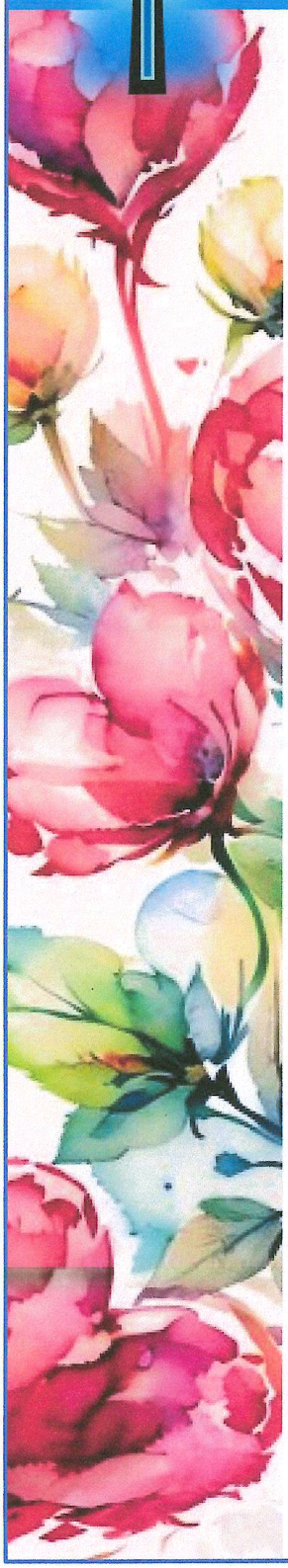
November 2026

The Calvary Corner

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Commandment 2

~ Liz Stone

The second commandment in Luther's Small Catechism in the list of ten reads: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God."

When we think about the Second Commandment, we often think about swearing, profanity, or taking the Lord's name in vain. But Martin Luther's explanation in the Small Catechism invites us to look deeper: "We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks."

Misusing God's name is about more than the words we speak. It can happen whenever we use God's name carelessly, dishonestly, or to give our own opinions and actions an authority they do not have. God's name is holy, and we are called to use it with intention and reverence—not to win an argument, condemn others, or make our own agendas seem as though God has endorsed them. But what does this have to do with faith and love?

We sometimes find it difficult to imagine loving God in the same way we love our children, our parents, or someone significant in our lives. When we truly love someone, we don't want to hurt them or speak badly about them. We respect their name because of the relationship we share.

So why would we use God's name carelessly when God loves us so deeply? God created us, forgives us, and promises to remain with us. Jesus gave his life for us. When we begin to understand the depth of that love, perhaps the Second Commandment becomes less about following a rule and more about honoring our relationship with the God who loves us so deeply.

Interestingly, even when we love and respect someone, we sometimes use their name or life to make our words more believable. Think about expressions such as "I swear on my mom's life" or "I swear on my father's grave." We call upon someone we love to give our words greater authority, perhaps without thinking about what we are asking of them.

With this in mind, the Second Commandment takes on a broader meaning than simply avoiding the misuse of God's name. If using the name or life of someone we love to prove our honesty deserves careful thought, shouldn't we give even greater consideration to how we use God's name? Do we sometimes invoke God's name to make our opinions sound more convincing, to win an argument, or to suggest that God agrees with us? The Second Commandment invites us to stop and consider whether we are honoring God's name or using it to serve our own purposes.

Faith and love call us to consider not only what we say about God, but how we use God's name in our everyday lives. Do we use it to bring comfort, offer hope, and express gratitude? Or do we use it to make our opinions seem unquestionable?

Honoring God's name begins with remembering whose name it is—and how deeply we are loved by the One who bears it. When our faith is rooted in that love and we love God in return, reverence becomes more than a commandment. It becomes a response of gratitude, trust, and genuine, heartfelt love for God.



Kara Carter	November 1
Linda Horsager	November 1
Jessica Kimball	November 1
Brian Behrens	November 2
Ruth Hed	November 2
Jaxon Lampl	November 2
Jayne Moyer	November 2
Eli Smith	November 2
Walter Stachon	November 2
Ayla Breitweser	November 3
Shane Graham	November 3
Jean Kruft	November 3
Nolan Pederson	November 3
Dave Sharbo	November 3
Alexis Stevenson	November 3
Haley Tate	November 3
Erna Johnson	November 4
Jed Eix	November 5
Claire Pederson	November 5
Abbie Randall	November 5
Adam Shaw	November 5
Landon Strasburg	November 5
Marjorie Austin	November 6
LaDonne Edelman	November 6
Shane Kirlin	November 6
Isabel Meyer	November 6
Marleen Seach	November 6
Allie Edelman	November 7
Lela Glander	November 7
Steff Peterson	November 7
Rick Swanson	November 7
Shawn Tate	November 7
Jolynn Wettels	November 7
Josh Jordahl	November 8
Marcus Benson	November 9
Kelsey Christofferson	November 9
Marty Peterson	November 9
Damien Solien	November 9
Mike Ridlon	November 10
Pat Sullivan	November 10
Peter Young	November 10
Emmalynn Cook	November 11
Charlotte Peterson	November 11
Jeffrey Lageson	November 12
Curt McCabe	November 12
Steve Norby	November 12
Mark Evans	November 13
Maria Kohrs	November 13
Jill Manlove	November 13
Bryce Brovitch	November 14
Hadley Hedberg	November 14
Caelee Lundy	November 14
Hunter Safratowich	November 14
Lori Cease	November 15
Conner Hanson	November 15
Janet Kahring	November 15
Karen Welte	November 15
Patrick Simmons	November 16
Bradley Graham	November 17
Leah Hilmanowski	November 17
Cal Kehr	November 17
Alex Kirlin	November 17
Zyonna Pierre	November 17
Wayne Thompson	November 17
Seth Breitweser	November 18
Eddie Carlson	November 18
Chris Coborn	November 18
Cole Coborn	November 18
Ryann Hagen	November 18
Kathy Nevins	November 18
Laila Davis	November 19
Makenzie Eberhardt	November 19
Karen Sharbo	November 19
Jeni Simpson	November 19
Jill Simpson	November 19
Jo Ashmore	November 20
Candace Gulsvig	November 20
Sarah Loktu	November 20
Dave Snelling	November 20
Cooper Baumann	November 21
Luka Kondziolka	November 21
Lynn Litzau	November 21
Macy Miller	November 21
Linda Paulson	November 21
Maurice Spangler	November 21
David Strombeck	November 21
Benn Sundsrud	November 21
Jerry Swedberg	November 21
Matthew Bruce	November 22
Kenzie Strasburg	November 22
Emma Vrieze	November 22
Amanda Bruce	November 23
Beth Buggert	November 23
Audrey Carlson	November 23
Xander Choi	November 23
Scott Leshovsky	November 23
Dodie Egge	November 24
Sutton Hansen-Trumble	November 24
Terri Churchman	November 25
Josie Gill	November 25
Alayna Hensel	November 25
RaeAnn Jacobson	November 25
Kaye Molin	November 25
Reese Splett	November 25
Olivia Davis	November 26
Dale Kendall	November 26
Symantha Massie	November 26
Gary Edevold	November 27
Pat Gray	November 27
Judy Novak	November 28
Whitney Steffel	November 28
Susan Wolfe	November 28
Dave Free	November 29
Keith Hed	November 29
Ronald Litzau	November 29
William Meggers	November 29
Sheryl McKinney Jr	November 29
Krista Carpenter	November 30
Laureen Cunningham	November 30
Evan Edevold	November 30
Noah Huot	November 30
Zachery Lilleodden	November 30
Jed Nordin	November 30
Karen Roberts	November 30

Faith & Literature meets on **November 10th** @ 10:00 am in the Luther Room. The book will be ***voices from Pejuhutazizi*** written by Teresa Peterson & Walter Labatte, Jr. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Marten @ 507-273-7211 or Patty Stephens @ 218-552-1737.

The Owls (Older Wiser Lutherans) are a group of adults who go out for breakfast or lunch every first Tuesday of the month. You don't have to sign up or be on a committee, just come join us for a meal, chat and have fun. On **November 3rd** we are going to **Hub 71 in Sebeka for lunch** at 11:30. Please call me to RSVP - Chris Luckeroth at 218-255-7467.

You are invited to the Hubbard Methodist Church for a joint Thanksgiving Worship service on **November 25th** at 7:00 pm.

Calvary Happenings

Junior & Senior League

(Jr. League: Grades 6-8 / Sr. League: Grades 9-12)

November 4th	Senior League (6-8)
	9th Grade Confirmation (7-8)
November 11th	Jr. League (6 – 7:30)
	9th Grade Confirmation (7-8)
November 18th	Senior League (6-8)
	9th Grade Confirmation (7-8)
November 25th	No League – Happy  Day



Youth Fund Raiser
Christmas Wreaths

$20

Available beginning at Noon Tuesday, November 24th until sold out.

Potato Pickers

The Annual Calvary Lutheran Youth potato picking event for the Hubbard County Food Shelf achieved 1,354#! This event began at 8:30 worship, followed with breakfast, friends, sunshine, fun & laughter. A huge thank you!



Youth Mission Trip Information Meeting

What: 2027 Youth Mission Trip Meeting

Where: Sunday School Commons

When: Sunday, November 8th @ 11:30
(Immediately following 2nd Service)

Who: Meeting is for Parents **AND** Youth
(Grade 9th – 12th)

10th Grade Confirmation

Blessings and Congratulations to the following Confirmands who were confirmed October 25th.

Abbie Randall, Eleanor Hensel, Eli Jalbert, Ella Carrol, Emmett Ellingson, Greta Galzki, Jackson Brann, Kamry Hanson, Kenzie Strasburg, Lucas Litzau, McKenzie Baso, Nolan Michaelson, Ryan Cook, Ryann Hagen, Sebastian Higginbotham, Zaden Kocka, Evelyn Swanson

"May the Holy Spirit guide your heart and light your way" Galatians 5:16

Looking Ahead

Saturday, December 19th
Christmas Program Rehearsal (2:00 – 4:00)

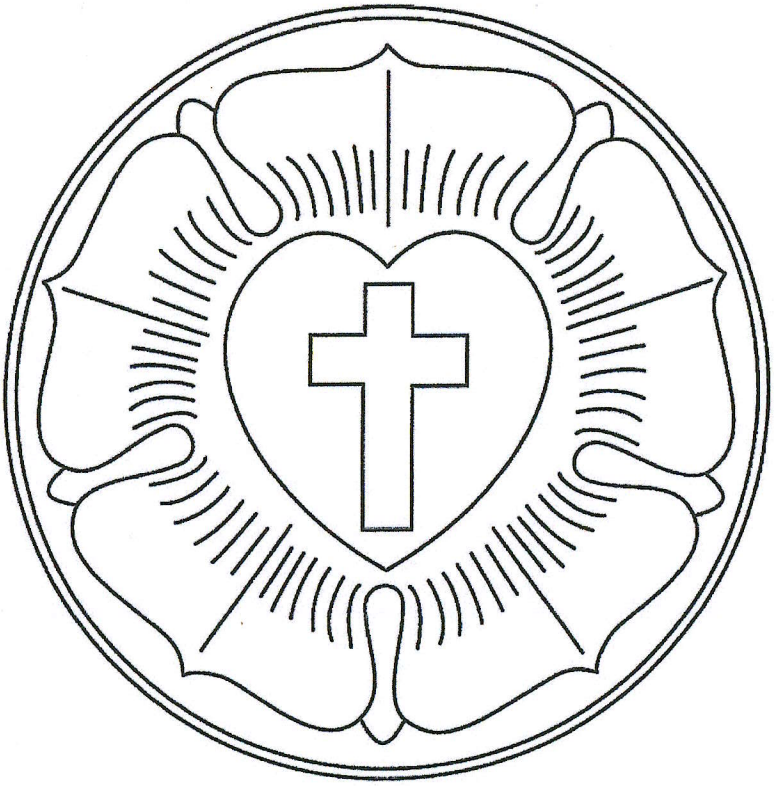
Sunday, December 20th
Christmas Program @ 10:30 Service

There will be NO Sunday School on the following dates:
December 27th OR January 3rd

Thank you to all who donated candy and to the volunteers who helped in providing a fun and safe Trunk and Treat Event. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated!

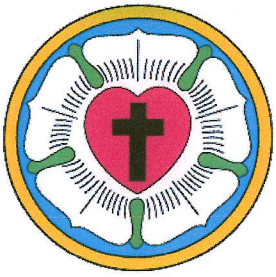
God's word and His Spirit living within us empower us to walk with strength in whatever comes our way.

Luther Rose Coloring Page



Please use the following colors
to show the message of the Luther Rose:

BLUE Field: Joy in Christ's Provision of Salvation
RED Heart: Forgiveness and the Righteousness we have in Christ
BLACK Cross: Death of Christ as Substitute for our sin
WHITE Rose: Peace of God
GOLD Ring: Unending Duration – God's Promise is Forever



~ Memorials & Honorariums ~

In Memory of.... Diana Eischens

Nancy McDowell	Mission Quilters
Jill & Deane Johnson	Mission Quilters
Linda & Dale Grove	Mission Quilters
Karen Roberts	Mission Quilters

In Memory of.... Dean Jones

Jackie Chaney	Pastor's Discretion



GENERAL FUND (Operational) MONTHLY FINANCIAL- **Monthly Goal: $62,945**

2026	Income	Expenses	Difference
Dec '25	$196,645	$ 65,993	$130,652
January	$ 61,088	$ 69,124	($ 8,036)
February	$ 77,922	$ 63,066	$ 14,855
March	$ 74,832	$ 65,929	$ 8,903
April	$ 43,510	$ 70,379	($ 16,653)
May	$ 61,245	$ 57,583	$ 3,661
June	$ 43,906	$ 60,819	($ 16,913)
July	$ 40,007	$ 60,327	($ 20,319)
August	$ 53,647	$ 55,616	($ 1,969)
September	$ 42,543	$ 64,981	($ 22,438)
October			
November			
December			

BUILDING FUND INCOME

September Total:
$ 5,655
Monthly Mortgage:
$10,429

Monthly Council Minutes are posted on our website, www.calvaryparkrapids.com

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