

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



# Church Newsletter

October 2024

*From the Pastors*

**Reflections and Questions on the Call Process (Part 3)**

*“Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands...” (1 Timothy 5:22a).*

As we continue through the call process, we prayerfully reflect on where God is leading us.

Over the past two months we reflected upon the questions: “What are we looking for in a pastor?” and “What are we hoping this pastor will do?”

This month we look at the question: “Why is this process taking so long?”

The old joke goes something like this, “We all know that we want patience, and we want it now!” Where have you seen this true in your life or the lives of those around you? And yet we know that the old saying goes, “Patience is a virtue,” we also know that we wish that patience was a product that we could buy from Amazon with same day free shipping. If it was simply a product, rather than a character virtue, I guarantee that it would be a top seller! Character, however, is caught, not bought. It is something that must be observed around us and formed within us. So, how is your formation in patience going? Mine has its rough days!

While it is true that there are many human things that can slow down or delay a call process, it is also true that the call process is kind of like a marriage. It is “not to be entered into in advisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God” (Declaration of Purpose within a Christian Wedding Service). We are not simply looking for someone to “fill” the role and “play” the part. Hopefully, those of you who are married included a little more effort in your selection process for spouse than that. As the Apostle Paul reminds Timothy, “do not be hasty in the laying on of hands,” which is a reference of the process by which a pastor is welcomed into the ministry, so also must we be patient within this process.

As we have now extended a call to Rev. Paul Dickerson to consider, we pray for God's guidance and direction for all parties involved—Calvary Lutheran, Christ Memorial Lutheran, and the Dickerson family. Too often we forget that when we extend a call the recipient now finds himself with two “divine calls” one to his current church and one to consider from our church. Now comes that question, “Where does God desire him to best serve?” In many ways, a pastor can have a meaningful ministry in either location, but which setting is uniquely calling for the best use of his skills, experience, etc. And that is the prayerful process on which we now embark. We ask God to lead and us to listen. We ask God to guide and us to go where he leads us. May we continue to seek not our will but God's will throughout this entire process.

May God grant us peace, patience, and perseverance throughout this process of prayerful deliberation. And may God remind all of us of the shared ministry that we have of “sharing the hope that is in us” (1 Peter 3:15), as we continue to shine with the light of Christ, wherever He has placed us. You don't have to be a pastor to shine with the light of Christ in your unique calling and vocation.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

## General News

### OCTOBER IS PASTOR / CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH

October is when we take time to recognize the faithful service of our church ministry staff. Please say a prayer, share a word of thanks, or send a card to show your appreciation. A box will be provided in the narthex to drop a card or note.

**Kurt (Sarah) Ebert** (Senior Pastor), **Sam (Molly) Troemel** (Associate Pastor), **Udhay (Kalai) Raji** (Tamil pastor & hospital chaplain), and **Brian Krohmer** (Youth Director).

Retired pastors at Calvary, **Howard (Bev) Fabricius**, **Harvey (Carol) Lange**, **Ray (Jan) Main**, **Jim (Connie) Myers**, **Art (Joy) Wehrmeister**, and **Dave (Jill) Bliss**.

We also celebrate with Kara Hiatt as she is recognized for five years of service at Calvary.



### Congregational Study Series & Sign-Ups

A special sermon series and bible study opportunity from **Oct 19/20 through Nov 23/24**. This year's study is another 40-day challenge from the Red Letter Challenge, this time on the topic of "Forgiving." If you like, you can do the study entirely on your own or you can join a small group study to help you process what you learn, providing you additional encouragement and insights from fellow Christians.

Signups: Small group signups will take place through Oct 19/20. We have a variety of small groups at many different times and days of the week: some are onsite, some in homes, and still others online. To see all our small group opportunities, check out the table onsite or sign-up online at [clcs.org/congstudy](http://clcs.org/congstudy). Adult and Kid workbooks are available for purchase for \$10.



### GriefShare

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. Wednesdays through **November 13, 6:00- 8:00 p.m.** Led by trained facilitators Mike Loudon and Roxanne Deardurff. Sessions include videos by experts in grieving, support group discussion, personal study/reflection. Open to everyone. Begin attending at any time; sessions are not sequential. Contact Mike Loudon or Roxanne Deardurff for more information.

## General News

### GriefShare Surviving the Holidays

The holidays are often painful for adults grieving the loss of a loved one. Compassion Ministry is hosting a GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" seminar **Wed, Nov. 20**, 6:00 p.m. in Room 125. There is no cost to attend; a light supper and book will be provided. Please help us plan by contacting Mike Loudon or Roxanne Deardurff if you plan to attend.



### Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our annual Thanksgiving food drive is soon to begin! Calvary looks forward each year to supporting families in Calvary's church and school. Beginning on October 27 grocery bags will be available in the narthex with suggested items listed on the bag. Your donations will be accepted the first 3 weeks in November. Thank you in advance for supporting our Calvary members!



### October Memorials

#### **In Memory of Pam Olston:**

*Art & Joy Wehrmeister, Janet Grube, Margie Leive, Jerry & Karen Campbell*

#### **In Memory of John Edward:**

*Larry & Sara Jupin*

#### **In Memory of Ruth Messer:**

*Pauline Miller*

#### **In Memory of Catherine Woempner:**

*Carolyn Darnell*

#### **In Memory of Jim Birdwell:**

*Margie Leive, Janet Grube, Larry & Sara Jupin, Larry & Linda Edwards, Patricia Klinge, Kenneth & Susan Sedam, Don & Patricia Meyer, Gary & Debbie Donaldson, Paul & Patty Dorman, Bob & Sandra Wilson, Robert Cook, James & Connie Myers, Larry & Barbara Gitt, Elise Wolf, Al & Chris Royer, Carol Dale Family, Judy Stanford, Derek Roesener, Ann Arnold, Janey Whitlock, Richard Schildmaeier, Karen Meyer, Robert Polk, Laura & Steve Morris, Jerry Kiesling*



# Holiday Bazaar

## Save the Date!! - Calvary's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Bazaar

**November 9, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

You can find details at [clcs.org/bazaar](https://clcs.org/bazaar).

### Silent Auction Preview

Check out some of this year's Silent Auction donations online! You can find the bazaar page on the Calvary website at [clcs.org/bazaar](https://clcs.org/bazaar). There are three tabs of information (you may need to scroll down.): Event Details, Silent Auction Items, and Craft Vendors. View some of the items for bidding from the Silent Auction tab, Items with Pictures. Please note, this is only a sample. There will be many more items available for bidding the day of the Bazaar. The Gift Certificates menu item includes gift certificates and coupon values that will be available for bidding as well.

### Save Vendor Space

Are you crafty or know someone who is? Applications are now being accepted for vendors for Calvary's 55<sup>th</sup> annual bazaar on November 9. Details and application can be found in the area near the south entrance of the church. You may contact Angie Ransdell or put the paperwork in her church mailbox. The Vendor Booth Space online order form is <https://calvary-women-in-mission.square.site/>. Space is limited.

### Save Your Time

The Holiday Bazaar needs a lot of volunteers. Helpers are needed before, during, and after November 9. Time commitments vary and some tasks can be as simple as making phone calls or donating home baked goods. To volunteer please contact Karen Wright, or use the bazaar Sign Up Genius, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949AFAE22A5FAC52-50324528-2024#/>.

### Save & Share Your Treasures & Talents

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

Save things to be sold in The Attic. Since space to store attic items is limited at Calvary, PLEASE bring your PRICED (\$.25 minimum) donations to the hall by the school office, Door 4, Friday, November 8, 3:30–7:00 pm or Saturday, November 9, 7:30–8:30 am. If that is not convenient for you, please ask someone to bring them to Calvary at that time. (Please no clothing, large appliances, large furniture or building materials.)

Bake things to be sold in the Country Kitchen. Is baking your thing? You can bake and freeze now. Then bring your goodies to Calvary on Friday, November 8 to be sold in the Country Kitchen.

### Support These Worthy Causes

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



## Adult Ministry

### **Lunch OUT! Wednesday, October 2 11:00 a.m.**

For our "First Wednesday" October outing we're meeting at Greek Islands, 906 S. Meridian Street, next to Shapiro's with parking behind the restaurant.

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, October 16 11:00 a.m.**

**Program:** "Grace on Wings"

**Presenter:** Hall Blank, CEO and pilot for Grace on Wings, which provides charity air ambulance services within the US



**Lunch:** Beef Stroganoff, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert.

Suggested donation: \$5.

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

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

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

### **Collecting for St. Thomas Clinic—Meds and Medical Supplies**

In October, we will again be gathering unused prescriptions, medical supplies, and devices. Items not used by St. Thomas are passed on to foreign missions, Indy Red Cross, and Johnson County Senior Services.

Please note:

1. Prescription medications need to be less than 1 year old
2. Please leave medication name and "use by" date on containers
3. Narcotic painkillers cannot be accepted
4. Over-the-counter unopened, valid date items are accepted:  
antacids, ointments, vitamins, nutritional supplements, incontinence supplies
5. Used orthopedic braces and splints are also accepted.

For safety reasons, please drop these items off at Calvary's church office, not the donation bins. Thank you for helping others to be healthy.

Questions? Contact Nancy Brandt, for more info.



# Executive Director

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

Earlier this year, I read what I consider to be an excellent book by Eric Metaxas, author of biographies of Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and abolitionist William Wilberforce. His recent book "Letter to the American Church" discusses what he considers to be disturbing similarities between the German church of the 1930s and the American church today. I normally don't go about recommending books, but this is one that hits the proverbial nail on the head. He has since written a second book as a sequel – "Religionless Christianity: God's Answer to Evil", and that book is also a worth-while read.

Metaxas is just one in a long line of authors writing about the church and Christianity, following in the footsteps of C.S. Lewis, Charles Spurgeon, and others dating, back to the beginning of Christianity, like St. Augustine. Consider the Pauline epistles for example, when St. Paul wrote to churches in Corinth, Rome, Galatia and others, including Ephesus, the subject of a recent sermon series in our church, explaining the faith, encouraging the people, and most of all expressing how Christ is our salvation.

In our Lutheran heritage, we recognize the first writer of our reformed faith, Martin Luther. This month we celebrate the 507<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his 95 Theses, which he posted on the door at Wittenburg. This posting was followed by many other works, too numerous to list here – especially since Concordia Publishing House currently has 55 volumes of his writings.

Luther was one of many in a long line of pastors who helped shape what we believe and why we believe it, all founded in scripture. Philip Melancthon. Martin Chemnitz. CFW Walter. Oswald Hoffmann. More recently, Paul Maier. These are just a smattering of writers who have helped us grow in faith by carefully examining and explaining our beliefs as Lutheran Christians.

With social media taking over the world, so to speak, I wonder how Luther might have used it if it were available to him? After all, he used the most modern technology at the time, the moveable-type printing press as developed by Gutenberg, but I can only imagine postings from Luther on X or other sites – assuming he wasn't repeatedly suspended for what the current world would call hate speech, since he was not one to mince words. Can you imagine the tags he might use in his posts? #reform #noindulgences #noromechurch #solascriptura #hereistand #norecant all come to mind. I'm certain he would find many others. I'm also convinced he would have firmly been in the sights of the "cancel culture" for his unabashed approach to the needed reform. And probably taken out of context as well: his oft-quoted phrase "sin boldly" is only part of a much longer statement, but all people seem to remember is that one snippet.

Today we unfortunately live in a world where words are still manipulated and taken out of context. And we seem to be in the middle of precisely what Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 4:3-4: "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths." We seem to be exactly where Paul predicted we would be.

We continue to discuss how we at Calvary are Engaging People in Christ. More than ever, our clear and direct message of the Gospel needs to be told both inside and outside our building, as we Connect to others, we Learn (and teach) Scripture, and demonstrate Caring words and actions. Importantly, **we must be bold in our actions**, just as Luther was 507 years ago, preaching Christ to a world that needs Him more and more each day!

Sola scriptura, sola gratia, sola fide!

In His and Your service,

Bill Laut

# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## How Much Do We Really See?

I am amazed each year as we gather at German Park for our Outdoor Worship service and picnic the number of hands necessary in providing this event. The preparation for worship, the food for the picnic, and the fellowship activities that follow require hours of planning and work. The number of individuals actively involved in this process is enormous. The number of hours given for this to all be realized is staggering. Yet it is all given in loving service. For someone gathering for worship and enjoying the picnic dinner and fellowship activities you may never see nor realize all the behind-the-scenes work that is invested and undertaken.

How much do we really see and realize as we live and breathe each day as to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Through His bidding we may see His hand at work as we reflect and look back as to the actions guiding and directing us through a given situation or life event. Yet each minute of our lives is under the guidance of God's love through the Holy Spirit. We see more clearly this work as we attend worship hearing His Word and partaking of His sacraments. We see more clearly as we fall on our knees in prayer. We see more clearly the needs of others and the desire to serve them as we look to the cross and empty tomb and through faith acknowledge God's great love for us as He sent His only Son to suffer and die for our redemption. The work of God never ceases. We are privileged each day to share this message with the students and families of Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

## Parent Teacher Conferences & First Trimester

Our first trimester will be completed on Friday, November 8. Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, November 13. Parent Teacher conferences for 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades are scheduled for Wednesday, October 9 and Thursday, October 10 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students had their conferences earlier in September. Students in Preschool, Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed on Friday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. **Please note:** No PS-K; 1-8 afternoon school Extended Care on October 11.

## Fall Break

School will not be in session on Monday, October 14 through Friday, October 18. This Fall Break matches a week of Perry Township's fall break. School will resume on Monday, October 21.

## Bible Quiz

Our Bible Quiz Team will be competing in this academic competition on Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. at LHSI. The team has been studying the New Testament Book of John. They will answer questions in this book as they compete with the other Lutheran elementary schools in the Indianapolis area. We thank Mrs. Faubion for her efforts as Bible Quiz coach. We thank the Lutheran High School of Indianapolis for sponsoring this event.

## Would you like a copy of our weekly school newsletter?

The Gazette is distributed on Thursdays during the school year. To receive a copy of the Gazette, please send your request to the school office. A copy will be emailed to you each Thursday communicating the events and activities of Calvary Lutheran Church and School.



## Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

### **TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?!**

God has opened the doors to families who would not have considered Christian education opportunities within their financial abilities. How are these doors being opened?

### **Scholarship Grant Organization Program [SGO]**

Private and corporate funded mechanisms are in place providing tuition scholarships to qualified families. All students are eligible for these scholarship grants. The same household income levels are used for the Indiana vouchers and the scholarship tax credit program. Calvary Lutheran Church and School has established our own Scholarship Tax Credit fund through The Lutheran SGO of Indiana, Inc.

Why should I consider donating to the Scholarship Grant fund?

**Benefit #1:** Each year Calvary Lutheran Church and School provided over \$30,000.00 in scholarship money to families unable to pay the entire tuition costs. Donating to the SGO fund has eliminated these budgeted scholarships.

**Benefit #2:** All your donated money comes right back to Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

**Benefit #3:** 50% of your corporate or private donation is an Indiana state tax CREDIT. If your state tax liability is less than your CREDIT, that CREDIT is extended for up to 9 years.

Currently, \$65,000.00 is needed to fully fund the scholarship grant applications. Please send in your donation by December 31, 2024 to the Lutheran SGO.

Please call the school office for further information. You are invited to visit [ww.lutheranSGO.org](http://ww.lutheranSGO.org) for additional information. Donor forms are available online.

Be sure to identify Calvary Lutheran Church and School, Indianapolis as the recipient of your donation.

## NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

### **Preview Night - October 23**

Join us at **Preview Night** to learn more about Lutheran High School! We will start promptly on October 23 at 6:30 pm and you will learn about Academics, Arts, Athletics, and financial aid opportunities. You can RSVP at <https://www.lhsi.org/admissions/previewnight.cfm>. We can't wait to see you!

### **Saints on Stage presents *All in the Timing***

Six absurdly comedic one acts about life, love, loss, and truly *bent* history, David Ives' *All in the Timing* is a witty, romantic, absurd, and existentially-minded evening of theatre. First dates, "infinite monkey theorem", the development of a universal language, and living in a world of opposites are just some of the adventures our characters will set out upon. Join Saints on Stage for this evening of theatrical entertainment October 3 and 5 at 7pm and October 6 at 3pm. Tickets are \$8 in advance at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org) or \$10 at the door. The plays are directed by Matthew T. Frick and LHS 2019 alumna Mollie (Graham) Burrin. *All in the Timing* is produced through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, [dramatists.com](http://dramatists.com).

### **SugarPlum Holiday Fair - October 26**

Mark your calendar for the **Annual SugarPlum Holiday Fair** taking place on October 26 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. More than 100 vendors will be on site. Are you interested in being a vendor? Find more information at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org).

### **LuFest - February 7, 2025**

Invite your friends and join us for an unforgettable night celebrating and supporting Lutheran High School at the beautiful Biltwell Event Center. Early Bird Tickets are available at [LuFest.org](http://LuFest.org).

## Stewardship Ministry

### **Christian Stewardship is Our Responsible Use of God's Gifts**

Thanks to the Calvary family for your continuing generosity of time, talents and treasures for the benefit of His kingdom. A Christian steward is one who is called to responsibly use all of God's gifts for His purposes. Gifts include things like the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to us was provided so that we may be blessed to use it for His kingdom. In Calvary's monthly newsletter we regularly report on the many examples of how we as a church community are putting this into practice.

### **4th Quarter Mission Gifts Designation – Wycliffe Bible Translators**

Gifts received in the fourth quarter of this year (October through December) 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 Wycliffe Bible Translators. For several years, Alie and Christopher Fiorello have been a vital part of this Bible translation movement. As one of our Ministry Partners, Calvary continues to provide support to their ministry through our prayers and monetary gifts to Wycliffe.

### **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. 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.

### **Thrivent Money Canvas – Develop Healthier Budgeting, Saving and Spending Habits**

Money Canvas is a free Thrivent online program that helps you build healthier budgeting, saving and spending habits. Over the course of three virtual sessions with your Money Guide, you will build confidence and learn to manage your money mindfully.

These sessions work together to help you free up more money to put toward your financial priorities. Your Money Guide will stick with you throughout the program and help you build new money management skills at your own pace. Each session lasts about one hour and tackles a unique aspect of day-to-day finances.

Money management can be intimidating, but Money Canvas makes it approachable. The process combines simple visuals with friendly conversation to help you see money differently. Money Guides create comfortable, judgment-free zones for you to learn concepts and try out new behaviors. More information is at:

<https://www.thrivent.com/generosity/money-canvas>



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# Prayer Ministry Team

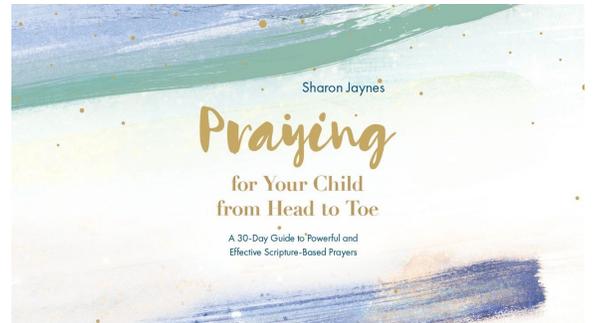
## How Shall We Pray for our Children, Our Grandchildren, and Those We Love?

(A message from the Prayer Ministry Team)

Our children are growing up in a world with challenges not seen in our own generation.

We long for God to protect and lead them. Yet, how shall we pray? If you find your mind wandering or losing focus as you pray, perhaps this 'visual' prompt can help you.

Imagine your loved one's body from head to toe. Pray these things as you start at their head and move to their feet.



(Taken from the book by Sharon Jaynes: *Praying for Your Child from Head to Toe.*)

### Praying for Your Child from Head to Toe

Their Mind – for the thoughts that enter their mind

Their Eyes – for the things they see

Their Ears – for the things they hear

Their Mouth – for the things that they say

Their Neck – for the decisions that turn their neck  
(choices they make)

Their Shoulders – for their burdens and worries

Their Heart – for who and what they love

Their back – for their spiritual and physical protection

Their arms – for God's strength  
(of character, courage, & purpose)

Their Hands – for their gifts and talents  
(to discover & develop them)

Their Ring Finger – for their future spouse

Their Sexual parts – to remain pure, and for truth in gender confusion

Their legs – to stand on godly principles (God's truth)

Their Knees – for their relationship with Jesus  
(kneeling in submission to Him)

Their Feet – for their path on the journey of life

## Outreach Ministry

### First Calvary Touch-a-Truck Was a Big Success!

Calvary's Touch-a-Truck on September 7<sup>th</sup> was attended by over 400 people! This was a new event for Calvary, and we were blessed with good weather and great attendance. Many thanks to the Outreach and Fellowship ministry teams, the puppet team, Heather Marrero, Steve Bardonner, Dave Leim and more than 60 Calvary volunteers who made this day possible! A special thanks to the first responders, companies, Lutheran High School and Calvary members who brought more than 20 trucks and other vehicles for everyone to get a hands-on experience!



## Community Garden

### Volunteers Needed (Sat., October 19th)

A 5-foot circle of flowers will be replanted around the cross at Church Entrance 3. The flowers at this location were removed due to this summer's excavation and groundwork repairs around this area. Lilies and black-eyed Susan's will be planted after the grass is removed and compost added to build up the flower bed. Daffodil bulbs will also be planted so a beautiful flower bed will again bloom in this area during 2025. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed in order to complete this project on **Saturday, October 19th** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### ATTENTION...ALL COMMUNITY GARDENERS!!

Please have your Garden bed or beds cleaned out by Saturday, October 19th as the Garden Committee would like to place mulched leaves over the beds for a winter blanket, preparing the beds for a good 2025 start in the Spring. Garden debris can be thrown on the compost piles located along the west fence row. Thank you from your Garden Committee - Jake Allen, Mark Jung, Wayne Mayo, Joe Pluckebaum, Jim Richert, Art Wehrmeister, Paul Woodburn.

## Women in Mission

### Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, October 5 8:30 a.m.

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

Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, October 5th** 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 **October 14th**. Please join us.

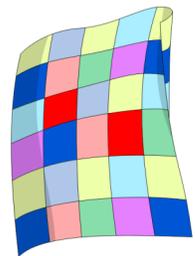
Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



### Blankets for Babies

Our upcoming dates are **Tuesday, October 1st & Tuesday, November 12th** (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

Your donations to Extravagant Sharing this past month helped 300+ families who came to Emmaus Lutheran's Food Pantry to have their needs met. Those supporting our community are truly bringing the love of Jesus to those in need. In the month of October, support those needs with **PANCAKE MIXES and SYRUP, plus they always need CEREAL**. Place your donations on the Extravagant Sharing shelves in the church lobby, across from the doors to the center aisle. God bless all your generous and caring hearts as you cheerfully share God's gifts to you.



### Lutheran World Relief Promise Project—School Kits

School has started, and the Women in Mission have 150 school backpacks to fill and send to Lutheran World Relief. The backpacks will support children around the world with school supplies.

Please plan to help pack backpacks on **Friday, October 4th** at 9:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Karen Hand.



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WORLD RELIEF**

## Fellowship Ministry

### Outdoor Worship & Picnic at German Park on September 29th

Just a couple of weeks away! Come and worship OUTSIDE (under a pavilion) at German Park, 8600 S. Meridian Street. Worship begins at 11:00 a.m. and then enjoy a wonderful meal of fried chicken and country BBQ, beans & coleslaw, mac 'n cheese plus fried biscuits with apple butter! DELICIOUS (all catered by Jug's Catering). After the meal, we play games and enjoy time with each other, FRIENDS & FAMILY! Invite the whole crew to join you!

- \* We ask that every family please bring a dessert to share! Please mark if "nut-free," "gluten-free," etc. Our team will be sure to keep these special desserts separate.
- \* We are looking for Picnic Patrons to help offset the costs. If you'd like to donate, please select the "Picnic Patron" option when giving online or write it on your check or offering envelope. Thank you!
- \* Be sure to mark Sept 29th on your calendar! Looking forward to eating & fellowship time with you!
- \* We are looking for volunteers! We need help with the church picnic including parking assistance, greeter, game and bounce house moderators, setup and clean up. Each activity only involves a small amount of time. If willing and able, please use the sign-up sheets in the Lobby/Narthex or contact Joe Pluckebaum.



### Outdoor Family Night (Saturday, October 19)

Our Fellowship and Outreach teams will sponsor a family outdoor event on Sat., Oct 19 from 5:30—8:00 p.m.

Activities include a bonfire, competitive games, and BOUNCE house fun! There will be hot dogs for roasting, delicious chili, other snacks and beverages available. Calvary's Youth will be offering yummy S'more kits to be enjoyed! They request a free will offering to help with future Youth activities.

Mark your calendar for the Family Fun outdoor event! If you're worshipping that evening, of course come and join us afterwards!

## Worship Anew

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.

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

Sunday 7:00 a.m. - WRTV-TV 6.1 (ABC) Sunday 11:30 a.m. - Direct TV Channel 377

**October 2024**



### Jesus, Our Brother

**October 6, 2024 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III**

Jesus is our brother because He is fully human as well as being fully God. The Son of God became man in order that He might be our great high priest and the sacrifice atoning for our sins. As our brother, Jesus knows all about the temptations that we experience. As the Son of God, He can give us the help that we need.

**Sermon Text: Hebrews 2:11-12, 17-18**

*Readings: Psalm 128; Hebrews 2:11-12, 17-18; Mark 10:2-16*

### Jesus Loved Him

**October 13, 2024 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Thomas Eggold**

The Law of God is centered in a love that cannot bear to see us dying in our sin. The Law of God is given to us to show us how great our need truly is, to uncover our attempts to do it on our own, and to lead us to the one and only path to eternal life.

**Sermon Text: Mark 10:21**

*Readings: Psalm 90:12-17; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Mark 10:17-22*

### Beggar Faith

**October 20, 2024 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Shayne Jonker**

Faith is a beggar before God. It offers nothing; it receives everything as a gift. When we look at Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, we see what faith in Christ looks like, and we take our place at His side, praying to Jesus for mercy.

**Sermon Text: Mark 10:47**

*Readings: Psalm 126; Jeremiah 31:7-9; Mark 10:46-52*

### Catastrophic Grace

**October 27, 2024 – Reformation Sunday**

**Rev. Michael Zeigler, Guest Pastor**

Psychologists speak of "self-authoring" — a way of controlling the narrative to become the person you want to be. But what if God is writing the story of your life? In other words, what if we're saved by grace?

**Sermon Text: John 8:31-36**

*Readings: Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36*

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