

# A NEWS BULLETIN OF

---

## Christ Alone Evangelical Lutheran Church

*“To know Christ and to make his love known in our homes, communities, nation and world.”*

DECEMBER 17, 2017

ADVENT III

**Next Week's Readings**    Isaiah 9:2-7, Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

### **CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS**

*Let us encourage one another -- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**Community Christmas Concert** - On December 20, Christ Alone will present to the community its second annual free Christmas Concert. Instruments, soloists, and choirs will all be part of this opportunity to proclaim the praises of our newborn King. If you can be part of the special choir for that night, come to practices *Tuesdays Dec 5, 12, and 19 at 6:30 pm* at the north sanctuary. We welcome all voices!

**Advent Envelopes** - What a blessing for the two campuses to share this wonderful time of Advent together. As you place your Advent offering into your envelope, please make sure your last name is on the envelope so that your offering may be added to your givings. Your regular offering envelope does show which campus it is from but the Advent/Christmas envelopes do not. Our volunteer counters thank you for your help in this matter.

### **Christmas & New Year's Services**

December 20	7:00 p.m.	Community Christmas Concert @ Calvary campus
December 21	6:30 p.m.	Preschool Christmas Service @ Calvary campus
December 22	8:30 a.m.	Dress rehearsal for Christ Alone <i>Children's Christmas Service</i>
December 24	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Christ Alone School <i>Children's Christmas Service</i>
	6:30 p.m.	Carols & Candlelight Service @ Calvary campus
	10:30 p.m.	Carols & Candlelight Service @ Calvary campus

December 25 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service @ Calvary campus  
December 31 8:00 a.m. New Year's Eve Day Service  
10:30 a.m. New Year's Eve Day Service  
6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service @ Calvary campus

There will be **no worship services** on the following Thursdays & Saturdays at the Trinity campus: **December 21, 23, 28, and 30.**

**Christmas Fellowship** – Due to the unique scheduling for our children's service this year, there will be no Bible class on December 24. We do invite everyone to a time of Christian fellowship in our gymnasium between services. Anyone wishing to bring samples of Christmas cookies is invited to do so. **(We are a peanut free school environment)**

**School News** - Academics are very important, but finally, they must give way to things eternal. Our concentration on the week ahead covers things which make a difference for eternity. As practiced preachers, our students will share the Christmas Gospel message two times on Christmas Eve morning. Please join us for "A Sola Christmas," focusing on the Solas of the Reformation, during our normal 8:00 and 10:30 worship times. Neighbors and friends are invited!

The preschoolers of St. John's Building Blocks program will be presenting a short Christmas program in our fellowship hall Tuesday evening, December 19th, at 6:00 pm. Our own 3K and 4K will share their joyful Christmas message in Christ Alone's sanctuary on Thursday, December 21, at 6:30 pm. All are invited!

We break for Christmas and New Year vacation at 11:30 am Friday, December 22. School resumes again on Thursday, January 4th. May God bless and keep your families safe during this wonderful time of year!

**Sunday School Students** - Parents whose children attend public schools are warmly invited to have their children participate in Christ Alone Lutheran Elementary school services the morning of December 24th. The students will be asked to learn their parts at home and participate in key practices the week before Christmas. All those who are interested, please contact principal Dan Aswege [daniel\\_aswege@calvarylutheran.org](mailto:daniel_aswege@calvarylutheran.org) or by cell phone: [\(262\) 685-8427](tel:262-685-8427) as soon as possible.

**2018 Offering Envelopes for Christ Alone Members** – may be found on tables in the Calvary campus' coat room. New envelope numbers have been assigned, please use your 2018 envelopes after the new year. Please contact the church office (262-242-4710) if you are unable to locate your envelopes.

**Ladies Aid** - We welcome all ladies to attend our Ladies Aid meeting on Wednesday, January 3 at 12:00 noon at our South (Trinity) campus. Please bring your own sandwich or lunch and any extra Christmas cookies to share for our dessert.

**Campbell's Labels For Education** - After 43 years, Campbell's Labels for Education is ending, due to declined participation nationally. In the next weeks, I will determine if there is enough for one final submission. Over the years, this program, with your help, has provided many educational items for our school. I would like to profoundly thank all Calvary/Christ Alone families for collecting labels and for all the support given for this program.

**New Congregational Structure** - Now that our new Christ Alone organizational structure and strategic planning process has been approved by our voters, the first step of implementing that new structure is the process of nominating members of Christ Alone to serve on the seven boards and committees that will make up the core of our new structure. If there are men from our church family you would like to nominate for any of the three boards (Board of Elders, Finance and Budget Board, or School Board), please forward those names to either of our pastors or call the church office with those names. Also, in our new structure, the four committees (Member Ministry, Outreach, Property, and Spiritual Growth) are open to either men or women from our church family. Names you would like to nominate from the men or women of our church family for any of those four committees can also be given to the pastors or call the church office.

**Signup for Service Bulletin Covers** – A sheet is posted (on an easel) in the Calvary campus narthex for signing up to be a donor for special service bulletin covers throughout the year.

**Rides for College Students?** - Close as we are to Concordia University, we sometimes receive requests from students for rides to church. Are you interested in being one of those who could offer a ride to a student? Please contact the church office with your availability.

**WELS Youth Rally:** The 2018 WELS International Youth Rally is scheduled for June 26-29 at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH. Watch the bulletin and your email for more detailed information in the near future.

**Tract Focus** - How many times have you said "This is my year to read through the whole Bible again"? The tract offered this week is a pamphlet from Rose Publishing with a one-year "journey" providing 3 different Bible reading plans. Pick up the pamphlet at the Welcome Center in the Calvary narthex.

## OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

**KML 12 Days of Christmas** - Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is once again reaching out to help three families in need through our 12 Days of Christmas event. Our student body will be participating for 12 days to help these families. You are also invited to participate via [www.kmlhs.org/12days](http://www.kmlhs.org/12days).

**Short-Term Host Families Needed for Costa Rican Exchange Students** - KML is asking for your help in hosting Costa Rican students in a cultural exchange from January 17-February 1, 2018. Still needed are host families for 3 boys (ages 13, 15, and 16). The only requirements of families is to provide a room, meals, and transportation to/from KML and to have an interest in sharing their culture and learning about Costa Rican culture. Interested families should fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/KML-CRhostapp>. The itinerary the students will follow can viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/KML-CRschedule>. Questions? Contact Mrs. Micah Nelson ([micah.nelson@kmlhs.org](mailto:micah.nelson@kmlhs.org)).

**Luther Prep Christmas Concert** – Luther Prep will host their Christmas concerts on Sunday, December 17, at 3:00 pm and Thursday, December 21, at 10:00 am in their gymnasium.

**Awake and Alive two-day Christian Conference for young adults**-*Awake and Alive will be hosting a two-day conference January 5th and 6th at Wisconsin Lutheran College for anyone in the 18 to 25 generation. This year's theme is "Take Hold of the Gift." The book of Philippians is often referred to as Paul's letter of JOY and our theme this year is based on his encouragement in chapter 3:12 "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." We talk about the "Gift" of God's grace that we have received freely through Jesus Christ, but what does it mean to really "take hold of the gift"? This year's conference will focus on ways we transition from "knowing" Christian information to taking hold of our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. As we do this, our identity will shift, we'll view shame differently, and be inspired to bring healing to the world. The conference will be filled with great devotions, speakers, breakout sessions, music and community time. [www.awakealive.com](http://www.awakealive.com) has the full details. Space is limited, so visit the website soon to register! Not 18-25 but still interested? Contact Jill Dunbar at [jilld@awakealive.com](mailto:jilld@awakealive.com) or Mike Westendorf at [mike@mikewestendorf.com](mailto:mike@mikewestendorf.com) to find out how you can help support this event.*

**Job Opportunities** - Posted on the board in the coat room are many job opportunities for our members.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (CC- CALVARY CAMPUS TC- TRINITY CAMPUS)

- Sun 12/17      **Communion Services 8:00 am & 10:30 am (CC)**  
Sunday School 9:15 am  
Bible Class/ Teen Bible Class **Rainbow Savior** (fellowship hall) 9:15 am  
Public School Catechism Class 9:15 am
- Mon 12/18      Women's Bible Class (TC) - **Hosea** 1:30 pm  
Church Council Meeting (CC) 6:30 pm
- Tues 12/19      Bible Class (CC) - **Prepared to Answer** 6:45 am  
Bible Class (CC) - **Job** 9:30 am  
Special Choir Practice for Community Christmas Concert (CC) 6:30 pm
- Wed 12/20      Bible Class (CC) - **Hebrews** 9:30 am  
Community Christmas Concert 7:00 pm
- Thurs 12/21     **No Worship Service 6:30 pm (TC)**  
Preschool Christmas Service (CC) 6:30 pm  
No Bible Class (TC)
- Fri 12/22      Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal 8:30 am  
Early Release from School 11:30 am  
Youth Group 6:00 pm (fellowship hall) (CC)
- Sat 12/23      **No Worship Service 5:30 pm (TC)**
- Sun 12/24      **Children's Christmas Services 8:00 am & 10:30 am (CC)**  
Bible Class/ Teen Bible Class **Rainbow Savior** (gymnasium) 9:15 am  
**Candlelight Worship Service 6:30 pm (CC)**  
**Candlelight Worship Service 10:30 pm (CC)**
- Mon 12/25      **Christmas Festival Service 9:30 am (CC)**
- 

### CHRIST ALONE CONTACT INFORMATION

#### **Calvary campus**

247 S. Main Street Thiensville, WI 53092

[www.ChristAloneWELS.org](http://www.ChristAloneWELS.org)

Church Office: 262.242.4710

School Office: 262.242.3870

Pastor Kurt Ebert: 262.853.5068 (cell), kurt\_ebert@calvarylutheran.org

Pastor Don Scheuerlein: 262.853.5095 (cell), don\_scheuerlein@calvarylutheran.org

Principal Dan Aswege: 262.685.8427 (cell), daniel\_aswege@calvarylutheran.org

 facebook.com/Calvary53092

#### **Trinity campus**

10001 N. Cedarburg Road Mequon, WI 53092