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# Core Values

- Christ-Centered Ministry:** John 17:3; Colossians 1:18
- Authority of Scripture:** 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 1 Peter 1:25; Matthew 4:4; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119
- Lost People Matter:** Luke 15; Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 5; Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 10
- Foundation of Prayer:** Psalm 127; Philippians 4:4-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5
- Ministry Team Approach:** Ecclesiastes 4:12; Proverbs 27:17; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 12
- Leader as Role Model, Recruiter, Equipper:** Ephesians 4:11-13; Luke 10; 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1

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# Calvary

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*To Know Christ and To Make Him Known*

Thank you for worshipping here today!

December 24, 2017 Morning

Calvary cares about **you** because **you matter to God!**

Our desire is to be a Christ-centered, family-oriented, word-sharing, life-changing, need-meeting, world-touching body of believers.

We exist to **KNOW CHRIST** and **TO MAKE HIM KNOWN** through:

**EVANGELIZING** the Lost of the Community,

**EXPERIENCING** the Lord in Worship,

**ENCOURAGING** the Fellowship of Believers,

**EDUCATING** the Faithful in Christ, and

**EQUIPPING** our Leaders for Ministry.



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# Service Schedule

*Our nursery is staffed and available during Sunday services for children ages birth through 3 years. Please remember that children must be dropped off and picked up by an adult in the south Childcare wing. The Cry Room in the back of the Sanctuary is a quiet place for a parent to take an infant or toddler (through age two) and still be able to listen to the service.*

## Order of Worship

**Praise Team** “O Come All Ye Faithful” Hymn #234, vs 1-3  
“That’s Why We Praise Him”  
“Open the Eyes of My Heart”  
~ “Mary” will light the Advent candle of LOVE  
“What Child is This” Hymn #219

*Lyrics for all songs and hymns will be projected on the screen. You may also use the black “Praise Songs” binder or the Hymnal—both are located in the pew racks along with Bibles for your reference.*

### Welcome

**Scripture** John 3:16-21

**Message** “The Danger of Perishing” ~ Pastor Dave Motta

**Offering** “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” ~ Hymn #224

### Benediction

# Outreach

## Outreach Team Report

2018 Outreach Ministries of the Month. For more information on these ministries please visit with the Calvary contact person.

**NRN** has been added to the Outreach budget for Pastor Melvin's salary, they are our sister church in Nicaragua.

**January** Outreach of the Month is Negros Island Academy, Literacy School in Guihulgan, Philippines to educate the less-fortunate. Contact person is Jana Banico.

**February** Outreach of the Month is Fraser, LTD has provided services, basic needs and housing for at-risk and homeless youth in our community. Contact person is Kathy Mitchell.

**March** Outreach of the Month is UMCOR United Methodist Committee on Relief Contact person is Justin Collins.

**April** Outreach of the Month is Faith Revealed Calvary members Missionaries Paul and Mikki Schlosser providing Spiritual, educational and physical needs of impoverished children and families in Nicaragua. Contact person is Chad Miller.

**May** Outreach of the Month is Child Evangelism Fellowship The goal of this ministry is to share the love of Jesus to over 1300 children in the Fargo/Moorhead area. Contact person is Kathy Spriggs.

**June** Outreach of the Month is First African United Methodist Church One of their goals is to reach out to the homeless, alcohol addicted community with needed items, build a relationship. Contact person is Ada Lower.

**July** Outreach of the Month is Converge There are two primary focuses, first to equip Chinese students/young adults to grow in a prayer and worship for a deeper intimacy with Jesus Christ. The second part is focused on equipping Chinese believers as missionaries to the nations, taking the gospel to the Muslim world. Contact person is Zach Leibel.

**August** Outreach of the Month Pink House International students gather at the Pink House for meals and fellowship and to make God known to all nations. Contact person is Zach Leibel.

**September** Outreach of the Month Jail Chaplains Points men and women to Jesus, encourage them to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus. Jail Chaplains takes the good news into the Cass County Jail. Contact person is Kathy Spriggs.

**October** Outreach of the Month AWANA in Bhutan AWANA envisions Bhutan one day being a majority Christian nation, and is working to the movement to make that happen. Contact person is Jan Redington.

**November** Project 1:17 A ministry in Ethiopia The focus is advocating for and supporting various aspects of foster care, adoption, and orphan care and prevention. Contact person is Kathy Mitchell.

**December** Gideons International The delivery of Gideons Bibles to reach people for Christ where the church may not be able to go. Contact person is Mark Forkner.

# Weekly Events

## **Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

- 9:00 AM Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM First African Church Service ~ Upper Room (208)
- 2:00 PM First African Christmas Celebration ~ Kitchen & Gym
- 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service ~ Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ~ Sanctuary

## **Monday, December 25 Merry Christmas!**

Office and Building Closed

## **Tuesday, December 26**

- 12:00 PM Prayer ~ 105
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting ~ 101

## **Wednesday, December 27**

- 10:00 AM First African UMC Prayer ~ 105

## **Thursday, December 28**

## **Friday, December 29**

## **Saturday, December 30**

- 8:00 AM Prayer ~ Prayer Room 105
- 10:00 AM First African Church Music ~ Upper Room (208)
- 4:00 PM First African Musical Concert/Praise Night ~ Sanctuary

## **Sunday, December 31 Happy New Year!**

- 9:00 AM Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM First African Church Service ~ Upper Room (208) and Foyer



# Sermon Notes

## THE DANGER OF PERISHING

JOHN 3:16-21

Three Questions:

**Question No. 1** What is perishing ?

- ~ Being under the wrath of God. verse 18 & 36
- ~ Fiery torment. Rev 14:10
- ~ Separation from the Glory of God. 2 Thess 1:9
- ~ Everlasting and Irreversible. Matt 25:46; Luke 16:26; 2 Cor 6:2 = Now is the acceptable time.

**Question No. 2** Why are we all perishing if we don't trust in Christ?

- ~ Romans 3:23; 6:23

**Question No. 3** Is it helpful to hear this threatening news?

Good Christian Friends Rejoice!

# Announcements

## TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

**Ushers for December 31, 9:00** - Keith & Brenda Kerbaugh, Rick Vernon, Don & Carol Geigel **10:30** - Lyle & Joyce Janke, Scott & Evan Kostohryz



### Join us for Christmas Eve Worship today!

At 4:00 PM we will have a Family Service (complete with glow sticks) and at 6:00 PM we will have our traditional candle light service.

**The 2018 Budget has been approved.** We have scheduled a budget discussion session for 10:00 AM, Tuesday, December 26, 2017, for those who have questions about it. Please get your copy at the Information Center.

**Financial Peace University** starts January 3rd! Kits are \$93 at the church office (limited supply) or order and register online. Visit [www.daveramsey.com/fpu](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu) or contact Alycia & Brian Walker.

**Couples Group** - Culture Shock by Chip Ingram is a 12 week series consisting of a 30 minute video followed by discussion. Begins Sunday, January 7. The group will gather at 9:00 with the DVD starting at 9:15. Please call Scott & Becky Dunker at 205-8942, [sbdunk94@gmail.com](mailto:sbdunk94@gmail.com) or Roger & Diana Hoyt at 499-0640,

**Wednesday Night Meal** The meal January 3rd will be burgers beans and chips. Please sign up at the Information Center to eat and/or help.



**The YMCA Calvary childcare** would like to thank Sheila, the Trustees and all of the volunteers for their assistance with the Christmas Program and Fellowship meal on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful meal cooked and served by the amazing Calvary volunteers and it would not have been successful without each one of you. Our staff and families appreciate all of the fellowship and partnership we have with Calvary UMC. Thank you!  
Wishing you a Merry Christmas!  
Katie Peterson, YMCA Learning Center Director

# Announcements

**End of Year Giving:** Have your year end giving into the office or postmarked December 31 in order to have it recorded on your 2017 giving statement. Contact Alycia Walker with questions.

**GriefShare begins Saturday January 6, 2018** from 9:30-11:30 AM at the church. Griefshare is 13-week class support group for people grieving the death of someone close. Please share this information with a relative, friend, neighbor, or co-worker who may benefit from GriefShare. Sign-up at the Welcome Center or by contacting the Church Office at 232-5650. For further information contact Karen Fleming 232-0596.

**Purses for a Purpose** - Friday, January 12 from 7:00-8:30 PM at Atonement Church, 4601 S University Drive, Fargo. This community event is created to serve victims of sex trafficking in the FM area. First responders will give purses to the victims filled with needed personal items and a note of prayer and encouragement. Funds raised from the event will bridge the gap to help survivors get back on their feet and into the community. Light refreshments / silent auction / short program / free will donation.  
Visit [www.thenextstepnd.com](http://www.thenextstepnd.com) for more details.

**Youth Ski Trip : Andes Tower Hills Feb 4-5** Attention all 6-12 graders; Join us for this overnight ski outing. Cost =\$50. Fee covers lift ticket, ski rental, lodging, transportation and two meals. Saturday lunch is on your own. If you prefer to snowboard or tube, registration fee may vary a bit. Families that would like to join us for the day on Saturday are welcome to join as well (Cost for skiing only is \$35/ person). Sign up by submitting your registration fee and release form to the office or youth mailbox. We plan to leave church at 8am on Saturday and return by noon on Sunday. Be sure to pack all winter-related gear as well as toiletries and a change of clothes.

**Health Concerns:** Wayne Schumacher, Jacque Ulstad, Luella Carlson, Emma Streyle, Benadene Snyder, Glen Lysne, Barbara Olson, Roger Kalinowski, Joan Meidinger, and Al & Ruth Tollefson.

