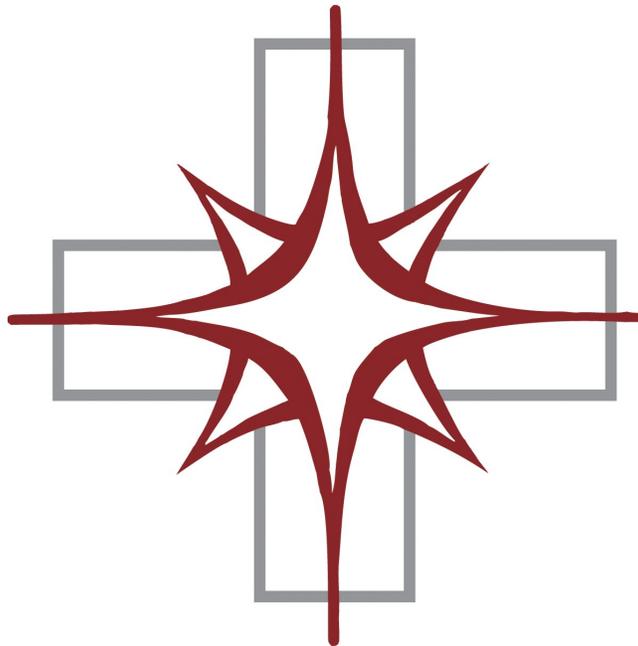


**CALVARY LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL



**Church Newsletter**  
January 2024

## *From the Pastors*

### **Behold, I Am Making All things New**

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:1-5a).

How are those New Year's resolutions looking for you?

I don't know if I can make any new commitments until I've actually 'resolved' some of the problems that I have with the old commitments that I've already made. Consider this. How many unfinished projects, tasks, or to-do lists do you have sitting around your house? How many counter tops and tabletops are covered with things that we set down because we were going to get to it later? How many things are in our garages and our closets and our junk drawers waiting for us to "finally get the time" to get it wrapped up? Those holiday gatherings certainly are great for getting those half-finished projects shoved off the living room table and put away from the kitchen counter, but how many of those projects actually got "done" or were they just hidden in a much less easily seen location in your home?

Half-finished projects. Half-accomplished lists. Half-hearted attempts. How do we begin 'anew' when we haven't resolved conflicts of old? Martin Luther loves to instruct us in the catechism that each day we are to remember that in our baptism "the Old sinful self in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

The problem is that #1 the old Adam, our old sinful self, is a really good swimmer #2 our 'attempts' at drowning him are again an often half-finished, half-hearted attempt...a project that we were going to get around to completing later. And yet when we turn to the words of Revelation 21, we come to see a vision of hope, a glimpse of our future, and a promise that all things shall come to a completion. Revelation 21 promises that Jesus is coming to us. Breaking in of the new creation. Despite all our so-called preparing for Christmas, it is Christ himself who has done all the preparing and all the accomplishing to bring us into his promises, his peace, and finally into his eternal joys of the new creation.

In the end when Christ shall come again not only will the old get resolved, but it will be resurrected, restored, and renewed into the new. As the Christmas hymn, "Now We Sing, Now Rejoice" says, "Come from on high to me, I cannot rise to thee..." God has given us a 'fresh' covenant, not necessarily a new one. He has fulfilled his promises to Israel, but He has expanded them beyond their wildest imaginations. The gift of Christmas is that God has given us grace upon grace (John 1:17). Jesus is the gift that keeps on giving all year long. And that is far better than any jelly of the month club.

But now as the New Year begins, so now the work of Christmas begins. Christ comes to work the "newness" of the kingdom into our lives. The promises brought by the Christ child has the chance to now grow and take root in our lives.

We stand here on the edge of the old and the new, so let us rejoice that our Lord Jesus is the one who has resolved the old and brought us into the new. He is the one who has begun a good work in us and the one who will bring it to completion in the day of his triumphant return.

As we mark this changing of the calendar, we again confess that whenever he may come, let us be ready to sing his praises and to bow our knee for his is our light, our life, and our salvation. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

May our God continue to work in you all things new, as we daily repent of the old sinful parts of our life, and joyously receive from our Lord the blessings of the righteousness that comes from Christ alone.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

# Staff Spotlight

## Dawn Schultz



### What is your role at Calvary?

*Middle school teacher, Athletic Director, and Assistant Principal*

### What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

*I enjoy being a part of the Calvary community. As part of my job, I get to share the hope, love, and joy of knowing Jesus as my Savior with my students and their families. It is very uplifting to be able to call the staff friends as well.*

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

*The pastors and youth workers I had while growing up were the biggest influence and ultimately led me to becoming a Lutheran school teacher.*

### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*I do not have a favorite book or verse, but I enjoy studying the Bible. God always sends me the verse or message that I need to hear at exactly the right time, and I use those verses and messages to uplift and encourage me each day.*

### Favorite Dessert?

*My mom's homemade carrot cake.*

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

*Please pray for the students who enter our doors. So many of them struggle with mental health issues.*

## Kirsten Springer



### What is your role at Calvary?

*2nd grade teacher*

### What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

*I love seeing students grow and learn socially, academically, and spiritually.*

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

*My cousin's grandmother (I called her Mrs. Morical!) was a big spiritual influence. She asked me at my cousin's funeral (he had died at a young age unexpectedly) if I had been baptized. It really was impactful to me that she would ask me that at her grandson's funeral. I was baptized a few months later.*

### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*Psalm 46:10—"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the Earth!"*

### Favorite Dessert?

*Anything chocolate!*

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

*Prayers for my students and their families, that they can feel God's peace and presence in their lives.*

## General News

### Foundations of Faith Class

- 6 Sunday Morning Sessions
- Starts Sunday, January 21, 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 mission. Our fall class will begin January 21 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.

### Call Committee Update

The Call Committee would like to thank members of our congregation who have submitted 6 nominations to be considered for our Associate Pastor position. The list of candidates has been passed on to the Indiana District office.

As of this printing, the committee is still waiting to receive a list of names from the district office. As soon as those are obtained, the committee will move forward in assessing the candidates that best fit Calvary's needs

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any member of the Call Committee: Phil Hendershott (chair), Ann Arnold, Rhonda Hansen, Gene Jend, Ben Langhammer, and Kirsten Springer.

Please continue to keep the work of the Call Committee in your prayers, and that the Holy Spirit guide them in this process.

### Max Lucado *God Never Gives Up on You* Study

**Thurs., Jan 18 - Feb 15 1:00-2:30 p.m. (Rm 125)**

Pastor Ebert will lead a five-week study of Max Lucado's *God Never Gives Up on You: What Jacob's Story Teaches Us about Grace, Mercy, & God's Relentless Love*. A study for the strugglers among us and the fumbler within us. It's for all who could use a refresher on how God enacts his perfect plan by working through imperfect people. The study guide will be available for \$14.

**Stop by the signup table or email [churchsecretary@clcs.org](mailto:churchsecretary@clcs.org).** An optional full-length book is also available online or in stores.

### Attention Thrivent Members—"Choice Dollars" Designation

If you have not directed your 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars, please consider directing them to "Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church" or "Calvary Lutheran School". Visit [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 to find out if you have Choice Dollars to direct.



# General News



## 2023 Holiday Worship Schedule

### WEEKLY WORSHIP

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

### CHRISTMAS EVE (Sun., Dec 24<sup>th</sup>)

10:45 a.m. – Children's Christmas Service

5:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service

7:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service with Handbell & Vocal Choirs



### CHRISTMAS DAY (Mon., Dec 25<sup>th</sup>)

10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Communion

### NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND

Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

(Note: No Children's Sunday School on December 31st and No New Year's Eve evening service)

## January Memorials

### ***In Memory of Judy Kirkland:***

*Marcia Bailey*

### ***In Memory of Alberta Krampe:***

*Jim & Connie Myers, Robert & Beverly Salyers, Bob & Rosie Blazek, Tom & Anita Oyer, Dave & Janice Strietelmeier, Max & Karen Oyer, Pastor Art & Joy Wehrmeister, Jim & Phyllis Birdwell, Charles & Betty Bardonner, Mac & Sarah McNaught, Phil & Jill Borst, Margie Leive, Linda Hunter, Karen Meyer, Ann Arnold, Gerald Kiesling, Cindy Borgman, Marcia Tripp, Jane Coe, Marcia Bailey, Denise Fix*



### ***In Memory of Gene David:***

*Larry & Erin Woempner, Phil & Jill Borst*

### ***In Memory of Mary Lou & Bob Romack:***

*Jay Romack*

# General News

## Many Thanks for Your Generosity!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Your generosity allowed us to give 21 new coats to the residents at Lutherwood as well as many other gifts to each of the teens. Your giving hearts also allowed us to provide coats, hats, and gloves to some of the children in Calvary's school. Thank you for the ways you have blessed so many both inside and outside the walls of our church!



## 2024 Contribution Envelopes Available in Narthex

Using these envelopes helps Calvary efficiently and correctly record amounts for year-end giving statements supplied for your tax records. If you use online giving and would rather not receive an envelope packet, email [stewardship@clcs.org](mailto:stewardship@clcs.org). While not expensive, there is a cost savings if fewer envelopes are ordered. If you do not find your envelopes in the narthex, contact the church office [churchsecretary@clcs.org](mailto:churchsecretary@clcs.org).

# Parish Ed

## Small Group Bible Study Resources & Opportunities

Would you like to share a few cookies, a cup of coffee or cocoa and grow together with old and new friends studying God's word together this winter? Gather a few of your friends or invite someone you'd like to know better to your home, or arrange to use a room at church, to do a small group Bible study with you this winter. Don't know how to start or how to find something to study? Calvary has many prepared Bible study options, some with videos, available for your use. The Adult Education team invites you to the church library on **Sun, Jan 14, from 9:00 to 9:25 a.m.** to see what resources are available for you to use. If that time doesn't work for you, contact the church office to find a better time to look over the resources available. Pray and ask God to lead you in getting to know Him and His word more and more this year.

## Sunday School Attendance Awards Fall 2023-24

### Faithful

Damon Honebrink  
Eliana Marrero

Leyla Honebrink  
Oliver Marrero

Tyson Honebrink

Trenton Kamp

### Perfect

Logan Marrero

Lucas Marrero



## Executive Director

### ***From Your Executive Director***

Let's face it: January in Indiana is generally not motivating. According to the National Weather Service, on average it is cloudy or overcast 59% of the time. Our January weather in Indianapolis has an average high temperature of 33.4°F and an average low temperature of 21°F, which tends to be the coldest of the year. Poet T.S. Eliot wrote that April is the cruelest month, but I disagree. In my opinion, January wins every time, and in the opinion of others, February is not too far behind. In other words, if you like bright sunny and warm days (like I do), January is not your month in Indiana.

And the Advent and Christmas seasons are behind us. Epiphany has come and gone; the tree is down, the house is undecorated. All the excitement building up to the seasons is over. For some in our community, it was apparently over on December 26<sup>th</sup>, as I noticed people no longer turning on their outdoor lights and taking their trees down. I guess for them, the "12 Days of Christmas" – Christmas to Epiphany – was more like the "12 Hours of Christmas." I'm certain they are rushing right into the next Christian holiday – Candlemas, on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As everything is packed away, one of the hardest ones for me to box up is our nativity scene. Yes, we put it up early in the season, but baby Jesus does not arrive until the 25<sup>th</sup>. I know of at least one family at Calvary who also start moving the 3 Wise Men (or Magi) through their house on the 25<sup>th</sup>, so they arrive at the manger on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Somehow, the act of putting this away for another year is really a clear reminder that the holidays are over.

Here's a question: how many people not only put Jesus away when packing up a nativity scene, but also put Him away in their life, only to bring Him back out at a later date, say Easter? Out of sight, out of mind as the adage goes.

How about this instead – if something is going to be removed from our lives, could we not do as is written in 1 Peter 2:1-3: "So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good."

Let's put those things away but keep Jesus out and forefront. Let's demonstrate that we serve Him by connecting ourselves and others to Him, by caring for others, and certainly learning and growing in our faith. Let's keep him out so we can engage people in and with Him. A dark cardboard box or storage tub is no place for Him! He should be and needs to be front and center of all we do both inside and outside of our congregation. Not only at Christmas, Easter, or other church holy days, but at all times and in all seasons.

Keep Him out after Christmas and Epiphany, letting others gaze upon Him as we continue to serve Him at Calvary – not because we have to, but because we can, sharing His love and message of saving grace to others around us.

In His and your service,

Bill Laut

# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## The Unknown

The first time for just about everything is unknown to us. I distinctly remember my first day in high school. I was entering my freshman year knowing that over 4000 students attended the school. My 8th grade class consisted of 21 students. My older brother filled me in regarding high school life. His sage counsel informed me that it would be good to have someone that you know in your PE class and lunch period, but you're not sitting with me if we have the same lunch period. Only 16 of my 8th grade classmates attended this school. My odds seemed rather small.

As I entered the locker room for 1st period PE class a classmate from 8th grade was there. Part One was answered. YES! What about Part Two? Six lunch periods were scheduled each day. Once again, my odds were slight. FANTASTIC!! Three students from church joined me for lunch. In fact, the four of us had the same lunch period for all 4 years of HS.

The unknown may bring to us fear and trepidation. A wisdom tooth extraction, a surgical procedure, the first day on the job, taking the drivers' license exam, and New Year are all examples of first times creating the unknown. No matter whatever our unknowns might be God goes before us. In faith we walk knowing that He is an ever-present help in all times- unknown and known. God then equips us to face future unknowns with courage and strength overcoming our doubts, anxieties, and worry. We gather as God's people encouraging and uplifting those in times of unknowns as we sing a little louder.

## End of second quarter

Our second quarter was completed on Friday, December 19. Report cards will be emailed on Wednesday, January 10. We commend our work into the Lord's Hands asking Him to bless those who teach and those who learn in this place.

## Christmas Vacation

Our final day prior to Christmas vacation is **Wednesday, December 19**. School will dismiss at 3:00 p.m. on that day. School will resume on **Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am**. We ask the Lord to be with all traveling during this Christmas break. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## 2024-25 Preschool, Kindergarten, & First – Eighth Grade Registration Information

Preschool, Kindergarten, First – Eighth Grade registration for Calvary members, returning students and their siblings will begin on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Our Early enrollment period will continue through January 31<sup>st</sup>. New applications for enrollment will be accepted starting on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Families are invited to call and schedule an appointment for a tour during the school day.

We are excited as we prepare and plan for the upcoming school year. Help spread the word to coworkers, neighbors, friends, and family. God has blessed us enabling us to be a blessing to others.

## National Lutheran Schools Week

Calvary will join with thousands of other Lutheran School students and teachers during the week of January 21-28 as we celebrate NLSW!! Many exciting activities are planned during this week-long celebration. A calendar of events will be distributed.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No school

Calvary Lutheran School will be closed on Monday January 15 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We ask the Lord to eliminate the sin of prejudice that still exists in our world today. We ask God to reveal "the Dream" of Dr. King to all people.



# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## State Tax Credit Information

### **Too Good To Be True?! 50% TAX CREDIT for Indiana tax liabilities!**

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 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.

### **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 Preschool 4-5 year olds, 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. A Federal charitable deduction may also be realized.

### **Creative donations**

Put your donation on a credit card that offers special incentives. Reward points, airline miles, etc. in addition to the tax savings. Reap the rewards while assisting others to hear God's Word.

### **Kindergarten Teaching Position**

We are seeking a Kindergarten teacher in preparation for the 2024-25 school year, but we are also open to having this teacher begin this school year if available. Perhaps you know of someone that graduated this December or is looking for a wonderful opportunity to teach. Please submit the names of candidates that would be interested in this position to the school office. We thank Mrs. Cheryl Rensner for continuing to fill our unexpected Kindergarten vacancy this year. We commend her for her time and effort invested in our Kindergarten students.

## YEARBOOK BUSINESS ADS

### SING A LITTLE LOUDER

#### WHAT IS YEARBOOK AD SPACE?

Help support Calvary Lutheran school and receive business ad space. Each ad space sold helps to keep the price of the yearbooks below \$20.00 and support other school assemblies.



**BUSINESS CARD**  
\$50.00 per Space



**1/2 PAGE AD**  
\$125.00 per Space



**FULL PAGE AD**  
\$200.00 per Space



**1/4 PAGE AD**  
\$75.00 per Space

#### HOW TO ORDER AD SPACE?

Step 1: Select your Ad size.

Step 2: Email a digital logo or image to [schoolsecretary@thecalvaryschool.org](mailto:schoolsecretary@thecalvaryschool.org) along with contact information and size of the ad you are committing to.

Step 3: Drop off cash or check to school office



# 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.



## LAUNCH (5th-6th grades)

All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



## SAIL (7th-8th grades)

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to the next SAIL event on **Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



## NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

### The Together Project

We are making big strides in our **Together** campaign! Several projects are completed or underway including baseball fencing, new sidewalks, curb repairs, new tables and chairs, stage flooring, debt reduction, and merit scholarship funding. Will you accept the invitation to be part of **together**? Help us cross the finish line! Email Kathi Anderson for more information.

### LuFest 2024 - February 9, 2024!

**LuFest** will take place on Friday, February 9 downtown at the beautiful Biltwell Event Center. Each guest will enjoy a plated meal and our auction, including both silent and live auction items. Invite a friend and make your reservations securely online at [LuFest.org](http://LuFest.org)

We also seek donations of new, high-quality items, services, or experiences to include in the live and silent auctions. These may be dropped off at the LHS office weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please call the Development Office with any questions.

### LHS Applications and Enrollment

Applications for *NEW* Lutheran High School opened on December 1 ([www.lhsi.org](http://www.lhsi.org)). We encourage you to apply early to help with scholarships! If you have any questions, please contact Deidre Barnett. We can't wait to welcome your family to the Saints!

Re-enrollment for our current Saints families begins on January 1. We encourage you to re-enroll early to take advantage of a significant discount.

## Stewardship Emphasis

### **Partner in Ministry – Lutheran High School of Indianapolis**

The Lutheran High School of Indianapolis is Calvary's designated partner in Ministry for the month of January 2024. Since 1976 LHSI has fulfilled the mission of preparing young adults for a Christian life while providing academic excellence in a Christ-Centered environment. This year the school is providing these educational opportunities for approximately 270 students. Calvary annually provides monetary support for the ministry of Lutheran High School as part of our congregational budget.

For a complete list of Calvary Partners in Ministry please visit our website.

<https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

### **LuFest Gift Gathering Event at MashCraft on January 8**

The Annual LuFest, for the benefit of Lutheran High School is February 10, 2023 at the Biltwell Center. Tickets for this great event are still available. See more info at

<https://one.bidpal.net/lufest2024/welcome>

There will be a gift gathering event for the collection of Silent Auction Items on Sunday January 14 at MashCraft Brewing (County Line & Meridian (1140 IN-135)) between 2 and 4 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Gifts with a value of at least \$30 are suggested. Gifts may also be dropped off at the LHS office during school hours (7:30 am – 4:00 pm). Questions? Please contact Jake Allen ([alle1lh@comcast.com](mailto:alle1lh@comcast.com)).

### **First Quarter 2024 Mission Envelopes – Lutheran Hour Ministries**

Mission Envelope gifts received for the first quarter of 2024 will be used to support Lutheran Hour Ministries. Lutheran Hour Ministries is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel with people around the world more than 195 million times each week.

Through its North American headquarters and ministry centers on six continents, LHM reaches into more than 60 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present. LHM's flagship ministry, The Lutheran Hour®, airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces Network. <https://www.lhm.org/>

### **Thrivent Direct Choice Dollars**

Many Thrivent members are eligible to receive Choice Dollars. Choice Dollars allow eligible member clients to choose where Thrivent distributes a portion of its funding each year. Your eligibility is based on insurance premiums and contract values. If you do have Choice Dollars available, please consider designating those dollars for Calvary Lutheran Church & School.

In addition to the above opportunity, please remember that **All** Thrivent members are eligible to receive up to two Thrivent Action Grants a year. Action grants in an amount of up to \$250 each have been used to fund many projects at Calvary.

## Women in Mission

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

This month's study will be from the Lutheran Women's Fall 2023 Quarterly and shared by everyone.

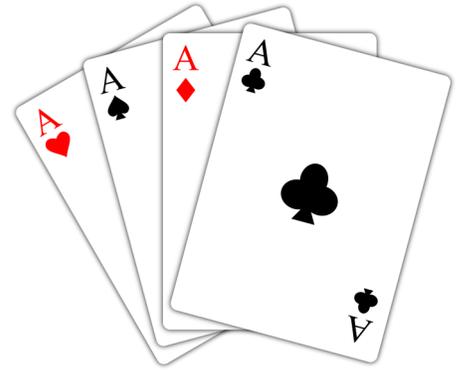
Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, January 6th** at 8:30 a.m.



### Ladies' Pinochle Club

Whether it's your first time or you're an old pro, join us for Pinochle! We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Pinochle will meet **January 8th**. Please join us.

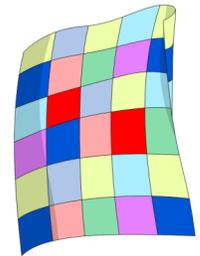
Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



### Blankets for Babies

Our meeting dates for January and February are: **Tuesdays, January 9 and February 13th**. (4:00- 5:30 p.m.). It will be great to come in from the cold and warm our hearts and hands with our baby blankets!! All ages are welcome. We have teachers ready to get you started. Practice yarn is also available.

Questions? Call Susan Daniels.



### Extravagant Sharing

The Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry uses the many donations brought to the Extravagant Sharing shelves across from Calvary's main church doors. Many hungry families are blessed through your sharing. During the month of January, fill the shelves with **canned and instant potatoes, canned meats and tuna. Breakfast cereal is always needed and appreciated!** Please continue to share your love of Jesus through your gifts of food to those who are in need.



## Adult Ministry

### **Lunch OUT! Wednesday, Jan 3, 11:00 a.m.**

This month's Lunch Out! will be held at Sassafras Tea Room, 229 N. Madison Avenue, Greenwood.

Sassafras Tea Room requires an exact count, if possible. Please check your member mailbox for an RSVP slip. Fill out the slip and place it in Barb Sorgius' mailbox.

Tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran Church on the first level of the tea room. Adults of all ages are welcome!

Check out the menu online to view the variety of items available!

Hope to see you there!



### **Lunch & Learn Wednesday, January 17, 11:00 a.m.**

**Program:** Health measures to help prevent COVID, flu, etc. Please bring your questions and concerns to learn the most updated information.

**Presenter:** Mary Shaffer, Health Department Nurse and Barb Sorgius' sister

**Lunch:** Ham, au gratin potatoes, peas, and dessert.

**Suggested Lunch Donation:** \$5.00 to cover the cost of this delicious Thanksgiving meal

Looking forward to celebrating a belated Christmas luncheon with all of you! Thank you for understanding the cancellation of December's Lunch & Learn due to a water line repair.



### **Thank You To Our Volunteers**

Thank you to all of our volunteers, adults and children, who helped with Operation Christmas Child and packing visitor Advent mugs this year. Both projects were a great success and we couldn't have done it without all of our great volunteers! We packed over 150 Christmas mugs for our visitors and 209 Operation Christmas Child boxes for Samaritan's Purse.



## Worship Anew

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.

Toll-Free: (888) 286-8002 [www.worshipanew.org](http://www.worshipanew.org)

**Sunday 10:00 AM - WHMB-TV 40 Sunday 11:30 a.m. - Direct TV Channel 377**

### January 2024

#### **January 7, 2024 – Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)**

Rev. William Mueller

The prophecy from the prophet is profound. Light in the darkness. Kings and nobility bear witness to the Light. Rare gifts given from love. This is Epiphany and so much more! Come and worship. Bow down with the Magi and discover, along with a boy named Gunther, Epiphany Light.

Sermon Text: Isaiah 60:1-6

Readings: Psalm 72:1-11; Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

#### **January 14, 2024 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

We SEE GREATER THINGS in daily living and eternity with Jesus in our lives. When Jesus entered a skeptical disciple's life, Nathanael's vision of God greatly increased. He promises and does the same in our lives!

Sermon Text: John 1:51

Readings: Psalm 139:1-10, 1 Samuel 3:1-10, John 1:43-51

#### **January 21, 2024 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

What a life we have! We experience God's blessings and joys. We also have sorrows. The Apostle Paul reminds us to keep this present life in proper perspective. What exactly is that perspective?

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Readings: Psalm 62:1-8; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

#### **January 28, 2024 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Rev. Thomas Eggold

The Word of Jesus in synagogue wasn't a new teaching; it was a retelling of a timeless promise from the mouth of God Himself. It is the teaching that man is not capable of keeping God's Law. It is the teaching that Christianity is not about the work of the Christian, but about the work of Christ. My friends, today we have this very same Word of God...and this teaching is astonishing!

Sermon Text: Mark 1:22

Readings: Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Mark 1:21-28



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