



CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



August 2023 Monthly Newsletter

From the Pastors

Let There Be Light

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good.

~ Genesis 1:3-4a

Talk about power. God speaks. It happens. By the sheer speaking of his Word, a new reality comes into existence. Talk about a truly enlightening experience (sorry for the bad pun).

Don't we wish that things went that easily in life, but too often words are one thing, while actions and results are another. Our recent lighting project has certainly allowed more light to shine in our worship life, but we know the work, effort, and activity that it took to make it happen. We also know too well all the troubleshooting that must take place in any endeavor of mankind in this imperfect world affected by the fall into sin. And yet God continues to invite us to reflect his creative energy, power, and activity, for he has created us in His image. Just as God placed Adam and Eve into the garden to tend it, care for it, and work in it that it might bring forth more flourishing, so also does God continue to invite us to bear His image. He invites us in our words and actions to reflect His creative grace and His unyielding compassion and desire for His creation to thrive.

We live in a world that continues to be impacted by the darkness of sin. In our world at large and in our lives in specific we see the long shadows cast by the troubles and selfishness of this life. The news is often filled with doom and gloom, but if we are honest too often our own conversations are filled with somber attitude of griping and complaining. We may begin our day with a sunny attitude, but all too often the shadow of sin too quickly settles in and by the end of the day we are exhausted, frustrated, and feeling a little gloomier.

As much as we might bemoan this reality, as much as we wish that things would be different, we know that this is the struggle of life in a world impacted by sin, but the love of God has the ability to pierce the dark clouds hovering over us. The grace of Jesus has a way of refreshing our soul and renewing our hope, even in our darkest hours. We are reminded that *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness"* (Lamentations 3:22-23). By the mere title of the book from which it is quoted, we know that the dark shadows of life hung heavy upon the lives of its original audience, but God's light shines upon us not just with every new sunrise. God's light and love shines every day through His promises that do not change, do not fade, and do not give up on us. Indeed, "let there be light." May the light of Christ shine in your life today and every day.

Pastor Kurt Ebert

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

~ John 8:12

Staff Spotlight / Volunteer Focus

Brian Krohmer



What is your role at Calvary?

Youth Ministry Intern

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

For me, the people are what make it. Everyone at Calvary is ready to help, serve, and love.

Who has been the biggest influence on your faith? Why?

My DCE at my home congregation, Karen Dutton, probably had the biggest influence on my faith. Through her mentorship, I was able to attend many youth events, conferences, and work with her on the Ohio Districts Youth Ministry Team. These experiences helped form me into the person I am today.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

I would probably have to say that Mark is my favorite book of the Bible. I just love how fast paced and interesting it is. It tells you all that you need to know, but never too much. It jumps from story to story, not getting bogged down in the weeds.

Favorite Dessert?

Usually, I would answer this question by saying the closest dessert is my favorite, but I suppose that I should be serious with this one. Right now, I have been really enjoying a good bowl of chocolate ice cream with brownies in it.

What is one thing that the people of Calvary can keep in their prayers for your area of ministry?

That God continues to guide me as I continue to become acquainted with the people and ministry of Calvary.

Joe Pluckebaum



What is your role at Calvary?

Fellowship Ministry Team Director

What motivates you to give of your time and talent in this way?

It's a family tradition. My parents set the example for me when I was a youngster. They volunteered at church and I saw that. I try to model what they did.

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

The people. I enjoy getting to know the Calvary family of people.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Romans 5:8—But God demonstrated His great love for us in this way, while we were sinners Christ died for us.

Favorite Dessert?

Tiramisu or chocolate chip ice cream, or chocolate chip cookies or...

What is one thing that the people of Calvary can keep in their prayers for your area of ministry?

Fair weather on September 24th, the day of the church outdoor service and picnic.

General News

Foundations of Faith Class

•• 6 Sunday Morning Sessions

•• Starts Sunday, August 20, 9:25 a.m. Room 125

Twice a year Calvary offers its *Foundations of Faith* Class for adults, providing practical answers about faith, the Lutheran Church, and Calvary's mission. Our fall class will begin August 20 for 6 sessions (no class Labor Day weekend.) If you are interested in becoming a member of Calvary, this class is a great opportunity to learn more about our ministries and to become better acquainted with our pastors and other individuals. All materials and refreshments are provided; Sunday School classes are available for children. Questions? Email Kara Hiatt.

GriefShare

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. Wednesdays, **August 16—November 8, 6:00- 8:00 p.m.** Led by trained facilitators Mike Loudon and Roxanne Deardurff. Sessions include videos by experts in grieving, support group discussion, personal study/reflection. Open to everyone. Begin attending at any time; sessions are not sequential. Contact Mike Loudon or Roxanne Deardurff for more information.

Confirmation Orientation & All Youth Kick-Off

Confirmation Orientation (7th & 8th Grade families) Calvary's Head-to-Heart (H2H) Confirmation provides a chance for each youth to grow in his/her relationship with the Lord and others, as each youth prepares to receive the Lord's Supper and to affirm his/her faith in Jesus. Parents and youth are invited to a special informational meeting **Sun., Aug 20 4:45-5:30 p.m.** Our confirmation year will formally begin Sun., Sept 10 during the Sunday morning education hour.

All Youth Kick-Off (5th-8th Grade families) **Sun., Aug 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Open to all youth regardless of where they attend church or school. All are welcome!

We will begin with a brief parent meeting from 5:30-5:40 p.m. in the sanctuary. Parents will receive youth calendars, t-shirt order forms, and learn about the awesome events we have planned for the year. Parents are highly encouraged to join us for these 10 minutes to start our event. Parents are welcome to stay for the event and join the fun!

Sunday School Attendance Awards Spring 2022-23

Faithful

Drew Hiatt
Leyla Honebrink
Paisley Langhammer
Lucas Marrero

Grace Hiatt
Tyson Honebrink
Landon Madden
Theo Reifsteck

Damon Honebrink
Trenton Kamp
Logan Marrero



General News

Lutheran World Relief Promise Project—School Kits

Plan to help pack school kits for LWR in October. Shop now for school supplies when prices are low. Items needed are 70-sheet notebooks (wide or college-ruled), 12" rulers, pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, unsharpened #2 pencils w/ erasers, black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink), box of 16 or 24 crayons, 2-1/2" erasers. Please bring your donations to the collection bin in the narthex by **Sun., October 1**. Questions? Contact Karen Hand.

Head-to-Heart Confirmation Prayer Angels Needed

Do you want to be a positive influence on the faith of our young people? Prayer angels encourage our 2nd year confirmation students throughout the year with prayers, cards, and little gifts. At the end of the year, we host a special banquet where our secret prayer angels are revealed and connect with their confirmand. Contact the church office (churchsecretary@clcs.org) or our Prayer Angel Coordinator (Diana Blazek) if you are interested in serving as a prayer angel.

Produce Table in Narthex

If you have extra produce from your garden that you'd like to share, place it on the table in the narthex. The produce is available to everyone, and free-will donations will benefit the Good Samaritan Fund that supports Calvary Church and School families in need.

Silent Auction Donation Request Envelope Stuffing Party

Calvary's 54th Bazaar is coming up Nov 11. The Silent Auction Committee will be gathering to stuff donation letters to be mailed out to participating businesses. To help speed the process, we are looking for volunteers to join us at church on **Wed., Aug 2 @ 4:30 p.m.** in the North Narthex. No need for any previous experience. Contact Karen Hand with any questions.

July Memorials

In Memory of Gene Lauterbach:

Bob & Wendy Wilson

In Memory of Tim White:

*Joe & Nancy Brockmeier, Elise Wolf, Charles & Betty Bardonner,
Alice & William Moore*

In Memory of Elli Huotilainen:

*Elise Wolf, Paul & Kathy Brakke, Margie Leive, Raymond Hanley,
Kalevi & Linda Huotilainen*



Holiday Bazaar

Save the date!!!

The 54th Annual Holiday Bazaar will be **Saturday, November 11, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Bazaar planning has begun! You can find details at clcs.org/bazaar.

Are you looking for a way to serve and have great fellowship with others at the same time? We are currently looking for many volunteers to help with the planning stages. Coordinators are needed to organize various aspects of the bazaar. Team members are needed to work with coordinators to accomplish tasks. It takes many hands and minds to make a successful bazaar. To volunteer please contact Karen Wright.

Proceeds from this year's bazaar will benefit CLS classroom security hardware, contribute to new carpeting in our sanctuary, and support Lutheran Child & Family Service's Pando program (<https://www.lutheranfamily.org/what-we-do/community-based-programs/pando-aspen-grove-of-community-heights.html>).

Help is needed to stuff donation letters which will be mailed out to businesses. We are looking for volunteers to join us at church on Wednesday, August 2nd @ 4:30 p.m. in the north Narthex. No need for any previous experience. Contact Karen Hand with any questions.

Booth sales are open. If you or someone you know is interested in having a booth at the bazaar they should contact Angie Ransdell. A booth can also be reserved at <https://calvary-women-in-mission.square.site/>.

Do you have an auction item? Are you willing to donate a service? Can you ask the company you work for to donate items and/or services? You can help make this year's SILENT AUCTION a great success! Pick up a form at the Women in Mission table or table outside the church office and return to the church office or Karen Hand's church mailbox. Items must be received by Sunday, October 22nd.

Save things to be sold in The Attic (No shoes, clothing, building materials, large pieces of furniture, or large electronics). Please price the items before bringing them to Calvary on Friday, November 10, between 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. or Saturday morning between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.

Is baking your thing? You can bake and freeze now. Then bring your goodies to Calvary on Friday, November 10th to be sold in the Country Kitchen.



Executive Director

From Your Executive Director

Summer is in full swing as I write this. People are taking vacations; schools are about ready to resume following what seems to be a very short summer recess; we've returned to the sanctuary for worship following the light renovation project.

In our annual update meeting, Kyle Allen discussed the work conducted on our strategic planning process, which is continuing. Parish Council has established the goals, and now we are working how to implement those goals for our congregation.

Several years ago, former LCMS president Rev. Gerald Kieschnick made the comment "this is not your grandfather's church," referring to how we as a church body must recognize that the world of 1847, when the LCMS was formed, is not the world of today. Unfortunately, many took his words out of context, stating he wanted to divest the synod of the history of Walther and others, which was not the intent.

Our world has changed so much since 1847. In Indianapolis, for example, none of the 7 pre-WWI German newspapers exist. Our lives were upended by attacks on our country: first Pearl Harbor Day, then on 9/11. Perry Township, which was largely rural up into the 1950s, is now urban. Greenwood has changed from a small town to a thriving bedroom community. Calvary has ridden along with all these changes since its formation as a mission church in 1929, and had to "roll with the punches," so to speak.

We are no longer an isolated suburban church body. We are in a large metropolitan area, and while not an inner-city church, becoming very close to being one. Look at how the city has encroached on our local community, with increases in crime and other symptoms of a large city – including shootings in our immediate area. We are not immune to these changes, and we must adapt our delivery and engagement in the community, while not losing sight of our mission: to Engage People in Christ.

While it's pleasurable to look back at things at Calvary, do any of us want to go back to worshiping in an unairconditioned sanctuary? Or a time when only boys could be acolytes – and had to wear black pants, black shoes, a white shirt and tie while doing so? I know I don't.

Our world is changing. More and more of our younger generation have any belief in God. While our message of preaching Christ Crucified has not and will not change, the way in which we take that message to our community will likely need to change, for us to effectively deliver that message. And the way in which we operate as a church organization may also need to change, to deliver that message in the best manner to an ever-changing world, as we Connect, Learn, and Care to best Serve the Lord in and from Calvary.

In His and Your service,
Bill Laut

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Opening the Doors to the 74th School Year

Our theme Bible verse for the 2023-24 school year is:

"I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Psalm 108:3-4

Our theme for the school year – **SING a Little LOUDER**

This verse refers to much more than simply our singing voices. Yes, our first response in faith is to praise our heavenly Father. We may do that with song, but also with the life that He has given to us. Each day we "sing a little louder" as we live sanctified lives as we serve others using our gifts to God's glory. We have that privilege and opportunity each day through the Christian Day School. A new school year is upon us - let us rejoice and give thanks as we sing a little louder!

Final Registration- 2023-24 Final registration for Preschool–8th grade is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, July 31 & August 1. Times each day are 9:00 a.m.-Noon and 4-7:00 p.m. Please come at a time that fits into your schedule. Registration will take place in the gym. Please enter through door #2. Important business is accomplished during this process. Please alert the school office if you will be unable to attend so that arrangements can be made to accomplish these tasks prior to the first day of school.

Students may accompany you to visit their classrooms, organize lockers, and bring school supplies.

August calendar preview:

Mon & Tues, 7/31-8/1	Final Registration 9:00 a.m.-Noon; 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium
Wed, 8/9	8:00 a.m. First Day of Preschool, Kindergarten-8th Grade
	8:45 a.m. Opening Chapel
Wed, 8/16	8:30 a.m. First Wednesday delayed start

Enrollments Still Being Accepted

We are still accepting enrollments for the 2023-24 school year. Please let your friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers know about the quality Christian education opportunities at Calvary Lutheran School. We extend this ministry to all people desiring this Christian education.

We Bid Farewell to Ms. Amy LaFara

Ms. Amy LaFara announced her departure after serving as a teacher within our Kindergarten and primary grades since 2012. We ask the Lord to walk with Amy as He opens new doors for her. Thank you for your loving service. You are missed!

We Welcome New Staff to Calvary

Due to enrollment our 5th grade requires two classrooms. Mrs. Julia Schmidt will be our expanded 5th grade teacher. We look forward to the gifts that Mrs. Schmidt brings each day as she instructs the students.

We welcome Mrs. Jennifer Weaver to our Preschool 4-5 class as she begins teaching at Calvary this year. Mrs. Weaver has 10 years of experience in Preschool and Kindergarten. We ask the Lord to bless Jennifer in her work. We rejoice in the Lord's leading her to serve in this capacity. We look forward to Jennifer's presence among us each day.

Teacher Aide Staffing at Calvary Lutheran Church and School

With many classrooms filled we thank God for the giving heart and hands of our teacher aides. Mrs. Mary Catherine Miller, Mrs. Sarah Ebert, Mrs. Melanie Huene, Ms. Anna Myers, Mrs. Abra Myers, Mrs. Rene' Finke, Mrs. Mary Crocker, and Mrs. Kapri Briones are a tremendous blessing to students and staff. We applaud their efforts and care. Much is accomplished through their daily presence.

Staff Anniversary Celebrations during the 2023-24 school year

We are blessed with many faculty and staff anniversary celebrations this year. Our 5-year incremental anniversaries include:

5 Years at Calvary: Tereasa Camin, Allison Strohm, & Ellwyn Parks

10 Years at Calvary: Sarah Ebert

20 Years at Calvary: Stacey Faubion & Rachel Skeens

Our incremental 5-year anniversary celebration will be held in January during National Lutheran Schools Week. We are richly blessed with the gifts of God through these individuals as they serve in His Name and Love.

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

SGO Information

Too Good To Be True?!

God has provided a unique opportunity to help fund the Christian education of our Calvary students. The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana has been identified as a new Scholarship Granting Organization. Scholarships through private and corporate donations are granted to Calvary student families whose income is less than 400% of the Federal free or reduced hot lunch guidelines.

How may I help?

Donations are currently being accepted. We need \$45,000.00 to fully fund these grants.

Multiple Benefits for Calvary Lutheran School students, the private or corporate donor, and Calvary Lutheran Church

1. Students and their families accepted in this program will receive a scholarship grant per child enrolled in Kindergarten -8th grade at Calvary.
2. The donor will receive a 50% Indiana State tax credit for every dollar donated. Example: A donation of \$1000.00 will result in a tax credit of \$500.00 towards your Indiana income tax liability. Private as well as corporate donations will receive this benefit.
3. The \$45,000.00 received will eliminate the amount of money granted to our students and their families through our own budgeted funds.

Where Do I sign up?

Donor forms are available online at www.LutheranSGO.org. Be sure to mark **CALVARY LUTHERAN SCHOOL** as the recipient of your donation.

How Do I Proceed?

Return the completed donor form along with your donation to the School Office or directly to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana by December 31, 2023. The Lutheran SGO of Indiana will issue your tax credit statement for your 2023 tax filing.

What happens in the future?

Children receiving a scholarship grant are eligible the following school year to convert this grant to an Indiana CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP. This again significantly reduces the need for congregational funded scholarship dollars.

Children will have the opportunity to hear God's Word each day through your giving. God continues to open doors to others once thought closed due to financial needs. Your assistance in this program is so greatly appreciated!

Have you participated in the SGO donation?

Over 65 families have participated in this process by donating nearly \$780,000.00 during the past eleven years. We are asking those past donors to enlist two other families to become involved in this "Too Good to be True" adventure. By donating in the past, you are fully aware of the unique benefits this SGO provides. Please help by talking to at least two other families and enlist their participation as well.

This same opportunity is available to businesses. Take full advantage of this as you note your state tax liabilities. Please address any questions to Mr. Rensner.



The Together Project

We are making big strides in our **Together** campaign! Several projects are completed or underway including baseball fencing, new sidewalks, curb repairs, new tables and chairs, stage flooring, debt reduction, and merit scholarship funding. Will you accept the invitation to be part of **together**? Email Kathy Anderson for more information.

LHS First Day of School

Lutheran High School will begin their 48th school year welcoming new students on August 2. These new students will join us from 32 schools, 5 states, and 2 countries this fall.

LHS Grandparents Day - September 14

Grandparents of current LHS students are invited to join us on September 14. More information about this annual event will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

LHS Homecoming 2023 - September 15

Mark your calendar for **LHS Homecoming 2023**. The Saints take the field on Friday night against conference opponent Cascade. LHS Alumni will enjoy free admission, an Alumni family tent, snacks and prizes. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Children's Ministry**Rally Day Carnival 2023**

Come join us at Calvary Lutheran for Rally Day Carnival!!

Friday, August 25th at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for food, carnival games, and a photo booth!

Also, a great opportunity to meet our Sunday School team and learn about all that Calvary has to offer!



Youth Ministry

All Youth Kick-Off

Save the Date: Sun., Aug 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. for the All Youth Kick-Off event. Keep an eye out for further detail regarding this event.

Indiana Student Leadership Retreat (ISLR)

This retreat is designed to help you grow as a young Christian leader in the church. There will be leadership training, workshops, as well as time to connect to other young people who are passionate about their faith, and ready to step up as a church leader as they grow into adulthood. This event is **for any high school youth** who sees themselves staying highly involved in church in future years, is considering a church work profession, or is interested in growing in their ability to lead through Christ-centered leadership traits. **ISLR will take place at Camp Pyoca in Brownstown, Indiana and begin late afternoon on August 18th and go until early afternoon on August 20th. The cost of the event is \$150.** Please contact Brian Krohmer, Youth Intern, with any questions, or if finances are the reason your youth cannot attend this event.

Jr. High Youth Rally

Do you love camp? Have you been waiting for any opportunity to get yourself back outside, and back into the awesomeness that is camp? Well, the Jr. High Youth Rally is for you! From **Friday, September 15th at 5:00 p.m. until Saturday September 16th at 6:00 p.m., youth from 7th-8th grade** will be able to attend this jr. high rally at Camp Lakeview! Experience all the fun of camp, meet new friends, and learn from ten-year Marine Corps veteran, helicopter pilot, Jose Beaton as he shares his faith story. **The cost of attendance is \$60.** Please contact Brian Krohmer, Youth Intern, with any questions or if finances are the reason your youth cannot attend this event.

Sr. High Youth Gathering

The Indiana District Sr. High Youth Gathering will take place this year from **Friday, November 10th at 5:00 p.m. – Sunday, November 12th at 2:30 p.m. at Camp Lakeview! Any student from 9th- 12th grade is welcome to attend.** During this event, participants will get to experience all the fun of camp, meet new friends, learn from Gabe Kasper, a Pastor from Michigan, and listen to the music of Remedy Drive. **The cost of attendance is \$125.** Please contact Brian Krohmer, Youth Intern, with any questions or if finances are the reason your youth cannot attend this event.

Parish Education

Parish Education Ministry Team

As we gear up for the Fall, we are happy to welcome our newest member, Bob Langhammer! We are still looking for interested individuals to assist with reviewing and planning. Our August meeting will be Monday, August 7th. Due to some scheduling conflicts, we have changed our regular meeting time to the FIRST MONDAY of the month. We have been working on choosing the Fall Congregational Study, and we have it narrowed down to the top two. A final decision will be made at the August meeting and announced to the congregation soon after.

Stewardship Emphasis

Mission Moment – Luterano Indy

Calvary has been a long-time supporter of Luterano Indy currently based at Trinity Lutheran on Indy's east side. Luterano Indy's mission is connecting with the Spanish-speaking population of Indianapolis and making a forever difference through Jesus Christ, by means of Word and Sacrament.

Luterano Indy hosts a regular Spanish speaking Lutheran worship service at Trinity. Sadly, Pastor Sam Ruiz who was the longstanding missionary to Hispanics in the Indianapolis area, passed away in June after a battle with cancer. Before Pastor Ruiz's passing, Luterano Indy was able to solidify the help of Pastor Daniel Fickenscher to continue this important ministry and take over the responsibilities of Pastor Ruiz.

Reduce Your State Taxes – Please Consider a Gift to the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)?

This is a reminder that gifts to the Scholarship Granting Organization may be eligible for a 50% credit on your Indiana State Income Taxes. There may be federal tax benefits as well. Details can be found at <https://lutheransgo.org/>. Funds gifted are used to provide scholarships to Calvary students.

Are you a Thrivent Member?

If you are a member of Thrivent – for example if you have investments or an insurance policy with Thrivent– there are a couple of ways you can leverage your membership for the benefit Calvary.

One way is by forming a **Thrivent Action Team**. Through a simple online form, you can apply to lead a group in a fundraiser, educational event or service activity.

Then, gather a team of volunteers to make an impact together. Thrivent provides a customized kit of resources to get you started. The kit includes a monetary grant which can be up to \$250. Recent grants have been used to buy two new wheelbarrows for the Community Garden Team and to purchase duffle bags for the El Salvador Mission Team.

A second way Thrivent members can benefit Calvary is by directing their Thrivent Choice dollars to Calvary. Depending on the amount of you have invested at Thrivent you may have funds available that allow you to determine where a portion of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds go. Simple log into your account and follow the link below to view these two excellent opportunities.

<https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/>



Women in Mission

Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, August 5 8:30 a.m.

This month's study will be from the Lutheran Women's Summer 2023 Quarterly and shared by everyone. Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, August 5th** at 8:30 a.m.

Ladies' Pinochle Club

Whether it's your first time or you're an old pro, join us for Pinochle! We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Pinochle will meet **August 14th**. Please join us. Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



Blankets for Babies

Blankets for Babies is meeting again!! Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, August 3rd**. We will meet from 6:00—7:30 p.m. in the Mailbox area. We have new yarn and labels. All ages and skill levels welcome! Questions? Call Susan Daniels.

Extravagant Sharing

Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry thanks you for the generous donations of cereal along with canned veggies and fruit during July through your **EXTRAVAGANT SHARING**. In addition to **dry cereal** during August please bring **boxes of pasta and pasta sauces**. Place them on the **EXTRAVAGANT SHARRING** shelves across from the center church doors. Many families who have their need for food met through the Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry at 1209 Linden Street in Indianapolis appreciate your loving, generous sharing. God bless all you cheerful givers!

Yard Sale Update and a Great Big Thank You!

Thank you to all who made this year's yard sale a huge success. Thank you to those who donated, volunteered, and shopped. You are making a difference in the world through your participation. Yard sale items donated by the congregation brought in \$1583.00 and over 345 people from Calvary and the community supported the Midwest Food Bank.

Camp Lakeview Women's Retreat (Sept 29-Oct 1)

Spend a beautiful fall weekend at camp with ladies of all ages. Make beautiful crafts, sing around a fire, go on an adventure, or simply take a nap and relax. Leave encouraged by new friendships, laughter, rest, and words of truth and love. Come by yourself or with friends and know that you will finish the weekend with a new-found sense of joy and encouragement! More details can be found at www.lakeview.camp/women.

Compassion Ministry

Addresses Needed for College Care Packages

Our Compassion Ministry Team supports our Calvary college students by sending them care packages. If you have an undergrad in your family, please email Linda Bugher by **Sunday, September 10th** the following information:

- Student Name
- College Attending
- Student Address
- Year (e.g., Junior)
- Major/Area of Study
- Student Email Address
- Student Cell Phone (optional)

To confirm our information is current, we need to hear from you even if you supplied information last year. **Please let Linda know any changes throughout the year.**

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Community Garden

FALL MUM SALE

Calvary's Fall Mum Sale is here again. Orders will be taken beginning the weekend of August 12/13. The last Saturday/Sunday for ordering is August 26/27 as orders must be in to Schegel's Greenhouse by Friday, September 1st. Mums and purple asters again cost \$10.00. Flowers will be delivered to Calvary on Friday, September 22. Your order can be picked up at Calvary's Saturday evening service September 23rd, Sunday morning service September 24th, or at the church picnic grounds on Sunday, September 24th.

Order now and pay at time of delivery. Proceeds will benefit the Community Garden expansion, Hunger, Inc. of Perry Township, and Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry in Fountain Square. Various colors of mums are again available but cannot be guaranteed as Schlegels reserves the right to substitute.

Place your order at the Mum Sale table in church narthex or online by emailing Pastor Art. Sponsored by Outreach Ministry and the Community Garden Committee. Community Garden Committee members are Jake Allen, Mark Jung, Wayne Mayo, Joe Pluckebaum, Jim Richert, Art Wehrmeister, and Paul Woodburn.

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August 2023

August 6, 2023 – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 136:1-9; Isaiah 55:1-3a; Matthew 14:13-21

"Hunger Met, Thirst Quenched" – Sermon Text: Isaiah 55:1-3a – Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

We all have been hungry and thirsty. We need to eat and drink in order to have physical life. But there is another type of hunger and thirst, which is even more important to satisfy. When this hunger is met, and this thirst quenched, the result is everlasting life.

August 13, 2023 – Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 18:1-16; Job 38:4-18; Matthew 14:22-33

"A Little Faith" – Sermon Text: Matthew 14:22-33 – Rev. Thomas Eggold

Peter may have only had a little faith, but he walked on the water. And even with a little faith, you'll be amazed at where God makes you walk today.

August 20, 2023 – Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 67; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Matthew 15:21-28

"Great Faith" – Sermon Text: Matthew 15:25 – Rev. Shayne Jonker

The Canaanite woman with the demon possessed daughter just wouldn't take no for an answer. No matter what Jesus said to her, she just kept coming back with a faith that wouldn't let go, no matter what Jesus did or didn't say. And she was an outsider to Israel! That's what this Gospel reading is all about: God's grace to all in His Son Jesus Christ and a faith that won't let go of Him no matter what.

August 27, 2023 – Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 138; Isaiah 51:1-6; Matthew 16:13-20

"Questions and Answers" – Sermon Text: Matthew 16:13-20 – Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Jesus' question to His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" gave them and gives us the opportunity to make the great confession of faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." May that great confession be on our lips and lives every day.



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