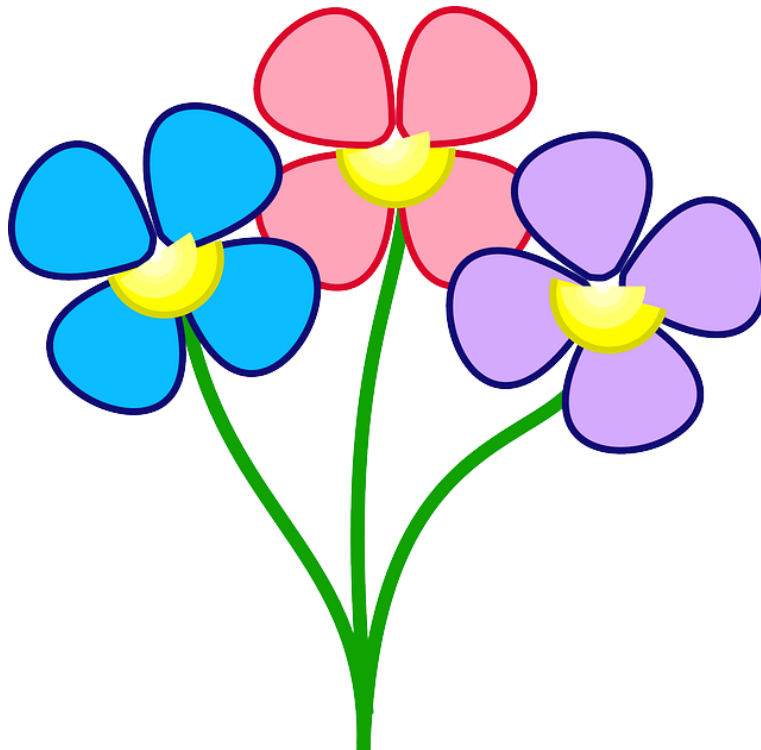


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May 2023 Monthly Newsletter

From the Pastors

I've spent the last year or so writing out and devotionally exploring tensions in Christian life. Faithful discipleship is full of them! Law vs. Gospel, Reason vs. Emotion, Faith vs. Works... Like the deity and humanity of Jesus, these are not simple either-or's so much as they are complex both-and's. Faith saves, not works, but faith leads us to work. We are a Gospel people, and we do not submit to the law, but as Paul says, we are "under the law of Christ." Reason and emotion can both steer you astray, but we are to worship the Lord with our whole person, reason and emotion included. This newsletter will be an introduction to one more of those tensions—the most recent one I've added to this list. I'm calling this one "Vocation vs. Service."

One of Martin Luther's great emphases was that the Christian need not become a monk or nun to live a life which is pleasing to God. Many in his day believed that monks and nuns lived the most pious possible life, but Luther and a number of his contemporaries said, "No!" A Christian shoemaker could be very pious simply by making good shoes. That shoemaker was fulfilling their vocation—the calling God had for them. *If they made shoes for humans to the best of their ability, as if they were making those same shoes for the Lord, they were being very pious! If you knew their heart, you would see that they were fulfilling their vocation. They were doing everything they did to the glory of God. This great rediscovery transformed medieval Europe. Monks and nuns left the cloister, became married, had kids, and lived faithful lives in a myriad number of different occupations and roles. "Normal people" lived lives of renewed urgency and meaning; they had vocations.*

But this doesn't explain how this might be a tension. The tension comes in the fact that it's possible to take this too far. Imagine if a Christian went all-in on their vocations: they were the best father, best husband, best employee, best neighbor, best friend they could possibly be. Would they have much time for anything else? I'd bet they wouldn't!

Honestly, to be the best at any one of these things, they will likely be short-changing all the others. The man who wants to be the head-coach of his son's football team can do so to the detriment of his work and even his relationship to that son. The woman who starts a side hustle as a hobby for a little extra income can become consumed by it, to the detriment of her many other opportunities. Especially because we call them vocations, it can be easy to take it too far, and only realize it when we're in too deep. "I'm serving the Lord! It's only natural that I pour my heart and soul into _____." And what about our obligations to the church? I fear that many in our culture today struggle with this tension more than they like to admit. They've gone all-in on a handful of their vocations, leaving no room for their other vocations or their service to the church. Or they've gone all-in on their service to the church, leaving no room for their many other vocations! Doing everything to the glory of God means not slacking in any one thing. We may want to go all-in on just one or two vocations, but God gives us responsibilities in each of our vocations.

Therein lies the tension. Each vocation and role of service has its own pull, its own weight, its own obligation. How do we navigate these well? No one can answer that for you; your vocations are your own. But we have one thing in common. We do it all under the grace of God. When we mess up—and we will—we return to the cross for the forgiveness he alone can offer!

God's Peace, *Pastor Josh Reifsteck*

Staff Spotlight

Gary Bugher



What is your role at Calvary?

I am Calvary's Congregation Business Manager. I serve the church and school by directing, controlling, and administering the day-to-day operations of the congregation to better utilize the assets of the church in fulfillment of the mission and vision of the congregation.

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

The encouragement that I have received from the congregation to put my spiritual gifts to use in various past volunteer roles, and now in my role as Business Manager. That started with a casual conversation with Bob Fort during a Calvary bowling league night. He asked, "how would you like to join the Stewardship team? All we do is count money." Simple conversations can have large impacts.

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

My wife, Linda. She is such a great example of Christian caring and discipleship.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

My favorite verse is the one that fits the situation of that day, but I am always a fan of Proverbs 3:5-6.

Favorite Dessert?

Cherry Cheesecake

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

For God to impart just a fraction of his wisdom on me, so I can provide the proper stewardship to our congregation.

Kimberly Moore



What is your role at Calvary?

4th grade teacher

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

The students, their families, and my amazing co-workers.

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

My grandma, because we were close, was one of my favorite people. She put her faith in action in all she did. I hope to be that kind of person and grandma to my grandchildren one day.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans to prosper you and give you a hope and a future."

Favorite Dessert?

Blueberry pie, apple pie, brownies....

General News

Communion Sched. Adjustment (May 7 10:45 a.m.)

Please note: we will not be celebrating communion May 7 at our 10:45 a.m. worship service. Thank you for adjusting.

State of the Church Update (June 3 & 4)

Join us after worship services **Sat., June 3 at 6:30 p.m. or Sun., June 4 at 11:45 a.m.** as we help set the direction of our church for the year ahead. We will meet to share upcoming initiatives, celebrate ministry accomplishments, approve the 2023-24 budget, elect ministry leaders, and carry out other congregational business. *The nominations slate, proposed budget summary, and other materials will be available mid-May at each welcome center near the TVs or online at clcs.org/voters.*

If you still have a name to suggest or would like to volunteer, please contact Kara Hiatt.

Thank You Confirmation Mentors & Prayer Angels

We thank all who made this year's confirmation ministry a success. The staff, families, and people of Calvary appreciate your love for the Lord and the youth of our congregation.

Small group mentors: Sheila Bolton, Ruth Deckard, Jeff Evans, Jen Frick, Tony Kochan, and Janet McWilliams.

Prayer angels: Laura Currier, Molly Troemel, Lauren Pulliam, Brenda Irwin, Ann Arnold, Ben Langhammer, Brittani Langhammer, Pastor Sam Troemel, Rhonda Hansen, Glenda Roundtree, Stacey Faubion, Sandra Wilson, Linda Simons, Diane Gibson, and Ellwyn Parks.

Prayer angel coordinator: Diana Blazek.

Upcoming Lighting Project in the Sanctuary

During mid-June to early or mid-July, our sanctuary will undergo a complete upgrade to the wiring, fixtures, and controls of our lighting system. This project will not only give us stability in our light system for years to come, but it will literally brighten and highlight the beauty of our sanctuary. This project, however, will require us to be out of the sanctuary for 4-5 weekends. During this time, we will worship in the gym (a.k.a. our "original" sanctuary) according to our normal service times and styles. Every effort will be made to provide a comfortable and inviting space for worship. Funding for this project is being provided from remaining governmental pandemic support, Calvary's General Fund, and designated monies from last year's Holiday Bazaar.

General News

Looking to serve? Do you have a name to suggest?

Calvary's Nominations Committee is beginning its work of recruiting volunteers for our congregation's ministry teams and leadership positions. If you would like to volunteer or have a suggestion of someone who would be a good fit for a position, please let us know. Contact Kara Hiatt.

Summer Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays, June 6 - July 11 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Come along with us in this five-session study of Philippians. By the power of the same Holy Spirit who took the gospel to Europe by way of Philippi, discover what Paul magnificently called, *The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ: A Study of Philippians* by Beth Moore.

Save the Date—Vacation Bible School

Mon., Jun 19—Fri., Jun 23 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Electrifying Bible adventures, catchy songs, fun games, and memorable crafts are all part of the VBS experience! Mark it on your family calendar to join us this summer for an "out-of-this world" experience, as we launch on a comic quest helping kids shine with the light of Jesus. Look for more information in the coming months.

Interested in volunteering? Email Kara Hiatt.

Register at clcs.org/vbs2023.



Calvary Lutheran School Bike Rodeo

The Bike Rodeo for **PS - 5th grade** is on **Fri., May 5** in the south parking lot. PS-2nd grades from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. 3rd - 5th grades from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Bring your bike and a helmet. Receive a bike tune up, instruction on bike safety and practice riding on a safety course. If children do not have a helmet, one will be provided. Registration fee is \$20, which includes a t-shirt and swag bag. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/231057758535159> and bring payment to the school office.

There will also be a community cookout during this time.



General News



April Memorials

In Memory of Judy Glenday:
James Glenday



In Memory of Esther Daeger:
Les & Nancy Brandt

GriefShare (Wednesdays through May 10)

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. **Wednesdays, through May 10, 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.

Parish Ed

Updates from Parish Ed

THANKSGIVING for the many ministry teams that worked together on the Easter Egg Hunt! So great to see our congregation work together for the community!

THANKFUL ALSO... for the increase in our Sunday morning Education Hour attendance! We want to encourage our families to grow Spiritually. With summer just around the corner, please be sure to check out the studies offered. We will have Sunday School for all ages, so be sure to see what's available! Also, if there are topics you'd like to see offered, we'd love to hear about it. Contact Pastor Reifsteck or Dennie Morrison with your ideas!

TOPIC STUDIES are all well underway (possibly finishing up). We have other resources if your small group would like to continue to study together. There are many located in the Church Library. Please inquire in the church office or Dennie Morrison if you'd like to see what is available.

CURRENTLY, we are looking at various Bible Studies to either consider for our CONGREGATIONAL Study in the fall or for additions to the TOPICS Study group. If you have any you'd like for us to consider, please drop off the information in the church office or text Dennie Morrison with the information.

Executive Director

From Your Executive Director

May is an exciting time in our community. Graduations from schools, Mother's Day, a little race called the Indy 500, and most exciting of all, May 7th, when we in the LC-MS commemorate C.F.W. Walther. I don't want to denigrate two other commemorations immediately before him in May: on the 4th for Friedrich Wyneken, who was instrumental in the growth of the Lutheran faith in Indiana or on the 5th for Frederick the Wise, who was Luther's protector in 1521 and 1522. But without Walther, there likely would not be a Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

Walther was one of several faithful Lutherans who left Saxony Germany in 1838, led by Martin Stephan. They were opposed to the Prussian Union and wanted to remain adherent to Luther's preaching. Three ships sailed from Germany. Two ships arrived in New Orleans, with the other lost at sea. The Germans traveled up the Mississippi to Perry County, Missouri, and formed a settlement near St. Louis. Stephan, as leader, was named bishop of the settlement – but soon afterwards was removed from that position after being accused of both sexual misconduct and embezzlement. He was excommunicated and banished from the settlement. (For all the lurid details, read "Zion on the Mississippi" by Walter Forester)

A leader stepped forth from the void created by Stephan's banishment: Walther. Under his direction, the settlement stabilized, and beginning in 1844 discussion was held with these immigrants and two other groups, led by pastors Wilhelm Löhe and Wyneken, about a new confessional Lutheran church body. In 1847 these discussions came to fruition with 14 congregations forming what was known as the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States, and Walther was elected the inaugural president of this new church body. Under his leadership, the synod grew. And not only was he president of the synod, but he also assisted in founding a college that eventually became Concordia Seminary, serving as it's first president until his death. One of his more important contributions was the transcription of series of lectures he gave in at the seminary, "The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel," which our pastors still use today.

Consider for a moment the background of our church body: the early affairs of the Synod and the church services were conducted in German, and it wasn't until World War One that English became the language of the synod – almost 70 years after its founding.

Yes, our church body was founded by immigrants. Now, look around our community. We have the largest concentration of Burmese immigrants in the United States. We have a large Hispanic community. We have a growing number of immigrants from various African countries. We have our Tamil community. All who, just like our ancestors, are strangers in a strange land. How are we helping them assimilate? How are we taking the good news of Christ to them? Are we inviting them to worship with us? Or are we casting them sideward glances, commenting on their struggles with English, and tossing them aside because many don't look the same as us? If so, certainly contrary to our Christian beliefs and possibly a sign that we have forgotten our ancestors had these very same struggles.

Let's remember Walther and those early immigrant Lutherans, looking for ways to welcome our immigrant community to Calvary – and live up to our words that we Engage People In Christ, just as we preach Christ Crucified.

In His (and your) service, Bill Laut

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

8th Grade Graduation

We are proud to announce the 73rd graduating class of Calvary Lutheran Church and School. Graduation will take place at a special worship service on Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. 27 graduates will be conferred their diplomas. We are honored to present Abigail Ebert as this year's class Valedictorian and Jason Bolton and Zai Seng Yung Dumdaw as our Co-Salutatorians. We commend these students and celebrate with their families on this academic accomplishment. A reception will be held immediately following the service. The 73rd graduating class of Calvary Lutheran School members include: Noah Alexander, Jason Bolton, Aryan Chauhan, Averie Clay, Maggie Craft, Kayla Curry, Madeline Davis, Zai Seng Yung Dumdaw, Abigail Ebert, Rebekah Ebert, Elijah Evans, Joshua Finke, Jr., Landen Gaskins, Michael Harmon, Jr., Biak Hleithawng, Dameon Jones, Aloysius Kochan, London Ngo, Sadie Morris, Deshawn Parks, Miah Payne, Corbin Peelman, Isabella Reese, Bi Di So, Michael Whyde, Noah Wilcher, and Htoi San Zin. We ask the Lord to bless these graduates as they continue to glorify their Savior as they pursue higher academic challenges and other adventures.

IREAD 3 Testing Results

We commend our students and teachers for an 83% pass rate on our recent IREAD 3 testing. The IREAD 3 test is given to third grade students that did not reach the pass cut line as a second grader. Only 7 students in our 3rd grade were required to take the test. This is indeed a team effort consisting of students, parents, and teachers. The instruction begins in our preschool sessions. We thank God for a student body eager to learn, parents supporting and partnering with the church and school, and teachers giving excellence each day. Second graders were given the option to take the IREAD 3 test during the 2023 spring testing window again. 65% of these students passed the IREAD 3 test. Job Well Done!!

National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 4

We share an awesome privilege – PRAYER. God invites us to draw near to Him through prayer. We are also privileged to share the freedom of prayer in this great country. Marking May 4th as a National Day of Prayer provides a clear picture of the freedoms that we enjoy. The students of Calvary Lutheran School will be joining our Calvary Prayer Team for our chapel service in the sanctuary at 8:15 a.m. We take it to the Lord in prayer.

School Walk-a-thon – Friday, May 5

The students have received pledges for the Walk-a-thon. Our goal is \$20,000. The students will begin walking outside around our Calvary grounds at 12:45 p.m. A fun day is planned as stations along the walking route have activities and games for the students to play. Funds raised will go to supporting our school safety and STEM curriculum needs. We ask the Lord to bless this day with great weather. Thank you for your prayers and support.

6th-8th Grade Choir Concert

Students in our 6th-8th grade choir will perform a concert on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited to share in the gift of music.

5th-8th Grade Band Concert

All are invited to share an evening of music from our 5th -8th grade band under the direction of Mrs. Heather Alexander. The concert is Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Summer Tutoring

Our summer tutoring program is yet to be completely scheduled. More information as June approaches.



Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

The 2022-23 School Year Concludes

We celebrate our Calvary Lutheran Family Time Picnic and Kickball beginning at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 25. The 2022-23 school year at Calvary Lutheran School will conclude on Friday, May 26. An end of year awards ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The first part of the ceremony will involve the entire student body of Kindergarten-8th grade. At 11:00 a.m., 5th-8th grade students will remain in the church for the conclusion of the awards. A closing chapel service will follow the awards ceremony. We anticipate this service beginning at 11:30 a.m. School will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. [No lunch service or afternoon Extended Care services provided on this day.] We invite parents, grandparents, and friends of Calvary to attend this exciting conclusion to the school year. God has indeed richly blessed our year together. We commend all into His care.

2023-24 School Registration

Registration for the 2023-24 school year continues. Classes are filling up very quickly. Openings are still found in one Preschool class and 2nd, 4th-8th grade levels. We invite you to share this news with colleagues, friends, and neighbors. Contact the school office for additional information.

8th Grade Class Trip

The 8th grade class will be visiting Washington, D. C. for their class trip Mon-Thurs, May 8-11. The class will be traveling by motor coach. Numerous sites in DC will be included on their itinerary. Dawn Schultz, Stacey Faubion, and parent chaperones are accompanying the class. We ask the Lord to keep all safe and that this trip may serve not only as an educational adventure but an opportunity to strengthen relationships together. 8th grade will not be in session on Friday, May 12.

NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

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.

Metal Recycling Event – May 6, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Save your unwanted metal and bring it to the LHS parking lot on Saturday, May 6, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon to be recycled. Many thanks to our business partner - Hanna's Wrecker, Parts & Recycling.

LHS Alumni Spring Celebrate & Connect, May 10, 5:00 p.m.

LHS Alumni! You are invited to **Celebrate & Connect** on Wednesday, May 10, 5:00 p.m. You'll be able to attend our Varsity baseball and softball games as well as have some great fellowship with other LHS Alumni.

Commencement – Sunday, May 21

Lutheran High School's 45th Baccalaureate and Commencement for the Class of 2023 will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2:00 pm in the Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend; doors will open at 1:00 p.m.

LHS Summer Sports Camps - June 2023

LHS will offer **Summer Sports Camps** in various sports during June for boys and girls who are in or have just completed grade school. For information and to register, visit LHSI.org.

31st Annual Golf Outing - June 4

The **31st Annual Lutheran High School Golf Outing** will take place on Sunday, June 4 at Martinsville Golf Club. Check-in and lunch begin at 12:30 pm, and the Golf Scramble with a Shotgun Start follows at 2:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Lutheran High School. Register now at LHSI.org.



Your donations of GENTLY USED items are needed for the

JUNE 3rd YARD SALE

Please help by pre-pricing your items and hanging onto them until the week before the yard sale.

NO CLOTHING OR SHOES.

**DONATION DROP-OFF INFORMATION
WILL BE POSTED IN MAY.**

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

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| 1) Books | 14) Games |
| 2) Movies | 15) Toys |
| 3) Music | 16) Baby Items |
| 4) Tools | 17) Pet Supplies |
| 5) Garden | 18) Musical Instruments |
| 6) Sports Gear | 19) Home Furnishings |
| 7) Small Appliances | 20) Furniture |
| 8) Kitchen | 21) Home Health |
| 9) Glassware / Dishes | 22) Purses |
| 10) Crafts | 23) Personal Items |
| 11) Holiday | |
| 12) Linens | |
| 13) Antiques | |

The yard sale will be held on Saturday, June 3rd from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the school gym. Donation drop-off information will be posted in May. Volunteers will be needed to set up, help shoppers during the day, and clean up afterwards. More information on needed volunteers will be shared next month. Contact Paula Fisk or Candy O'Bryan with any questions.

Adult Ministry

Lunch OUT! Wednesday, May 3 11:00 a.m.

For our "First Wednesday" May outing we're headed south to BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse at Greenwood Park Mall. This eatery offers burgers, salads, soups and pizzas, and a list of lunch specials. BJ's is located just west of Macy's, with the main entrance facing County Line Road.

Tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran, no reservation needed. Adults of all ages are welcome – come join us for good food and some fun Christian fellowship.



Lunch & Learn Wednesday, May 17 11:00 a.m.

Program: The Neighborhood of Saturdays: Memories of a Multi-ethnic Community on Indianapolis' South Side. The highway construction of Interstate 70 fragmented the near- Southside neighborhood that had been one of the city's most multi-ethnic communities.

Research by students in the IUPUI Department of Anthropology produced a collection of oral histories, photographs and other memorabilia from African-American and Jewish elders, and former residents. Dr. Hyatt will share about the book that includes history, photos and stories of the residents, their neighborhood, and the student project that brought them back together nearly 50 years later.

Presenter: Dr. Susan B. Hyatt, IUPUI, Professor of Anthropology

Lunch: Turkey Tetrazzini, green beans, and desserts

Suggested donation: \$5

We hope you'll join us - guests are always welcome!
Questions? Contact Emily Spelde, 317-783-2000 ext. 239

NO Lunch & Learn in JUNE

Due to the sanctuary lighting renovations in June the narthex use and kitchenette access will be restricted. Please watch announcements and our website for updates and coming events.

Compassion Ministry

Staff Breakfast

The Compassion Ministry Team hosted a staff breakfast for the School and Church staff to thank them for their wonderful support and service to the school children and the congregation. We thank them all for the countless hours of planning, teaching, creativity, and love they all put in to support Calvary's mission of serving and caring for God's people.

Lunches for Clean-Up Crew

In the aftermath of the destruction caused by the tornados in Whiteland, Calvary was asked to supply lunches for volunteers who helped with the clean-up. A total of 88 sack lunches were provided by Calvary for 2 Saturday clean-up days. What a blessing it was to be able to help!

Stewardship Emphasis

Featured Mission Support Focus – LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces

The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports all LCMS chaplains who serve on active duty, in the reserves, the National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, and Coast Guard Auxiliary. LCMS chaplains deliver Word and Sacrament ministry to our military personnel and their families. The LCMS cares deeply for those who currently serve, for those who have donned the cloth of our nation in uniform, and for those who served our nation and live in our communities through programming such as Operation Barnabas. Operation Barnabas — the only program of its kind in the U.S. — is the Synod's network of care to our nation's military members, families and veterans.

As part of our support of external ministries, Calvary provides an annual gift to this LCMS Ministry. This year the Stewardship Ministry Team designated a gift of \$500 to "Serving Those Who Serve." If you would like to provide additional support to the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces or would like additional information, visit lcms.org/armedforces.

Thrivent Members - don't let your Action Team grants go unused

All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. Thrivent Action Teams make it easy to live generously. It starts with a simple question: "Who can I help and how?" Calvary Ministry Teams have several projects that could use the financial support Thrivent provides through these grants. Recent Thrivent Action Team Grants have been used to purchase medicine for the El Salvador Mission Team and to assist with costs related to the Easter Egg Hunt. Have questions about connecting your Thrivent membership to a project? Contact Stewardship at stewardship@clcs.org.

Continued Support of the Lutheran High School of Indianapolis

Calvary continues to generously provide support for the Lutheran High School of Indianapolis. As part of our Stewardship budget, Calvary is providing nearly \$60,000 per year to the operation of the school. The Calvary family also provided significant support to the very successful 2023 LuFest event. Net proceeds for the 2023 LuFest event were a record with over \$145,000 (net) being raised. Calvary members can also continue to support to the capital campaign entitled "Together". Together is focusing on advancing this important ministry by providing additional scholarship opportunities and funding for facilities improvements.

Fellowship Ministry

So Thankful to Serve

Our Fellowship really enjoyed serving the yummy free meal at the recent *Calvary Egg Hunt*. So many smiles and thank you's were given. We offered hot dogs, chips & cookies with fruit snacks too. The Caprisun fruit punch and grape jelly Uncrustables were really popular! What a wonderful day to serve and get to meet NEW people from our community. We are looking forward to next year's egg hunt! He is risen, indeed!

Seeking more hands & hearts

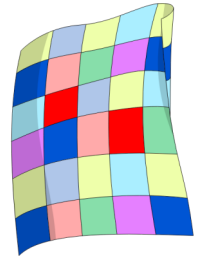
Our ministry team is looking for more folks to join us as we look to plan future events. If you enjoy preparing simple foods & drinks, making signs, setting up tables & chairs and serving food making phone calls, organizing supplies ...or any combination of these. Come join us as we discuss ways to serve our Calvary family. Please contact Diane Robinson at or Shari Lipps in the church office for information.

Women in Mission

Blankets for Babies

Blankets for Babies is meeting again!! Our next spring meeting will be on **Thursday, May 11th**. 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.



Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, May 6 8:30 a.m.

This month's study will be from the Lutheran Women's Spring 2023 Quarterly and shared by everyone. Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, May 6th** 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 **May 8th**. Please join us. Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



Extravagant Sharing Changes

For many years Calvary has helped meet the needs of many families through the The Sharing Place of Lutheran Child and Family Services in Lawrence Township. Calvary's generous donations were always appreciated and provided support for needy families in that area of Indianapolis.

Beginning this month, our Extravagant Sharing donations will be taken to the Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry at 1209 Linden Street. Emmaus food pantry is run completely by compassionate volunteers who distribute food to 28 families on each of 3 afternoons of operation each week. They distribute food from a wide variety of sources but are always needing more. Calvary, we can help our sister Lutheran church by supporting needy families on the southside of Indianapolis.

One of the biggest needs of every family is CEREAL. Our request is that each month we bring **cereal PLUS** additional items. We ask that in addition to dry cereal in the month of May we bring **boxes and individual serving sizes of macaroni and cheese**. A sign will be posted by the Extravagant Sharing shelves, across from the main church doors, of suggested donations for each month. Because Emmaus is so much closer to Calvary, donations will be taken more frequently to the Emmaus Pantry and meet family needs more quickly.

This special opportunity to compassionately help those in need is another JOY of sharing Jesus with our community outside the walls of Calvary. We will continue serving our Lord with JOY-filled Extravagant Sharing.



A hoppin' good time.



Hundreds of children take part in Calvary Lutheran Church Easter Egg Hunt.



The Calvary Lutheran Church Easter hunt brought nearly 600 people together on Indy's southside, Saturday, April 1. Families enjoyed a day full of activities including the egg hunt, a science show exploring the wonders of chemistry, a large petting zoo, crafts, face painting, selfie station, numerous bounce houses, complimentary lunch, and games. The annual event was free for family, friends, and neighbors to attend. Visitors were greeted with Easter bags and

destination maps highlighting nine campus activities including nursery time for toddlers. Activities were tailored to children in three ages groups, 0 to 4, 5 to 8, and 9 to 12 years old. A total of 280 children searched for 4,629 Easter eggs!

Additional family events are being planned, including a Pizza Night, Family Movie Night, and more. To learn more about future events and church worship services please visit the Calvary Lutheran Church and School's website at clcs.org.



Thanks to all the volunteers!

An event like this is not possible without all the volunteer support from Calvary individuals and ministry teams. The Easter egg hunt is co-sponsored by the Outreach and Fellowship ministry teams, with the Parish Education team doing the crafts, the Children's Ministry team doing games and the Communications team supervising the bounce houses. A total of 72 volunteers participated on the day of the event! Prior to the event, some of our school children worked with the adult ministry group to pack most of the eggs, with additional help from individuals. We also thank Guy Hansen (Eli Lilly, retired) for giving us the "Chemistry is a Blast" show this year. What a blessing to be able to share a fun event with the community, and to showcase our church and school campus!



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May 7, 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 146; 1 Peter 2:1-10; John 14:1-14

“Box Checked or Baked In?” – Sermon Text: John 14:13-14 – Rev. Dr. Thomas

Ahlersmeyer Jesus promises to answer “Whatever you ask,” commanding us to “ask me anything” . . . with one condition! He wants requests to be made “in Jesus’ name.” This condition, far from limiting us, opens up amazing possibilities for faith, love, hope, and life!

May 14, 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 66:16-20; 1 Peter 3:13-17; John 14:15-23

“Truly Loving Jesus” – Sermon Text: John 14:23 – Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

In John 14:23 Jesus speaks about loving him. What does he really mean when he talks about such love? Jesus also tells us that there is a wonderful blessing associated with our truly loving him.

May 21, 2023 – The Ascension of Our Lord Observed

Psalm 47; Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53

“Witnessing While We Wait” – Sermon Text: Luke 24:52-53 – Rev. Thomas Eggold

For those who are in Christ Jesus, waiting does not mean fear. And waiting does not mean worry. In our Baptism, we have been given the power of the Holy Spirit, and the purpose of that power is that we may believe the promise of life that will come with Christ’s return, and that we may witness while we wait.

May 28, 2023 – The Day of Pentecost

Psalm 25:1-15; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

“The Holy Spirit” – Sermon Text: John 7:37-38 – Rev. Shayne Jonker

Today is Pentecost, the day the Church celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as Jesus breathes on His Church from the right hand of God and gives His Church breath and life to proclaim the Good News of His saving death and resurrection. Thus, it is a day full of grace and gladness, a day of promises fulfilled.



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