

AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

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AN AUGUST RACE FAITHFUL TO THE FINISH

In the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, Derek Redmond of Great Britain was considered a favorite contender for a medal. It was the evening of August 3, 1992 as Redmond was pitted against seven others in a semi-final in the 400 meters. Redmond knelt poised, waiting for the race to start. As the gun went off, his body was translated into a human locomotion, feverishly charging against the other runners.

As Redmond prepared to round the curve after the halfway mark, however, he suddenly heard a pop. It was his right

hamstring. Redmond soon found himself trapped by the searing pain of his leg.

The other runners finished the race as he desperately continued his painful trek to the finish line. He waved off the stretchers, however, - determined to finish the race.

From the stands, his father had been watching. He pushed his way past security guards to meet his son on the track. He then reached his weeping son. "Look, you don't have to do this." Redmond then replied: "Yes I do." His

father then said: "Well, if you're going to finish this race, we'll finish it together."

With his arm locked around his son, Jim Redmond helped his son to the finish line to the sounds of a cheering stadium.

We have to remember that God is like that in the race we are running. Sometimes we may get injured in the race, but God is always there ready to put His arm around us, and help us to the finish line.

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Calvary congregation and the Board of Evangelism will be sponsoring a screening of the new Martin Luther film, released for the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation. The movie will be shown here in Watseka at the Watseka Theater. Other congregations and members of the community will also be invited in addition to all our members. **Put the date on your calendar now: Tuesday, September 26, 2017.** You won't want to miss it!

**SAVE THE DATE:
BENEFIT FOR KATHY & BILL
LONG**

**Friday, Sept 15th @ Calvary
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Pulled pork sandwiches will be
served, dine-in or carry-out.**



August Birthdays

Marjorie Kraay (93!)	08/02
L.D. Smith	08/04
Evan First	08/06
Martha St. Peter (87!)	08/06
Donna Koester	08/07
Tom Schroeder	08/07
Shirley Smith (81!)	08/07
Anita Koester (85!)	08/08
Nancy Norder	08/08
Noelle Schroeder	08/08
Evan Williams	08/11
John Herman	08/12
Karen Rudd (60!)	08/12
Ashten Gentile	08/14
Sue Seggebruch	08/15
Linda Thompson	08/15
Ronald Thompsen	08/16
Connie Cluver	08/17
Jill Kollmann	08/17
Abigail Eckert	08/18
Bob Seggebruch (80!)	08/19
Tricia Shephard	08/19
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Jared West (20!)	08/19
Niccole Howe-Peck	08/20
Marilyn Smith	08/20
Hayden Schaumburg	08/21
Libby Hamilton	08/22
Brady Anderson	08/23
Connie Bruns	08/23
Aaron Garcia	08/23
Betty Long (85!)	08/23
Evan Kollmann	08/24
Marilah Kaplan	08/28
Roberta Kempen	08/28
Anne Martin	08/28
Jacob Eckert	08/29

PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL will be held Friday, September 8th and Saturday, September 9th. Calvary will be in charge of the purse and scarves booth. So if you have any of these items you are not using, you can donate them to us for our booth. There will not be a craft booth this year, so we will not be collecting crafts of any kind. However, you may donate to the following booths: **Baked goods, Used books, Plants, Produce, Jams, Jewelry.**

There will be two new booths: we will be playing bingo and having a dime toss. We hope you will enjoy these two new booths. We are also looking for two silent auction items worth \$25.

A fish fry will be Friday noon and evening. Saturday noon will be pork burgers and chicken patties. Saturday evening's meal will be pork chops.

Thank you for your continued support of Prairieview, and if you have any questions please contact Betty Thompsen or Carole Wellborn.
- Prairieview Committee



Calvary Lutheran Ladies' Guild
will NOT meet in July or August. The ladies on the three-month committee for July/Aug/Sept are Nancy Norder, Sharon Knisley, and Kim Love. Enjoy your summer, we will meet again on September 12th.



August Anniversaries

Todd & Colette Kollman	8/2/2003
Kathy & Bill Long	8/2/1980
Michael & Marcella Kennedy	8/3/1974
Richard & Susie Boomgarden (55 years!)	8/4/1962
Jennifer & Paul Claxton	8/4/2012
Robert & Tonya Gaffield	8/6/1994
Coy & Amber Hamilton	8/8/2009
P.C. & Laura Wellborn	8/9/2014
John & Sally Allhands	8/11/1984
Linard & Mini Kessinger (71 years!)	8/11/1946
Denney & Marilyn Smith	8/11/1968
Lucas & Kayla Kaplan	8/14/2010
Bob & Donna Flesher	8/15/1970
Tim & Lisa Fletcher	8/16/1986
Kay & Dennis Skates (56 years!)	8/19/1961
Rev. Donald & Kim Love (30 years!)	8/22/1987
Mark & Jill Kollmann	8/23/1986
Ronald & Nancy Kollman (56 years!)	8/26/1961
Alsion & Jodie Neal	8/28/1998
Bob & Sue Seggebruch	8/31/1968





Rally Day

Sunday, September 10, 2017

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

Youth - Breakfast and activities

Parents - We desperately need your input in moving forward from here—for our children, our youth, and the future of our church. Meeting will be held while children are busy with their activities.

Breakfast will be served.

Reminder! CEC will be starting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM.



Doctors Ken Klaus and Dale Meyer Returning to The Lutheran Hour

To celebrate Lutheran Hour Ministries' 100th anniversary, LHM is excited to announce the weekly broadcast of **The Lutheran Hour** will soon feature Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus and Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer beginning Nov. 5, 2017.

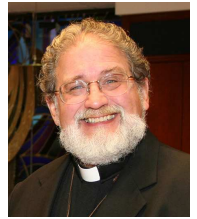
Before that date, however, both former Speakers will be on the microphone for LHM's "Archive August," with Meyer delivering sermons on August 6 and 13 and Klaus finishing with August 20 and 27.



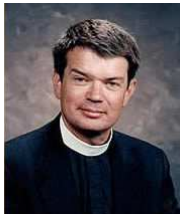
Dr. Seltz

The upcoming regular appearances of the two distinguished Speakers are part of a transition plan being implemented following current Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz's recent acceptance of a call to serve as executive director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL). His final broadcast for **The Lutheran Hour** was recorded in Wittenberg, Germany, just this week; it will be aired Reformation weekend, October 29.

"In a year where we celebrate the 100th anniversary of LHM, we are extremely pleased to honor the legacy of **The Lutheran Hour** program by announcing that these two popular speakers have agreed to assist us while we search for the next individual who will share the Good News of Jesus Christ over the airwaves," says LHM President & CEO Kurt Buchholz. "Generations of people in our listening audience have been blessed to learn from and be strengthened in the faith by Dr. Klaus and Dr. Meyer. We look forward to their continued role in this important ministry that remains a critical part of LHM's focus on media outreach."



Dr. Klaus



Dr. Meyer

Klaus retired from the full-time Speaker role in 2010 and has been recording one sermon a month for **The Lutheran Hour** and writing most of LHM's Daily Devotions. Meyer served as Speaker from 1989 through 2001 (as well as host of LHM's **On Main Street** weekly television program) and currently serves as president of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

August Schedule

Aug 6 - "On Thee the High and Lowly" (Exodus 20:10) Dr. Dale A. Meyer - It's "Archives August" and we present a classic message from former Speaker, Dr. Dale Meyer.

Aug 13 - "Looking for a Good Speaker" (Matthew 6:9) Dr. Dale A. Meyer - "Archives August"-What do the words "Our Father" teach us about our relationship with God and with each other?

Aug 20 - "God's Dog" (Matthew 15:21-28) Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus - Was Jesus being politically incorrect--or worse--when He compared a Canaanite woman to a canine?

Aug 27 - "Absolutely Nothing" (1 Corinthians 15:14-19) Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus - Pastor Ken Klaus explains how something that is "absolutely nothing" can be a very good thing.

**August airings of The Lutheran Hour on WFGA are sponsored by Calvary.
Tune in Sundays at 8 AM.**

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Proverbs 24:16 “for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again,”

The Number “7” here does not mean seven times and you’re out. Rather, it is a number of perfect completion of all of God’s plans. You can this throughout Holy Scriptures and specially in the Book of Revelation.

Likewise, the truth that God will help us complete our race of faith is repeatedly taught and proven throughout Holy Scripture.

Isaiah 40:29-31

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰ Even youths grow tired

and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Ps 34:19 “A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all”

Ps 71:20 “Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up. You will increase my honor and comfort me once again.”

Acts 14:22 “strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.”

John 16:33 “Jesus said “I have told you these things, so that in

me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

1 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”

Prayer: Jesus You know what endurance means because of all you did for me. Thanks You for forgiving me. Thank You for Your gift of righteousness. Grant me the strength each day to complete my race of faith. In Your Righteous and forgiving name. Amen.

Pastor Love



READ AHEAD!
This month's lectionary readings...

Date	Psalm Reading	Old Testament Lesson	Epistle Lesson	The Holy Gospel
Aug. 6 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 136:1-9 (23-26)	Isaiah 55:1-5	Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)	Matthew 14:13-21
Aug. 13 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 18:1-9 (7-16)	Job 38:4-18	Romans 10:5-17	Matthew 14:22-33
Aug. 20 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 67	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32	Matthew 15:21-28
Aug. 27 12 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 138	Isaiah 51:1-6	Romans 11:33-12:8	Matthew 16:13-20

**Calvary Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
July 18, 2017
7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Russell Rudd. Pastor Love offered an opening devotion and prayer.

The Church Council meeting was postponed for one week due to Vacation Bible School being in session.

The minutes of the June 13, 2017 were accepted as published.

Financial Secretary: James Bruns presented the report which showed receipts of \$18,392.54 for the month of June and receipts for the year of \$135,225.81.

Treasurer's Report: Haley Anderson presented her report. The General Fund balance is \$55,225.40. The complete financial reports are included with the minutes kept by the recording secretary. Haley noted that she had received the bill for the fence and would be taken from line items (420 and 425) in the budget in the July report since they were bills received in July.

Haley received notice that the Church Extension Fund (Organ Fund) was due to mature 8/1/17 with a current amount of \$7204.09. If we let it roll over for 5 years will be at a rate of 2.015 and we currently are at 1.625. James Bruns suggested Haley check with Iroquois Federal and if they are offering a higher rate of interest to invest with them to keep it local.

Board of Elders' Report: Richard Boomgarden presented the report.
Baptism- Karleigh Mae Rapp- July 1, 2017
Funerals- Russell Wessels -June 23, 2017
Weddings- Heather Stumpe and Kyle Fletcher - July15, 2017
Transfer out-(Glendora Wessels to St. Paul's Lutheran, McAllen, Texas

Robert Lubben commented that this was his first experience at Calvary Lutheran Church with Vacation Bible School and thought it was excellent.

Board of Evangelism Report: Bonnie Rajala presented the report
Gift bag for Karleigh Mae Rapp given to her for baptism.
On July 12th the Evangelism board, Men's Bible study and the Ruth Circle served hamburgers for VBS. 150 people were served.
The Board of Evangelism discussed giving a donation to Nicole Wittmann to support her upcoming mission trip. This matter was tabled until Nov/Dec.
The Board of Evangelism had planned on sending the money donated from the July 12th meal to Bernie Lutz and his wife for their upcoming mission trip. However, no offerings were taken for the VBS meals.
A big Thank You to all who helped or donated food for the Recognition Dinner. There were 59 people served.
Upcoming Projects: Luther Film on 9/26/17—ready to send flyers out to the other churches
August Food Pantry Drive
Refreshments for the Mission Festival in September. Working with the LWML on this

Board of Christian Education: Dean Cluver presented report.
Need volunteers for the Cradle Roll. Will update later with further information.
Sunday School starts on 9/10/17. Need volunteers to help. Need a teacher for Junior High (6th, 7th and 8th)
Had a great turn out for VBS. Had 81 on Monday, 82 on Tuesday, 85 on Wednesday and 82 on Thursday.
Served in all 99 different children.
Meals served: Monday 115, Tuesday 140, Wednesday 155 and Thursday 145. Total of 555 meals served at VBS
Adult attending VBS: Monday 20, Tuesday 20, Wednesday 17 and Thursday 17.
Offering of \$248.04 was given to the Mahlah the Comfort Dog. She attended VBS on two of the evenings.
Big Thank you to all who helped with time and talent at VBS. Approximately 100 people helped out in various ways.

Preschool Board: Margo Legan indicated no report.

Board of Youth: Abby Swartz gave report.

Keep the youth in your prayers. There will be 6 boys and 2 girls going on the Youth Mission Trip. 5 of these young people are veterans. Nicole Wittmann will be meeting the group and chaperoning in Michigan.

Board of Properties: Wayne Janssen gave report.

The fence at the Parsonage is completed

Door on the West side of the church was fixed with a replacement bar.

Wayne Janssen made a motion to have Tyler Atwood take down the 2 dead Ash trees and remove the stumps for a cost of \$1000. Robert Lubben second. Motion carried.

Wayne Janssen made a motion to have Tyler Atwood trim the limbs on some trees for \$200. Robert Lubben second. Motion carried.

Painting in the Preschool hallway needs to be done. Getting an estimate and will try to have completed by start of Preschool.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Love gave report.

Thank you to all for great work at VBS.

The fence is great.

Starting in September, Pastor Love is going to have us focus on goals for our Church family.

Think about reaching out in different ways for the following:

Worship (different ways), Evangelism (support Evangelism team), Fellowship (bringing people into Gods family), Discipleship (how to use our gifts, leadership classes) and Ministry.

Susie Boomgarden mentioned short term ministry travels of no more than 2 weeks. Would like to see this as a possibility.

Prayers for Erica Jellerson who was on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic and became very ill. She is slowly improving.

President's Report: Denney Smith left the following information.

Denney appointed Ron Kollmann to serve with Russell Rudd and Haley Anderson on the Gift Funds Review Committee. They will report to the Voters in September.

Unfinished Business:

Wayne Janssen, Margo Legan and Josh Harms met to discuss the benefit for Kathy and Bill Long. It will be help on September 15th from 4:30 -6:30. They will have Pulled Pork and cole slaw. They have 2 Thrivent Action Team monies: one for \$250 for supplies and \$250 for silent auction items. They will be using the high school Sunday School room for carry out. Downstairs will be for those dining in. Planning on 400-500 people. Are sending flyers out to the schools. Both churches will donate desserts.

If anyone has silent auction items they would like to donate contact Margo Legan.

New Business: President Denney Smith left a letter from Kathy Long asking if Calvary Lutheran would again consider donating monies for school supplies to the Blessing Shed. Richard Boomgarden made a motion that we donate \$350 to the Blessing Shed. Wayne Janssen second. Motion carried.

Bonnie Rajala made a motion that we give \$1000 to Nicole Wittmann for her Mission trip. Robert Lubben second. Motion carried. Money to be taken from the DCE funds.

Robert Lubben indicated they were looking at considering having more elders. Currently 4 looking at going to 6.

Pastor Love will be having knee surgery on Thursday, July 20th on his knee. Pastor Nabinger will have services for the next two weeks. Pastor Cooper will be available for first 3 days for emergencies and then Pastor Montgomery from Ash Grove will cover for emergencies.

James Bruns moved for adjournment and Ronald Thompsen seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned with the members praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Thompsen, Recording Secretary