

CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



Church Newsletter

May 2024

From the Pastors

"⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:5-9).

I write this article to you in this period following Pastor Maxx Fisher's call visit here to Calvary and the time when we shall hear his acceptance or his decline of our pastoral call. We now find ourselves in a time of waiting and wondering. During times of waiting, many questions arise. And many of the questions that have been on my mind aren't coming from me. Plenty of people have already been asking, "How do you think it went? What did you think about him? What do you think his response will be? What did he think about...? How do you think he would fit with...?" And the list of questions grows with each person I talk to.

As natural as these questions might be, I feel like there are deeper questions that I am drawn to consider. What does God desire for Calvary? What is God calling us to devote ourselves to with our efforts and energies? How are we as the people of God here in this place and this time working together to praise and serve God for the amazing gifts that He has already given to us? For as important as it is to fill a position, I would argue it is more important for us to discern God's will for the direction of our church. As important as it might be for us to seek the right person to help lead us, I believe that it is more important that each individual member of the church ask himself or herself, "How am I using my unique gifts and skills for the greater service to Jesus and His mission?"

As much as we are praying that God is preparing that right person to come and serve as our associate pastor, I think it is only right for us to be preparing ourselves to be the right community to welcome that next associate pastor. Pastors are important but they are not the church. The people are what makes a church what it is, and the pastors are but servants within the church who help "to equip the saints for works of service, for building up the body of Christ..." (Ephesians 4:12). In our reading above from 1 Corinthians 3, Paul reminds us that the servants of God are fellow workers in the kingdom. It is only as a collected people that we can accomplish the mission that Jesus has given us. Each person plays his or her part. Each person contributes to the whole. Each person can begin to see how the seeds have been planted, watered, tended, and cared for by different people along the way. But what does Paul argue is the most important aspect of the whole process? "Only God ... gives the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:7b).

May God continue to be the one at work in each of our lives. May He continue to bring forth growth in your personal faith and life, as well as within our collective life and ministry as a congregation. May we give Him all glory, honor, and praise for it is only through Him that we stand now in the powerful forgiveness and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He alone is Lord of the Church. He alone is the one to be praised. And so, may your prayers be that Christ would be glorified among us, whatever answer might come. May Christ be our confidence in all the ups and downs of life.

May Christ continue to lead us to be people who are ready to welcome each person who enters our doors, whether they be a potential pastor or a first-time visitor. May we continue to be about the work of **Connecting** people to Christ, daily **Learning** and growing in His Word, and **Caring** for our community and world, as we serve others in His grace.

May God's peace go with you this day!

Pastor Kurt Ebert

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.



Looking to serve? Do you have a name to suggest?

Calvary's Nominations Committee is beginning its work of recruiting volunteers for our congregation's ministry teams and leadership positions. If you would like to volunteer or have a suggestion of someone who would be a good fit for a position, please let us know. Contact Kara Hiatt.

State of the Church Update (May 19)

Join us after worship services **Sun., May 19 at 12:00 p.m.** as we help set the direction of our church for the year ahead. We will meet to share upcoming initiatives, celebrate ministry accomplishments, approve the 2024-25 budget, elect ministry leaders, and carry out other congregational business.

The nominations slate, proposed budget summary, and other materials will be available at each welcome center near the TVs or online at clcs.org/voters.

If you still have a name to suggest or would like to volunteer, please contact Kara Hiatt.

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.



General News

Thank You Confirmation Mentors & Prayer Angels

We thank all who made this year's confirmation ministry a success. The staff, families, and people of Calvary appreciate your love for the Lord and the youth of our congregation.

Small group mentors: Ruth Deckard, Jeff Evans, Josh Engelking, and Janet McWilliams.

Prayer angels: Dawn Schultz, Mckenna & Ruth Deckard, Nicole Reese, Linda Simons, Tia Kochan, Brenda Irwin, Rhonda Hansen, Ann Arnold, and Betty Bardonner.

Prayer angel coordinator: Diana Blazek.

Pentecost Pizza Party (Sat., May 4)

The Children's Ministry team will be hosting a Pentecost Pizza Party in the school cafeteria on **Sat., May 4 at 4:00 p.m.**

Come join us for pizza and our special guest speaker, Luke Simons from Athletes in Action, to learn about Pentecost and what our missionaries do when they work with children to spread the news of Jesus. This will be a great family event for all ages! Questions? Contact Heather Marrero.

Sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/2sp9vuph>.

Sunday School Attendance Awards Winter 2023-24

Faithful

Damon Honebrink
Landon Madden

Annabeth Jackson
Eliana Marrero

Willard Jackson
Logan Marrero

Paisley Langhammer
Lucas Marrero

Perfect

Leyla Honebrink

Tyson Honebrink

Trenton Kamp



May Memorials



In Memory of Ruth Messer:

*Judy Stanford, Karen Meyer, Jim & Jan Dunaway, Bill Wittlief,
Marilyn Rothkopf*



In Memory of Ramona Cunningham:

*Jim & Phyllis Birdwell, Ellwyn Parks, Margie Leive, Fred & Rose Krueger, Ray & Jan Main,
Charles & Betty Bardonner, Michael Anson, Karen & Terry Wright*

In Memory of Catherine Woempner:

Julia Pratt

In Memory of Glora Jean Kirby:

Pauline Miller

CIM NEWSLETTER

Easter 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I am so happy to greet you all through our newsletter. The Lord has done great things through Calvary India Mission in 2023. I had a blessed Trip to India last year. Visiting our mission work in India is always a great joy! I am very thankful to Calvary Lutheran Church and Mount Olive Lutheran Church for their continuous support. I was blessed to be in India for all of the Christmas celebrations in our tailoring and tuition/tutoring centers. God has richly blessed the students in all our mission centers and given them an opportunity to receive the love of Christ through Calvary India Mission. I am grateful to God for his healing as I fractured my foot in India during my 2023 visit. I do appreciate all of your prayers and love.



From the Leaders of Calvary India Mission, Staff, Students and Trainees, we bring you heartfelt wishes for a Happy Easter 2024! I do pray and wish you all to receive blessings from Jesus as we remember His sufferings, crucifixion and resurrection. We wish this year to be a year where God is our constant focus. Let His mercies be upon us. May God bless you all!!!

In His Mission,

His mercy extends to those who fear Him; from generation to generation. Luke 1:50

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clcs.org/cim-newsletter



Adult Ministry

Lunch OUT! Wednesday, May 1 11:00 am

For our "First Wednesday" April outing we're meeting at Bubba's, 7799 US 31 South, Indianapolis, 46227.

Their menu includes sandwiches, pasta, wings, burgers, pizzas, and lots more.

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, May 15 11:00 am

Program: Hearing health and latest developments in hearing technology.

Presenter: Amy Harris, Hearing Solutions of Indiana

Lunch: Taco salad, chips, salsa, and dessert

Suggested donation: \$5

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.



LAUNCH (5th-6th grades)

All 5th and 6th grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Sunday, May 19th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for our End of School Event!



SAIL (7th-8th grades)

All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to the next SAIL event on **Sunday, May 19th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for our End of School Event!



Executive Director

From Your Executive Director

I'm taking advantage of this month's letter to call attention to some good things in our congregation. These are an outcome of our strategic planning process. If you recall, over the past 18 months, the leaders, and congregation members took a detailed approach to looking at our church through a structured process, seeking to understand the strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities for our congregation.

Some very good things came from this process. One of those was we discovered there are three key areas already in place, which guide much of what we do at Calvary: Connecting, Learning, Caring, all out of Service to God. The challenge now in front of us is how do or can we use these three areas to establish Calvary's future in both the short and the long term? This is something facing Calvary's leadership over the coming months.

We also discovered there are some artificial obstacles we've allowed to build that could hold us back. For example, why are we spending money on renovations to the building (answer: things become dated, wear out, or break in a facility that has some portions 74 years old). Why are we calling an associate pastor and hiring a chief administrative officer (answer: because we need these positions to run the church, as we see a dwindling number of members being able to volunteer their time). And one that's very disturbing: why are we worrying about those outside the church? Why aren't we doing more for our members and stop looking outside our doors and our property?

This last one requires a longer answer. We are in a society that has become less Christian, more secular, and in many ways, dying. The world in which Calvary was established as a mission church in 1929 no longer exists. Our parent congregation, Emmaus, announced they are closing their school after 120 years, leaving only us and St. John, compared to four Lutheran day schools on the southside 40 years ago. The world of the 1950s and 1960s, when we built our first two classrooms and moved to our current location, is gone. Our community has changed, and what better way to visibly see it is we expanded our current sanctuary in 1997 because we outgrew the one built in 1981, but the long-range goal of a new 1,200 seat sanctuary is many years away. The congregation in which many of us grew up has changed, and either we change with it, or we end up like many other churches have in recent years. Empty or dramatically scaled back. And that's not an option or alternative any of us wants.

We have the means and the ability to reshape our church, to reach out to the lost, to educate our members, to grow in Christ, to serve our community – showing the world around us that while we preach Christ crucified, He is certainly alive and well at Calvary Lutheran. All it takes is courage, strength, and most of all, faith that He is always guiding us as we change.

Over the coming months, your leaders will be working to determine what is the best way for us to lead and guide our church into its second hundred years, which is not that far away. Be ready, be prepared, and be confident that the Spirit is always present, giving its guiding hand to help us assuredly be a place that demonstrates that spirit of caring, learning, and connecting.

Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia.

In His and your service,

Bill Laut

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

8th Grade Graduation

We are proud to announce the 74th graduating class of Calvary Lutheran Church and School. Graduation will take place at a special worship service on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. 21 graduates will be conferred their diplomas. We are honored to present Sandy Paing as this year's class Valedictorian and Sui Mawi as our Salutatorian. We commend these students and celebrate with their families on this academic accomplishment. A reception will be held immediately following the service in the gymnasium.

The 74th graduating class of Calvary Lutheran School members include: Phili Bawi, Andrew Blackburn, Nola Cook, Carter Dougherty, Gabriela Garcia, Ethan Harmon, Amere Jones, Dylan Kwast, Addison Lee, Cin Lun, Sarahnin Mar, Sui Mawi, Owen McWilliams, Lillian Neal, Sandy Paing, Cherry Par, David Taylor, II, Azriel Thang, Vahniesa Pha, Terrell Whyde, and Trent Whyde.

We ask the Lord to bless these graduates as they continue to glorify their Savior as they pursue higher academic challenges and future adventures.

Warning Labels—List of Ingredients

Much has been added to the nutrient information contained on processed food items. As a child very little was noted apart from the main ingredients in foods bought at the grocery store. Added stipulations years later required that the ingredients were to be reported in descending order from most to least. Calories and serving size were then first reported. Today's ingredient list provides the percentage of your daily recommended allowances and if the product contains milk, peanuts, and gluten. It currently cites if the food was processed in a plant that uses those ingredients in other products. The packaging information may be classified as warning labels as it provides safeguards for dietary needs.

Warning labels can be found on a host of products. Cigarette cartons and packs, alcohol bottles and cans, cars, medications, and most household appliances all contain warning labels. We are given information that may help keep us from harm and danger whether in the present or for the future.

God's Word also provides us with warning labels. God warns us to flee from the sin that so entangles us. He warns us to first seek Him. He has provided His Word to instruct and to teach us all about His love, mercy, and grace. He has given to us His Word of salvation as we rejoice this Easter in the resurrection of Jesus.

Recently I have paid very close attention to the ingredient labels on food items. It has served to educate me on the amounts of items which are placed in our processed foods and what my body is receiving for nutritional needs. We ask the Lord to provide the zeal for us to actively search His Word and scriptures for His will and direction for our lives. We read His Word to fill our hearts to rid ourselves of the poison offered to us by the devil, the world, and our sinful self. We sing a little louder as through the power of the Holy Spirit we are strengthened and renewed in our faith!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!! Alleluia!!!

IREAD 3 Testing Results

We commend our students and teachers for an 81% pass rate on our recent IREAD 3 testing. The IREAD 3 test is given to third grade students that did not reach the pass cut line as a second grader. Only 9 students in our 3rd grade were required to take the test. This is indeed a team effort consisting of students, parents, and teachers. The instruction begins in our preschool sessions. We thank God for a student body eager to learn, parents supporting and partnering with the church and school, and teachers giving excellence each day.

Second graders were given the option to take the IREAD 3 test during the 2024 spring testing window again. 61% of these students passed the IREAD 3 test.

Job Well Done!!

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 2

We share an awesome privilege – PRAYER. God invites us to draw near to Him through prayer. We are also privileged to share the freedom of prayer in this great country. Marking May 2nd as a National Day of Prayer provides a clear picture of the freedoms that we enjoy. The students of Calvary Lutheran School will be joining our Calvary Prayer Team for our chapel service in the sanctuary at 8:15 a.m. We take it to the Lord in prayer.

School Walk-a-thon – Friday, May 3

The students have received pledges for the Walk-a-thon. Our goal is \$30,000. The students will begin walking outside around our Calvary grounds at 1:00 p.m. A fun day is planned as stations along the walking route have activities and games for the students to play. Funds raised will go to supporting our school safety, athletics, fine arts, and STEM curriculum needs. We ask the Lord to bless this day with great weather. Thank you for your prayers and support.

6th-8th Grade Choir and 5th-8th Grade Band Concert

Students in our 6th-8th grade choir and our 5th-8th grade band will perform a concert on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited to share in the gift of music.

The 2023-24 School Year Concludes

We celebrate our Calvary Lutheran Knights' Time Picnic and Kickball beginning at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 23. The 2023-24 school year at Calvary Lutheran School will conclude on Friday, May 24. An end of year awards ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The first part of the ceremony will involve the entire student body of Kindergarten-8th grade. At 11:00 a.m. 5th-8th grade students will remain in the church for the conclusion of the awards. A closing chapel service will follow the awards ceremony. We anticipate this service beginning at 11:15 a.m. School will be dismissed following chapel. [No lunch service or afternoon Extended Care services provided on this day.]

We invite parents, grandparents, and friends of Calvary to attend this exciting conclusion to the school year. God has indeed richly blessed our year together. We commend all into His care.

2024-25 School Registration

Registration for the 2024-25 school year continues. Classes are filling up very quickly. Openings are still found in the Preschool 3-4 class and 5th-7th grade levels. We invite you to share this news with colleagues, friends, and neighbors. Please contact the school office for additional information.

8th Grade Class Trip

The 8th grade class will be visiting Washington, D. C. for their class trip Monday-Thursday, May 6-9. The class will be traveling by motor coach. Numerous sites in DC will be included on their itinerary. Dawn Schultz, Molly Troemel, and parent chaperones will be accompanying the class. We ask the Lord to keep all safe and that this trip may serve not only as an educational adventure but an opportunity to strengthen relationships together. 8th grade will not be in session on Friday, May 10.

Summer Tutoring

Our summer tutoring program is yet to be completely scheduled. More information as June approaches.



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 for more information.

Lutheran High School is hiring!

Lutheran High School is seeking to hire the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year: Math (full or part time), Science (part time), Social Studies (full or part time), Business (full or part times) and Guidance Counselor (full time).

If you have an interest, have questions, or know of someone who has an interest, please send questions, resume, and cover letter information to Kelle Johnson or Michael Brandt.

Commencement – Sunday, May 19

Lutheran High School's 46th Baccalaureate and Commencement for the *Class of 2024* will be held on Sunday, May 19, at 2:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend; doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

Registration is OPEN! – LHS Golf Outing – June 2

The LHS Golf Outing will return to Martinsville Golf Club on June 2 (12:30 p.m. check-in with lunch and 2:00 p.m. tee off). Register at lhsi.org.

LHS Summer Sports Camps – June 2024

LHS will offer **Summer Sports Camps** in various sports during June for boys and girls who are in or have just completed grade school. For information and to register, visit lhsi.org.

Outreach Ministry

A hoppin' good time.

Hundreds of children take part in Calvary Lutheran Church Easter Egg Hunt.



The Calvary Lutheran Church Easter hunt brought more than 600 people together on Indy's southside, Saturday, March 23rd. Families enjoyed a day full of activities including the egg hunt, a science show exploring the wonders of chemistry, a large petting zoo, crafts, face painting, selfie station, numerous bounce houses, complimentary lunch, and games. *(continued on next page)*

Outreach Ministry (cont'd)

The annual event is free for family, friends, and neighbors to attend. Visitors were greeted with Easter bags and destination maps highlighting nine campus activities including nursery time for toddlers.

Activities were tailored to children in three ages groups, 0 to 4, 5 to 8, and 9 to 12 years old. A total of 300 children searched for 5,014 Easter eggs!



Additional family events are being planned, including a Pizza Night, Family Movie Night, and more. To learn more about future events and church worship services please visit the Calvary Lutheran Church and School's website at clcs.org.



Thanks to all our volunteers!

An event like this is not possible without all the volunteer support from Calvary individuals and ministry teams. The Easter egg hunt is co-sponsored by the Outreach and Fellowship ministry teams, with the Parish Education team doing the crafts, the Children's Ministry team doing games. A total of 84 volunteers participated on the day of the event! Prior to the event, some of our school children worked with the adult ministry group to pack most of the eggs, with additional help from individuals. We also thank Guy Hansen and John Brennan (both from Eli Lilly, retired) for giving us the "Chemistry is a Blast" show this year. What a blessing to be able to share a fun event with the community, and to showcase our church and school campus!





Your donations of GENTLY USED items are needed for the

JUNE 1st YARD SALE

Please help by pre-pricing your items (no less than a quarter) and hanging onto them until the week before the yard sale.

NO CLOTHING OR SHOES.

NO LARGE FURNITURE.

***DONATION DROP-OFF INFORMATION
WILL BE POSTED IN MAY.***

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

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| 1) Books | 14) Games |
| 2) Movies | 15) Toys |
| 3) Music | 16) Baby Items |
| 4) Tools | 17) Pet Supplies |
| 5) Garden | 18) Musical Instruments |
| 6) Sports Gear | 19) Home Furnishings |
| 7) Small Appliances | 20) Furniture |
| 8) Kitchen | 21) Home Health |
| 9) Glassware / Dishes | 22) Purses |
| 10) Crafts | 23) Personal Items |
| 11) Holiday | |
| 12) Linens | |
| 13) Antiques | |

DONATION DROP-OFF SCHEDULE

Tues, 5/28: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Wed, 5/29: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thurs, 5/30: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. *and*
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Fri, 5/31: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The yard sale will be held on Saturday, June 1st from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. Donation drop-off information will be posted in May. Volunteers will be needed to set up, help shoppers during the day, and clean up afterwards. More information on needed volunteers will be shared next month. Contact Paula Fisk or Candy O'Bryan with any questions.

Volunteers will be allowed to shop the yard sale beginning at 7:00 a.m. Sign-up at clcs.org/yardsalevolunteer.

Women in Mission

Summer Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays, June 4—July 16 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

When You Pray ~ A Study of Six Prayers in the Bible

In this 7-session study, join with six beloved Bible teachers who will help you study prayers in the Bible that can inspire your own. You'll learn that God welcomes your praise and lament, your thanksgiving and intercession. You'll see examples of how to pray when you're alone and when you're gathered with others. Above all, you'll notice there's no one right way to pray. As you draw near to God through prayer, you'll find your faith strengthened and your heart united to Christ.

Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, May 4 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, May 4th** 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 **May 13th**. Please join us.

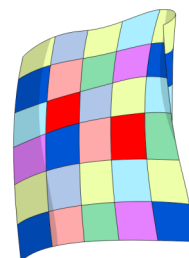
Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



Blankets for Babies

Our May meeting date is **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.

Questions? Call Susan Daniels.



Extravagant Sharing

Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry in the Fountain Square area of Indianapolis appreciates all the cereal and other food items our Calvary family donates. Their clients are so blessed by our Extravagant Sharing and appreciate the support of their needs. Thank you for your generosity. In the month of MAY please fill the Extravagant Sharing shelves with boxes and individual serving size containers of **MACARONI AND CHEESE** plus boxes of dry cereal. God bless all of your extravagant sharing!

Stewardship Emphasis

Calvary's March Partners in Ministry – Habitat for Humanity and Concordia Cemetery

This year the Stewardship Ministry Team is 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 Partners are Habitat for Humanity and Concordia Cemetery.

Habitat for Humanity "builds strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter." They engage in many ways to solve housing problems providing housing solutions for people in need of decent shelter.



Concordia Cemetery has been a traditional and revered place to memorialize loved ones since 1870. For over a century and a half, generations of the same families have selected Concordia as a resting place near their forefathers.

Centrally located on the Southside of Indianapolis, it offers easy access to visitors and quite tranquility in the midst of the busy city.

For a complete list of Calvary Partners in Ministry please visit the "Partners" page at our website. <https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

2nd Quarter Mission Gifts Designation – Area Food Banks

Gifts received in the second quarter this year (April through June) 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 two local food banks – Hunger Inc and the Emmaus Food Pantry. Hunger Inc is located at 1416 E. Epler Avenue and serves residents of the south side of Indy. <https://hungerinc.org/>.

The Emmaus Food Pantry is located on property adjacent to Emmaus Lutheran Church and serves residents of the Fountain Square area.



Hunger Inc
Food Pantry

<https://www.emmauslutheranschool.org/food-pantry.>

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.

Worship Anew

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Toll-Free: (888) 286-8002 www.worshipanew.org

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

May 2024

“When You Feel Overwhelmed”

May 5, 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

All of us have been overwhelmed by life's circumstances beyond our control. St. John reminds us that we have “the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.” Celebrate that victory with us on Worship Anew.

Sermon Text: 1 John 5:1-8

Readings: Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17

“Ascended but not Gone”

May 12, 2024 – Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)

Rev. William Mueller

Ascension Day is an often forgotten church holiday. It really shouldn't be. It is the culmination of all that our Lord Jesus came to earth to accomplish. Even though He is now ascended, He has not departed from us. In fact, He has given us a joy-filled mission to reach and share.

Sermon Text: Luke 24:44-53

Readings: Psalm 47; Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53

“I Will”

May 19, 2024 – Pentecost Sunday

Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast, Jr.

Ezekiel 37 describes the human reality of being dried up and worn out. We experience this as individuals and even as churches. In this text God declares, “I Will.” God's explicit promise to us this Pentecost day: “I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live.

Sermon Text: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Readings: Psalm 139:1-12; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

“When the Darkness Hides God”

May 26, 2024 – Holy Trinity Sunday Rev.

Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Do you experience those dark times when God seemingly fails to show up in our lives? Understanding the true identity of our great Triune God will bless us with right understanding, attitudes, and actions when the darkness hides God.

Sermon Text: Isaiah 6:1-8

Readings: Psalm 29; Isaiah 6:1-8; John 3:1-17

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Worship: Saturdays 5:30 PM Sundays 8:00 & 10:45 AM
Family Education Hour (Bible Study & Sunday School) 9:25 AM

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