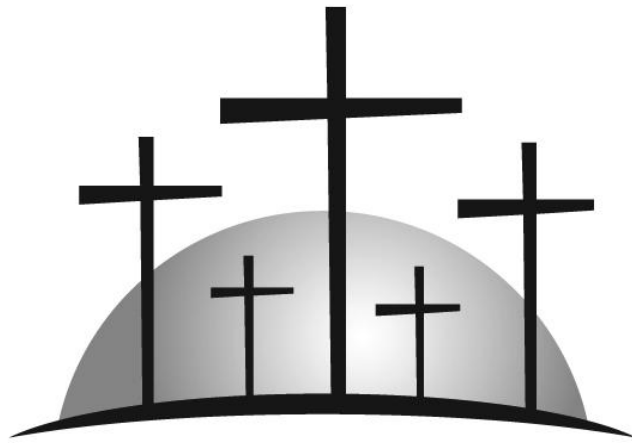




# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



## Church Newsletter

September 2026

### *From the Pastors*

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. Genesis 2:15

This year, Labor Day falls on September 7, giving us the latest possible opportunity to observe this holiday. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a bill making the first Monday of September a federal holiday. The day was intended to honor the contributions of the American labor movement and to highlight the work of those who labor in various occupations. It also serves as the unofficial end of the summer season and provides a three-day weekend for rest, relaxation and a final family gathering at the lake.

Labor Day provides a good opportunity for us in the church to reflect upon our labor. Work is one of the ways in which God has ordered our world to bring structure, growth and blessing to his creation. We can observe that work was present in the Garden of Eden before the fall. Work is one of those things that God said was very good.

Work is closely connected to what we in the church sometimes call *vocation* or *calling*. It is a way in which God places us into a position to bring blessing to our neighbor. As one of my seminary professors put it, in vocation God gives us "response-ability", the ability to respond to the needs of society and our neighbor and care for them. God works through our human vocations to provide for his world. The farmer, the truck driver who transports the wheat, the worker at the mill and the baker at the oven are all participants in the process of God giving us our daily bread. And we can add in those who manufacture fertilizers and work at grocery stores and parents who buy bread for their children to this chain of vocations that make it possible for us to sustain and nurture our earthly lives.

Because of the fall of Adam and Eve, we know that work is not always pleasant, comfortable and easy. The reality of sin permeates all that we do as human creatures. Yet God has redeemed even work and our vocations as he sent his son, Jesus, the human son of Joseph the carpenter to suffer and to die for the sins of the world. In the cross and in the empty tomb, we find healing, restoration and meaning for life in this world. Our connection with God is assured because of the gift of Christ. Now he sends us into the world to bless and provide for our neighbor through the work that he gives us. So, Paul can encourage the church in Colossae, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:23-24)

May God bless us as we serve others in His name.

Working with you,

*Pastor Mark Schumm*

## General News

### Congregational Bible Study: Everyday Revolutionary

In this six-session Bible study, we'll explore how to live with bold faith in a world that often challenges our beliefs.

- When should I speak up, and when should I remain silent?
- How can I love my neighbors while staying true to my convictions?

What does it look like to be both gracious and truthful when the world often treats the two as incompatible?

J. D. Greear addresses these questions through the life of Daniel—a Jewish man who remained distinctly faithful *and* respected in Babylon—and through the writings of Peter and other New Testament authors who used Babylon as a picture of the secular world after Jesus' ascension. The study invites us to rethink our witness by "living quietly but testifying loudly."

Study groups begin the weekend of October 18 and will be supported by weekend sermons. Please join us!

### Congregational Study Training Session (Saturday, September 12)

Interested in leading a Bible study discussion group but unsure where to start?

**Saturday, September 12**, from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Pastor Schumm and the Parish Education team will present a training session to prepare you to lead a small group for this Fall's congregational study. Please contact Rhonda Hansen for further details and to register.

### GriefShare

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. Wednesdays, through November 11, 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.

### First Friday Coffee & Convo with Pastor Sam

Mark your calendars for the first Friday of the month. All are invited for coffee and conversation on Greg Finke's book, "Joining Jesus On His Mission: How to be an Everyday Missionary." This will be a discussion-based study where we consider what Jesus is already doing in our lives and where He is inviting us to join Him. Our first meeting will be **Friday, October 2**, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the church café.

## General News

### Outdoor Worship & Picnic at German Park on September 27th

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 27th 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 contact Joe Pluckebaum.

**SAVE THE DATE! Family Fun Night is Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

### Volunteers Needed for Workday (Saturday, September 12)

Join the Facilities team and other volunteers **Saturday, September 12 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.** as we spread mulch on our playgrounds. Help care for our students and beautify our grounds. All skill levels are welcome. Some tools will be provided, but you may want to bring a pitchfork, shovel, rake, wheelbarrow, etc.

### September Memorials

#### ***In Memory of Bob Wurster:***

*Margie Leive, Robert & Mary Louzon, Mel Wessler*

#### ***In Memory of Harvey Lange:***

*Duane & Sherri Lytle, Phyllis Birdwell, Ann Arnold*

#### ***In Memory of Ellen Vance:***

*Sara Jupin, John & Debra Shaw, Elise Wolf, Duane & Sherri Lytle*



## Annual Holiday Bazaar

### Save the date for the Annual Holiday Bazaar!!!

The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Bazaar will be **Sat., November 14, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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

**Are you looking for a way to serve and have great fellowship with others at the same time?** We are currently looking for many volunteers to help with the planning stages. Coordinators are needed to organize various aspects of the bazaar. Team members are needed to work with coordinators to accomplish tasks. It takes many hands and minds to make a successful bazaar. To volunteer please contact Karen Wright or sign-up at [clcs.org/bazaarvolunteer](http://clcs.org/bazaarvolunteer).

Proceeds from this year's bazaar will benefit replacement of the nursery school playground *perimeter timbers* for improved safety, support of the Compassion Ministry Team's *Memorial Cross* project, and support for *The Refuge* food pantry to provide assistance for Johnson and Marion County residents.

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

**Do you have an auction item?** Are you willing to donate a service? Can you ask the company you work for to donate items and/or services? You can help make this year's SILENT AUCTION a great success! Pick up a form at the Women in Mission table or table outside the church office and return to the church office or Karen Hand's church mailbox. Items must be received by Sunday, October 18.

**Save things to be sold in The Attic** (No shoes, clothing, building materials, large pieces of furniture, or large electronics). Please price the items at no less than \$.25 before bringing them to Calvary on Friday, November 13, between 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 14 between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.

**Is baking your thing?** You can bake and freeze now. Then bring your goodies to Calvary on Friday, November 13 to be sold in the Country Kitchen. Please sign-up at [clcs.org/countrykitchen](http://clcs.org/countrykitchen) to help ensure we have a variety of goodies.



## Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

### BUILT DIFFERENT

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

Prior to the start of a new school year, the faculty gathers for a full day of professional development with a presenter. Each year we select Lifelines that guide our school theme and encompass direction for the school year. Our three Lifelines for the 2026-27 school year are:

### COURAGE

### INTEGRITY

### AWARENESS

These three major emphases follow God's Word to us from Romans 12:2. To not conform to this world means actively resisting the societal pressures that attempt to shape our beliefs, values, and behaviors. The world around us often promotes a lifestyle grounded in self-interest, materialism, and immediate gratification. As Christians, we are called to live according to God's will recognizing that our true citizenship lies in Heaven. The challenge is evident: the world is loud, persistent, and often alluring, attempting to mold us to its image. This takes **COURAGE**. Standing up against the popular cultures of the day that run contrary to God's Word is not an easy thing to do. **INTEGRITY** defines our character as we stand apart witnessing God's good, acceptable, and perfect will for our lives. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we stand congruent to His teachings for on our own strength and might we fail.

Transformation is an ongoing process. It is a continuous journey rather than a one-time event. This transformation comes through the renewal of our minds. But what does it mean to renew our minds? In a spiritual context, it refers to the process of aligning our thoughts and intentions with God's truth.

The Bible serves as the primary tool for this renewal. As we study God's Word our minds begin to reflect the values of His teaching. God's Word confronts our worldly perspectives and enlightens our understanding. We ask the Holy Spirit to work within us, reshaping our desires and renewing our minds according to His will.

We must recognize that this transformation is a communal endeavor as well. While our minds are renewed individually, we live out our faith within the body of Christ. Fellowship, encouragement, and accountability with other believers are crucial as we navigate the challenges of remaining steadfast in our faith against the backdrop of a worldly culture. We are **AWARE** of the needs of others and in doing so are equipped to serve one another.

We grow and mature in Christian love and service through the power of the Holy Spirit as we gather for worship, hear His Word, partake in the sacraments, and pray. We thank God for the opportunity and privilege to share in this daily walk at Calvary Lutheran School. We ask the Lord to bless you with His love as we walk each day together in the shadow of the cross as we share our faith through actions.



## Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

**Many tasks and projects were accomplished** over the summer months in preparation for the start of school. Classroom carpets were cleaned. Tiled floors stripped and waxed. Many mechanical needs were also repaired. Water issues were addressed and completed. This highlights most of the projects. Many more items were accomplished as well. We thank all involved for their giving and assistance throughout this summer. We especially thank Mr. Steve Harrison, our Facilities Ministry Team, and our Technology Ministry Team for their effort and hours given for us to enjoy these facilities. We thank and praise God for the gift of helping hands and celebrate the wonderful facilities that we are blessed to have at Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

### **Delayed Start**

School will begin at 8:30 AM each Wednesday when school is in session. The students will be released to their classrooms beginning at 8:15 AM. This delayed start has been scheduled to permit additional professional growth opportunities for our faculty and staff.

### **School Chapel Services on Thursdays**

School chapel services will be held on THURSDAYS. The starting times for chapel will remain at 8:15 AM for Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> school grades worship times. Preschool will worship together at 9:00 AM on these chapel days.

### **SMILE SMILE SMILE Save the Date**

The students at Calvary Lutheran School will have their school photographs taken on Tuesday, September 22. This will be a non-uniform day allowing the students greater choices for their photographs. Any absentees from Tuesday will have their pictures taken on re-take day in November.

### **Labor Day**

Calvary Lutheran School will be closed on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day. We thank God for the gift of work. We strive to use His gifts to our very best potential as His created beings.

### **Outdoor Education**

Our Sixth-Grade class will be experiencing Outdoor Education on Wednesday-Friday, September 9-11. The class will travel to the wilds of Camp Lakeview. Mrs. Strohm and Mrs. Moore along with parent chaperones will lead this 3-day camp expedition. For further information please contact Mrs. Strohm. We ask the Lord to go with our 6<sup>th</sup> graders, granting them safety in their travels. We ask the Lord to grant to them His Spirit as they grow together through this experience.

### **1st Trimester**

Our first trimester mid term is Friday, September 18. Students in second through eighth grade will receive their midterm reports on Wednesday, September 23 via FACTS/Renweb. We ask that our parents review these reports with their children. We strive to provide many evaluations throughout the school year.

### **Grandparents and Special Person's Day Scheduled – Save the Date**

Our Special Person's Day is scheduled for Friday, September 25. Special person's are defined as grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents, and others special to you. With increased enrollment we are asking the number of guests to be no more than four per family. Specific information will be communicated as plans are made. Please share the word and save the date.



## **SGO Information- \$1,000,000.00 in donations surpassed!**

During 2025 Calvary's donors have reached and now surpassed the \$1,000,000.00 mark over the time that the Lutheran SGO has been operational! Praise God for the generosity of our SGO donors!

### **Too Good to Be True?! – Let's increase our donor base.**

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

### **How can I help?**

Donations are currently being accepted. We need \$125,000.00 to fully fund these grants.

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

1. Students and their families accepted in this program will receive a scholarship grant per child enrolled in Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade at Calvary.
2. The donor will receive a 50% Indiana State tax credit for every dollar donated. Example: A donation of \$1000.00 will result in a tax credit of \$500.00 towards your Indiana income tax liability. Private as well as corporate donations will receive this benefit.

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

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

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

Return the completed donor form along with your donation to the School Office or directly to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana by December 31, 2026. The Lutheran SGO of Indiana will issue your tax credit statement for your 2026 tax filing.

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

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

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

Over 65 families have participated in this process by donating over \$1,000,000.00 during the past fourteen years. We are asking those past donors to enlist two other families to become involved in this "Too Good to be True" adventure. By donating in the past, you are fully aware of the unique benefits this SGO provides. Please help by talking to at least two other families enlisting their participation as well. New donors will have their gift matched up to \$1,000.00 limited to a total of \$5,000.00 for Calvary Lutheran School.

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



## Women in Mission

### Ladies' Pinochle Club (Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>)

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 **September 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



### Ladies' Bible Study (Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.)

The Ladies' Bible study will be on **Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** and will be from the Lutheran Women's Summer 2026 Quarterly and shared by everyone.

Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30 a.m.



### Ladies' Pickleball (Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.)

Have you ever wanted to try pickleball? Join other women for a relaxed friendly game where beginners are welcome. Come learn and play with us! We meet in the school gym most Saturday mornings. Check the weekly church calendar to confirm the schedule. Bring good tennis shoes and patience. Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



### Extravagant Sharing

Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry continues to appreciate your continued support through Extravagant Sharing of the food needed by our local community. In the month of September please help stock their pantry shelves with **soup and soup mixes as well as boxes of cereal**. Place your donations on the black shelves in the narthex/lobby across from the center church doors. God blesses so many in need of food support through your donations. God bless **your** cheerful giving!



### Blankets for Babies Fall Dates

Blankets for Babies will meet again on **Tuesdays, September 1<sup>st</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

Come join us – learn how to crochet – we have ladies who are great Teachers – practice yarn is provided.

Our baby blankets are given to the Life Center at Southern Plaza.

Questions or interested in joining? Susan Daniels.



## Adult Ministry

### Lunch Out! (Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 a.m.)

For our "First Wednesday" in September outing, we're meeting at Bonefish Grill, 1001 N. State Road 135, Greenwood.

Adults of all ages are welcome – come join us for good food and some fun Christian fellowship.

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



### Lunch & Learn (Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.)

**Presenter:** Kristen Schwark

**Program:** Housing concerns and decisions. Downsizing and how to prepare for a move at an older age.

**Lunch:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, & dessert

**Cost:** Suggested donation: \$5. Questions? Barb Sorgius, 317-783-2000.

## Youth Ministry

### FLIGHT (High School Youth Group)

The high school youth group meets weekly on **Sunday nights from 12:00-1:30 p.m.**

Contact Brian Krohmer to be added to the email list for event updates.



### All Youth Kick-Off (5th-8th Grade families)

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

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



## Compassion Ministry

### **Produce Table**

The harvests are coming in! Any gardeners with extra produce are invited to share your bounties with Calvary. A produce table is set up in the narthex where members can take what they like for a freewill donation. Proceeds will benefit Calvary's Good Samaritan Fund which supports Calvary members in need.



### **Addresses Needed for College Care Packages**

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



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

To confirm our information is current, we need to hear from you even if you supplied information last year.

Please let Linda know of any changes throughout the year.

### **Cancer Companions – Cancer Support**

Just a reminder that Calvary offers individual or group support for those experiencing cancer. Daily devotionals, scripture, fellowship, prayer, and encouragement are a part of this program. Calvary and non-Calvary members are invited to attend. Do you know someone who could benefit from such a program? Contact Rosalie Behning or Denise Fix.



## Outreach Ministry

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Calvary Touch-a-Truck – August 29, 10 am – 1 pm

20 vehicles, 450 attendees in 2025. Help us add more vehicles in 2026!

Share your ideas with Marv Hansen, [marvin.m.hansen@gmail.com](mailto:marvin.m.hansen@gmail.com), 317-358-7733



#### 2025 Highlights



### Touch-A-Truck Event at Calvary

The Outreach team is planning our third annual 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. We will have vehicles and equipment such as a police car, firetruck, ambulance, school bus, farm equipment, construction vehicles, service vehicles, delivery trucks, tractors, 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, please contact Marv Hansen. Please help us to provide even more trucks than last year!

Mark your calendars for the event: Saturday, August 29, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

It will include not only the opportunity to “touch a truck” but also games, face painting, bounce houses, giveaways, food and much more!



# Lutheran High School of Indianapolis

## **Walk-a-thon - September 2**

The **LHS Annual Walk-a-thon** will take place on September 2. Donations will benefit several areas including a 10% community donation, class fund donations (used for field trips and retreats), and a special project on our Lutheran High School campus. More information found at [LHSI.org](http://LHSI.org).

## **LHS STEM Addition Groundbreaking - September 11**

Big things are happening on our campus! On Friday, September 11 at 9:30 am, we will officially break ground on our new STEM classroom addition. We want our students to be a part of this momentous occasion, and we invite our entire community to join us for this special celebration!

The 3,000-square-foot addition will provide much-needed classroom space, expand our enrollment capacity, and create new opportunities for students in STEM education. Construction is expected to be completed in time for students to use the new space next fall!

This will be the third addition in the history of Lutheran High School designed to provide additional space for enrollment growth and academic programs-a wonderful testament to the continued growth and strength of our school.

We hope you'll join our students, faculty, staff, and community on September 11 as we celebrate this exciting milestone and look forward to what God has in store for the future of Lutheran High School. RSVP at [LHSI.org](http://LHSI.org).

## **Grandparents Day - September 17**

Save the date! **LHS Grandparents Day** will take place on Thursday, September 17. We look forward to welcoming our wonderful grandparents for this special event. More information found on [LHSI.org](http://LHSI.org).

## **Homecoming - September 18**

Come cheer on our Saints football team as they face Cardinal Ritter at 7:00 pm at **Homecoming 2026**. LHS Alumni will enjoy free admission, an Alumni family tent, food and prizes. 2026 graduates can pick up their yearbooks. Alumni may RSVP at [LHSI.org](http://LHSI.org).



## Stewardship Ministry

### **Calvary Connects Update and STEM Initiative Fundraising**

Last September we initiated a capital campaign (Calvary Connects) to enhance our ministry by making much-needed improvements to our facilities. Three of the projects for this campaign (the Café and the men's and women's restroom in the Narthex) have been completed. The sequence and timing of subsequent project phases are yet to be determined.

As previously reported, thanks to the generosity of our members the initial Calvary Connects goal of \$750,000 in pledges was met. Praise and thanks to God who has provided us with generous members who are providing the funds needed to complete these facility improvements. We request that those with unfulfilled pledges complete those pledges over the next two years.

Please note that while the initial goal for Calvary Connects pledges has been met, there are additional capital funding needs beyond the updates to our worship areas discussed above. Calvary's school is the recipient of a generous gift from Lilly Endowment of approximately \$2.3 million to fund STEM initiatives. This grant will greatly enhance our capabilities for STEM related learning. But the grant does require Calvary to raise matching funds of 20%. These funds are incremental to the Calvary Connects capital needs discussed above. Details for the fundraising effort for the STEM project match will be presented later this month.

### **Lutheran Child and Family Services – September's Partner in Ministry**

September's Partner in Ministry is Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS). Calvary's support to LCFS is in the form of time, talent and treasures. The congregation provides an annual monetary gift as well as our members donating volunteer hours and supplies to The Sharing Place.

The LCFS mission is **"Engaging and Empowering Families and Community with Love, Compassion, Faith, and Support"**. The LCFS vision is that their community will experience safety and stability, in an environment of respect, healing, and hope. LCFS engages with clients and empowers them to develop the opportunities, tools, and skills needed to change the trajectory of their lives

Information for this and other Calvary supported ministries can be found at the "Partners" page at our website. <https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

### **3rd Quarter Mission Gifts – Japanese Mission Society**

Gifts received in the third quarter of this year (July through September) either in the red-lined "Mission" envelopes or designated generically for "Missions" in your online giving or on the regular offering envelopes will go to the support of the Japanese Mission Society (JMS). Tom & Debi Going are Co-Directors of JMS. They assumed this role after their return to the US after serving as LCMS educational missionaries in Asia for many years. JMS is a strong influence in the efforts of the LCMS to carry the message of Jesus Christ to Japanese speaking people in the USA. Presently, outreach work is being carried out in Indianapolis, Columbus, and Seymour, Indiana.

### **Scholarships 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.

**Calvary Lutheran Church and School Financial Summary**  
**Fourth Fiscal Quarter Ended 7/31/2026**

| <b>General Fund:</b> | <b>Current</b> | <b>Budget</b> | <b>Variance</b> | <b>Prior Year</b> |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| YTD Revenue          | \$3,713,586    | \$3,642,180   | \$71,406        | \$3,504,859       |
| YTD Expense          | \$3,712,015    | \$3,671,993   | \$40,022        | \$3,278,382       |
| YTD Net              | \$1,572        |               |                 |                   |
| Beginning Balance    | \$1,056,357    |               |                 |                   |
| Current Balance      | \$1,057,929    |               |                 |                   |

| <b>Revenue Detail:</b> | <b>Current</b> | <b>Budget</b> | <b>Variance</b> | <b>Prior Year</b> |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| YTD Contributions      | \$1,118,987    | \$1,153,500   | -\$34,513       | \$1,144,206       |
| YTD Matching Gifts     | \$84,763       | \$84,000      | \$763           | \$95,528          |
| YTD School Gifts       | \$108,252      | \$98,500      | \$9,752         | \$96,174          |
| YTD Tuition and Fees   | \$2,256,191    | \$2,217,180   | \$39,011        | \$2,037,266       |
| YTD Other Revenue      | \$145,394      | \$89,000      | \$56,394        | \$131,685         |

| <b>Endowments:</b> | <b>Current</b> | <b>Prior Year</b> |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Church Endowment   | \$877,073      | \$819,660         |
| YTD Disbursement   | \$40,660       |                   |

Mission focus: Full-time Music Director

|                     |           |           |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Schwark Endowment   | \$244,597 | \$228,707 |
| Schwark Annual Fund | \$1,697   | \$18,344  |
| YTD Disbursement    | \$29,471  |           |

|                          |           |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Wessler Endowment        | \$118,432 | \$109,973 |
| Wessler Scholarship Fund | \$5,500   | \$8,162   |
| YTD Disbursement         |           |           |

| <b>Outflow to Misstions:</b> | <b>Amount*</b> | <b>Special Mission Focus</b>                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Q1 (Aug-Oct)                 | \$22,318       | Good Samaritan, Shepherd Community Center, Habitat for Humanity, Lakeview Ministries, El Salvador Mission, Lutheran Child and Family Services, LHSI, Hispanic Ministry, Synod |
| Q2 (Nov-Jan)                 | \$56,300       | Good Samaritan, Wycliffe Bible Translators, El Salvador Mission, LHSI, Hispanic Ministry, Synod, India Mission Projects, Scwark Scholarship Awards                            |
| Q3 (Feb-Apr)                 | \$30,734       | Good Samaritan, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Synod, Hispanic Ministry, LHSI, Mission Central, Japanese Mission Society, Worship Anew, Lutheran Public Radio, Indiana District  |
| Q4 (May-Jul)                 | \$14,654       | Good Samaritan, Luterano Indy, Emmaus Food Pantry, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Wessler Scholarship Awards, Synod, Hispanic Ministry, LHSI                                       |

Calvary has no mortgage or line of credit balance.



## CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

6111 Shelby Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227  
[www.clcs.org](http://www.clcs.org)  
Phone: 317-783-2000

Return Service Requested

### CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

**Worship: Saturdays 5:30 PM**

**Sundays 8:00 & 10:45 AM**

**Family Education Hour (Bible Study & Sunday School) 9:25 AM**

**Senior Pastor:** Kurt Ebert

[kebert@clcs.org](mailto:kebert@clcs.org)

**Associate Pastor:** Mark Schumm

[mschumm@clcs.org](mailto:mschumm@clcs.org)

**Worship & School Family Pastor:** Sam Troemel

[stroemel@clcs.org](mailto:stroemel@clcs.org)

**Tamil Indian Ministry:** Pastor Udhay Raji

[revudhay@hotmail.com](mailto:revudhay@hotmail.com)

**Dir. of Children's Ministry:** Heather Marrero

[childrensministry@clcs.org](mailto:childrensministry@clcs.org)

**Dir. of Connection & Engagement:** Kara Hiatt

[connections@clcs.org](mailto:connections@clcs.org)

**Dir. of Adult Ministry:** Barb Sorgius

[bsorgius@clcs.org](mailto:bsorgius@clcs.org)

**Youth Ministry Director:** Brian Krohmer

[bkrohmer@clcs.org](mailto:bkrohmer@clcs.org)

**Music Director:** Ryan Rosenau

[rrosenau@clcs.org](mailto:rrosenau@clcs.org)

**Principal:** Stephen Rensner

[rensner@thecalvaryschool.org](mailto:rensner@thecalvaryschool.org)

**Chief Administrative Officer:** Tia Kochan

[tkochan@clcs.org](mailto:tkochan@clcs.org)

**Admissions Counselor:** Heather McFarland

[admissions@thecalvaryschool.org](mailto:admissions@thecalvaryschool.org)

**Church Secretary:** Shari Lipps

[churchsecretary@clcs.org](mailto:churchsecretary@clcs.org)

**School Secretary:** Cassandra Tellinghuisen

[schoolsecretary@thecalvaryschool.org](mailto:schoolsecretary@thecalvaryschool.org)

**Bookkeeper:** Sara Brannon

[calvarybookkeeper@clcs.org](mailto:calvarybookkeeper@clcs.org)

**Church Office & Website:** (317) 783-2000 [www.clcs.org](http://www.clcs.org)

**School Office & Website:** (317) 783-2305 [www.choosecalvary.com](http://www.choosecalvary.com)