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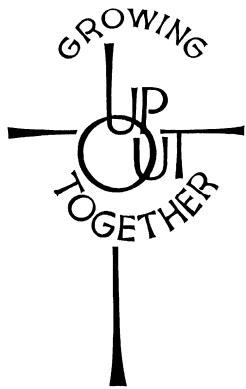
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OUT

with the Gospel

TOGETHER

in Christ



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February 22nd— the beginning of Lent



Ash Wednesday, Feb 22nd marks the first day of Lent. At Mt. Calvary, we will begin the season of Lent with the LWML serving up soups for supper, from 5:45-6:45p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a special Ash Wednesday service, with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes beginning at 7:00p.m.

This day, God invites us to give up denial, face up to the truth, and turn to Him—and instead of wallowing in sin and death, to receive forgiveness and life. Lent isn't about pretending for a time that Jesus has not yet been crucified or that He has not yet been raised. This Ash

Wednesday and this season of Lent happen precisely because Jesus *has been crucified for us and raised for us*. We don't plead for a forgiveness that is impossible; we plead for forgiveness made real and final in the death of Jesus on the cross. Our hope is real—to have the resurrection of Jesus shine through us. This is the life we yearn for in and through Christ Jesus. So this Ash Wednesday, this Lenten season, instead of wallowing in sin and death, persisting in denial, *God invites us to intensify and grow in cross-formed, resurrection life in prayer, fasting, and works of mercy.*

Ladies' Night Out! White Roses & Dark Chocolate

Ladies of Mt Calvary, you are cordially invited to attend the 3rd Annual Ladies' Night Out, **Friday February 10, at 7pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite chocolate confection to share; coffee, tea, and other beverages will be provided. Attire this year is formal/dressy. Did you have an amazing dress for prom? If you can still fit into that dress (lucky you!), this is another chance to wear it. If you never had the opportunity to wear a prom dress, this is your chance! Or, if you are not the prom-dress-wearing type, just wear what you like. You're with your girlfriends, after all! Feel free to bring a friend - *but not a date*. This is a "girls only" event! The only Man in attendance will be the Lover of our Souls.

SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

If you are new to Lutheranism, looking to understand what we believe, or a life-long Lutheran searching for more information into our heritage, this study is for you! Explore the basics of Lutheran theology in a fresh new way. Dig into the history of Lutheranism and

make connections between what Lutherans believe and what Lutherans do. You'll learn about God and His Son; Faith and Belief; Heaven and Hell; Church and Fellowship; Sin and Forgiveness; and much more. **Resources:** **Lutheranism 101** (textbook) and **Luther-**

anism 101: The Course (study guide). **Cost:** \$19.00 for textbook and study guide. *\$5.00 for just the study guide, and you already have the textbook.*

Registration: sign up sheet in narthex. Contact Becky Mayes for more information. bjmayes@wamego.net

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

February 5—**“God Is Faithful. Get Busy And Wait On The Lord”** We can wait on God-joyfully, expectantly, hopefully-because we can trust Him. (Isaiah 40:28-31)

February 12—**“You Can’t Muzzle True Joy”** Joy is

rooted in a relationship with God. You can’t muzzle joy when that joy is connected to Jesus. (Mark 1:40-45)

February 19—**“A Resurrection Glimpse to Empower Your Faith”** Can you fathom what it means that it required the sacrifice of God’s own Son in order that you might live, forgiven and redeemed? (Mark 9:2-11)

February 26—**“Repent”**

Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour, Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus



LENTEN NOTES: If your group would like to prepare and serve a Lenten Meal, please contact the church office 456-2444 or email mtcalvry@wamego.net as soon as possible. The following dates are still open: *Feb 29, March 7, 14, 21, and 28.* Suppers will be served from 5:45-6:45p.m. Midweek Worship Service will begin at 7:00p.m.

SETTING GOALS—A Stewardship Minute

It is a common and helpful practice to use the start of a new year as motivation to set goals and make plans to attain those goals. As Christians, what is our ultimate goal? What did Jesus tell us in Matthew 6:33? *“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”* Certainly this is a worthy and all-encompassing goal for us as Christians.

We’re also told that goals should be detailed and specific and measurable. How do we satisfy that criteria in light of our main goal to seek God’s kingdom?

Let us remember that all we say and do and are should strain toward seeking God’s kingdom. That means we’ll be busy in the study of His Word and in regular attendance in church where we can hear His Word and receive His Sacraments. It

means that we’ll be busy about His work of seeking and saving the lost. How is that accomplished?

The Apostle Paul wrote, *“You show that you are a letter from Christ . . . written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts”* (2 Corinthians 3:3). Jesus put it this way, *“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven”* (Matthew 5:16). This is what we are—God’s letters who reflect the light of Jesus to a world trying to find its way in darkness.

The psalmist commanded, *“Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise”* (Psalm 96:2-4). In all our words, this should be our goal: to

proclaim the goodness, the glory, the greatness of our God.

Then our acts should follow up our attitudes and words. Again Paul’s words speak to us: *“Bless those who persecute you; Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony . . . Do not repay anyone evil for evil . . . If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone . . .”* (Romans 12:14ff). Throughout his letters, Paul urges us to share with those in need, to support those who preach and teach the Word, and to give as we have received. These are goals worthy of setting and ones we can carry out by *“the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, [Who] though He was rich, yet for [our] sakes He became poor, so that [we] through His poverty might become rich”* (2 Corinthians 8:9).



YOUTH NEWZ

Feb 3-5 Youthquake

The first weekend of the month 14 of our members will be traveling to Wichita to participate in the Youthquake. This year's theme is Rooted and promises to be another great opportunity for our youth to fellowship and grow alongside other Christian youth from all over Kansas. Please pray for safe travels, faith growth, and community building for our youth as we are away.



Feb 11th 7:00pm Sweetheart Dinner

The Christian Youth Ministry Board along with the Middle and High School Youth are once again hosting a Sweetheart dinner for members/friends of Mt. Calvary. Pick up a registration form on the information table in the narthex to sign up for this Italian candlelight dinner and evening of entertainment. This year the dinner will feature a new game called Love Song Singing Bee which will test your knowledge of lyrics to favorite

love songs (*Don't worry, singing is not required*). Don't miss out on this evening of fun. Cost is \$20 per person. **Registrations are due February 4th.**

February 24-25 7:00pm to 7:00am High School Mystery Lock-in



Another opportunity to come to church and spend the whole evening in fellowship with one another while worshipping our LORD. The theme for this Lock-in is "Mystery" and will put your individual and collective logic skills to the test. As always friends are invited. There is no cost for the evening. Plan on staying the entire time unless you bring a signed note from a parent.

Sunday Night Live! February 12, 26

SENIORS OF SERVICE S.O.S. Meeting

February 16, 2:30p.m.

S.O.S. group will be meeting on Thursday, February 16th at 2:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will touch base with Paul White on our discussion at the January meeting. Then we will be hearing from Jim and Lynda Rosander's recent trip to the Far East.

Come and join us!

NIMBLE FINGERS

Nimble Fingers will gather in the Fellowship Hall on February 7th, 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

DOMINOS

Mexican Train Dominos will be played at the Church Fellowship Hall at 1:00p.m. on February 6th and 20th



Happy Valentines Day!
February 14th

LWML CORNER

2012 LWML Officers:

President: Melissa Gier
V-President: Prudence Fager
Secretary: Arlys Hartmann
Treasurer: Ruth LaChance

LWML MOTTO is
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Psalm 100:2

COLORS are: Purple and Gold

The Kansas District
officially organized on May 16, 1943

February Dates to Remember:

Theme: Love Letters to God

2—1:30p.m. Executive Board Planning Meeting

9—7:00p.m. LWML Meeting held in the Fellowship Hall

Topic—Prudence Fager

Hostess—Ruth LaChance



Gifts from the Heart:
Signed Valentine Cards will be distributed to the Hospital and Nursing Homes (NO STAMP is necessary)



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February Newsletter

WANT TO BE INSPIRED?

Those of us who are “Old Lutherans”, who have sung the hymns in church for many years, can relate to the inspiration we get from some of those hymns. Most of us have our favorite hymn, or hymns. Apart from the beautiful melodies there are often the words of the verses that have a beauty of their own. The younger members may not enjoy those old songs, yet. But, as time goes on, those old hymns will take on new meaning. On a rare occasion we might have the opportunity to listen to an inspiring rendition of an old familiar hymn that awakens us to how beautiful it is. A few years ago, while attending a Promise Keepers Rally in Kemper Arena, I experienced how amazing the hymn Holy, Holy, Holy was when sung by 54,000 inspired voices. I recently came across an example of an old familiar Lutheran hymn presented in a powerful and inspiring way. Both the you and old, after watching and listening to this hymn on youtube, will agree that it is amazing. It will surely become one of your favorite hymns. Take time to experience a beautiful hymn at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuMh_ept-Js. You will not be disappointed!

Submitted by Ted Geisert, Elder



SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 9:15AM

- To elect delegates to the District Convention



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7:00p.m.
Church Fellowship Hall



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February 11
7:00pm
Reservations due by Feb 4th



THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

Thrivent Representative, Dave Mack will be at Mt. Calvary Fellowship Hall every Thursday, from 1:00-3:00p.m. Discover the many sides of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Call or email Dave to set up an appointment at 785-770-2112 or email him at David.mack@thrivent.com

Community Health Ministry “An Evening of Chocolate and Wine Tasting”

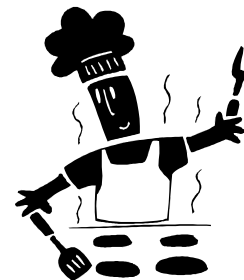
Thursday, February 9th
7:00-9:00p.m.

At Trade Winds
6th and Plum, Wamego

- Best Chocolate Recipe Contest
- Silent Auction
- Music by Sweet Adeline Quartet “Mystical”

Price \$20.00

LLL Pancake Supper St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 330 Sunset, Manhattan Sun., February 12 4:30-6:30p.m.



Free will offering supports

Church Workers
Scholarships
Orphan Grain Train
Rose Bowl Parade Float
Overseas Ministries
Seminary Student Recognition