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CHIPPIE THE BIRD

2 Timothy 3:14-15 “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” ESV

Several years ago the Chattanooga Free Press told the story of a woman who had decided to take a short cut to cleaning the birdcage that housed her favorite canary Chippie. Having a busy schedule that day, she decided to clean the cage with the vacuum cleaner.

Shortening the pro-

cess even further, she took off the attachment & was using the full hose to remove debris from the cage. Suddenly the telephone rang. She turned to answer it when she heard the loud “whoosh.” She knew immediately what had happened: Chippie had been sucked into the vacuum bag. Quickly she hung up the phone, opened the bag and found Chippie – still alive but filthy. She went to the bathroom, turned on the faucet full force and stuck Chippie beneath it. A few minutes later he was clean but shivering. Seeing the hair dryer on

the counter, she picked it up and turned it on high and quickly had Chippie dry, warm and back in the cage. The entire procedure had taken only a few minutes.

Days later, someone asked, “How is Chippie?”

“Well,” she said, “he seems OK except that he doesn’t sing anymore. He just sits and stares out into the room.”

This lady had decided to take a short cut... and nearly succeeded in taking the life out of her poor bird.

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Rally Day
Sunday, September 10, 2017
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

Youth – **Breakfast, bounce house, face painting, fun and games, and our annual balloon launch!!**

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

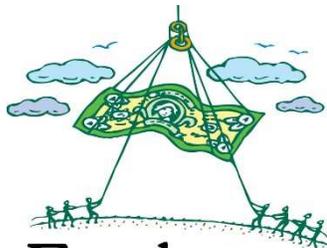


Calvary congregation and the Board of Evangelism will be sponsoring a screening of the new Martin Luther film, released for the 500 year

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!

Couples' Club is back in business and activities are coming your way!!

They will hold a bean bag toss on Sunday, September 24th @ 3 PM, at the home of Rick & Gretchen Elliott. A light meal will be served, please bring a dish to share! RSVP to the Elliots by Sept 21st. All couples of the congregation are invited to attend!!!



Fundraiser

Pulled Pork Dinner & Silent Auction

to benefit

"Big" Bill & Kathy Long

Friday, Sept 15th @ Calvary

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Carry-outs available

Proceeds from this benefit dinner and all donations will go to Bill & Kathy Long to defray their mounting medical expenses. Donations may also be made to "Benefit Fund for Bill & Kathy Long" c/o First Trust & Savings Bank, PO Box 160, Watseka, IL 60970. Benefit sponsored by Calvary, Our Savior-Milford, & Thrivent Financial.

Please have silent auction items to Margo Legan by Sept 11th. Help us do something wonderful for Bill & Kathy: We need dessert donations and volunteers for serving/setup/cleanup. See Wayne Janssen or Margo if you can help!!



Sept 3 - "Finding Life in Jesus' Steps" (Matthew 16:24-25) Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz - Take joy in the gift of being a follower of Christ who is willing to take His lead and be ordered by His steps.

Sept 10 - "Who's the Greatest?" (Matthew 18:1-20) Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz - Jesus redefined greatness. He came, not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Sept 17 - "Unleash the Power of Forgiveness in Your Life" (Matthew 18:21-35) Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz - Life with God is not about keeping score; it's about living for others in the grace Jesus earned for us.

Sept 24 - "The Latest Polls" (Matthew 21:8-11 & Luke 23:23-25) Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus - Believing the latest public opinion poll is not the same thing as believing the truth.

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

Looking for a place to recycle those empty prescription bottles? Central

Illinois LWML is collecting empty prescription bottles which will then be sent to developing countries to help improve the quality of health care in hospitals and health clinics. Please place them in the box in the Great Room.

September Birthdays!

Melva Davis (81!)	09/01
Owen Swartz	09/01
Leona Vitous (83!)	09/01
Jacob Wessels	09/02
Sally Allhands	09/04
Deanna Martin	09/04
Beth Schaumburg	09/04
April Whittington	09/04
Tina Douglas	09/07
Tyler Allhands	09/08
Kyli Rabe	09/08
Jim Williams	09/08
Lela Hofer (94!)	09/09
Kathy Long	09/09
Henrietta Lynch (95!)	09/09
Rick Elliott	09/11
Coy Hamilton	09/11
Kolby Lefeave	09/11
Ruth Bannister	09/12
Jeffrey Bell	09/12
Tonya Smith	09/12
Myka Eckert	09/13
Tonya Gaffield	09/13
Kay Skates	09/13
Verla Carley	09/14
Michelle Atwood	09/16
Brayden Shephard	09/16
Donald West	09/16
Isaac Anthony	09/18
Aaron Inman	09/18
Madelyn Pfingsten	09/18
Bev Chase	09/19
Mark Kollmann	09/21
Becca Wright	09/22
Alverda Voigt (89!)	09/23
Judah Williams (10!)	09/23
Shirley Biernat	09/24
Katelyn Gaffield	09/24
Roland Kuhlman	09/25
Eric Love	09/27
Ralph Wilkening (85!)	09/27
Mike Wright	09/27
Nancy Elliott	09/28
Michael Townsend (82!)	09/28
Linard Kessinger (93!)	09/29
Betty Regnier	09/29
Dalton Day	09/30
Shelby Jean Townsend (80!)	09/30

September Anniversaries!

Jim & Catherine Williams	09/04/1976
Ryan & Abby Swartz (15 years!)	09/07/2002
James & Connie Bruns	09/13/1980
Jeremy & Tina Douglas (25 years!)	09/20/1992
Arnold & Mary Pfingsten (65 years!)	09/20/1952
Joshua & Tia Hoy (15 years!)	09/21/2002
Edward & Mary Varner (50 years!)	09/23/1967
Tyler & Michelle Atwood	09/25/1999
Tricia & Steven Shephard	09/26/2009
Tim & Nancy Wessels (25 years!)	09/26/1992
Donald & Phyllis Ehmen (61 years!)	09/29/1956



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1991



Dear LWML Members, Pastors, & Guests,

You are cordially invited to attend the Danville Zone Fall Rally to be held at Calvary Lutheran Church, Watseka, IL on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. The theme of the Rally is, "The Word of God is Our Fortress."

The guest speaker is Rev. James Wright who has served as senior pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Altamont since 2009. Pastor and his wife, Lisa, have one daughter, Lillian, who attends the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Pastor will be speaking about his recent trip to Germany and Luther.

Registration will be 8:15 AM. Coffee and donuts will be served in the fellowship hall until the Rally begins at 9:00 AM. The Rally will adjourn after lunch. The cost of registration, which includes morning refreshments, lunch, and Rally materials, is \$6.00. The registration fee is payable at the door.

Our ingathering projects will be the Watseka Area Food Pantry and the Blessing Shed. We will accept cleaning supplies, personal care items, and non-perishable food items such as rice or pasta dishes and soup for the Food Pantry and monetary donations for the Blessing Shed. The Blessing Shed provides a variety of support such as school supplies and clothing to local needy families and is run by a member of Calvary. Please RSVP to Missy West or Gretchen Elliott by September 5th. Thanks!

Dear Members of Calvary,

The DCE Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis to discuss the future of our children and youth activities. There will be a very important meeting with the parents of all children of Calvary on September 10th at 10:00 AM. Parents, your attendance at this meeting is very important.

After the meeting with the parents, Pastor Love, the DCE Committee, and the Elders will meet and discuss the results of the parent input and try to decide how we will move forward.

The following summary on this page and the next page was compiled by Nicole of all the different things she did as our DCE in the past 2 ½ years .

Since Nicole left and until we decide how we will move forward, all of the tasks that she has listed will need to be done.

The DCE Committee asks that you look over this list carefully and look for something that maybe each one of you could volunteer to do. During this interim time, please continue to pray for our committee and our church leaders that we will make wise and God-pleasing decisions.

Thank you,
The DCE Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Before School Year starts
Update Roster of students
Have list of teachers and subs
Divide classes, by grade, number, age, etc.
Meet with the teachers—update them, teach them new teaching ideas etc.
Create year calendar of important dates etc.
Rally Day
Send out invites to church families, and VBS attendees
Plan activities—game, balloon launch, order inflatables, etc.
Purchase supplies—balloons, helium, food, etc.
During the year
Order and sort curriculum bi-monthly
On Sunday
Take attendance, update teachers, collect offering
Help substitute when needed
Help lead music if asked
4th Sunday Closing
Help youth plan puppet skit
Create goody bags for perfect attendance
Have birthday treats ready
Announce mission money/offering
Design and build the bulletin board
Make sure supplies are up kept in the library
Organize special projects
Valentine's cookies
Easter decorations
Fish fry decorations
Shut in crafts
Give attendance numbers to office manager
End of year
Debrief with board and teachers
Send offering money to designated charity
Discuss teachers for upcoming year
Christmas program
Order and rewrite the program
Pick songs
Assign parts
Lead practice, weeks prior to service

PRESCHOOL

Co-lead chapel with pastor
Alternate between leading music and message or lead both
Preschool Services
Socialize and welcome before service
Help with snacks or meal depending on service
Lead songs with preschoolers during the service
Create photo power point show for before service
Graduation
Help lead songs
Create picture slide shows for each class
Run the sound board, play music, microphones, etc.
Help before with set up and clean up after
Class time
Sub when needed
Be ready to help in "situations" (pee, screaming, bathroom breaks, etc.)
Socialize, step in room, play games with preschoolers
Greet when preschoolers arrive
Parent Night
Be available for set up and clean up
Greet parents
Answer questions
Promote church and preschool
Before School Year Open house
Greet families
Be available to answer questions
Take photos of each preschooler and family
Attend preschool board meetings

PARENTS

Teach, plan, organize Parent/family class
Keep them updated with events by sending notes home, texting, or posting online
Provide resources for parents

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VBS
 Before
 Research & purchase curriculum
 Go through and edit curriculum to best fit Calvary's need
 Meet with Faith Lutheran Church throughout planning
 Pick dates
 Inform other Watseka churches of our date
 Find volunteers
 Get appropriate materials to volunteers
 Create t-shirt design
 Delegate the order of t-shirts to someone
 Promotion
 Create fliers and posters
 Give to 5K race as handouts
 Hang around town
 Giant sign by road
 Delegate to someone to make/contact person to make
 Send invite postcards to preschool families & who attended the previous year and to church families
 Create power point slides for promotions
 Reserve Closing Sunday service space
 Reserve pool or other closing activity space
 Write puppet skits
 Be informed with volunteers, ask if they need help
 Organize Monical's Community Day
 Create Registration form
 Print 2 months prior
 Set up registration table
 Online registration
 Order supplies for crafts, name tags, kitchen, popcorn, decorating etc.
 Find groups to host meals
 Find and talk to adult bible study teachers
 Create sign up sheet
 Create/Design/Order Decorations
 Decorate the Sunday of VBS week
 Sort and make groups by age or grade
 During
 Help lead opening & closings
 Puppet skit, overview of theme, sing songs, offering, etc.
 Help with registration
 Walk around
 Update teachers & leaders on changes
 Ask if they need help or anything
 Take pictures
 Take attendance
 Count offering money
 After
 Follow up letters to non-church members
 Debrief with volunteers
 Thank you gifts to volunteers
 Create power point slide of pictures for church
 Start brainstorming next year

MISC.
 Send birthday cards to youth
 Update website with photos and activity dates
 Teach Children's church
 Read books and articles to continue education and learning
 Change front sign
 Attend sporting events, concerts, dance recitals, community events etc.
 Monthly meeting with youth board
 Attend Council & Voter's meetings
 Keep Board of Ed informed
 Power point slides of activities, promoting future activities, etc.

CEC
 Beginning of year
 Find teachers if need be
 Talk to teachers
 Create calendar of dates and give to teachers, pastor, and office
 Update roster
 Send invites or make sure invites are sent to appropriate classes
 Order supplies and curriculum if need be
 Plan curriculum for the class
 Create memory lists for class
 Write parent letters of description of class
 During
 Teach a class
 Listen to memory work
 Review catechism
 Prepare lesson
 Purchase snacks and supplies for classes
 Organize special projects
 Crafts for shut-ins, military, etc.
 After
 Debrief with teachers and board

YOUTH
 Jr. high youth group
 Plan activity, community builder and/or lesson for each night
 Purchase snacks and supplies
 High school youth
 Meet once/twice a month for breakfast
 Plan a lesson and discussion for the time
 Purchase supplies if need be
 Monthly activities
 Plan at least 2 activities per month, depending on month
 Plan devotion or lesson for activity
 Depending on the activity
 Purchase food, reserve space, organize transportation, purchase supplies, find chaperones, permission slips, rsvp dates, collect money, etc.
 Mission Trip
 Pick dates
 Informational meeting
 Registration forms
 Organize fundraisers
 Organize transportation and chaperones
 Organize snacks and meals for trip
 Fall Carnival
 Find volunteers to help run games & serve food
 Purchase & organize supplies
 Prizes, balloons, game props, food, paper products etc
 Delegate/find person to oversee food
 Create balloon notes
 Organize helpers & set games & tables up
 Day of:
 Take photos
 Refill prizes as needed
 Guide people to food, games, and cars
 Lead devotion or puppet skit
 Follow up with community visitors & congregation members

Attend monthly CID DCE meetings
 Host at meeting at Calvary
 Read book for discussion
 Keep youth room, office and library organized
 Drive van for St. Paul's Lutheran School

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There are times when shortcuts are ok. But there are other times when you don't dare take those short cuts. One of those times is when you're dealing with your faith and your relationship with God. If you take short cuts with your Christianity, you can end up taking the life out of your faith.

Martin Luther wrote: "You should diligently learn the Word of God and by no means imagine that you know it. Let him who is able to read take a psalm in the morning, or some other chapter of Scripture, and study it for a while. This is what I do. When I get up in the morning, I pray and

recite the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer with the children, adding any one of the psalms. I do this only to keep myself well acquainted with these matters, and I do not want to let the mildew of the notion grow that I know them well enough. The devil is a greater rascal than you think he is. You do as yet not know what sort of fellow he is and what a desperate rogue you are. His definite design is to get you tired of the Word and in this way to draw you away from it. This is his aim." (WA 32, 64f.).

Again Luther writes; "Nothing is more effectual against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts than to occupy oneself

with the Word of God, talk about it and meditate on it . . . For this reason alone you should eagerly read, recite, ponder and practice the Catechism, even if the only blessing and benefit you obtain from it is to rout the devil and evil thoughts. For he cannot bear to hear God's Word. God's Word is not like some empty tale, ... but as St. Paul says in Rom. 1:16, it is "the power of God," indeed, the power of God which burns the devil and gives us immeasurable strength, comfort, and help."

May God continue to strengthen you as you not away from the Word but grow in the Word.

Pastor Love

READ AHEAD!

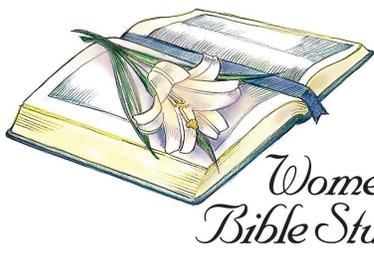
This month's lectionary readings...

Date	Responsive Psalm	Old Testament Lesson	Epistle Lesson	The Holy Gospel
Sept. 3 13th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 26	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
Sept. 10 14th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 32:1-7	Ezekiel 33:7-9	Romans 13:1-10	Matthew 18:1-20
Sept. 17 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 103:1-12	Genesis 50:15-21	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
Sept. 24 16th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 27:1-9	Isaiah 55:6-9	Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30	Matthew 20:1-16

Welcome to the 33rd Year of Calvary Preschool!

Another summer has come to an end and we are getting anxious to start another school year!! We have both spent many hours cleaning, organizing, and preparing for the upcoming school year! It is always so exciting to have a fresh start and welcome in old and new families! Enrollment is going very well and we have many new families! Please pray for us as we start the school year and pray for the young lives we are about to play a big part in! We are both so grateful for our "jobs" and love what we do! Thank you for your support!

God's Blessings,
Margo and Julie



THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP, led by Marilyn Smith, will resume meeting again on Monday, October 2, at 6:30 pm. in the church fellowship hall. In commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, we will begin a study of Martin Luther. Come join us as we learn about this incredible man whose protests helped reform the Christian church beginning in 1517.

Calvary Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
August 8, 2017
7:00 PM

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

The minutes of July 18, 2017 were accepted as published.

Financial Secretary: James Bruns presented report which showed receipts of \$20,845.55 for the month of July and receipts for the year of \$156,071.36.

Treasurer's Report: Haley Anderson presented her report. The general fund balance is \$48,456.89. The complete financial reports are included with the minutes kept by the recording secretary. With regard to the Organ Fund CD, Haley stated that the CD rate is less at Iroquois Federal; therefore, she recommended staying with the Lutheran Extension Fund. A donation of \$50 was received for the Scholarship fund. Haley also conveyed a thank you from Kathy Long for the church's donation to the Blessing Shed.

Board of Elders' Report: Russell Rudd presented the report. Pastor Love is back at the pulpit since his knee surgery. The arrangement of two elders helping to serve communion seems to be working well. Russell also expressed a thank you to Rev. David Nabinger for filling in during Pastor Love's surgical recovery.

Board of Evangelism Report: Bonnie Rajala presented the report. The Board of Evangelism is working with LWML for making a donation to Bernie Lutz' mission trip to Sudan. They are also coordinating with Leon Pfingsten to dispense free bottles of water at a Watseka Farmer's Market in the near future. Kathy Long has asked to step down from Calvary's Cradle Roll. The Board of Evangelism is undecided at this time if the Cradle Roll will continue, and will reach out to Ruth Circle members to possibly take over. The Board of Evangelism will sponsor a food drive to benefit the Watseka Area Food Pantry during August. In September, they will distribute crosses and bibles at Rally Day & provide refreshments at Mission Festival weekend with LWML. Calvary is sponsoring the screening of the new Martin Luther film at the Watseka Theatre on Tuesday, September 26th at 7 PM. All are invited to attend, volunteers are still needed. Bonnie Rajala also mentioned a different location east of Watseka is needed for the Calvary church sign to be installed. Unfortunately, the previous site could not be utilized.

Board of Christian Education: Tammy Orr presented report. CEC teachers have been acquired. They are: Kathy Long – 3rd & 4th grades; Kerry Bell – 5th grade; Dean Cluver – 6th grade; & Pastor Love – 7th & 8th grades. Thanks to Nicole's organizing, all books are in-hand. September 10th is Rally Day. Bibles will be given to 2nd graders. Catechisms will be given to 3rd graders. Pastor Love will try to take the high school Sunday School class once a month. More teachers and a superintendent are still needed.

Preschool Board: Missy West read the report prepared by Margo Legan. The Preschool sincerely thanks the family of Barbra Natschke for the memorial donations. Your kindness and generosity mean a lot! We are thankful for Barb's love of our preschool.

Board of Youth: Abby Swartz gave report. A big thank you to Perry Regnier for going on the youth mission trip. Work events were held each day. There are photos from the trip on the Calvary Youth Facebook group. President Denney Smith asked if the youth would consider speaking to the church about the trip in the future.

Board of Property: Randie Orr presented the report. The preschool hallway will be painted before classes begin in September. Pastor Love commented that replacing the old light bulbs in the education wing with

bright white LEDs has made a tremendous difference.

Van Committee: Missy West presented the report. Last year, the church van transported 8 students to St. Paul's-Woodworth and all went well. This year only 6 students will be going which is the minimum number set to operate this mission project (Our Savior-Milford has the same minimum set). Missy West and Leon Pfingsten have talked at length about the van service. Leon and Missy will meet with the van parents the morning of August 12th in hopes of acquiring more drivers. Morning drivers will continue to be well-covered by Leon and Mick Hagen. Afternoon shifts are not covered yet. St. Paul's is offering extended care for the students before and after school this year in an effort to assist working parents. It is possible that the parents utilizing our van service may have to use this extended care service if we cannot fill the afternoon shifts and forced to transport mornings only. Missy will be starting a new full-time job and asked that the church phone number be added to the list for parents to call with questions. Discussion followed about the enrollment decline at St. Paul's; also in Watseka Unit 9 school district where the under-18 student population is declining at 5% per year. Financial Secretary James Bruns indicated he is ok with 6 students this year and to transport them mornings only if necessary; President Denney Smith and Missy West concurred. Missy West will also contact Faith Lutheran Church for help.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Love gave report. Thank you for the new fence, the family is enjoying it. Youth mission trip went well. VBS reached a total of 99 children! Pastor Love stated he would be officiating the funeral for Faith Lutheran member John Devine while Pastor Jordan Cooper is on vacation. This fall, Pastor Love will conduct a new bible study from Dr. James Dobson entitled, "Loving Legacies." Mission festival weekend will be September 23 & 24 and Pastor Love is working on booking a guest speaker. Pastor Love asked those in attendance how they felt about holding a county-wide church service at Calvary. Feedback from Council members was positive and supportive.

President's Report: President Denney Smith indicated no report.

New Business:

James Bruns offered sympathy and prayers for Russell & Karen Rudd at the passing of Karen's mother. Pastor Love announced he has a new person wishing to join the church after they recover from a recent surgery.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Boomgarden, Recording Secretary pro-tem.

Thank you to those who donated silent auction items for the **Prairieview Fall Festival**, we are now taken care of! We do still need items from the following categories to stock the booths:

Baked goods	Used books
Plants	Produce
Jams	Jewelry

We are in need of volunteers to help at our booth both Friday (Sept 8) and Saturday (Sept 9). It will be 2-hour shifts. Please contact Carole Wellborn if you can help out. Thank you!



Ladies' Guild Salad Luncheon - Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - 12:30 PM
Please bring a salad to share. Table service and drinks will be furnished. Ladies' Guild officers will host, short meeting to follow. All ladies are welcome to join us!!