

CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



Church Newsletter

March 2024

From the Pastors

A Life Turned Inside Out

We find ourselves in the heart of the church season of Lent, a time of reflection and repentance. It is a time that we consider the nature of our being, the nature of our living, and the nature of God's love for us and His creation.

Martin Luther in his reflections upon the nature of humankind offered this thought, "It is easy...to sense how we seek and love ourselves ..., how **we are bent in and curved in upon ourselves**, if not in what we do, then at least in what we are disposed to do" ¹ According to Luther, our sinful nature is one that leaves us "turned in upon ourselves." It is the natural tendency to allow the unholy Trinity of "ME, MYSELF, AND I" to rule over and above the Holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In his own reflections on the subject, the Apostle Paul urged early Christians to "[do] *nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others*" (Philippians 2:3-4).

So, how are we doing today in considering others better than ourselves? We live in a hyper "me-focused" society, and too often the lives of those inside the church reflect the lives of those outside the church. We continue to be turned in upon ourselves both individually and congregationally. We can be more concerned of what is going on inside these walls than what is going on outside these walls in the homes, workplaces, and shared spaces of our congregation and our community.

The truth is that when Jesus called us to "take up our cross and follow him," he desired to change the "shape" of our lives. Rather than a life that is constantly circling back upon itself, Christ desired that we might die to our old sinful nature. He desired that we may be shaped by his cross, so that we may be "turned outward" toward God and our neighbor. As the power of God's Word speaks into our lives, it cannot help but create a "cruciform" shape to our lives as we look "up" to God for the full forgiveness and freedom that comes by His grace alone but also looks "out" in love to our neighbor (e.g., spouse, children, parents, fellow church members, friends, co-workers).

But where do we receive this transforming power that turns us "inside-out"? Where can we find a power that can set us free from our circle turned in on ourselves? We find it only in the good news of Jesus Christ. Only as the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ pours into our lives are we set free from our old sinful ways. See where Paul directs our attention in his encouragement to the Philippians, "*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross*" (Philippians 2:5-8). Praise God that there was one who was selfless, one who was truly a servant, one who considered others more than Himself. Thank God for the grace and forgiveness that is not just for us, but for all people. Praise God for Him who is the very power of God at work in our lives. We pray each day that our lives be less about us and more about him. For it is only through Him that we have a forgiveness that knows no bounds, a love that doesn't quit, and a peace that passes all understanding.

May our Heavenly Father be at work in Your life this Lenten season through His mighty and powerful Word. May He continue to turn your life inside-out and upside-down by the lifechanging gift of Jesus Christ.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

May our Lord continue to be at work among us as the people of God at Calvary as we continue Engaging People in Christ through Connecting (Up), Learning (In), and Caring (Out) as we Serve in the name of Jesus.

¹ Martin Luther, *Lectures on Romans*, Westminster John Knox Press, 1961, 112

Staff Spotlight

Tony Spelde



What is your role at Calvary?

I have been an organist since 1976 and also am currently Director of Music—Traditional Worship

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

As a lifelong member of the LCMS, I have always felt that the Lutheran heritage of hymnody is one of the best ways for us to worship. The melodies, harmonies, lyrics and their "singability" can offer a sense of connection across generations. In a world marked by constant change, the enduring beauty of Lutheran hymnody remains a source of comfort and inspiration

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

During my time at Calvary, I have been able to watch our worship culture and the preferences of our congregation develop over the years. This shapes and informs my role in selecting hymns for our services, hoping to create a musical experience that not only aligns with the season, message, and scriptures of each service but also resonates with our congregation as they engage with the music and its presentation.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

John 14:1-4 and Ephesians 5:19

Favorite Dessert?

This one is much easier—chocolate cake (really just about anything chocolate)

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

I deeply appreciate when members of the congregation let me know when they enjoyed some aspect of the service. But I am a realist and I also am aware that Bob Dylan's lyrics still apply ("The Times They Are a-Changin'"). My prayer is to know how to "read the room"!

General News

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has been working diligently in securing an Associate Pastor for Calvary. They have narrowed the list and will conduct interviews in early March. Please pray for each candidate during the interview process and continue to pray that the Holy Spirit gives wisdom and guidance, as the committee deliberates and reflects on the individual candidates.

General News

2024 Lent Worship Schedule

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES



Wednesday, February 21st, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28th, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6th, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13th, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20th, 6:30 p.m.



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, March 28th, 3:45 & 6:30 p.m. with communion

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, March 29th, 2:15 p.m.—Calvary School Chapel (*All welcome*)

6:30 p.m.—Service of Darkness (No communion)

EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30th, 5:30 p.m. with communion

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31st, 8:00 a.m. with communion

Sunday, March 31st, 10:45 a.m. with communion

Maundy Thursday Congregational Meal

March 28th from 4:45—6:15 p.m.

The Spiritual Care team invites you and your family to a delicious meal between the two Maundy Thursday services. Join us after or before worship, as we connect with others in fellowship on this night that Jesus gathered his disciples around the table and called them to love one another.

Daylight Savings Time (March 10 at 2:00 a.m.)

"Spring forward you must or late to church you will be." Set your clocks forward one hour the night before **Sunday, March 10**.

Facilities Workday (Saturday, March 16th)

The Facilities Team is hosting a Spring Workday on **Saturday, March 16th** from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Plans are still being refined, but we are looking for volunteers. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Mike Daake.

General News

Save the Date—Vacation Bible School

Mon., Jun 24—Fri., Jun 28 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Electrifying Bible adventures, catchy songs, fun games, and memorable crafts are all part of the VBS experience! Mark it on your family calendar to join us this summer as we dive in to an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Look for more information in the coming months.

To register or volunteer, visit clcs.org/vbs2024, use this QR code, or contact Kara Hiatt.



College Care Packages

35 care packages were mailed in February to Calvary college students with snack items and a postcard with a bible verse to encourage them as they study this semester.

"May you be blessed by the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 115:15"

GriefShare (Wednesdays Feb 28 - May 22)

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. **Wednesdays, Feb 28 – May 22, 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.

Portals of Prayer Renewal/Order Form

It is time to order or renew your subscription to Portals of Prayer—a daily devotion book.

Name _____ **PH#** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (\$9.10 regular print; \$17.50 large print) Make checks to "Calvary."

Drop forms off in the church office by March 24th.

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Egg-filling Fun Day! Wednesday, March 13 12:30 – 3:00 pm

Adult volunteers are needed to assist school kids to fill plastic eggs for Calvary's big Easter egg hunt. No experience needed! We'll be working with lower grade students filling and counting eggs.

Outreach Ministry is providing all the supplies, and has a goal of 4,000 eggs for the hunt on March 23. If you can serve for an hour or more, please come join the fun. Park in the north lot and enter at Door #1.



March Memorials

In Memory of Ron Ebert:

Art & Joy Wehrmeister, Janet Grube, Bob & Sandra Wilson, Phil & Jill Borst

In Memory of Mabel Schwark:

Margie Leive, Elise Wolf, Roger & Sally Wetzel, Jake & Kyle Allen, Claire & Rodney Hendricks, Jim & Jan Dunaway, Madelyn Finke, Gretchen & Todd Levenberger, Bud & Julie Pflug, Paul & Kathy Brakke, Frances Newcomb, Bill Newcomb, Paul & Patty Dorman, Al & Chris Royer, Marv & Rhonda Hansen, Don & Deborah Hodina, Steve & Gloria Vandivier, Darlene Wendeln, Karen Meyer, Ken Kettler, Bob Polk, Susan Drattlo, Dennis Meyer, Ann Arnold, Katina Roberts, Jeff & Donita Wolma, Bob & Sandra Wilson, Janet Grube, Steve & Pattie Bardonner, Art & Joy Wehrmeister, Karen Oyler, Bill & Debbie Yates, Francis & Laurie Casteel, Paula Fisk, Jerry & Diane Gibson, Jim & Phyllis Birdwell, Bill & Chrissi Laut, Tim & Becky Finke, Tim & Becky Finke, Nancy Stalnaker, Gerald Kiesling, Col. Gerald & Phyllis Hager

In Memory of Catherine Woempner:

John & Kathleen Armentrout, Gerald Kiesling, Dorothy Abel & Family, Michael Brown, Martha Stott, Cindy Deig, Al & Chris Royer, Jerry & Janice Woempner, Sheila & Randy Hall, Paul & Pam Johnson, Jack & Linda Godby, Doug & Diane Carr & Family, Bill & Chrissi Laut, Jake & Kyle Allen, Nancy Steele, Doug & Patty Brown, Margaret Secrest, Marsha Abel, Ken Kettler, Constance Temm, Margie Leive

In Memory of Betty Haussecker:

Nancy Bice, Jeff & Rene Gillaspay & Family

In Memory of Susan McGuire:

Pat Finke, Bryan Finke

In Memory of Mary Ann Mayo:

James & Melissa Mayo

In Memory of Dan Sargent:

Jim Milligan & Carolyn Dorsey



Executive Director

From Your Executive Director

For those playing along at home, last March I discussed how the name of this month is a word that is anthimeria, meaning it can be used as either a noun or a verb. And I ended my column suggesting we must be bold and fearless in our faith, marching like the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers."

What I wrote last year still holds true: we must be bold and fearless in our faith. Over the past year, I have read innumerable studies conducted about the future of Christianity in America. The Evil One has been and still is very busy, convincing many in our country to turn away from God, becoming humanists who no longer need God in their lives. Or worse, becoming atheists: over 30% of the young people in our country claim they have no belief in God.

Somewhat surprisingly, there are no hymns in our hymnal that talk about marching, other than "Onward Christian Soldiers". We march – think about our Synod's participation in the annual March for Life events across the county – but we don't generally sing about it.

I had to turn to the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal of the ELCA, to find a song about marching, the South African song *Siyahamba*. It is a simply worded song, with one phrase: "Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'", which translates to "We Are Marching in the Light of God." (ELW #866 - for a great video of a performance, see [youtube.com/watch?v=QGOiANtGmhE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGOiANtGmhE)).

Question: are you marching? Or are you watching the parade from the sidelines?

Are you marching to connect yourself and others to God? Are you marching to learn more about His word? Are you marching to help others, demonstrating your care for them? Are you marching, to Engage People In Christ?

Jesus never said it would be easy to be an engaged follower. He didn't say "sit down in your La-Z-Boy recliner and follow me." No, He tells us it will be difficult, in Matthew 16:24, when He told His disciples "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (emphasis added)

We know it's not easy. Jesus was tempted by Satan during His 40 days, and Satan continues to tempt us with things to draw us away from God: binge-watching shows on the television. Video games. Sporting events. Social media. Or even worse, apathy.

We have a mission at Calvary, one started over 90 years ago, to fulfill the Great Commission in Matthew 28 in our community. We have been faithful to that, and now with all the temptations around us, it is even more critical we look for ways to fulfil our mission.

So put on your boots. Lace them up tightly. Get ready for a hike in the wilderness, so to speak. There are a lot of people out there who need to hear the good news of Christ. Be like the song "Before The Parade Passes By" from the musical Hello Dolly, when she sings "Before the parade passes by | I've gotta get in step while there's still time left | I'm ready to move out in front." Grab your staff. We are marching in the light of God!

In His and your service,

Bill Laut

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Take A Number

When I was a child many times when we went to the butcher or baker a line was already formed. We needed to take a number to join those in line. A little display box kept a running count of which number was being served. Each time a "click" was heard we knew that our time of waiting was nearing an end.

Take a number to be counted among those waiting. This ensured the proper sequence. First come-first were served. No line cutting or disagreements as to who arrived first. The number in hand was all that was needed to determine order.

Yet Jesus turns this idea upside down when He teaches that the first will be last and the last will be first. It is in direct opposition to the way the world operates. The students are often seeking to be first in line. Many of our younger grades have a specific line order for them to follow making again the order known for each student rendering the idea to seek the first spot in line a moot point. So what was Jesus referencing from Matthew 20:16? Here, Jesus challenges the conventional wisdom that places value on worldly status or position. He emphasizes that in God's kingdom, the order of importance is different. Those who are considered "last" by society may find themselves at the forefront in God's eyes. Jesus calls us not to be looking to be served, but to first seek to serve others. The acronym J-O-Y summarizes this idea. JESUS- OTHERS-YOU reverses our sinful nature with its desires and looks first to Jesus who gave to us His life.

This is taught each day through the ministry of our day school. The students are given opportunities to practice this through leading worship and conducting service projects. One service project of emphasis this school year has been to send Gospel story books to children in Liberia and Sierra Leone through Lutheran Heritage Ministry. The students and staff of Calvary have raised over \$2000.00 toward this project. We have sent 400 books proclaiming God's Gospel message of salvation. No one should need to wait in line to hear the Gospel message.

We thank God for the prayers and support of our congregation as the doors to our school have proclaimed this same message for 74 years. Praise God for His giving and serving people.

Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Registration 2024-25

Registration for the 2024-25 school year continues. Registrations received will allow us to better prepare for the new school year. Staffing needs, equipment, facilities, and classroom assignments will be determined and finalized based on the enrollment numbers through this registration process. A few grade levels have already reached capacity. Families are urged to act as soon as possible to ensure an open seat.

Families re-enrolling for the new school year may do so through FACTS. You are asked to meet with Mrs. Camin, our bookkeeper, in the school office to complete all financial paperwork. Your re-enrollment is not complete until BOTH the online and financial portion are done. Please contact the school office with any questions. We would be happy to help!

Please contact the school office with the names of neighbors, coworkers, and friends that may be interested in sending their children to Calvary Lutheran School. Jason Scheidt, our Director of Admissions, will be happy to share the blessings of a quality, Christian education with all interested families. We share and extend this ministry to our Indianapolis Community as well.

CHOICE Student Scholarship Application Window Opens March 1st

Calvary Lutheran School will begin to accept CHOICE student applications on Friday, March 1. Students that are enrolled for the 2024-25 school year may apply. Household income and size will guide this application process. For example, a family of four may have an adjusted 2023 gross income tax reported of \$230,000 and qualify for a CHOICE scholarship. Please contact the school office with any questions. We will be happy to assist you with this process.



Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Third quarter completed

The third quarter will be completed on Friday, March 15th. Report cards will be emailed on Wednesday, March 27. We commend to the Lord all who teach and learn in this place for their tremendous efforts.

Spring Vacation

Calvary Lutheran School will be closed for spring vacation beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15. Our first day off is Monday, March 18. School will resume on Monday, March 25. We ask the Lord to be with all those who travel during this vacation period.

IREAD3 Testing

Students in our 2nd & 3rd grades will take the IREAD 3 test the week of March 4- 15. 2nd graders will take the test as a means of practice for next year. However, all 2nd graders that pass the IREAD 3 test will not be required to retake it when they arrive in 3rd grade. This test will be administered online. We desire the students to do their best on these tests. Please assist them by providing early bedtimes and nutritious breakfasts. Studies have also shown that limiting video games for one-two weeks prior to the testing will improve scores. Thank you.

Holy Week- March 24-31

The students and staff will join throughout Holy Week as we trace the steps of Jesus on His path to Calvary. School will be in session on Good Friday. We will gather in the Lord's House for a special chapel service at 2:15 p.m. Following the service, the students are dismissed in silence as we consider Jesus' sacrifice for our sins.

Easter Monday, April 1

Calvary Lutheran School is closed on Easter Monday. Our desire is that families are free to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord taking Monday as a travel day.

Daylight Saving Time

Get ready to spring forward at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10th. That's right! We push our clocks forward one hour. Rest up!

Save the Date- Sunday, May 5

Mrs. Cheryl Rensner has announced her retirement at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year. We thank God for her years of serving in the teaching ministry. Cheryl will be recognized during the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. services on Sunday, May 5. A reception and fellowship celebration will be held in the gymnasium at noon. Refreshments will be served. Be sure to save the date as we gather to give thanks for Cheryl and the lives that she has touched with God's love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

YEARBOOK BUSINESS ADS

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WHAT IS YEARBOOK AD SPACE?

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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 along with contact information and size of the ad you are committing to.

Step 3: Drop off cash or check to school office

The Together Project

We are making big strides in our **Together** campaign! Several projects are completed or underway. The most recent project was a Weight Room remodel. Will you accept the invitation to be part of **together**? Help us cross the finish line! Email Kathy Anderson for more information.

LuFest 2024

Thank you to our association churches and schools that help to make **LuFest** a success! This year's LuFest was one of our most financially successful ones, and we had a record number of alumni in attendance. Sharing the mission of Lutheran High School along with our amazing students is a true blessing.

LHS Applications and Enrollment

Applications for *NEW* Lutheran High School students as well as re-enrollment for our current Saints families are open. We encourage new families to apply early to help with scholarships! Current families are encouraged to re-enroll early to secure enrollment. If you have any questions, please contact Deidre Barnett. We can't wait to welcome your family to the Saints!

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 5th and 6th grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Wednesday, March 13th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



SAIL (7th-8th grades)

All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to the next SAIL event on **Wednesday, March 27th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



Chili Cook-off Thank You & Update

Thank you to the many willing volunteers, cooks, and attendees this year at the Chili Cookoff! We had a successful Chili cookoff and **raised over \$1,000** for this summer's Sr. High mission trip to St. Louis! See you there next year!

Outreach Ministry

JOIN US FOR OUR
**EASTER
 EGG HUNT!**

11 AM - 1:30 PM
 MARCH 23, 2024



All
 Free!

Egg
 Hunt
 @12:30

Bounce Houses
 Petting Zoo
 Crafts

Science
 Shows
 @ 11:15
 & 1:00

Hot Dogs,
 chips, and
 drinks!

Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 S Shelby St

Community Garden Plots Available

Garden plots are available now for Calvary members. Plots are \$20 and can be reserved through the church office or email Pastor Art. The Community Garden will be available to the community after Mar 1. Applications available through the church office. Questions? Committee members are Jake Allen, Mark Jung, Wayne Mayo, Joe Pluckebaum, Jim Richert, Art Wehrmeister, and Paul Woodburn.

Touch-A-Truck Event at Calvary - September 7, 2024

The outreach team is planning our first Touch-A-Truck event. This is a community outreach event where attendees will have the opportunity to get in the driver's seat and touch the trucks. The plan is to have vehicles and equipment such as a police car, firetruck, ambulance, school bus, garbage truck, farm equipment, construction vehicles, service vehicles, delivery trucks, and more.

WE NEED YOUR HELP – The first order of business is to secure vehicles and equipment for this event. If you have or know someone that has this type of vehicle or equipment, contact Marv Hansen for more information. Please help us make this new outreach event a success!



Also, mark your calendars for the event: **Saturday, September 7, 10 am – 1 pm**. It will include not only the opportunity "touch a truck" but also games, face painting, the puppet ministry, bounce houses, food and much more.

Women in Mission

Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, March 2 8:30 a.m.

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

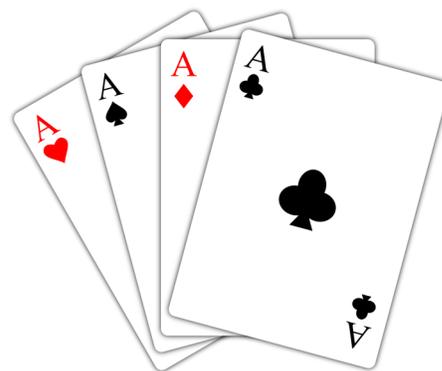
Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, March 2nd** at 8:30 a.m.



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 **March 11th**. Please join us.

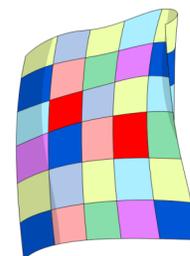
Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



Blankets for Babies

Our spring meeting dates for February are: **Tuesdays, March 12th, April 9th, and May 7th** (4:00- 5:30 p.m.) All ages are welcome. We have teachers ready to get you started. Practice yarn is also available. We welcome Jill Radcliffe to our group.

Questions? Call Susan Daniels.



Extravagant Sharing

The Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry is always thankful for the many food donations their clients receive from our Extravagant Sharing. During the month of March let's support them with **HYGIENE PRODUCT**—toothpaste and brushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo, etc. Place your gifts on the Extravagant Sharing shelves across from Calvary's main church doors, along with any boxes of cereal, which are always needed. So many families are blessed through your gifts of caring for those who need special support at this time in their lives. Please continue to share your love of Jesus through your gifts for those who are in need.



Stewardship Emphasis

Calvary's March Partners in Ministry – Lutherans for Life and Life Centers

This year we are designating a different Calvary Partner in Ministry each month. By emphasizing a different ministry 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 reach is. This month's Ministry Partner's are **Lutherans for Life** and **Life Centers**. For a complete list of Calvary Partners in Ministry please visit the "Partners" page at our website. <https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

Lutherans For Life exists to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We do this through our quarterly journal, "LifeDate," countless resources produced for local congregations, Life Sunday materials, speaking and preaching, online Chats 4Life, Frontline conference calls, Life Teams, Life Chapters, and Life Advocates, as well as national and regional conferences. <https://lutheransforlife.org/>



Life Centers is an Indianapolis based organization whose mission is to affirm the value of life by providing a network of care to those experiencing pregnancy-related decisions and by compassionately presenting biblical truth resulting in changed lives to the glory of God. <https://lifecenters.com/>



Lenten Midweek Offering Envelopes

Contributions received in the purple-trimmed Lent envelopes or designated as "Lent" through online giving will benefit the work of Lutheran for Life (lutheransforlife.org/) and Life Centers of Indianapolis (lifecenters.com/) Donation boxes are available at each entry door.

Scholarships available for those pursuing an education in church work

Scholarships are available for Calvary members studying to be church workers from both the Wessler Family Endowment and the Student Assistance Fund. Most recently Scholarships have been provided from both of these funds for Aaron Levenhagen (who is currently a fourth-year seminary student at Concordia St. Louis). Anyone who is considering pursuing an education in church work and would like more information on scholarship opportunities please reach out to the Stewardship Ministry Team.

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March 2024

"Christ Cleanses the Temple" - March 3, 2024 – Third Sunday in Lent

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Christ's cleansing of the temple was one incident in his fight against evil. His carrying on that fight is good news for us, and guides us as to how we believers are to live in today's world.

Sermon Text: John 2:13-16

Readings: Psalm 19:1, 7-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-16

"Lifted Up" - March 10, 2024 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Rev. Thomas Eggold

There is not a story or sign in the entire Old Testament that points more directly to the Cross than the serpent on the stake. Here a bronze serpent hangs from a cross, and it was put there by God precisely because of sin. The sign of our sin and the image of the death we deserve is suspended between heaven and earth and between God and man. And there, on the wooden pole, God saved His people.

Sermon Text: John 3:14-15

Readings: Psalm 107:1-9; Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

"Greatness In His Glory" - March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Rev. Shayne Jonker

Jesus alone was qualified, there is no one on earth who can lift this miserable cup of death to his lips and drink it to the bottom. There is no one on earth who can be baptized into our death and rise up out of it to life. Only Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh can stand in our place and do for all what we can't do for ourselves.

Sermon Text: Mark 10:45

Readings: Psalm 119:9-16; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Mark 10:32-45

"The Suffering Savior" - March 24, 2024 – Sunday of the Passion

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Jesus took upon Himself the sins of all people for all time. On Calvary's cross He paid for those sins in full. His resurrection on Easter was God the Father's "Well done." He accomplished His task. His victory is complete.

Sermon Text: Mark 15:1-47

Readings: Psalm 31:9-16; Mark 15:1-47

"Boy! Do I Love Him!" - March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday

Rev. William Mueller

Easter Sunday is so filled with joy! The sudden turn of events in the life of Jesus and His disciples. Even though He had told the disciples about it ahead of time, no one remembered this would be. Death is swallowed up in victory. In the resurrection of Jesus death is undone. The plug is pulled on death. And this brings us great joy!

Sermon Text: Isaiah 25:6-9

Readings: Psalm 16; Isaiah 25:6-9; Mark 16:1-8



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