

CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



September 2023 Monthly Newsletter

From the Pastors

God's Timing, God's Plans, and God's Mission

"1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8).

In its own singsong way Ecclesiastes not only talks about the passing seasons and times, but even given us the ebbs and flows of these seasons as we hear these verses read. There is a back-and-forth rhythm in which they express not just the idea, but the reality itself. Too often we feel like we are the little fishing bobber that is floating along not just in a placid and peaceful lake, but we are instead floating along in the rushing swell of a stream that has no shortage of rapids. There may be those places where the waters slow for a bit and allow things to regroup, but soon enough we shall be swept away by another set of rapids for a wild ride.

There have been many changes around here at Calvary over these past several months, especially when it comes to staffing changes. While it may be difficult for many to navigate "new" things in life, we also give thanks for the "new" opportunities God provides through both the individual and the community through these times of transition. God is at work in these in between times. The God who is, who was, and who ever will be is the constant source of presence and peace in each leg of our journey together. May God continue to guide you in his ongoing journey with him and our ongoing journey together. Here are a few updates of some exciting changes that are taking place:

- 1) We welcome Barb Sorgius as Calvary's new Adult Ministry Director. Barb and her husband, Steve, have been longtime members of Calvary. Barb looks forward to serving alongside our many faithful volunteers, participants, and guests through our Adult Ministry program. Contact Barb in the church office or at bsorgius@clcs.org.
- 2) We welcome Don Fisher Jr. as Calvary's new Video Ministry Director, overseeing the streaming and recording of our worship services and other video needs. Don has been a longtime member of Calvary, giving of his time and talents within the areas of communications, graphic design, and many other areas. Contact Don at dfisher@clcs.org.
- 3) We welcome "Clara" Hyunju Yoo as Calvary's new Website Administrator, overseeing the content creation and management for our website and other digital media outlets. Clara was a former foreign exchange student at Lutheran High and recently moved back into the area. Contact Clara at cyoo@clcs.org.
- 4) After training Don and Clara for their roles, Bud Pflug will be stepping away from these roles that he has managed since 2020. He still plans to support Don and Clara through his role as our volunteer Communications Team director. We thank Bud for all the ways that he helps enrich the ministries of Calvary.
- 5) Calvary's leadership has been involved in focused discussions over the past several months regarding Calvary's long-term staffing needs. We continue to step forward within intention, focus, and reflection as we weigh where God is leading us. The Spiritual Care team will be forming a call committee to explore Calvary's next steps towards filling the vacant associate pastor position at this time. Please pray for the team along the way, as they continue to evaluate the needs and opportunities of Calvary.

May this truly be a season in which we recognize God's timing, God's plans, and God's mission here at Calvary.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

Staff Spotlight / Volunteer Focus

Jennifer Weaver



What is your role at Calvary?

Preschool 4/5 Teacher

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

Everyone is very helpful, friendly, and works well as a team.

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

My parents. They showed me how important it is to have daily devotions and an active church life.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

John 14:27

Favorite Dessert?

Anything chocolate! Brownies!

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

Patience in learning new things and teaching new students.

Mike Daake



What is your role at Calvary?

Facilities Ministry Team Director

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

I feel that over the years, I have received much more from the Calvary family than I can ever pay back. By volunteering to serve in this capacity, I am "paying it forward". I pray that the actions of the Facilities Ministry Team serve as a bright spot in the lives of all that enter our doors.

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

Serving at Calvary is a team sport. I love serving with this team.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Philippians 2:4—"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Favorite Dessert?

Vanilla ice cream

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

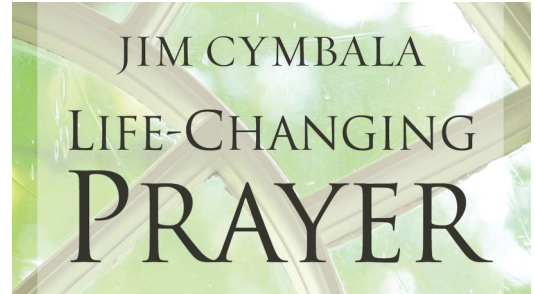
Pray that as a ministry team, we make decisions that enhance the worship and education of those that attend CLCS.

General News

Leaders Needed for our Congregational Study Series

If you are interested in serving as a small group leader or host home, please contact Pastor Kurt Ebert, kebert@clcs.org. This year's study is *Life-Changing Prayer* by Jim Cymbala.

The sermon series will run from the weekend of Oct 14/15 through Nov 18/19. A signup sheet is also available in the narthex.



Congregational Study Sign-Ups Coming Soon

Small groups sign-ups will begin the weekend of Sept 16/17. We will begin our six-week congregational sermon series and small group Bible study opportunity entitled "Life-Changing Prayer" by Jim Cymbala the weekend of Oct 14/15. Joining a group can help you to process what you learn, and give you an opportunity to encourage and be encouraged by fellow Christians.

We have a variety of small groups meeting: some are Online, some are here Onsite, and still others meet In-homes, at many different times and days of the week. You will be able to see the list of small group opportunities starting the weekend of Sept 16/17 either at our onsite table or online sign-up at clcs.org/congstudy.

Foundations of Faith Class

•• 6 Sunday Morning Sessions

•• August 20—October 1, 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 started 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.

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.

General News

August Memorials

In Memory of Elli Huotilainen:

Pauline Miller & family, Art & Joy Wehrmeister



In Memory of Tim White:

William & Sandra Plackemeier, Paul & Kathy Brakke,
Kathy Schlueter, CC & Carolyn Schlueter, Denise Fix

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.

CLS Art Students Need Compact Mirrors

Calvary Lutheran School's art students are in need of small hand mirrors. If you have an empty makeup compact with a mirror inside, or other small hand mirrors that you would like to get rid of, please drop them off at the church office.



Parish Ed

Church Picnic

We are looking for volunteers! Every year our group helps out with the clean-up. But we could use some additional hands this year..... We need some help to assist with clean-up after the church picnic. It would involve only a small amount of time. If willing and able, please contact Dennie Morrison

Congregational Study

We are gearing up to start another study! Currently we are looking for individuals who would be interested in facilitating a small group when we begin our congregational study, **Life Changing Prayer** by Jim Cymbala in October. The study is set to launch October 14/15 and run through November 18/19.

If you are interested, please let us know by sending a quick text or email.

Sign up sheets for participants will begin on September 16/17 and run through October 7/8.

Holiday Bazaar

Save the date!!!

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

You can find details at clcs.org/bazaar.

Save Vendor Space

Are you crafty or know someone who is? Applications now being accepted for vendors for Calvary's 54th annual bazaar on **November 11**. Details and application can be found in the area near the south entrance of the church. You may contact Angie Ransdell or put the paperwork in her church mailbox. The Vendor Booth Space online order form is <https://calvary-women-in-mission.square.site/>. Space is limited.

Save Your Time

The Holiday Bazaar needs a lot of volunteers. Helpers needed before, during and after November 12. Time commitments vary and some tasks can be as simple as making phone calls. To volunteer please contact Karen Wright. You can also use Sign Up Genius, <https://signupgenius.com/go/4090C4AADA92DA4F49-2022>

Save & Share Your Treasures

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 donation form at the Women in Mission table in the south narthex and return to the church office. We must have the items by Sunday, Oct 22.

Save things to be sold in The Attic. Since space to store attic items is limited at Calvary, PLEASE bring your PRICED donations Friday, November 10, 3:30-7:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 11, 7:30-8:30 a.m. If that is not convenient for you, please ask someone to bring them to Calvary at that time. (Please no clothing, large appliances, large furniture, or building materials.)

Bake goodies to be sold in the Country Kitchen. 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.

Support These Worthy Causes

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>).



Executive Director

From Your Executive Director

It's difficult to believe it's already September. It seems like just yesterday I was planting flowers and getting ready for summer. But like we read in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, there is a time for everything, and this is a time of change.

September is a transition month, a month of change. If one looks at the calendar, the first day of fall (the Autumnal Equinox) is the 23rd of this month. The Old Farmer's Almanac is even more precise: it arrives at 2:50 EDT in the Northern Hemisphere, when the Sun crosses the equator going from north to south. Set your alarm to celebrate.

There is also a meteorological Autumn, which begins September 1st. This is the date the NWS and other weather services consider the start of Fall. Take your pick which to use. I am a traditionalist, so I use the Autumnal Equinox date.

There are other changes taking place this time of year, besides the weather. All our schools, colleges, and universities are now back in session. The first full moon nearest the equinox date is the "Harvest Moon." Like the song. Leaves begin to change colors, and certain plants like chrysanthemums and asters bloom.

Calvary is not immune to changes, either. Over the past year, your Parish Council and leaders have been working to establish a strategic plan for Calvary's future, recognizing the many changes that have taken place both inside our congregation and outside in our community. I've had many discussions with our leaders, providing them with probably more reading materials and resources than they want, of what we see taking place outside our doors.

As your Council and leaders have worked through this process, it became clear to us that Calvary has many blessings. We are fortunate to have a vibrant, active, and engaged body of Christ here at Calvary, one with dreams and ideas of how we Engage People In Christ, both in the congregation and in our community.

We are thrilled with what the future holds for Calvary, as we work to Connect, Learn, and Care for others, to take the Gospel outside our doors into our community, to bring people to Christ, to help our members grow in their Christian faith. Never changing our message though: we have always stayed true to our roots of preaching Christ Crucified, and the Solas of the Lutheran belief: Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia. We remain adherent to the Augsburg Confession and all other writings in the Book of Concord, knowing we are saved by faith alone. And while saved by faith, we also know we should share that message with others, serving those less fortunate: not because we have to, but because Christ has set us free to do so!

There will be a special meeting of the congregation to lay out these plans developed by the leaders, and how we implement them at Calvary, realizing that as we do so, we must and will change how we operate as a congregation, to better use our resources and blessings.

In His and Your service,
Bill Laut

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

2023-24 Calvary Lutheran School Theme—Sing a Little Louder

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

Think of your favorite song. When you hear it do you like to sing along? Your favorite song is well known to you. The lyrics and melody are so familiar that I would imagine that you sing a little louder.

Our first response in faith is to praise and thank God for His gift of life eternal. We do that through worship and song. God invites us to sing His praises. King David wrote many psalms praising God through song.

God loves us so much that in response we sing His praises a little louder.

Our lives may be represented by a song as well. Each day God has given to us a song to sing. We do so as we use His gifts in loving service to others. We may not utter a single musical note, but our song of God's love is echoed a little louder as we share that hope and peace with others.

We thank God for the opportunity to join in sharing God's love with the children and families within the classrooms of our Christian Day School. This is God's calling of parents, teachers, and pastors as we join in singing a little louder. This is our charge as a community of believers. We lift one another in prayer as part of that singing. We grow and mature in Christian love and service through the power of the Holy Spirit as we gather for worship, hear His Word, partake in the sacraments, and pray. We thank God for the opportunity and privilege to share in this daily walk at Calvary Lutheran School. We ask the Lord to bless you with His love as we walk each day together in the shadow of the cross as we sing a little louder.

Many tasks and projects were accomplished over the summer months in preparation for the start of school. Classroom carpets were cleaned. Tiled floors stripped and waxed. The Middle School classrooms received new carpeting, a fresh coat of paint, and LED lighting. Many mechanical needs were also repaired. This highlights most of the projects. Many more items were accomplished as well. We thank all involved for their giving and assistance throughout this summer. We especially thank Mr. Steve Harrison, our Facilities Ministry Team, and our Technology Ministry Team for their effort and hours given for us to enjoy these facilities. We thank and praise God for the gift of helping hands and celebrate the wonderful facilities that we are blessed to have at Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

Delayed Start

School will begin at 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday that school is in session. The students will be released to their classrooms beginning at 8:15 a.m. This delayed start has been scheduled to permit additional professional growth opportunities for our faculty and staff.

School Chapel Services on Thursdays

School chapel services will be held on THURSDAYS. The starting times for chapel will remain at 8:15 a.m. for all school grades worship times. Preschool 4-5 session and Kindergarten will worship together at 9:00 a.m. on chapel days.

SMILE SMILE SMILE

The students of Calvary Lutheran School will have their school photographs taken on Tuesday, September 26. This will be a non-uniform day allowing the students greater choices for their photographs. Any absentees from Tuesday will have their pictures taken on re-take day in November.

Labor Day

Calvary Lutheran School will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. We thank God for the gift of work. We strive to use His gifts to our very best potential as His created beings.

Outdoor Education

Our Sixth-Grade class will be experiencing Outdoor Education on Wednesday-Friday, September 6-8. The class will travel to the wilds of Camp Lakeview. Mrs. Faubion and parent chaperones will lead this 3-day camp expedition. For further information please contact Mrs. Faubion. We ask the Lord to go with our 6th graders, granting them safety in their travels. We ask the Lord to grant to them His Spirit as they grow together through this experience.

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

1st Quarter Mid Term

Our first quarter mid term is Friday, September 1. Students in second through eighth grade will receive their midterm reports on Wednesday, September 6 via FACTS/Renweb. We ask that our parents review these reports with their children. We strive to provide many evaluations throughout the school year.

Special Person's Day Scheduled – Save the Date

Our Special Person's Day is scheduled for Friday, September 29. (formerly known as Grandparents Day.) Special persons are defined as grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents, and others special to you. With increased enrollment we are asking the number of guests to be no more than four per family. Specific information will be communicated as plans are made. Please share the word and save the date.

Scholarship Tax Credit 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, Inc. has been identified as a 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.

New Information

- Nearly \$775,000.00 has been gathered through the state tax credit initiative over the past 11 years.
- The donor base has been virtually unchanged over these years.
- Donors are increasing their gifts. Why? The "Too Good to be True" aspects
- We are asking for previous year participants in this program to communicate all the benefits inviting two-three others to prayerfully consider involvement increasing our donor base.
- Personal tax credits that remain against your tax liability may be used for up to 9 years.
- All is to now be accomplished online. www.lutheranSGO.org
- Be sure to identify **Calvary Lutheran School, Indianapolis** as the recipient of your donation.

How may I help?

Donations are currently being accepted. We are in need of **\$45,000.00** to fully fund this year's grants. Please prayerfully consider your involvement and support in this most worthwhile program. \$18.5 million in tax credits are available during the state fiscal year. Please make your donation prior to December 31 to ensure your Indiana state tax credit.

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

1. 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.
2. Students in our Preschool 4-5 class who are 4 years old before August 1 are now eligible to receive an SGO scholarship.

Where Do I sign up?

Donor forms are available at www.lutheranSGO.org.

What happens in the future?

Children will have the opportunity to hear God's Word 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!



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 for more information.

Saints on Stage to present 12 Angry Jurors

Join the Saints on Stage as they present "12 Angry Jurors" September 29 and 30 at 7:00 p.m. and October 1 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are available through lhsi.org or at the door. 12 Angry Jurors is presented through special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company, Woodstock, IL. The 2023-2024 Saints on Stage Season is generously presented by Meyer Financial Strategies, Dennis and Kathy Meyer. *This production is recommended for middle school ages and up.*

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!

Youth Ministry

FLIGHT (High School Youth Group)

The high school youth group meets weekly on **Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Check the church bulletin for weekly updates regarding specific weekly events.



LAUNCH (5th-6th grades)

All 5th and 6th grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Wednesday, September 20th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



SAIL (7th-8th grades)

All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Wednesday, September 27th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



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, bkrohmer@clcs.org with any questions or if finances are the reason your youth cannot attend this event.

Fellowship Ministry

Outdoor Worship & Picnic at German Park on September 24th

Just a couple of weeks away! Come and worship OUTSIDE (under a pavilion) at German Park, 8600 S. Meridian Street. Worship begins at 11:00 a.m. and then enjoy a wonderful meal of fried chicken and country BBQ, beans & coleslaw, mac 'n cheese plus fried biscuits with apple butter! DELICIOUS (all catered by Jug's Catering). After the meal, we play games and enjoy time with each other, FRIENDS & FAMILY! Invite the whole crew to join you!

******We ask that every family please bring a dessert to share! Please mark if "nut-free," "gluten-free," etc. Our team will be sure to keep these special desserts separate.

*******We are looking for Picnic Patrons to help offset the costs. If you'd like to donate, please select the "Picnic Patron" option when giving online or write it on your check or offering envelope. Thank you!

********Be sure to mark Sept 24th on your calendar! Looking forward to eating & fellowship time with you!



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 Bugar 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

Stewardship Emphasis

LCMS Mission Support

One of the functions of the Stewardship Ministry Team is to administer funds that Calvary has designated for missions and projects that are external to our church community. Currently Calvary is providing funds to two missionary families that are serving in West Africa – the Schulte family and the Wolf family.

Reverend Gary Schulte and his wife Stephanie are the first missionaries that the LCMS has placed in the Congo. Pastor Schulte is teaching and training pastors in 3 different locations and Steph is a registered nurse calling on villages where we have never been before. (<https://missioncentral.us/schulte/>)

John and Jenn Wolf and their family are planted in Kenya. John is a mechanical engineer and he is providing project oversight and support for various projects in the region that result in improvements in living conditions for local people. (<https://missioncentral.us/wolf/>)

Please continue to pray for the success of their ministries.

LCMS Disaster Response – Lutherans Assisting in the Wake of Maui Fires

As part of our support of external ministry support, Calvary provides an annual gift to the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod's Disaster Response Ministry. As noted in the June Calvary Newsletter, this year Stewardship designated a gift of \$2,000 to this "ministry of caring". The LCMS Disaster Response ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. Working through LCMS districts and congregations as well as with international Lutheran churches and other partners, LCMS Disaster Response builds capacity of the church's partners to respond to needs with Christian care. In response to the tragic fire in Lāhainā on the island of Maui, Hawaii, LCMS pastors and other volunteers are on the ground providing spiritual and counseling care. In addition, members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School on Maui are responding to the disaster by helping provide for the immediate needs of those affected and by assisting those who are providing housing for the displaced. For a more comprehensive report on these efforts see the posting from August 18, 2023 at the Lutheran Reporter website. <https://reporter.lcms.org/>

Thrivent Action Grants

Please remember that **All** Thrivent members are eligible to receive up to two Thrivent Action Grants a year. Action grants in an amount of up to \$250 each are available for many projects at Calvary. Recent projects that have been partially funded with Thrivent Action Grants include the Mother's Day Flower Sale and the July El Salvador Mission trip. Have questions about connecting your Thrivent membership to a project? Contact Stewardship at stewardship@clcs.org.

Outreach Ministry

New Calvary Signs and Posts

The Outreach Ministry team recently completed the installation of three new Calvary signs and posts. These signs are located at Shelby and Banta, Shelby and Edgewood, and US-31 and Edgewood. Many thanks to Les Brandt for building the posts, and to Wayne Mayo and Marv Hansen for doing the installation!



Women in Mission

Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, September 2 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, September 2nd** 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 **September 11th**. Please join us. Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.

Blankets for Babies

Blankets for Babies is meeting again!! Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 5th**. 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

The rising number of clients coming to Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry appreciate the donations of Calvary families through Extravagant Sharing. In June, Calvary generously donated over 200 rolls of toilet paper, and in July, over 500 cans of fruit, vegetables, and many snack bars brought by our VBS kids. The donations from Calvary help so many in our community faced with the rising costs of daily living. During the month of SEPTEMBER please continue to support through your donations of **soup and soup mixes**. **Dry cereal** is always in great demand also. Place donations on the Extravagant Sharing shelves across from the main church doors.



Let's fill these shelves!!

Adult Ministry

Lunch & Learn Wed., Sept 20 at 11:00 a.m.

Program: "Inflation, Economic Policy, and the Economy" We will take a closer look at why the Federal Reserve is so concerned about inflation, economic conditions that impact inflation, and where the economy is heading.

Presenter: Ken Carow, Indiana University, Kelley School of Business, Professor of Finance

Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, and a Cookie.

Our Kitchen Team, Connie, Judy, Phyllis, and Joann.

Worship Anew

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.

Toll-Free: (888) 286-8002 www.worshipanew.org

Sunday 10:00 AM - WHMB-TV 40 Sunday 11:30 a.m. - Direct TV Channel 377

September 2023

September 3, 2023 – Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 26; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

"Genuine Love" – Sermon Text: Romans 12:9-21 – Rev. William Mueller

God's Word teaches us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Is our love "The real McCoy"? No fakes or forgeries will suffice! How is our love impacted by the real Jesus? No fakes or forgeries will suffice!

September 10, 2023 – Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 32:1-7; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

"Courageous Conversations" – Sermon Text: Matthew 18:15-20 – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

God moved heaven and earth, sending His Son Jesus Christ to die and rise to life, because of His great love for us. He calls you and me to exercise such extravagant and urgent love in the lives of others. He calls us to Courageous Conversations with those He places among us.

September 17, 2023 – Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 103:1-12; Genesis 50:15-21; Matthew 18:21-35

"Forgiveness Benefits" – Sermon Text: Genesis 50:15-21 – Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

When wronged, we are tempted to get revenge. But Jesus teaches us to forgive those who have trespassed against us. There are, in fact, great benefits associated with forgiving others.

September 24, 2023 – Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 27:1-9; Isaiah 55:6-9; Matthew 20:1-16

"Unreasonable Generosity" – Sermon Text: Matthew 20:1-16 – Rev. Thomas Eggold

The generosity of God goes against everything we innately hold dear. It is not fair. It makes no sense. And yet, because of this unreasonable generosity given to us through Jesus, we are saved!



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