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Sorry for the late arrival of your newsletter! I lost a couple full days due to my father being in the hospital. Praise God he's back to being well! Thanks for your understanding. Your office manager, - Ben,



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From the Pastor

WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE?

What will heaven be like? Ultimately, it will far beyond anything that we have personally experienced or could ever imagine. God, the maker of this incredibly vast and powerful universe moved Paul to write in **1 Corinthians 2:9** "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him".

However, Scripture does give us some descriptions of heaven. It is a Place of:

I. Peace & Comfort

Luke 16: 22,25 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side.... ²⁵ **now he is comforted here...**

Isaiah 57:1-2 "The righteous perish, and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken

away to be **spared from evil**. Those who walk uprightly **enter into peace; they find rest** as they lie in death."

II. Joy, laughter, Pleasure & Celebration.

Luke 6: 21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for **you shall be satisfied**. "Blessed are you who weep now, for **you shall laugh**."

Luke 23:43 "Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in **paradise**."

Psalms 16:11 "you will fill me with **joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures** at your right hand."

Rev 19:9 "Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the **wedding supper of the Lamb!**'"

III. Relationships

With Family, Friends, all

mankind but especially with Jesus Christ Himself.

Genesis 35:29 "Then he breathed his last and died and was **gathered to his people**"

John 14:3 "I will come again and will **take you to myself**, that **where I am** you may be also."

Revelation 7:9 "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."

IV. Music

Rev. 5:9 "And they **sang a new song:**" What is the most beautiful Songs, or choir you have ever heard? What is the most fun music. Please also note above music as at celebration.

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November Birthdays!

Marcia Benoit	11/01
Tim Fletcher	11/03
Marvin Kollmann (81!)	11/03
Betty Ahrens (80!)	11/07
Ilse Williams	11/07
Abby Pflingsten	11/08
Ed Varner	11/09
Lucille Selk (96!)	11/10
Harry Bauer	11/11
Mallory Redeker	11/11
Tina Schaumburg	11/11
Leah Hamilton (1!)	11/14
Melinda Day	11/15
Jennifer Long	11/16
Pat Cluver	11/17
Diane Swanson	11/17
Mickey Biernat	11/18
Ruth Vicari	11/19
Shirley White (82!)	11/19
Ruth Behrens	11/20
Hagen Hoy	11/23
Cy West	11/23
Dean Cluver	11/26
Jeremy Douglas	11/26
Payton Neal	11/26
Dan Cluver (60!)	11/28
Livia Kollman (10!)	11/30

Dear friends of Prairieview,

Thank you for considering us as a part of your giving for this coming Christmas season! Your generous gift will help us to provide Christmas gifts for all our residents. Your donation has demonstrated your commitment to our work and mission to make everyday life full and rewarding for our seniors in a loving Christian community.

Your act of kindness reminds us how blessed we are! Truly, there's no place like Prairieview—thanks to you!!

May God bless you and your families this holiday season and throughout the year.

Your fellow servant,

Tom McCann. Prairieview Lutheran Homes

November Anniversaries!

Merle & Marcia Benoit (50 years!)	11/11/1967
David & Judith Cluver (61 years!)	11/11/1956
Jon & Amy Norder (20 years!)	11/15/1997
Linda & Gordon Thompsen	11/16/1968
David & Kendra Perzee (51 years!)	11/27/1966
Marvin & Arlene Kollmann (60 years!)	11/30/1957

DEAR SHUT IN'S, If you are finished listening to your sermon CDs and do not wish to keep them, you may return them to whomever delivers to you. Calvary, in conjunction with Love Packages, Inc., will repurpose the CDs by sending them out to others who need to hear God's word.



On Sept 24th, Kerry & Trudy Bell defeated several strong contenders to be crowned the Couples' Club bean bag champions! Later, on Oct 15th, Natalie Schroeder and Drew Wittenborn held off their fellow youth to be dubbed our inaugural youth bean bag champions! The logical next step: a playoff!!! Congrats to both teams!!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another October full of blessings for Calvary Preschool! In October, we ordered and received our Calvary Preschool apparel! We love the navy blue! In the middle of the month, we had the Watseka Fire Department come and do a demonstration and talk about fire safety, their uniforms and the truck! The kids, weeks later, are talking about the firemen coming to our preschool!

Then, we also had our Annual Fish Fry here at Calvary! We would like to thank the many individuals that worked so hard again organizing and planning the Fish Fry again this year! Thanks to you, we were able to have another very success year, raising \$2,266.24 for the Preschool!! PRAISE GOD for the blessings and support we receive from so many with this annual fundraiser! It truly means so much to us to have the support and prayers from the congregation! The Fish Fry is something we look forward to and we hear from so many in the congregation how they look forward to the night as well. We welcomed so many from the community and even a lot of preschool families, which was nice to see. It is always a lot of fun, food and fellowship. Thanks be to God!

Have a blessed fall!

Margo and Julie



Thanks to everyone who participated in our Bake-less Bake Sale! We raised \$263 that will go to our 2017 Danville Zone project fund which will be split equally between our four Lutheran Schools in the Zone. So far our zone has collected over \$3,700!

Additionally, over LWML Weekend we collected \$418 in a special offering, which will be split, between Rev. Hicham Chehab and Rev. Dr. Bernie Lutz.

LWML will meet on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:30 pm. All ladies of the congregation are welcome.

LADIES: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Calvary LWML will hold their Christmas dinner at Monical's Pizza in Watseka on Dec 13th at 6 PM. In January, they will host a special sewing day. Watch your bulletins and future newsletters for more details.

Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Gifts

The deadline to bring your shoebox gifts to church is November 12th, so please pick up a box (if you haven't already), pack it, include the \$9 shipping fee, and bring it to church. Now is not too soon. These gifts are a way to spread the Gospel message to young children around the world. A booklet in their language telling of the Gospel message is included in each box.



Looking for something to do this winter? The QUILTING GROUP would like your help.

- We have material which needs to be cut into squares.
- Squares need to be sewn together. Straight seam stitching, nothing fancy.
- Quilts need to be tied.
- Those of you who have scraps at home you'd like to use up—make a quilt top, 60"x80", nothing fancy, just a hodgepodge of leftovers.

You can do these things at home or come to church on any Thursday. We are there from 8:30 AM until we tire out. Come any day, any time, and any amount of time you have available.

Questions, call Carole Wellborn (815-432-3056) or Judy Timm (815-514-6545)

LADIES' GUILD MEETING on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 2 PM. Short meeting and then we'll work on shut-in projects. Please bring scissors and hole punches. All ladies welcome!!


Thank you everyone who donated bud vases and food containers, we now have plenty!
Also, thanks to Tammy Orr for locating our missing extension cord!

Our Savior Lutheran Church of Milford will be hosting their second annual **OUR SEASONS VINTAGE BAZAAR** on **Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 8 AM to 1 PM**. Featured booths will include Mom's Kitchen (freshly baked breads/canned goods/candies/etc.), Children's Corner, Family Fun, Holiday Happenings, Serendipity, Paper Palace, and Nana's Attic!! Items for sale will include fresh baked cinnamon rolls, coffee, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, holiday decorations, as well as handmade crocheted, knitted, and expertly sewn items. Also available: antiques of all kinds, homemade cards, gift-wrap, party supplies, plus something for you and gift ideas for everyone! Mark your calendars, and we'll see you there!!

What Will Heaven Be Like?


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V. Glory

 **Philippians 3:20-21** –“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, **will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.**”

VI. A Place Where We Would

Certainly Rather Be.

 **2 Corinthians 5:7-8** We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and **at home with the Lord.**

 **Philippians 1:21-24** “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with

Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account”

These are just some of the verse that help to give glimpses of what heaven will be like. Thanks be to God through our Lord Jesus Christ for the greatest gift of the forgiveness of sins and the gift of heaven.

Pastor Love



Nov 5 - "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart" (Matt. 5:8) Dr. Dale A. Meyer - This weekend many churches observe All Saints Sunday, remembering those who have died in the Christian faith. That prompts us to ask, what does it take to get to heaven? Jesus tells us in Matt. 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." What that means is this week's Lutheran Hour message.

Nov 12 - "More Than a Wish" (1 Thes. 4:13-14) Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus - Not so long ago over 370 million tickets were sold for a Powerball drawing. Each person who made a purchase had hope that they might become rich. Most were disappointed. In 1 Thes. 4, St. Paul explains how the resurrection hope of Christians is better than the hopelessness of the world and far more solid than groundless wishful thinking.

Nov 19 - "The Reckoning" (Matt. 25:14-30) Dr. Dale A. Meyer - You hear little talk about the "Fear of God" anymore, but if you don't in some way fear your Creator who judges you down to your inmost being, why would you love your only Savior whom He sends you? A message about fearing and loving God.

Nov 26 - "Show Me" (Matt. 25:31-46) Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus - In Lerner and Loewe's musical, My Fair Lady, Eliza is being wooed with words by weak and wimpy suitor. She comments: "Don't talk of stars, burning above If you're in love, show me Tell me not dreams, filled with desire If you're on fire, show me." In Jesus' description of Judgment Day, the Savior goes on record: true love needs to show itself in action.

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

The Thanksgiving service airing is available for sponsorship! Please contact the church office if interested.



Fall Festival Financial Report

This is a breakdown of what each of the booths brought in at the Prairieview Fall Festival. The money will be used for upgrades in the dining areas. Your support has been and is greatly appreciated.
- Prairieview Committee

BOOTHS	INCOME
Baked Goods	\$ 1,033.75
Cards/Napkins	\$ 667.00
Dime Toss	\$ 125.20
Donations	\$ 50.00
Friday Eve. Fish Fry	\$ 4,609.25
Friday Noon Fish Fry	\$ 3,434.75
Jewelry	\$ 646.85
Last Auction	\$ 57.25
Photo Booth	\$ 29.00
Plants/Produce/Honey/Jams	\$ 768.15
Pop/Hot Dogs/Ice Cream	\$ 1,033.25
Quilts	\$ 15,750.00
Saturday Eve Pork Chops	\$ 2,199.00
Saturday Noon Lunch	\$ 1,201.50
Saturday Pies	\$ 74.00
Scarves/Purses	\$ 354.00
Silent Auction	\$ 1,260.50
Used Books	\$ 1,817.80
Gross Income	\$ 35,111.25
<i>Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 9,258.36-</i>
Net Income	\$ 25,852.89

The meeting was called to order by President Denney Smith. Pastor Love offered an opening devotion and prayer.

The minutes of the September 12, 2017 were accepted as published.

Financial Secretary: James Bruns presented the report which showed receipts of \$13,269.15 for the month of September and receipts for the year of \$188,848.76.

Treasurer's Report: Haley Anderson presented report. The General Fund balance is \$42, 968.99. The complete financial reports are included with the minutes kept by the recording secretary. Haley indicated Mission Fest weekend offerings were sent to Seminary food banks St. Louis. Phone contracts for preschool and office were up for renewal. By combining the accounts together she was able to save approximately \$80.00
 \$250.00 in the Landscaping fund would be going to pay on the Tyler Atwood bill

Board of Elders' Report: Russell Rudd indicated no report.

Board of Evangelism: Bonnie Rajala presented the report. Brochures about our church, to be used for the fish fry are being created by Ben Light and will be on the placemats. This was an outreach tool suggested by one of the members
 Permission from the Board of Education to distribute bottles of water with the church label at the Fall Carnival as an outreach tool. Janice Lubben obtained the labeled bottles from Aquality Solutions. The Board of Evangelism is suggesting the congregation have a special offering to raise funds for hurricane relief efforts in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. The Lutheran Church Charities would be an appropriate to receive and distribute these funds. The offering will be held the weekend of November 25th and 26th.
 Thank you to all who helped serve refreshments after Mission Festival and to everyone who helped in any way to make the Martin Luther Film event such a success. There was \$928.00 donated and once expenses are paid the remaining monies will be given towards the mission trips for Rev. Bernie Lutz and Nicole Whittmann.
 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox gift project is underway. Boxes, packing lists and label brochures are all available at church. Each person or group doing one of the gift boxes needs to include \$9.00 for postage to ship it around the world. Deadline is November 12th.

Board of Christian Education: Tammy Orr presented the report. Sunday School and CEC are going well. Please take note to the pictures from Rally Day on the Sunday School bulletin board. The Sunday School children will be singing in church in the 4th Sunday of each month except for December due to the Christmas program. Also on the 4th Sunday we will have our closing at 11:00. At that time we acknowledge birthdays, baptismal birthdays and perfect attendance for that month. Everyone is always welcome.
 The Sunday School offering will be split between two options: non-perishable food items to the Food Pantry and a monetary donation to the Mahlah ministries.
 The outreach project is a community wide recycling project collecting plastic bottles, caps and lids. A place in Indiana uses them to make benches.
 We are in the process of choosing a Christmas program. The date for the Christmas program is Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00pm.

Preschool Board: Margo Legan presented report. We are very excited about the Fish Fry which is Friday, October 27. Thank you to the many which make that a successful night. It is always a fun night of fellowship and good food!

Margo is looking for someone to apply for a Thrivent Action Team to be used to buy supplies for the Preschool Enrichment Class to make gifts for the shut-ins during Christmas time. Margo would be willing to help someone apply for the action team. Thank you in advance.

49 items were ordered from our Preschool Shirt Sales. We are anxious to get them delivered. Thank you to all of you who ordered.

Preschool Weekend dates are tentatively set for Sunday, December 10th with refreshments to follow and Saturday, March 24th with a hot dog dinner beforehand.

Board of Youth: Abby Swartz presented report.

The Couples club will be sponsoring a bean bag tournament for Calvary's high school youth along with Our Savior Lutheran Church in Milford on October 15th at 3pm at Calvary. A light meal will be served.

The Fall Carnival will be October 22nd, from 3-5pm with Trunk-O-Treats from 3-4pm.

Board of Property: Randy Orr gave report.

They will be working on the North door issues with the John Parkin's Landscaping. \$1200 was approved for the work.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Love gave report.

Reformation Sunday, October 29th at 3:00pm at Buckley.

Pastor Love recently attended the Iroquois County Board meeting and gave the opening prayer.

New Members class has 1 person attending

Men's breakfast bible study is going well.

Chapel Service has begun

Will be beginning to work on follow-up from the letters which were sent out by the Evangelism committee.

Thank you for all the members who have helped in any way for the many fundraisers which have been happening.

Fish Fry will be October 27th.

Preschool is going well. Fireman came to Preschool and some of the children had a ride on the firetruck. Children enjoyed having them here.

President's Report: None

Unfinished Business:

Wayne Janssen indicated there had been a request for monies from the James Good Funds and some monies were spent for prescriptions. There is some thought being considered for setting up vouchers for gas cards but is not finalized.

Wayne Janssen also indicated the Bill and Kathy Long benefit had raised \$6500.00

New Business:

Wayne Janssen indicated the Cissna Park Legion has a project called Wreaths Across America for Veterans. They are the same wreaths as put on at Arlington National Cemetery. Forms need to be completed and returned to the Cissna Park Legion by November 1. Wreaths are \$15.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Thompson, Recording Secretary