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"For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." - Romans 1:20

Which Foot First? | Pastor Dan Quiram

A blessed New Year to you and your family.

As John DeVries (Why Pray? p. 70ff) reminds us, Jesus tells us the way to perfect rest is to be "yoked" to Him (Matt. 11:38-30). Being a yoke is hardly a symbol of rest. Oxen, yoked together, are not put in that position to sleep! We yoke animals to put them to work. But Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

One of the major false impressions of Christianity is that we are saved to experience "idle" rest. But Jesus does not save us to take an eternal nap; He saves us to be eternally productive. We become weary and burned out in doing good things for Jesus through our own efforts. We run and run and all appears wearisome and heavy. The church often leaves a wide wake of burned-out workers. It's not that the work is wrong, but without divine energy we quickly are consumed by all the work to be done. Jesus is saying that the cure for our weariness is to be yoked to Him.

We are no longer an agricultural people, so the image of a yoke means little to

most of us. If we change the illustration to a more familiar one, maybe we can see better what Jesus is saying.

Think of a Marine parade, in which everyone is in step and the whole company moves smoothly as one body. Or imagine a military funeral with six marines in full-dress uniform carrying a casket; the timing of their movements is incredibly exact. They move together as one. This is what being yoked to Jesus means. It means walking in step with Him. What would happen if just one of those six marines bearing a casket was out of step with the other five? He'd tip the casket and cause the others to stumble! Jesus is telling us that in order to have rest in our work, to gracefully produce fruit for Him, we must be in step with Him spiritually.

So it becomes a serious matter to determine which foot goes first. Do we work first and ask God to bless our efforts? Or do we pray first and ask God to show us how to work? How did Jesus start? He started with prayer.

Being idle is not the great problem of the Western church. Many churches resemble frenzied beehives of activity! They overflow with programs. Yet, we accomplish very little because we are out of step with Jesus.

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We often run the church like a corporation, with planning meetings, goals, and objectives; and when we have it all figured out, we bless it with a “word of prayer,” asking God to give us success so that the world might know how smart we are.

Perhaps that is a bit sarcastic! But it is true that we rely far more on our efforts than on prayer. Because of our sinful nature, we put the foot of work before the foot of prayer. Each time we do that, however, we should remember the picture marine carrying the casket who is out-of-step with the others. When we start walking in step with Jesus, we start with the foot of prayer, not on the foot of work and human plans. When we start with prayer, we find rest and joy.

As you and I start a new year under God’s grace, let us start on the foot of prayer.

Sharing in His love,
Pastor Dan

A Second Time Around

It seems strange being back at Calvary serving as a vacancy pastor. How many times I have walked by the current “pastoral office door” on my way to my “old office”! Old habits are hard to break.

It is good being back in your midst and serving with you until our Intentional Interim Pastor arrives. It is good sharing the ministry of Jesus together with special people known as Calvary Lutheran Church & School. May our Lord guide each of us and all of us to discern His will and may He enable us to faithfully carry out His mission in our community. May we continue to pray for each other so that Christ’s work is accomplished through us.

Perhaps a few words about my present position as vacancy pastor are in order. I have been contracted for two months (unless other circumstances require a revision to this time period) “to provide pastoral leadership to assist the congregation during its transition between the ending of Pastor Poulson’s ministry and the arrival of the Intentional Interim Pastor.” It is to be a part-time position of 20 hours per week. Since I currently serve as the Southeastern District Intentional Interim Consultant, my time of duties at Calvary may vary from week to week.

My duties as vacancy pastor include conducting Sunday services on three dates during months containing four Sundays, and on four dates in months containing five Sundays. I will also make every effort to visit the sick, the hospitalized, some of the homebound, and others as need becomes apparent.

It is my intent to be “in the office” at least one day per week in addition to Sunday to minister with other leaders in the school mission; to coordinate worship service details with the organist; to provide information and guidance to the church secretary in preparation of the worship folder and bulletin; and to make calls as time permits and circumstances require.

If you need pastoral assistance, please feel free to call on me at my home (410-339-7979) or on my cell (443-286-1610).

Please include me in your prayers.

Sharing in His mission and love,
Pastor Dan





Sunday School & Bible Study | Scott Jones

Sunday Bible Study, 9:45am

Fellowship Hall

We have concluded our Advent Series – “He Shall Come Again.” The month we begin our 12-week study of the Book of Hebrews. Come learn what makes Christianity so vastly superior and the fulfillment of the Judaism that preceded it. Jesus Christ is the ultimate prophet, priest and king. Find out what those truths mean to you on this side of the Cross. Don’t ever worry about missing any prior studies; you are invited to explore the true life-giving Word.

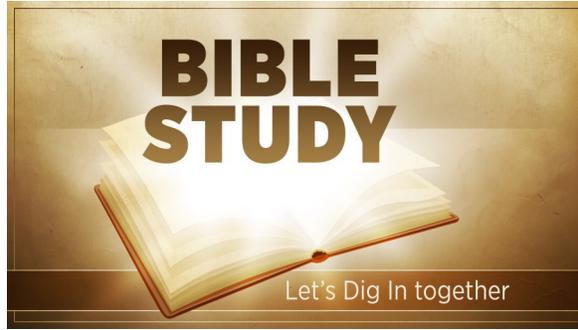
Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study

7pm, Office Conference Room

It’s New Year’s already for the Church with Advent I. This is Year C in the 3 Year Lectionary and our Gospel focus will be on Luke. Christmas would not be complete without the reading of Luke’s account of the birth of the promise Messiah in the little town of Bethlehem. You are invited to prepare for Sunday’s Divine Service by studying the upcoming readings at our weekly Lectionary Bible Study.

NEW – Luncheon Bible Study: Over the next three months we are going to be testing a lunch time (11:30 – 12:30) Bible Study on Wednesdays at a restaurant in the Towson area. Potential topics include Book of Concord, Apocrypha, Psalms, Gospel of Mark, or other topics that you may have. This is new so nothing has been finalized – please contact Scott Jones @ 443-377-4151 for details.

Please contact Scott Jones, 410.828.9208, with any questions on these opportunities.



Other children’s, youth and adult Bible Study opportunities are available throughout the week, including:

Youth Confirmation: please see Pastor Poulson for more information.

Women's Bible Study, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:30pm, Pat Bell’s house. Starting January 5, the group will be discussing Philip Yancey’s book “*Vanishing Grace - Whatever Happened to the Good News*”, using an accompanying study guide and DVD to facilitate discussion.

Topics for Today Group Discussion, Sunday, 9:45am-10:45am. Nancie & Ron Seymour lead this adult group in discussion based on current events and other topics in facing Christians today. Contact Nancie or Ron for the current offering and meeting place.



TO SUBMIT NEWS OR FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CALVARY’S NEWSLETTER, CONTACT:

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- To submit news, email calvarynews@gmail.com or calvarylutherancs@gmail.com; contact Bridget Mainley (bmainley@gmail.com, 410.804.7811, cell); or place in the Public Relations mailbox in the Church office
- Make sure you’re getting the digital version of the newsletter and other congregational communications—sign-up outside the narthex or send your name and current email address to calvarylutherancs@gmail.com.
- Upcoming publications, dates and deadlines are:
⇒ **March** issue:
deadline February 27th



READERS FOR
JANUARY/FEBRUARY

1/31

Jer. 1:4-10 Ps.71:4-6
1 Cor.13:1-13
8:15 Allison Sabatino
11:00 Andrew Venzke

2/7

Exo.34:29-35 Ps.:99
2Cor.3:12-4:2
8:15 Scott Ruhl
11:00 Tomi Lucas

2/10 Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Ps.51:1-17; 2Cor.5:20b-6:10
7:pm John Trotz

2/14

Deut. 6:1-11; Ps.91:1-2,9-16; Rom.10:8b-13
8:15 Kaylee Hoerl
11:00 Beverly Karageorge

2/21

Gen. 15:1-12,17-18; Ps.27
Phil.3:17-4:1
8:15 Olive Abt
11:00 Alasaro Lucas

2/28

Isa.55:1-9; Ps.63:1-8;
1 Cor.10:1-13
8:15 Ronnie Segal
11:00 Denise Venzke

Readers are always needed—please contact Amanda Richter, if interested.

Please arrive early in time to check the bulletin for changes in scripture. If you cannot read, please find a substitute for your scheduled day and notify the church office before Wednesday. Thank you for your service as readers!

Outreach Ministry | Joan Colliflower

Dear Calvary Friends,

Here we are in a New Year. Blessings to each of you.

We are expecting to continue offering a light supper at our monthly **Food and Fellowship**, which we currently have on the 4th Saturday of the month, serving between 4pm and 6pm.

As previously we are directing our efforts towards people in the communities surrounding Calvary Lutheran Church, hoping to establish a loving relationship with those who attend and let them know Calvary Cares. The best way to follow Jesus' commandment to love one another, is to show them through word and deed. This is something Calvary certainly knows how to do well within our congregation. We want to extend that same kind of fellowship outside these walls and give our neighbors a chance to know and love the Jesus we know, love, serve and follow.

As always, we need you. There are many jobs to in offering this ministry and there is something for everyone to do!

Our first meal of 2016 was scheduled for the weekend of the big snowstorm. So our F&F for 2016 will be on Saturday, February 27th and on the 4th Saturday of the month thereafter. We have sent postcards to 400 or so household in our vicinity—we have prayed over those and each and every one of you can help us with this. We will continue to publicize these events using exterior signage, including the larger permanent boards.

For the first meal, we are planning to serve spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. We appreciate the generous offering from the

New Year's Eve service, which is funding this event. We could still use some desserts, so if you can help us out there, please contact Joan Colliflower. Cooking and set-up begins at 2:00pm with serving from 4pm-6pm and clean-up afterwards. There will be sing-up sheets in the Narthex for any part or all of the day.

Pray about how the Lord would have you be involved. It would be great to be able to offer some games for our guests and members to play together after supper. That gives opportunity for ice breaking conversations and for the opportunity to share our love, caring and the love of Jesus. We offer information about Calvary, but our primary interest is to show them the love and caring of our Savior. If they do happen to attend worship services or any other events Calvary has to offer, may we truly put forth the right hand of fellowship as we greet them into our midst. Actually, I can't encourage you enough to be aware each time we are at worship to check around for those whom you haven't seen for a while, or for those who are new to Calvary, making a special effort to greet them warmly. That caring goes a long way.

Thank you for all you do and the way you step up to honor the Lord in His work.

Blessings in Christ,
Joan Colliflower



4th Saturday of the month, 4-6pm

Calvary Lutheran Church & School

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GRAB A BITE, MEET A FRIEND!



“Notes” from Worship & Music | Barb Sommer

As the winter nights have gotten longer and the days shorter, there seems to be less time to do all that is needed. For some people, though, the long nights are endless if sleep doesn't come easily, or for those who awaken at 4:00am, giving them a slot of time alone in the cold and quiet of the night.

Yet silently on a long ago winter night the Christ child was born; on a chilly winter night the angel choir sang their most brilliant anthem, “Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.” The Magi’s only GPS was the night sky and the stars that seemed to rotate and beckon them onto the most exciting journey of their lives. The holy family later slipped into the darkness of the night to escape to Egypt until there was a safer place to raise their new child.

For 2015 years, give or take a year or two, we have celebrated the birth of the long-promised Messiah on that dark night. For the crowds in Bethlehem and in cities like Baltimore, some people considered this time only as a holiday and gathering of friends and family for food and gifts with little thought or knowledge of the special birth. Though Christmas of our day has been muddied by an overabundance of commercial tie-ins, the world continues to be blessed by the arrival of this baby in a dark stable behind an inn during tax time. Jesus has been called the “Light of the World”.

How can you shine a little of this blessed light to those around you whose hearts are dark and distant?

Our Christmas observance at Calvary was quietly introduced as the decorations went up during Advent, by the Christmas program of our Calvary school children, then a concert by the Maryland State Boychoir, and the singing and readings on the Sunday of Lessons and Carols. The children and adults heard about the Christmas Angels and the congregation joined in singing “Silent Night” by candlelight. “How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his Heaven” (O Little Town of Bethlehem). Pastor’s words as he retold the story of the birth of Jesus were a blessing to the ears of Calvary members and friends, and a challenge to give the message to those around us. The instrumentalists joined with the choirs of children and adults to raise the level of celebration to almost heavenly.



We are now in the Epiphany season of the church year. The Sundays of Epiphany will end February 7th and Ash Wednesday is February 10th. This year Easter is early—March 27th.

We welcome Pastor Dan Quiram back as a part-time vacancy Pastor until the end of February. Pastor Dan and Darlene have been worshiping with us occasionally since his retirement, and between positions he has held as an Intentional Interim pastor in other churches.

See you in church—the light is still there!

The Power of Prayer | Pat Bell

“*Standing in the Need of Prayer*” written by Moses Hogan is a gospel hymn known by many. We often find ourselves in need of intercessory prayer. Praying for others can put a spiritual wall of protection around those requesting prayer. Prayer is a ministry of the church that uses this power God gave the church to call upon him in times of need and times of praise and thanksgiving.

Calvary's Prayer Circle has been using this power of prayer for years. They are waiting for your call!

Ruth Pfeffer, chair 410.252.7169
Betty Heilman, 410.666.2806

Marlene Kluge, 717.235.7879
Laura Sitter, 410.668.1617
Pat Peters, 410.569.3459
Lynne Funck, 410.661.1763

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Calvary has a **Prayer Ministry Team** that meets every Sunday during the Bible Study hour praying for the needs of others and for Calvary's renewal. All are invited to join them for prayer any Sunday during the entire time or any portion of the time they meet. Prayer requests can also be given to the group leader, Joan Colliflower, 410.426.3919.



We're Truly Thankful...



Do you have a car that you would like to donate to a good cause - and a possible tax deduction?

We are looking for a working automobile for one of the school families. The Lutheran Mission Society will work with Calvary so the owner could still get a tax deduction, and a school family will have transportation to get to work and school.

If you have such a car, or know of someone who does, please contact Barb Sommer at 410-254-5212 or Darlene Quiram at 410-339-7979.

We are thankful to God for the many blessings He has shared with our nation, our church, our homes and families, our friends, and especially the gift of our Savior.



be missed!

Boy Scout Troop #247, directed by Jacob Cooke, has done a tremendous job of cleaning up the front and back yards of the Mercy

House. Jake was working to complete the requirements for his Eagle Scout badge. Twenty to thirty youth and adults assisted him, digging up and cutting thick weeds/bushes, planting, seeding, and mulching, and hauling away all the brush. What a marvelous difference it is to see a well-cared-for house! Thanks so much Jake and Scouts!

The following memorials have been received:

To Calvary Lutheran Church in memory of Sarah Moberly, the gift of Mrs. Virginia Cummings

To Calvary Lutheran Church - Mercy House - in memory of Robert H. (Bobby) Chapman, the gift of Rev. David Betzner

To Calvary Lutheran Church in memory of Robert (Bobby) Chapman, the gift of David & Laura Sitter

To Calvary Lutheran Church and Calvary Lutheran School in memory of William Underwood, the gift of Mr. Richard J. Underwood

To Calvary Lutheran Church in memory of Mary Rose, the gift of Katherine & Phillip Sinz

We thank all who were involved in **Calvary's Christmas celebrations**: the members who placed poinsettias in the Chancel; the Altar Guild for their attention to so many details; the ushers and greeters for their smiles and hugs; the choir for learning so many anthems; the acolytes and crucifers for getting there on time; the children and teachers for the daily practices that resulted in a wonderful message; the volunteers who brought and served refreshments at Pastor's luncheon and the Boychoir concert; the instrumentalists who added so much joy to our music; the decorators who brightened up the church and doors with welcome signs of the season; all those who scheduled and assisted in the readings, liturgy and communion.

Wow! Many more than our fingers can count! Thank you for your willingness, time, and talents!

We bid a fond farewell to **Pastor Quentin Poulson** as he ended his work with Calvary to retire and give more time to family. He and his Mom have moved to North Carolina to a home he has kept since his past years of work in that area. We know the Lord has many more jobs for him to do since his talents and energy are great, and his love for the ministry overflowing. God's guidance and richest blessings in your new home! Thank you for your ministry among us—you will

From the Board of Lay Ministry:

Pastor Dan Quiram has agreed to and the proposal approved by Lay Ministry and the Church Council to serve as Calvary's Short-term Vacancy Pastor. This position is a part-time position of 20 hours per week. Starting on January 1, 2016, the agreement is set to terminate on February 29, 2016. However, it may terminate earlier in the event a called Intentional Interim Pastor arrives prior to the termination date. This agreement may also be extended for an additional period by mutual agreement of both parties. The Short-term Vacancy Pastor may not be considered as a candidate for the regularly called Intentional Interim Pastor of this congregation.

While serving as our Short-term Vacancy Pastor, Pastor Quiram will provide pastoral leadership to assist the Congregation during its transition between the ending of Pastor Poulson's ministry and the arrival of the Intentional Interim Pastor. Pastor Quiram shall provide on-going Gospel ministry of Word and Sacraments. His responsibilities shall include general pastoral duties of the Congregation, such as leading worship, visiting sick and shut-ins, baptisms, funerals, weddings, etc. Pastor Quiram will conduct Sunday services on three dates during months containing four Sundays and four dates in months containing five Sundays. In addition to Sunday worship, Pastor Quiram will be "in the office" at least one day per week.

May The Lord of the Church bless each and everyone of us as we work together and move forward in His Name.

In Christ,
Pat Bell, Director
Board of Lay Ministry



Mission & Ministry | Bridget Mainley



For 2.7 million children in the US, their story is filled with the abandonment, loneliness and shame that come from having a mom or dad in prison. For many, it may include following their parents down the same destructive road to incarceration.

Angel Tree®, a program of Prison Fellowship, reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ. This unique program provides an opportunity to share God's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners.

For many years, Bobby Chapman and others spearheaded this program successfully at Calvary, serving hundreds of children in our neighborhood and beyond.

The Calvary family came through again this year, with spiritual and financial support allowing us to serve 32 children in our general neighborhood—these children received tagged gifts with a special message from their parent along with a copy of the “Bible Christmas Story”, donated through the Angel Tree program.

Additionally, we were blessed to serve 15 children located outside of our geography in Virginia, North and South Carolina. These children received a special message from their parent along with a gift card, *The Bible Christmas Story* and an age-appropriate spiritual/inspirational book.

The Angel Tree Open House was held on Sunday, December 13, serving light refreshments, Christmas music and visiting with many of the children and their families. All but two families came to the church to pick-up their packages, which were delivered to them before Christmas.

Many thanks to all of you who shopped and brought in goodies for the Open House; to the Girl Scouts who wrapped and tagged the presents; to the many of you who donated the funds to make the whole event possible; and to those who helped out the

day of the Open House—you are a blessing!

We’re already looking forward to 2016—for more information or to volunteer, please contact Bridget Mainley, bmainley@gmail.com, 410.804.7811.





Calvary's Newsletter is published monthly by the Board of Public Relations for Calvary Lutheran Church & School. Its purpose is to inform the community, members and friends of Calvary of activities, programs, and most of all, the Lord's blessings upon us all. A parish paper has been in publication since January 1932.

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As you make your resolutions, simply remember who you are called to be...a child of God.



Use this link/path below to view the video message: <https://vimeo.com/149879547>

Easter Comes Early This Year... Are You Ready?



2016 Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday
February 10th, 7pm
"The Sign of Forgiveness"

Mid Week 2 *
February 17th, 7pm
"The Sign of Peace"

Mid Week 3 *
February 24th, 7pm
"The Sign of Understanding"

Mid Week 4 *
March 2nd, 7pm
"The Sign of Agony"

Mid Week 5 *
March 9th, 7pm
"The Sign of Decision"

Mid Week 6 *
March 16th, 7pm
"The Sign of Mystery"

Maundy Thursday
"The Sign of Power"
March 24th, 7pm

Good Friday
"The Sign of Finality"
March 25th, 7pm

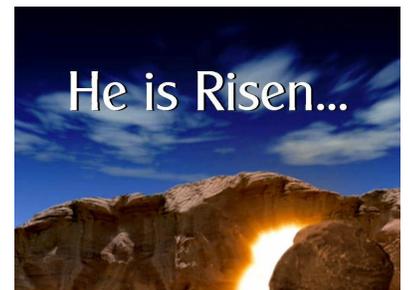


Holy Week

Palm Sunday
March 20th
8:15am & 11am Worship Services

Easter Sunday
"The Sign of His Presence"
March 27th
6:30am, 8:30am & 11am
Worship Services

** Mid Week Services are casual in format, held in the Fellowship Hall preceded by a Soup Supper at 6pm.*





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“Cross Connect” - Support the Community/Classifieds

BALTIMORE CITY LIQUOR BOARD ANNOUNCES PUBLIC OUTREACH INITIATIVE: The Baltimore City Liquor Board is proud to announce that it will host a series of Town Hall style meetings in various parts of the City throughout 2016. The Board held its first town hall meeting on **Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 7:00pm** at the **Southeast Anchor Library at 3601 Eastern Avenue**. Topics of discussion include recent revisions and issuance of new Rules and Regulations for the agency, new administrative board policies, and a questions and comment segment.

January's meeting will kick off the Board's year-long initiative to engage citizens concerning Liquor Board issues that have a direct impact in their neighborhoods. In order to reach the greatest number of citizens, the Board and key staff will be attending Community Relations Councils, community groups and associations, and other meetings during 2016 throughout the City of Baltimore. The board will hold remaining Town Hall meetings in libraries and other public facilities throughout the City for a total of 5 meetings in all areas of town. Their next meeting will be held **Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**, Baltimore City Public Safety Training Center, 3500 West Northern Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21215. The Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City invites you to come meet the Commissioners and the Board's staff. For more information concerning this event and other community meetings contact, Thomas Akras, Deputy Secretary to the Board at [410-396-4385](tel:410-396-4385) or Thom-as.Askras@baltimorecity.gov.

ITS ALREADY BEEN HERE AND YOU KNOW MORE COULD BE COMING!!! The Mayor's Snow Shoveling Service for Elders (65 and Older) & the Disabled who are unable to clear their own public sidewalks & Shoveling Jobs for Youth, ages 14 – 21. To sign up for the free shoveling of public sidewalks and to apply for shoveling jobs for next winter, please call 311 or emailjobs.trans@baltimorecity.gov. The City is currently taking applications: (1) from residents 65 and older or with disabilities who need help clearing snow and request to have their public sidewalks regularly shoveled for free this coming winter; and, (2) from youth ages 14-21 who are applying for City paid jobs to do this senior citizen snow shoveling all next winter. For this snow shoveling program, eligible households and the youth providing services will be recruited from the same quadrants of the City. That way, youths will ideally be neighbors who are able to walk to their assignments in the snow and become well known to the elderly and disabled residents being served. Because of liability, the City cannot fund the clearing of private steps or sidewalks leading to front doors, although the elders may decide to work out a private arrangement for shoveling their private property.

LOCAL NEWS: A great article about the expansion of one of Northeast Baltimore's independent grocery stores, Bel-Garden Bi-Rite and the development of the parcel next to the store: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-city/bs-md-ci-kelly-column-birite-20141219-column.html>

TIPS TO LIMIT EXPOSURE DURING THE COLD WINTER MONTHS: BALTIMORE, MD: The City has issued several “Code Blue” warnings due to the recent harsh winter weather, temperatures in the single-digits and wind chills. Baltimore City Health Commissioner Dr. Leana Wen said during a recent Code Blue declaration, “I am issuing a Code Blue Declaration in Baltimore beginning early Monday morning and encourage residents to stay in indoors, especially those most vulnerable to cold. Extreme cold temperatures can permanently injure, or even kill. Hypothermia, or low body temperature, can be just as dangerous as extreme heat, so it is important to stay indoors in heated areas. Be sure to check on your elderly neighbors to ensure that they have heat and power.” Code Blue indicates an increased risk for cold injuries or even death for those exposed to low temperatures. Once a Code Blue declaration is made, public messaging activities are undertaken to encourage safety when outdoors and response partners work to ensure those in need find sheltering. During the Code Blue season, which began November 16, 2015 and lasts until March 15, 2016, City agencies work together to:

- Distribute meals to at-risk senior citizens;
- Provide home weatherization services;
- Help individuals apply for emergency assistance; and
- Provide additional cold weather education and outreach efforts, as needed

Throughout the Code Blue season, The Mayor's Office of Human Services' Office of Homeless Services also works with city homeless shelter providers to extend shelter hours and to provide expanded bed capacity. Last winter, the state Medical Examiner's office recorded 12 hypothermia-related deaths in Baltimore City.



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“Cross Connect” - Support the Community/Classifieds

The following are a few cold weather safety tips for staying health:

- Wear multiple layers of loose-fitting clothing.
- Always wear a head covering, like a hat and/or scarf, when outdoors.
- Drink plenty of fluids and avoid alcoholic beverages.
- Protect yourself against falls in icy or snowy conditions.
- Check on those who are children, the elderly and/or chronically ill.
- Provide appropriate shelter for domestic animals.

Other Tips For Keeping Safe in Cold Weather:

- Keep space heaters and candles away from flammable materials, such as curtains, furniture and loose clothing.
- Check your carbon monoxide detector and make sure it's working.
- Do not use prohibited heat/power sources, such as stoves/generators—they may cause fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Do not leave your car running in a closed space such as a garage.

Residents are encouraged to contact 311 if a neighbor is without heat or power so that city agencies can assist them. Energy assistance may be available to those who need it. For more information, individuals may contact one of the regional Community Action Partnership centers in Baltimore or call the Office of Home Energy Programs at [410-396-5555](tel:410-396-5555). For more information about Code Blue, visit the Health Department's Website at www.health.baltimorecity.gov. For other cold-related inquiries and service requests, or to find a nearby homeless shelter, residents can call 311 or 211.

JOIN THE 45TH DISTRICT FOR A NIGHT IN ANNAPOLIS: Monday, February 22, 2016 with Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden, Senate President Pro Tem; Delegate Talmadge Branch, Majority Whip; Delegate Cheryl D. Glenn, 2nd Vice Chair, Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland; Delegate Cory V. McCray at the Thomas V. Miller Senate Building, 11 Bladen Street, President's Conference Room, West I and West II, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Buses will leave from the following locations: Oliver Multi-Purpose Center, 1400 E. Federal Street at 4pm; Eastern District Police Station, 1600 Edison Highway at 4pm; Transforming Life Church of God, 4801 Sipple Ave. at 4:30pm. Please RSVP to Delegate Glenn's Office at 410-563-0228 orcheryl.glenn@house.state.md.us by Friday, February 12, 2016.

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS: As part of the ongoing effort to keep our neighborhoods and waterways cleaner and healthier, Baltimore City is providing Municipal Trash Cans to every residential address that currently receives trash collection by the City. These durable, wheeled trash cans are equipped with attached, tight-fitting lids that have proven effective in keeping streets and alleys clean, and in deterring rodents. Trash can distribution will begin by early 2016. To learn about Municipal Trash Cans and their distribution go to: <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/PublicInformation/PressReleases/tabid/2382/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/5427/Municipal-Trash-Can-Program-Begins.aspx>.

CONVERSATIONS WITH DELEGATE CORY MCCRAY: Monthly meetings starting Saturday, January 30, 2015, 10:00am—noon, Rita Church Community Center, 2101 St. Lo Drive, Baltimore, MD 21213. Delegate McCray will host monthly conversations with his constituents so that he can listen to his constituents' issues and concerns. He will use these conversations to guide his decision making in Annapolis. At this meeting Delegate McCray welcomes Maria Colins of the Department of Public Works who will speak about the municipal trash can distribution and Julie Wagner of CareFirst who will speak to the work CareFirst is doing in the 45th District. Delegate McCray will also speak about the 2016 Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly. He will also talk about the scholarship process, the state budget, and bills he plans to introduce.

HOW TO PREVENT CRIME IN YOUR COMMUNITY: With Councilman Brandon Scott, HARBEL, and the Northeast Police District, Monday, February 1, 2016, 7pm, Northeast Police District, 1900 Argonne Drive\\Councilman Brandon Scott, HARBEL, and the Northeast Police District invite you to join them on Monday, February, 1st at the Northeast Police District to learn how you and your community can prevent crime through a proven and effective crime prevention program, the Northeast Citizens Patrol, the NECOP. Learn how the NECOP has and is preventing crime in communities within Northeast Baltimore, and learn how you and your community can participate in this program that will reduce crime in your community.



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- Taylor Suehle
- 17 Billy Seymour
- June Struder
- 20 Gerry Wills
- 21 Shirley Ropka
- 25 David Sitter
- 27 Anne McWilliams

May

- 1 Kristine Klimko
- 2 Laura Casciero
- 10 Tim Sabatino
- Lynford Johnson
- 13 Shelby Seymour
- Paul Slaughter
- 14 Kylie Costello
- 16 Cindy Hoerl
- 19 Roger Gericke
- Deborah Heilman
- Allison Sabatino
- 21 Brian Casciero
- 23 Jessica Schultheis
- 30 Jeanna Hoffman
- Katie Sitter

June

- 1 Helen Ramia
- Carl Stratton
- 3 Herb Gruening, Jr.
- 4 Sarah Dansberger
- Gretchen Thielhart

- 6 Ann Coleman
- Joan Reed
- 9 Brittany Hoerl
- Tim Sabatino
- 11 Frederick Cooper
- 12 Spencer Flaherty
- 13 Elizabeth Higgins
- 15 Barbara Cook
- 16 Joe Sabatino
- 18 Jeanne Neirmeier
- 19 Betty Christie
- 22 David Horton
- 27 Jennifer Conway
- 28 Frances Dunker
- Barb Sommer
- 29 Linda Gast

July

- 1 Marlene Kluge
- Richard Brown
- 5 Judy Gaver
- 7 Dan Brown
- Jim McWilliams
- 9 Carol Chapman
- Cheryl Reek
- 11 Benjamin Casciero
- 14 Ed Hawkins, Jr.
- 16 Roy Maack
- Florence Weber
- 18 Eleanor Trotz
- Charles Wildner
- 20 Mary Jo Ford
- 21 Lara Lassahn
- 22 Alasaro Lucas
- 24 Ronnie Segal
- 28 Lisa Klimko
- Thelma Kline
- 29 Manfred Reek

- 30 James Hoffman, Sr.

August

- 1 Andrew Gaver
- Laura Higgins
- Sophia Johnson
- 3 Lisa Gruening
- 4 Gave Gracey
- Logan Gracey
- 6 Pat Bell
- Kurt Johnson
- 7 Dorothy Graces
- Rachel Noto
- Jack Phaller, Jr.
- 8 Amanda Kline
- 11 Katie DiBasilio
- 12 Brian Curtis
- 14 William Coleman
- 15 Joan Balog
- Deborah Krauch
- Larry Reed
- 16 Paul Thompson
- 17 Joe DiBasilio
- 18 Pastor Dan Quiram
- 19 Joseph Gaver
- 20 Liana Chotikul
- 23 Sandra Gruening
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- Kathryn Costello
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Aundrea Taylor
- 3 Karen Conway
David Segal
- 4 George Ehrman
- 5 Karen Donahue
- 6 Debra Slaughter
- 7 Albert Gallatin
- 8 Ron Seymour
- 9 June Smith
- 10 Alison Baptiste
- 12 David Lawrence, Jr.
- 18 Joan Gerhardt
Alexis Lassahn
- 19 Pamela Olsen
- 20 Patrick Curtis
- 22 Robert Gaver, Jr.
- 23 Carl Ault
- 24 Bev Karageorge
Mike Shuffler, Sr.
- 27 Judy Ann Gaver
- 28 Pat Christie
Will Smoot
- 29 Steve Shaffer, Jr.

October

- 1 Pastor Quentin Poulson
- 2 Ginny Cummings
Kathryn Lewetzki
- 3 Kristina Smith
- 4 Carl Ropka
Cynthia Johnson
- 6 John Robinson, Jr.
Jessica Milhorn
- 7 Dana Benicewicz
Henry Thompson

9 Darlene Corrigan

- 10 Kaylee Hoerl
- 11 Emily Higgins
Ian Kretzschmar
- 12 Rose Hebbel
Laura Sitter
- 15 Taylor Richter
- 16 Amanda Richter
- 17 Jennifer Trotz
- 20 Drew Shuffler
- 21 Erick Hobbs
- 22 Kara Buttner
Andrew Venzke
Linda Weinreich
- 23 Amy Crumb
Diane Kretzschmar
- 24 Lisa Hoffman
Garner Wilson
- 30 Aimee Chotikul
Richard Gracey
- 31 Linda Osborne

November

- 2 Kevin Taylor
- 3 Robert Chapman, III
- 5 Harry Mackey
- 7 Darla Pfeffer
- 9 Mark Osborne
- 10 William Buttner, Jr.
Kelsy Klimko
- 12 Davis Reek
- 13 Dorothy Johnson
- 14 Crystal Hobbs
- 16 Janet Fitzpatrick
- 17 Anne Maack
- 21 Savannah Seymour
Denise Mackey
- 22 Vida Baptiste

Bill Hobbs

- Lynette Ports
- 23 Madelyn Schultheis
Bob Weinreich
- 25 Laura Kaebler
- 26 Susan Maack
Edward Trotz
- 28 Kristen Olsen

December

- 1 Joy Lawrence
- 3 Ed Haupt
Cheryl Horton
- 4 Joshua Stinchecum
- 5 Peter Sommer
- 7 Kris Sabatino
- 8 Sarah Chrzanowski
- 10 David Kurrle
- 11 Carolyn Underwood
- 16 Samantha Lassahn
Victoria Lassahn
- 20 Cheryl Lawrence
- 22 Calvin Pitt
- 23 Frank Martin
- 24 Marvin Fox
- 26 Louis Driver, Jr.
Teresa Schreiber
- 30 Pamela Buttner
Paul Saar
Gerry Wills, Jr.

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“Birthdays” in the subject line. Thanks!*

Lectionary Summaries for Meditation

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (31 January 2016): Jeremiah 1:4–10 (17–19); 1 Cor. 12:31b–13:13; Luke 4:31–44

Jesus Has Authority to Forgive Your Sins and Give You Life

Jesus was sent to “preach the good news of the kingdom of God” (Luke 4:43). His preaching is an epiphany, or manifestation, of God because His Word reveals the authority of His cross and resurrection, by which He has atoned for the sins of the world. By the preaching of His Gospel in every place, He silences the unclean spirits and casts out demons, heals the diseases of body and soul, and restores life and health to His creation (Luke 4:40–41). For the sake of His divine love, He is “patient and kind” toward us; He “bears all things,” “endures all things” and delivers up His body to save us (1 Cor. 13:3–4, 7). So also for the sake of His love, He calls and sends His prophets, as ministers of His Word, “to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant” (Jer. 1:10).

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD (7 February 2016): Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Hebrews 3:1–6; Luke 9:28–36

The Glory of God Is Manifested in the Body of Christ

“Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant,” but Christ Jesus “has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses” (Heb. 3:3, 5). A beloved and well-pleasing Son, faithful even to the point of death, Jesus’ own body was raised up on the third day as the house of God, and He has brought us into that house through the waters of Holy Baptism (Heb. 3:6). Thus, it was not Moses the lawgiver, but his successor, Joshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus), who led the people into the Promised Land (Deut. 34:1–4, 9). Now, on the Mount of Transfiguration, the New Testament Joshua appears in the glory that He is about to manifest by His “departure” (exodus) in Jerusalem (Luke 9:31). Having entered the waters of the Jordan in His Baptism, He passed through those waters and entered into glory by His cross and Passion. What He thereby accomplished in His own flesh and blood, crucified and risen, He reveals and gives to His Body, the Church, by the means of His Word. Therefore, the Father declares from heaven, “Listen to him!” (Luke 9:35).

ASH WEDNESDAY (10 February 2016): Joel 2:12–19; 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Return to the Lord Your God with All Your Heart

On Ash Wednesday, we come down from the mountain with Jesus and set our face with His toward the cross in Jerusalem. We make our pilgrimage with Him by the way of repentance, and thus return to the dying and rising of Holy Baptism. For Christ Jesus, “who knew no sin,” became our sin, so that by His death we are released from sin, and in His resurrection we “become the righteousness of God” (2 Cor. 5:21). Since God has thereby reconciled the world to Himself in Christ, “now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:2). He summons you to return to Him with all your heart because He is “gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love” (Joel 2:13). Do so in faith and confidence before Him, and pray to Him as your Father. Give to the needy from a heart of love, and fast for the sake of repentance (Matt. 6:3–4, 6, 17–18).

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (14 February 2016): Deuteronomy 26:1–11; Romans 10:8b–13; Luke 4:1–13

Jesus Christ Is Our Champion Against the Devil

Jesus Christ, our Champion against the devil, endures and overcomes “every temptation” (Luke 4:13) on our behalf. He worships the Lord, His God, and serves Him only by trusting the Word of His Father: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Luke 3:22). Jesus’ victory is now ours through His gracious Word, which is not far away but near us — in our mouth and in our heart, in the proclamation of repentance and faith. For “with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved” (Rom. 10:10). Our confession of Christ includes the prayer of faith, which is not disappointed, “for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Rom. 10:13). The Lord is not oblivious to “our affliction, our toil, and our oppression” (Deut. 26:7), but has mercy upon us. He has brought us out of bondage through the “signs and wonders” of Holy Baptism, “with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm” (Deut. 26:8), and now He leads us by His Spirit even in the wilderness.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (21 February 2016): Jeremiah 26:8–15; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 13:31–35

Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven

The prophet Jeremiah faithfully preached “all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people” (Jer. 26:8). He called the people to repentance, lest the Lord’s judgment come upon them. The violence that Jeremiah suffered for this preaching foreshadowed the cross and Passion of Christ Jesus, who suffered the judgment of God for the redemption of all people. For Jesus “comes in the name of the Lord” (Luke 13:35) in order to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Earthly Jerusalem was blind to His gracious visitation, and it put Him to death like the prophets before Him. Yet, His sacrifice upon the cross became the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem, His Church. He visits us today in mercy with His preaching of forgiveness, to gather us to Himself within that holy city, “as a hen gathers her brood under her wings” (Luke 13:34), for “our citizenship is in heaven” (Phil. 3:20).

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (28 February 2016): Ezekiel 33:7–20; 1 Corinthians 10:1–13; Luke 13:1–9

Jesus Calls You to Repentance

“Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live” (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been “written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come” (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His “spiritual food” and pours out His “spiritual drink” (1 Cor. 10:3–4).

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