 7:00-8:30pm

Middle and High School Youth will celebrate the birth of our Savior with a good ole' fashioned Christmas party. Wear your favorite Christmas Outfit, bring a fun pair of Socks for a sock exchange, and be ready to have a blast as we play games, enjoy one another's company, and study the Christmas story. Come to Sun

Lock-in- Big Hero 6 December 16th Fri., 8:00pm - Sat., 7:00am

Middle and High School students and friends: It is lock-in time again. Rest up and round up your friends to prepare for a busy night of games, activities, and study to learn about our omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent Hero.

CHRISTMAS CONVERSATION

Many struggle to make conversation at Christmas gatherings, whether church events, work-related parties, neighborhood drop-ins, or annual family occasions. Sometimes our difficulty lies in having to chat with people we rarely see or have never met. At other times we simply don't know what to say to those with whom we feel little in common. Moreover, as Christians we want to take advantage of the special opportunities provided by the Christmas season to share our faith, but are often unsure how to begin. Here's a list of questions designed not only to kindle a conversation in almost any Christmas situation, but also to take the dialogue gradually to a deeper level. Use them in a private conversation or as a group exercise, with believers or unbelievers, with strangers or with family.

1. What the best thing that's happened to you since last Christmas?
2. What was your best Christmas ever? Why?
3. What's the most meaningful Christmas gift you've ever received?
4. What was the most appreciated Christmas gift you've ever given.
5. What was your favorite Christmas tradition as a child?
6. What is your favorite Christmas tradition now?
7. What do you do to try to keep Christ in Christmas?
8. Why do you think people started celebrating the birth of Jesus?
9. Do you think the birth of Jesus deserves such a nearly worldwide celebration?
10. Why do you think Jesus came to earth?

Of course, remember to pray before your Christmas gatherings. Ask the Lord to guide your conversations, and to open doors for the gospel. May He use you to bring glory to Christ this Christmas.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

TO ALL LADIES WHO LIKE TO SEW. You don't have to be an LWML member or part of our quilting group to contribute. We are always in need of gently used or new sheets/blankets or material and if you want to contribute quilt tops to tie, they will be greatly appreciated. The quilt tops need to be 60" x 80" and we have material for you to get a project started or finished. Just email or talk to Carol Brase at raybrase@gmail.com or phone 456-1554.

PLEASE NOTE:

There is no Sunday School or Bible classes on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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