

SECTION 11

GLOSSARY

Acolyte	A liturgical assistant to the pastor who lights and extinguishes candles, helps with the offering, and may serve as crucifer, torch-bearer, banner bearer, or server.
Adult Forum	Adult education where various topics are presented and discussed during the Education hour.
Advent	The first season of the church year. Comes from the Latin word which means “coming.” Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Messiah at Christmas. It is the four weeks before Christmas.
Advent Dinner	Annual event for women sponsored by MCLCW during the advent season.
Alanon House	The white house located to the north of the church houses various alcohol and drug counseling programs of the Dakota Alano Society.
All Committee Night	A gathering of all committees on the second Tuesday of each month for fellowship and committee meetings.
Alleluia Choir	Musical option at Mount Calvary for children grades 4-7.
Altar Guild	Members of this group prepare the sanctuary for worship.
Annual Meeting	An annual gathering of the congregation held at the end of the fiscal year (May) to share highlights of the past year and the future mission of the church.
“B” Rooms	Five classroom in the basement of the old church labeled B1, B2, B3, B4 and B5.
Bazaar	Annual fund raising event sponsored by MCLCW each fall which includes the sale of crafts, bake goods and a soup luncheon.
Brass Choir	Musical option at Mount Calvary for brass instrument players.
Calvary Carillons	Musical option at Mount Calvary for adult handbell ringers. This choir is for the more experienced ringer.

Camp Onomia	A Christian camp located near Onamia, MN which Mount Calvary supports.
Cantor	A resource person for all worship and music activities.
Chalice	Cup used for administration of wine at Holy Communion.
Chancel	Elevated area in front of the sanctuary where the altar and pulpit are located.
Choir & Music Room	This room is entered from the Fellowship Hall in the basement. It is used for choir and other music rehearsals as well as being the Cantor's office.
Community Meals	A weekly meal held at Mount Calvary for people of the community in need. Mount Calvary and three local churches sponsor these meals.
Confirmation	A pastoral and educational ministry of the church which helps the baptized child through word and sacrament to identify more deeply with the Christian community and participate more fully in its mission.
Corpus	Carved figure of Christ attached to a cross.
Council	Group consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three other members who work with committees and staff to provide leadership and decisions on congregational issues.
Crucifix	Cross with corpus attached.
ELCA	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
Epiphany	Celebrated on January 6, marking the manifestation of Christ to the world.
Eucharist	A name for the service of Holy Communion. "Eu" comes from the Greek word meaning good, "charis" means gift. Eucharist means "good gift".
Ewer	Pitcher in which baptismal water is carried to the font.
Fellowship Hall	Large room in church basement (next to church kitchen) used for dinners, wedding receptions, large meetings, etc.

Finance	Committee manages funds, develops and implements proper financial procedures, assists in preparation of congregational budget, and reviews insurance needs and related matters.
50+ Group	Monthly gathering of Christian people (over the age of 50) for fellowship.
Fireside Room	Old sanctuary area on first floor which is used for small fellowship events, meetings, etc.
Flute Ensemble	Musical option at Mount Calvary for flute players.
Font	From the Latin for “fountain;” the basin which holds water for Holy Baptism.
Global/Social Ministry	Committee considers challenges in our community, our country, and the work and recommends a Christian course of action for our congregation to encourage improvements and heighten our awareness of different cultures.
God’s Children Sing	Musical option at Mount Calvary for children ages 18 months to 3 years.
Gospbell Ringers	Musical option at Mount Calvary for adult handbell ringers. This choir is for the beginner or less experienced ringers.
Habitat for Humanity	An event focused on building homes in the community.
Heifer Project	A service project sponsored by the Sunday School.
Holy Baptism	The rite of initiation into the family of God; it is the entrance into the church of Christ.
Holy Week	It begins with the sixth Sunday in Lent, called Palm Sunday, and includes Maundy Thursday, celebrating the institution of the Lord’s Supper, and Good Friday, celebrating the death of Christ for the sins of the world, and ends on Saturday.
Joy Choir	Musical option at Mount Calvary for children grades 1-3.
Leadership Retreat	A gathering of committee chairpersons, council members, and staff at the beginning of each fiscal year to share and focus on the needs of the congregation.
Lector	Person who reads the scripture lessons during the worship service.

Lent	A period of forty days of fasting in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.
Lessons and Carols	A special service during advent that includes nine Biblical readings interspersed with carols sung by the choirs and the congregation.
Library	A repository for Christian literary and artistic materials kept for reading or reference.
Link Rooms	The area on the lower level that connects the old church and the new church. Four classrooms are located in the link.
MCLCW	Mount Calvary Lutheran Church Women – An opportunity for women of the congregation to enjoy Christian fellowship through the study of God’s word and serve others through various service projects.
Men’s Breakfast	A monthly gathering of Christian men sharing food and fellowship.
Men Who Can Golf	Members of this group meet during the summer months to golf and enjoy fellowship.
Messenger	Mount Calvary’s monthly newsletter.
Mother-Daughter Banquet	Annual event for women sponsored by MCLCW near Mother’s Day.
Mount Calvary Crafters	This group makes hand-crafted gifts, holiday decorations and wooden articles for the annual church bazaar sponsored by MCLCW.
Mount Calvary Quilters	This group sews quilts which go to Lutheran World Relief and other agencies.
Narthex	The entrance portion of the church. A place for church members to greet one another and prepare for worship.
Nave	The part of a church building in which the congregation sits, between the Narthex and the Chancel.
New Member Orientation	Meetings for new members that focus on ELCA beliefs and information about programs at Mount Calvary.
Old Church Basement	Large room located directly below the Fireside Room.

Outreach	Committee calls prospective members, coordinates new member sponsor and orientation programs, updates the church pictorial directory and promotes a spirit of belonging among the membership.
Paint-a-Thon	A yearly event focused on painting a home in the community.
Pall	Linen-covered square placed over rim of chalice when not in use.
Paraments	They adorn the furnishings of the chancel in colors of the liturgical day or season. The main paraments are those used to vest the altar and pulpit.
Parish Education	Committee works with Director of Christian Education promoting and coordinating congregational education through Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, confirmation classes, and adult and family educational programs.
Paschal Candle	Tall candle by the baptismal font which symbolizes Christ's forty days on earth after the Resurrection.
Playground Pals	People with young children meet at area playgrounds during the summer months to play, share a snack and fellowship.
Preschool Choir	Musical option at Mount Calvary for children ages 4, 5 and kindergarten.
Property	Committee responsible for upkeep of all church property and providing general supervision of the on-going custodial and maintenance functions as well as planning and implementation of facility renewal projects.
Pulpit	Raised reading desk in chancel from which the sermon is delivered.
Rally Sunday	An event of the Sunday School children in September which kicks off the start of the Sunday School year.
River Hills Day	A youth fund raising activity held in conjunction with the River Hills garage sale the first Saturday in June.
Sacrament	A rite commanded by Christ which uses an earthly element as a sign of God's grace. The two sacraments are Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

Sacristy	Room used for storage and preparation of items needed in worship.
Sanctuary	The section of the chancel in which the altar is located.
Sanctuary Choir	Musical option at Mount Calvary for adult singers.
Sanctuary Lamp	Constantly burning candle suspended from ceiling or mounted on chancel wall; symbolic of Christ's living presence.
Scrapbook Night	This group meets to organize pictures and other memorabilia and to share fellowship.
Shared Ministry	Committee coordinates identifying the gifts and talents of Mount Calvary's members and calling forth these gifts for the ministry.
Shrove Tuesday	Another name for this day is Mardi Gras, a French phrase meaning "large" or "fat" Tuesday, a reference to the practice of eating up what were considered "luxury" dairy products such as pancakes, donuts, and pastries before the fasting of Lent.
Sunday School	Christian education opportunity on Sunday mornings for the youth of Mount Calvary.
Time and Talents	An opportunity for everyone at Mount Calvary to sign up to volunteer their time and talents for the church.
Trust Fund	Committee responsible for accepting and administering the gifts designated for the trust fund, acting as custodian of the fund and providing information about the fund and sound financial planning to the congregation.
Vacation Bible School	A one-week Christian education opportunity for children during the summer.
Visitation Pastor	Pastor in this part-time position assists in pastoral duties such as hospital visits, shut-in calls, liaison to the Outreach Committee, works with the 50+ group, Bible studies, and sermons.
VOSH	Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity.
Warm Up America	This group meets to crochet and knit blankets for others and enjoy fellowship. It is open to all ages.
Wednesday Night Supper	A weekly meal providing fellowship for all members of Mount Calvary.

Women Who Book	This group enjoys reading and meets to discuss books and enjoy fellowship.
Women Who Golf	Members of this group meet during the summer months to golf and enjoy fellowship.
Worship and Music	Committee works with Cantor planning worship and music. Responsible for acolytes, altar guild, choirs, hosts, lay assistants, nursery, ushers and visual arts.
Youth and Family	Committee works with the Youth Director in providing leadership to plan, sponsor and implement youth events and fund-raisers to support youth activities.
Youth Director	This part-time staff position involves planning, publicizing and implementing youth fellowship activities. This person is also involved in the Confirmation program and works closely with volunteers helping facilitate the ministry.
Youth Handbells	Musical option at Mount Calvary for confirmation age handbell ringers.