

**CALVARY LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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**Church Newsletter**  
August 2024

## *From the Pastors*

### **Reflections and Questions on the Call Process**

*"The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be..." (1 Timothy 3:1-2a).*

How would you finish the following statement?

The most important characteristics, skills, and abilities of a pastor are ...

There are many different things that we can list and many directions we can go with a statement like that. In fact, maybe the truth of the matter is that we want our pastors to have every conceivable good and fitting trait and ability for any possible situation. While there may be many characteristics and many gifts that we would desire a pastor to have, I'm curious to reflect on what traits top your list. Are there any identifiable patterns or groupings that can be found within your list of desired attributes? Is there a particular mold that you are trying to fill? Is there even a particular pastor from your past that you are thinking of that you wish all pastors could be just like him?

I don't know how insightful this reflection is for you, but it has been for me, especially as Calvary's Call Committee continues its work seeking an additional associate pastor. We are in the middle of working through a list of 16 different pastors. We have narrowed the list some, but we still have more narrowing to do. We've read about who they are. We've studied their answers to a broad range of theological and practical questions. We've even begun looking at some of their sermons. Through all this, it strikes me how unique, how different, and how diverse each pastor is. Our church body is blessed with many gifted, faithful, and dedicated servants, but each of them is different. Each would bring different skills, different abilities, and a different personality to their work here at Calvary. So often I think we can become so focused on getting to "the one," the long-hoped for, the eagerly desired, best of the best, cream of the crop, the best candidate who stands out overall. But if you step back and consider it, it's not a matter of finding "the one." After all, I hate to break it to you, but all the candidates are imperfect, because all the candidates are humans, and therefore come with that not so unique trait of being a sinner. Instead, it is a matter of seeing the unique direction that this pastor or this pastor can help us head within our ministry. It is a matter of recognizing that each candidate brings their unique skills to complement what we have going on here at Calvary already. God doesn't come down with a beam of light that shines upon the perfect candidate. Instead, God continues to shine the light of His grace through the lives of imperfect candidates, imperfect pastors, and imperfect people. As Paul himself put it earlier in his letter to Timothy, "The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But ***I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost [of sinners], Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience*** as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life" (1 Timothy 1:15-16).

I continue to encourage you to pray for our call committee, pray for our congregation, and pray that God would continue to raise up faithful servants for God's mission field. But above all I ask that you continue to pray that God would be at work in your life, displaying his perfect patience, his great grace, and lavish love. You may not think that you are the perfect "candidate" for the job but know that how you use your words and how you live your life is the only sermon that some people ever experience. May our lives point to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. While we are weak, he is strong. While we are blemished, he is blameless. He is the Lord of the church and Lord of your life. Trust in him. He is the only "One" that we are truly searching for. He is the one who lives up to our hopes and dreams. Seek Christ, the Good Shepherd, to whom all other undershepherds point.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

*"You have formed us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in You" – St. Augustine*

## General News

### Foundations of Faith Class

- **6 Sunday Morning Sessions**
- **Starts Sunday, August 25, 9:25 a.m. Room 125**

Twice a year Calvary offers its *Foundations of Faith* Class for adults, providing practical answers about faith, the Lutheran Church, and Calvary's ministries. Our fall class will begin August 25 for 6 sessions (no class Labor Day weekend.) If you are interested in becoming a member of Calvary, this class is a great opportunity to learn more about our ministries and to become better acquainted with our pastors and other individuals. All materials and refreshments are provided; Sunday School classes are available for children. Questions? Email Kara Hiatt.

### GriefShare

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. Wednesdays, **August 21—November 13, 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.

### Confirmation Orientation & All Youth Kick-Off

**Confirmation Orientation** (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade families) Calvary's Head-to-Heart (H2H) Confirmation provides a chance for each youth to grow in his/her relationship with the Lord and others, as each youth prepares to receive the Lord's Supper and to affirm his/her faith in Jesus. Parents and youth are invited to a special informational meeting **Sun., Aug 25 4:45-5:30 p.m.** Our confirmation year will formally begin Sun., Sept 8 during the Sunday morning education hour.

**All Youth Kick-Off** (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade families) **Sun., Aug 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Open to all youth regardless of where they attend church or school. All are welcome! We will begin with a brief parent meeting from 5:30-5:40 p.m. in the sanctuary. Parents will receive youth calendars, t-shirt order forms, and learn about the awesome events we have planned for the year. Parents are highly encouraged to join us for these 10 minutes to start our event. Parents are welcome to stay for the event and join the fun!

### Head-to-Heart Confirmation Prayer Angels Needed

Do you want to be a positive influence on the faith of our young people? Prayer angels encourage our 2<sup>nd</sup> year confirmation students throughout the year with prayers, cards, and little gifts. At the end of the year, we host a special banquet where our secret prayer angels are revealed and connect with their confirmand. Contact the church office ([churchsecretary@clcs.org](mailto:churchsecretary@clcs.org)) or our Prayer Angel Coordinator (Diana Blazek) if you are interested in serving as a prayer angel.

# General News

## Save the Date! Outdoor Worship & Picnic

Annual Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic is set for **September 29th at 11:00 a.m.**

Location: German Park (8600 S. Meridian Street)

Picnic Food will be provided by Jug's Catering.

Watch the bulletin for Volunteer opportunities, Picnic Patron info, meal service time and planned activities.



## Children's Ministry Faith Buddies

The Children's Ministry is kicking off a new program called Faith Buddies. We plan to team up congregation members with children in the Sunday school program to expand the children's faith community and bridge the generational gap. Events will be hosted throughout the year for those involved in Faith Buddies. Signups are available in the narthex over the next several weeks. For more information, please reach out to Heather Marrero or inquire in the church office.

## Children's Ministry Kick-Off (August 23)

Join us on **Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. in the south parking lot for the Children's Ministry Kick-Off, carnival style!! There will be carnival games, hot dogs and popcorn and a few fun surprises! This event is for all ages and will be rain or shine.

## August Memorials



***In Memory of Betty Shay:***

*Roger & Sally Wetzel*

***In Memory of Ramona Cunningham:***

*Frederick & Ruth Dieterich*



## Sunday School Attendance Awards Spring 2023-24

### Faithful

Gracelyn Andrews

Madison Andrews

Annabeth Jackson

Willard Jackson

Trenton Kamp

Paisley Langhammer

Landon Madden

Lucas Marrero

### Perfect

Damon Honebrink

Leyla Honebrink

Tyson Honebrink

Eliana Marrero

Logan Marrero

Oliver Marrero



# Holiday Bazaar

## Save the date!!!

The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Bazaar will be **Saturday, November 9, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Bazaar planning has begun! *You can find details at [clcs.org/bazaar](https://clcs.org/bazaar).*

Are you looking for a way to serve and have great fellowship with others at the same time? We are currently looking for many volunteers to help with the planning stages. Coordinators are needed to organize various aspects of the bazaar. Team members are needed to work with coordinators to accomplish tasks. It takes many hands and minds to make a successful bazaar. To volunteer please contact Karen Wright.

Proceeds from this year's bazaar will benefit CLS classroom tables and chairs, upgrade of the narthex restrooms, and support for Lutheran & Child Family Services Emergency Shelter Care, a program which provides for residents between the ages of 11-17 in need of short-term care.

Booth sales are open. If you or someone you know is interested in having a booth at the bazaar they should contact Angie Ransdell. A booth can also be reserved at <https://calvary-women-in-mission.square.site/>.

Do you have an auction item? Are you willing to donate a service? Can you ask the company you work for to donate items and/or services? You can help make this year's SILENT AUCTION a great success! Pick up a form at the Women in Mission table or table outside the church office and return to the church office or Karen Hand's church mailbox. Items must be received by Sunday, October 20th.

Save things to be sold in The Attic (No shoes, clothing, building materials, large pieces of furniture, or large electronics). Please price the items at no less than \$.25 before bringing them to Calvary on Friday, November 8, between 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 9 between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.

Is baking your thing? You can bake and freeze now. Then bring your goodies to Calvary on Friday, November 9th to be sold in the Country Kitchen.



## Adult Ministry

### **Lunch OUT! Wednesday, August 7 11:00 a.m.**

For our "First Wednesday" August outing we're meeting at Vino Villa, 200 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. We will be seated in the gazebo if weather permits.

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, August 21 11:00 a.m.**

**Program:** Educational and fun events available at the Center

**Presenter:** Aimee Blade, Senior Promise of Franciscan Health Center

**Lunch:** Ham, egg, potato, and cheese casserole, fruit salad, and muffins.

Suggested donation: \$5

Questions? Contact Barb Sorgius, 317-783-2000.

### **Adult Ministry Upcoming Movie Outings**

Join us **Thursdays, September 5, October 24, and December 12** at Historic Artcraft Theatre, 57 Main St., Franklin for a free movie, popcorn, and small soda for those 55 and older. The September movie is *Rio Bravo* starring John Wayne. The October movie is *The Ghost of Mr. Chicken* starring Don Knotts. December movie TBD. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Movie begins at 1:30 p.m. Plenty of seating available. Bring a friend! Questions? Contact Barb Sorgius (317-783-2000).

## Youth Ministry

### **FLIGHT (High School Youth Group)**

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

### **All Youth Kick-Off** (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade families)

**Sun., Aug 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Open to all youth regardless of where they attend church or school. All are welcome!

We will begin with a brief parent meeting from 5:30-5:40 p.m. in the sanctuary. Parents will receive youth calendars, t-shirt order forms, and learn about the awesome events we have planned for the year. Parents are highly encouraged to join us for these 10 minutes to start our event. Parents are welcome to stay for the event and join the fun!

# Executive Director

## **From Your Executive Director**

We just started a new leadership year at Calvary, with some congregational leaders newly elected and others (like yours truly) returning for another term. In July, the officers met to set goals and objectives for the next year, largely based on the results of and findings from the strategic planning process we undertook over the past two years. Some of the things we discovered, which should be of no surprise to anyone who has served at Calvary:

1. People generally do not join an organization to sit in meetings. They volunteer to serve to accomplish goals and targets. I have yet to meet anyone at Calvary (or any other non-profit organization I've belonged to over the past 40+ years) who said they joined that group so they could sit in meetings!
2. We don't always let ministry team leaders lead their ministry team. Instead, we turn them into administrative boards that do everything but their calling. We need to set them free to focus on their ministry.
3. We've put artificial barriers in place, limiting a ministry team based on its name, and sometimes unintentionally keep others from assisting. Who cares what we are called? As Shakespeare wrote in *Romeo and Juliet* "What's in a name? that which we call a rose/By any other name would smell as sweet." (Act II, Scene II)
4. Our teams are often narrow cast, restricting them from using all their God-given talents and abilities.
5. There must be more cross-team collaboration, with teams working together for common outcomes.
6. Finally, we need to let our leaders lead, our pastors preach, our teachers teach, and our volunteers serve as they see their role at Calvary.

Over the coming year, we are going to speak more about and focus more on our three main ideas identified in the strategic plan: Caring, Learning, Connecting, all out of Service to others. This means our ministry teams may – and will – find themselves aligning with one or more of these ideas. Instead of becoming singularly focused only on things defined by their name, they will instead focus on comprehensive goals for the congregation, empowered to have fluidity and flexibility to move from area to area. A team might find itself devoting resources to Learning one month and Connecting another. Or perhaps Learning one month and the next month on Connecting and Learning together. Instead of limiting team members to the name of the team, we are freeing them to use their time, talents, and treasures on a broader scale for the congregation.

In other words, it's time to take action at Calvary like making an omelet – like the maxim goes, one cannot make an omelet without breaking a few eggs. We've been sitting on some of these eggs for decades, and it's time to either let them hatch or time to break them. But the days of just sitting on them must come to an end, taking action instead, to truly Engage People In Christ.

In my letter in the recent annual report, I wrote "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9, ESV). Now more than ever we need to be strong as we move forward as His people at Calvary, knowing God is with us!

In His and Your service,

Bill Laut



# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## Opening the Doors to the 75<sup>th</sup> School Year

Our theme Bible verse for the 2024-25 school year is:

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."*

Hebrews 11:1

Our theme for the school year – **Faith in ACTION**

*Seeing is believing. True or false?*

In our daily lives we tend to rely on a manner or substance of proof. We seek assurance through our eyes and ears. Thomas needed to see for himself that Jesus was risen. Then he believed. Faith is believing without first seeing. Faith is a gift through the power of the Holy Spirit. We walk by faith and not by sight. Our faith is witnessed through our actions. Faith and actions go together.

Our first response in faith is to praise and thank God in worship for His gift of life eternal. We thank God for the opportunity to join with your family in sharing God's love with your children. This is God's calling of parents, teachers, and pastors. This is our charge as a community of believers. We lift one another in prayer.

75 years ago, the first students and staff of Calvary Lutheran School entered the building. In faith this congregation sought the Lord's bidding as the decisions were made to open and operate the ministry of the day school. We continue to walk each day in faith asking the Lord to open these doors so that His Word might be taught and proclaimed. We have that privilege and opportunity each day through the Christian Day School. A new school year is upon us- let us rejoice and give thanks!

## Final Registration- 2024-25

2024-25 final registration for Preschool–8th grade is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, July 29 & 30. Times each day are 9:00 a.m.-Noon and 4:00-7:00p.m. Registration will take place in the gym. Please enter through door #2. Select a time that fits into your schedule. Important business is accomplished during this process. Please alert the school office if you will be unable to attend so that arrangements can be made to accomplish these tasks prior to the first day of school. Students may accompany you to visit their classrooms, organize lockers, and bring school supplies.

### **August calendar preview:**

Mon & Tues, 7/29-30	Final Registration 9:00 a.m.- Noon; 4:00-7:00p.m. in the gymnasium
Wed, 8/7	8:30 a.m. First Day of Preschool, Kindergarten-8th Grade
	9:00 a.m. Opening Chapel
Sun, 8/11	8&10:45 a.m. Staff dedication. Introduction/ welcome of new staff
Fri, 8/16	5:00PM P.T.L. Back to School Bash

## Enrollments Still Being Accepted in PS 3/4 and Middle School grades

We are still accepting enrollments for the 2024-25 school year. Please let your friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers know about the quality Christian education opportunities at Calvary Lutheran School. We extend this ministry to all people desiring this Christian education.





## Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

### We Welcome New Staff to Calvary

We welcome **Miss Kinsey Price** as she begins teaching Kindergarten at Calvary this year. Miss Price is a recent graduate of Franklin College. We ask the Lord to bless Kinsey in her work. We rejoice in the Lord's leading her to serve in this capacity. We look forward to Kinsey's presence among us each day.

**Ms. Sara Brannon** will greet you in the school office as our new Bookkeeper. We welcome her to Calvary. Sara comes to us with much experience in this area. We look forward to her work and care with our family accounts.

Is lunch ready? This question will be answered by **Mrs. Jessica Harmon** each day. Jessica is our new Cafeteria Manager. Jessica has worked in our Calvary Lutheran School cafeteria for many years. We ask the Lord to bless Jessica as she undertakes this new role and responsibilities.

**Mrs. Allison Strohm** begins a new adventure as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom and Middle School teacher. With our double classroom configuration moving into the middle school grade levels another staff member was required. We welcome Allison to Middle School asking the Lord to guide her teaching. Allison's transition involves moving from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher.

Our Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Interventionist beginning with the 2024-25 year is **Mrs. Abra Myers**. Abra has served as a teacher aide for many years at Calvary. She will now be working more specifically with students and the teachers in our primary classes. She is indeed a blessing as she works to help provide for specific student learning needs.

**Ms. Blessing Thang** is our Chin/Burmese Liaison. This is a newly established part-time position as we strive to further provide for our entire Calvary Lutheran Community. Blessing will help with communication needs. She is currently a biology major at IUPUI entering her senior year. We welcome Blessing to Calvary and ask the Lord to guide and direct her as she assists others in their needs.

See additional new staff members below.

### Teacher Aide Staffing at Calvary Lutheran Church and School

With many classrooms filled we thank God for the giving heart and hands of our teacher aides. Mrs. Mary Catherine Miller, \*Mrs. Sharon Kreuzman, Mrs. Melanie Huene, Ms. Anna Myers, \*Mrs. Nicole Johnson, Mrs. Rene' Finke, Mrs. Mary Crocker, Mrs. Kapri Briones, and \*Mrs. Lisa Williamson are a tremendous blessing to students and staff. We applaud their efforts and care. Much is accomplished through their daily presence.

(\*new to Calvary)

### Staff Anniversary Celebrations during the 2024-25 school year

We are blessed with many faculty and staff anniversary celebrations this year. Our 5-year incremental anniversaries include: 5 Years at Calvary: Jennifer Kennerk, 10 Years at Calvary: Melanie Huene, 20 Years at Calvary: Dusitn Smith, 25 Years at Calvary: Dawn Schultz  
Our incremental 5-year anniversary celebration will be held in January during National Lutheran Schools Week.

We are richly blessed with the gifts of God through these individuals as they serve in His Name.

We also thank and praise God for those who have served within the Lutheran Schools for 25 years. We celebrate with Katie Ceder and Stacey Faubion on this tremendous blessing. We ask the Lord to continue to bless them as they tend to His Children. A special recognition will be held during the spring of 2025.

# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## **SGO Information**

### **Too Good To Be True?!**

God has provided a unique opportunity to help fund the Christian education of our Calvary students. The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana has been identified as a new Scholarship Granting Organization. Scholarships through private and corporate donations are granted to Calvary student families whose income is less than 400% of the Federal free or reduced hot lunch guidelines.

### **How may I help?**

Donations are currently being accepted. We need \$65,000.00 to fully fund these grants.

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

1. Students and their families accepted in this program will receive a scholarship grant per child enrolled in Kindergarten -8<sup>th</sup> grade at Calvary.
2. The donor will receive a 50% Indiana State tax credit for every dollar donated. Example: A donation of \$1000.00 will result in a tax credit of \$500.00 towards your Indiana income tax liability. Private as well as corporate donations will receive this benefit.
3. The \$65,000.00 received will eliminate the amount of money granted to our students and their families through our own budgeted funds.

### **Where Do I sign up?**

Donor forms are available online at [www.LutheranSGO.org](http://www.LutheranSGO.org). Be sure to mark **CALVARY LUTHERAN SCHOOL, INDIANAPOLIS** as the recipient of your donation.

### **How Do I Proceed?**

Return the completed donor form along with your donation to the School Office or directly to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana by December 31, 2024. The Lutheran SGO of Indiana will issue your tax credit statement for your 2024 tax filing.

### **What happens in the future?**

Children will have the opportunity to hear God's Word each day through your giving. God continues to open doors to others once thought closed due to financial needs. Your assistance in this program is so greatly appreciated!

### **Have you participated in the SGO donation?**

Over 65 families have participated in this process by donating nearly over \$800,000.00 during the past twelve years. We are asking those past donors to enlist two other families to become involved in this "Too Good to be True" adventure. By donating in the past, you are fully aware of the unique benefits this SGO provides. Please help by talking to at least two other families and enlist their participation as well.

This same opportunity is available to businesses. Take full advantage of this as you note your state tax liabilities. Please address any questions to Mr. Rensner.

# Compassion Ministry

## Addresses needed for College Care Packages

Compassion Ministry Team supports our Calvary college students by sending them care packages. If you are an undergrad college student or have an undergrad college student in your family, please email Linda Bugher **by Sunday, September 8th** the following information:

- Student Name
- College Attending
- Student Address
- Year (e.g., Junior)
- Major/Area of Study
- Student Email Address
- Student Cell Phone (optional)



To confirm our information is current, we need to hear from you even if you supplied information last year. **Please let Linda know any changes throughout the year.**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

## Thank You for Helping Wheeler Mission!

Many thanks to all those who donated food items and time and energy to provide 100 sack lunches to Wheeler Mission's Women and Children's Center. This center is especially full in the summer when the children are out of school, so your provision was very much appreciated! A special thanks goes to the children and families from VBS who donated granola bars and fruit cups toward this endeavor. The donations were so overflowing that we were able to give extra donations to our Emmaus food pantry and Hunger, Inc. as well. Many thanks!



## Produce Table to Benefit the Good Samaritan Fund

Check out the produce table in the narthex this month. Vegetables grown by our various members are available to you for a freewill donation. All proceeds will be placed in the 'Good Samaritan Fund' which provides resources for Calvary members in need.



# Outreach Ministry

## Touch-A-Truck at Calvary (Saturday, Sept 7, 10 am – 1 pm)

Calvary is planning our first Touch-A-Truck event, a community outreach opportunity where attendees can get in the driver's seat or have an up-close experience. We plan to have vehicles/equipment such as a police car, firetruck, ambulance, school bus, dump truck, farm equipment, construction/service vehicles, etc., and career awareness demos. Good News – we have enough trucks!



WE NEED YOUR HELP – We are recruiting volunteers for the welcome tables, parking, food prep, face painting and bounce houses. Please contact Marv Hansen.

## MUMS THE WORD—FALL MUM SALE

Calvary's Fall Mum Sale is here again. Orders will be taken beginning the weekend of August 17/18. **The last day for orders** is Wednesday, September 4th, as orders must be in to Schlegel's Greenhouse by Friday, September 6th. Mums again cost \$10.00.

Flowers will be delivered to Calvary on Friday, September 27. Your order can be picked up at Calvary at Saturday evening service September 28th, Sunday morning service September 29th, or at the church picnic grounds on September 29th.

Order now and pay at time of delivery. Proceeds will benefit the Community Garden outreach, Hunger, Inc. of Perry Township, and Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry in Fountain Square. Various colors of mums are again available but cannot be guaranteed as Schlegels reserves the right to substitute.

Place your order at the Mum Sale table in church narthex or online by emailing Pastor Art. Sponsored by Outreach Ministry and the Community Garden Committee. Community Garden Committee members are Jake Allen, Mark Jung, Janet Knobloch, Wayne Mayo, Joe Pluckebaum, Jim Richert, Richard Struben, Art Wehrmeister, and Paul Woodburn.



## Women in Mission

### Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, August 3 8:30 a.m.

This month's study will be from the Lutheran Women's Summer 2024 Quarterly and shared by everyone.

Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, August 3rd** at 8:30 a.m.

### Ladies' Pinochle Club

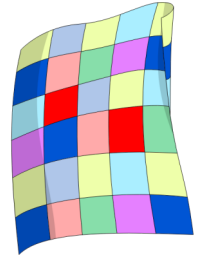
Whether it's your first time or you're an old pro, join us for Pinochle! We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Pinochle will meet **August 12th**. Please join us.

Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.

### Blankets for Babies

Our August date is **Tuesday, August 6th** (4:00- 5:30 p.m.) All ages are welcome. We have teachers ready to get you started. Practice yarn is also available.

Questions? Call Susan Daniels.



### Extravagant Sharing

Extravagant Sharing helps so many in our community. In April, Emmaus Food Pantry, which our donations support, provided for the needs of 1,117 individuals in 324 families during the 12 afternoons they were open. Our generous donations were so appreciated! In the month of **August** please fill our Extravagant Sharing shelves across from the main church doors with **BOXES OF PASTA and PASTA SAUCES**. Boxes of cereal are always appreciated also. As school begins for children, families will appreciate your donations of food to meet their physical needs. God bless your giving hearts!

### Lutheran World Relief School Bags

School's about to start again, and the Women In Mission have 150 school backpacks to fill and send to Lutheran World Relief. The backpacks will support children around the world with school supplies. Look in the narthex for some of the school bags with tags containing school supplies needed. Feel free to take a tag or two and return the items on the tag by **Sun., Aug 25**. Thank you for supporting this wonderful mission for children around the world.



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## Stewardship Emphasis

### **Calvary's August Partners in Ministry**

This year the Stewardship Ministry Team is designating different Calvary Partner's in Ministry each month. By emphasizing the different ministries that Calvary supports each month we hope to provide a better understanding of the many ways your gifts are being used and to emphasize how extensive Calvary's external reach is.

For August, the Partners in Ministry are the Calvary India Mission and the El Salvador Mission Team. Calvary has provided financial support as well as actual participation in mission trips for both of these ministries for the last several years. Information for both of these ministries can be at the "Partners" page at our website. <https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

### **3rd Quarter Mission Gifts Designation – Shepherd Community Center**

Gifts received in the third quarter of this year (July through September) either in the red-lined "Mission" envelopes or designated generically for "Missions" in your online giving or on the regular offering envelopes will go to the support of Shepherd Community Center. Shepherd is located at 4107 East Washington Street. Shepherd works to build assets into people's lives so they can break the bonds of generational poverty. By fighting systemic causes and serving with life-long, relationship-based care, Shepherd makes a difference — physically, socially, and spiritually. <https://shepherdcommunity.org/>

### **Scholarships for Students Preparing for Church Work**

Through the generous support of the Wessler family, Calvary has funds available from the Wessler Endowment to provide scholarship funds for college students pursuing a career in church work. There are no students from Calvary studying for church work in the coming school year but there are four Lutheran High graduates who meet the criteria for a scholarship.

Grace King will be a freshman at Concordia University Chicago studying Elementary Education. Paige Taylor is a sophomore at Concordia University Wisconsin studying Elementary Education. Paige Mielke is also at Concordia University Wisconsin, a junior, she is studying to be a Director of Church Ministries. Jacob Reid is beginning his studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne.

### **El Salvador Mission Team Update**

Calvary's El Salvador Mission Team returned on Saturday, July 13 after serving a week in Citalá, Chalatenango, El Salvador. The 15-member mission team had a busy week serving and sharing the love of Christ at local schools and in the surrounding community. They shared Christ through Bible stories of being uniquely created, Noah's gift and talent of ark building, growing in faith because God places the Holy Spirit, parents, teachers and coaches in our lives, and concluded with Jesus' saving work through his death and resurrection. These were shared at local schools and with the 50 students attending Hope for Children, an after-school lunch and education program that Calvary helps sponsor. In addition to the Bible stories, team members did crafts, played games and did some science projects. The week concluded when students, who had spent part of the week building a miniature ark, went to a nearby creek and launched their boats into the water.

Along with sharing the Word of God, part of the team repaired play sets, replaced hardware and swings, as well as added traps over the tower roofs. Team members also worked at local schools by removing overgrown bushes, cutting grass and planted a flower garden at one. To assist with a local athletic program, Calvary sponsored a yard sale and a two-night soccer tournament at the town plaza. The week ended with a tour of downtown San Salvador visiting historical sites and the new national library before heading to the beach. God was able to do much through the work of Calvary's mission team. Thank you for all of your support and prayers.



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### August 2024

#### **Food That Endures**

**August 4, 2024 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

Jesus tells us we are to labor for the food that endures to eternal life (John 6:27). That means we are to plan properly for the long term. Christians are to be long range planners.

**Sermon Text: John 6:22-35**

*Readings: Psalm 145:10-21; Exodus 16:2-15; John 6:22-35*

#### **I Am the Bread of Life**

**August 11, 2024 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. William Mueller**

Jesus tells us He is the Bread of Life. This is one of the great “I Am” statements in John’s Gospel. But what does Jesus mean by this? He gives Himself for us.

**Sermon Text: John 6:35-51**

*Readings: Psalm 34:1-8; 1 Kings 19:1-8; John 6:35-51*

#### **Ideal-Ordeal-New Deal**

**August 18, 2024 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer**

Our walk with Jesus, like so many of our relationships, appears so wonderful in its early days. Then comes an issue or crisis that intrudes upon our faith. God be praised that our Savior has “words of eternal life” (John 6:68 ESV) that can offer the “new deal” of forgiveness and life when our ideal has become an ordeal.

**Sermon Text: John 6:60-69**

*Readings: Psalm 34:12-22; Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; John 6:51-69*

#### **Without Wrinkle**

**August 25, 2024 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III**

Wrinkles – we want to avoid them, but cannot. The good news is that God sees us, and all believers, as without wrinkle, which is far more important than in the physical sense. This means that we will live forever.

**Sermon Text: Ephesians 5:25-27**

*Readings: Psalm 14; Ephesians 5:25-27; Mark 7:1-13*





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