

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



November 2023 Monthly Newsletter

## *From the Pastors*

### **Seeking God's Guidance and Will**

*"Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long"*  
(Psalm 25:5).

We desire to follow God's plans for us. We desire to see His will be done among us, but how do we go about discerning God's will? How do we know where God is leading?

Many desire that the process would be as easy as hearing the voice of the Lord or receiving a clear sign/message from God. We would even settle for God sending us an email everyone once in a while letting us know that we are on the right track. The problem is that seeking God's will is not magical, mysterious, or even miraculous. God has given us both His Word and His wisdom. He has given us our physical/creational gifts of "body and soul, eyes, ears, and all [our] members, [our] reason and all [our] senses" (Small Catechism, The Creed, 1<sup>st</sup> Article) and He has given us our spiritual gifts in Christ Jesus as "the Holy Spirit has called [us] by the Gospel, enlightened [us] with His gifts, and kept [us] in the true faith" (Small Catechism, The Creed, 3<sup>rd</sup> Article). As the Apostle Paul reminded the Christians in Corinth, "...in every way you were enriched in [Jesus] in all speech and all knowledge ... so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 1:5, 7).

God has plans for us individually and collectively. God has gifted us individually and collectively. God has called us to be about following His will as we joyously respond to the goodness and grace that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord. And for that very reason, the people of Calvary continue to seek God's will for us. We do it looking to His Holy Scriptures that provide us both His truth and His grace for our daily lives and also by using our 1<sup>st</sup> article gifts of human wisdom, leadership, collaboration, and reflection, as well as His 3<sup>rd</sup> article gifts of prayer, reflection, and the mutual conversation and consolation of Christian brothers and sisters.

There are two exciting opportunities taking place at Calvary, as we seek God's will among us. First, a **call committee** has been formed to seek God's will in filling our role of Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care and Adult Education. Members include Phil Hendershott (chair), Ann Arnold, Gene Jend, Rhonda Hansen, Ben Langhammer, Kirsten Springer, and Wendy Wilson. Ex Officio members are Pastor Kurt Ebert, Pastor Sam Troemel, Bill Laut (Exec. Dir.), and Eric Eisberg (Spiritual Care Dir.). We have scheduled our first meeting with our Indiana district representatives, who will provide guidance to our Call Committee as it accomplishes its work. We ask for your prayers for the work of the Call Committee, that the Holy Spirit may guide this process. Please continue to stay informed and connected to this process as we seek God's will for our congregation.

Second, our **Strategic Planning Process** that started at the end of 2022 has reached a new stage in the process. After a continued process of reflection, discussion, and engagement of many leaders and volunteers among our congregation, we have reached 3 clearly established goals that we will be working toward during this ministry year. They are meant to help unite us in a common direction. They will allow us to improve the ministry here at Calvary, while also situating us to reach out to our neighborhood and community. More information about the specific goals and the process that we went through to arrive at them can be found at [clcs.org/strategicplanning](https://clcs.org/strategicplanning). Again, we ask for your prayers, your support, and your engagement. If you would like to know how you can get involved in making these goals a reality, please talk to any of our staff or volunteer leadership. You can find our names and faces at [clcs.org/staff/](https://clcs.org/staff/) or on the pictures in the narthex outside the Conference Room.

We pray for God's wisdom and guidance as we continue to discern His will and follow His word. May His kingdom come into our hearts and world, and may His will be done in our lives, our community, and our world.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

# Staff Spotlight

## Don Fisher, Jr.



### What is your role at Calvary?

*Video Ministry Director*

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

*The opportunity to put my gifts to use to benefit the church.*

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

*My friends Lucas and Vivianne. They led me back to Christ many years ago.*

### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" - Mark 8:36*

### Favorite Dessert?

*Chocolate chip cookies*

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

*That our sermon and worship service videos may inspire others and lead them to faith in Jesus.*

## Steve Rensner



### What is your role at Calvary?

*I serve as the Principal of the Day School.*

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

*My favorite thing is the partnership experienced within the congregation as it extends into the life of our Calvary community. This includes the support and care extended to our faculty, staff, parents, and students. I thank God for the privilege each day to gather with our pastors, teachers, and staff as we proclaim His Name to our students and to one another.*

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

*It is generational from my paternal grandmother to my father and mother. Their daily witness and example of faith in action made faith and each day connected. Words were not always testified, but rather how I saw their steps of service and faithfulness lived out. As the adage states, "Actions speak louder than words." I am blessed to be yoked with Cheryl as through the power of the Holy Spirit this has been passed to the next generations of our children and grandchildren.*

### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*Joshua 1:9*

### Favorite Dessert?

*Jello-O Cake. This is my go-to for every birthday.*

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

*Continue to pray for God's leading and directing as each day hundreds of children enter these doors that they and all others may hear the Word of God and grow in faith, service, and love. Pray for our faculty and staff that God grants to all health, strength, and peace to complete the tasks set before them. Pray that God would place His hand of safety and protection around Calvary and all schools.*

# General News



## 2023 Holiday Worship Schedule

### WEEKLY WORSHIP

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 22, 6:30 p.m.

### MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

Wednesdays, December 6 & 13 at 3:45 p.m.

### CALVARY LUTHERAN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m. (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. (PS-1<sup>st</sup> Grade)

### A SERVICE OF HOPE, PEACE, & CANDLES

Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m.

*Please see the December newsletter for the remainder of the Holiday worship services schedule.*



## **Daylight Savings Time Ends (November 5 at 2:00 a.m.)**

Remember to "fall back" otherwise you will be really early to church. Set your clocks back one hour the night before **Sunday, November 5**.

## **Christmas Card Sorting**

Beginning November 22, you can bring your Christmas cards that you have for Calvary members and drop them in the bins by both sets of doors. Christmas cards must be dropped off by **Sunday, December 18** to be sorted and distributed.

## **The Lutheran Witness**

LCMS news and updates

Articles on how God is working in lives

Bible study topics

Current issues and events

Letters from the LCMS president

A Q&A section about Scripture and life

### **SUBSCRIBE TODAY! – Cost: \$19.00**

**Your renewal or new subscription** request and payment are due **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** to ensure receipt of the January issue. We will not be able to take any orders after this date. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with your payment. Thank You. (Please make checks payable to **Calvary Lutheran Church**)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## General News

### Jesus & Canvas (Fri., Nov 17, 6:00—8:00 p.m.)

Join us **Fri., Nov 17** from 6:00—8:00 p.m. in the gym. There will be painting, snacks, and fun! Supplies are included but come willing to get messy! Parental supervision is required for this **free** event! Register online today <https://tinyurl.com/5t5xr77h>.

### Breakfast for Jesus!

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**

**Calvary Lutheran School gymnasium**

Join our **Praising Hands Puppet Ministry** for a morning of food, puppets, and crafts to celebrate the birth of our Savior. This is a free family event open to all ages. Parking is available in the North Lot for access through door #2.

Contact Sarah Ebert with any questions

### 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. 15**, 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.



### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

6" Pots (Red Poinsettias with 5 -7 blooms) \$10 each

Order deadline is **November 12th**

Leave order with payment in the church office. (Checks payable to Calvary Lutheran Church and "Poinsettias" in the memo)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Attached: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for beautifying our Sanctuary during this Christmas Season! Poinsettias will decorate the altar for Christmas and can be taken home Christmas Day after service.

# Holiday Bazaar

## Calvary's 54th Holiday Bazaar

Come one, Come all -- you, your family, friends and neighbors are invited to our 54th Annual event. You can find details at [clcs.org/bazaar](http://clcs.org/bazaar).

**Saturday, November 11 | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Admission is free. The donation of a canned food item would be welcomed.

### A variety of crafty and talented vendors

Holiday wreaths, wood crafts, Pampered Chef, stocking stuffers, handcrafted clothing are just a few of the vendors exhibiting at the Holiday Bazaar including several Calvary members! Check out the online page for the full list so you can make your shopping list.

### So many great items in the silent auction

A preview of items are posted online at [clcs.org/bazaar](http://clcs.org/bazaar). Be sure to stop by the cashier's table and pick up your bid number for this year's silent auction. Watch the closing times for each table carefully so you don't miss out on your treasure!

### Don't shop hungry!

The kitchen will serve breakfast from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy homemade cinnamon rolls and more. Lunch is served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with brats, soups and more. Kitchen purchases support the El Salvador mission.

### Volunteer Opportunities -Earn Service Points

There is a critical need for adult and youth volunteers to work shifts for Friday and Saturday, November 10 & 11. Strong bodies are needed to help set up on Friday and tear down on Saturday. We will also need people with pick-up trucks at the end of the bazaar to transport unsold Attic items to local donation centers. School students and families can earn service hours!

To volunteer contact Karen Wright or use the bazaar Sign Up Genius, <https://signupgenius.com/go/4090C4AADA92DA4F49-2022>

### Make a Donation to the Attic or Country Kitchen

Please bring PRICED (no less than 25 cents) Attic donations to the hall by the school office, Door 4, or baked goodies to the school gym, Door 2, after 3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 10. We will also take donations for the Attic on Saturday, November 11 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Your donation will be a huge help in the Bazaar reaching its goal of supporting worthy causes.

### Support These Worthy Causes

Proceeds from this year's bazaar will benefit CLS classroom security hardware, contribute to new carpeting in our sanctuary, and support Lutheran Child & Family Service's Pando program (<https://www.lutheranfamily.org/what-we-do/community-based-programs/pando-aspen-grove-of-community-heights.html>).



## Executive Director

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

As I write this November's article, it's nearing the middle of October, and we've already had a taste of fall with some brisk mornings. Those who know me well also know I don't do well with Autumn: I am a Spring and Summer person. While some may rave about the fall colors and the crisp weather, this is not my season. I think it goes back to my grandparents' cottage on Lake Lemon, where I spent my summers growing up; the falling leaves and cool weather were a reminder that summer was over. No more boating, swimming, fishing, or finding new expeditions.

The weather has become an obsession with some Americans: we have The Weather Channel, Accuweather, Weather Underground, and many other sources for 24/7 coverage and discussion about the weather. We are alerted to unfavorable weather days in advance and given plenty of time to take precautions if needed. Those of us old enough to remember the Palm Sunday tornados in 1965 did not have that luxury; I remember leaving my cousin's confirmation at Calvary that Sunday only to be rushed home and hunker down in the basement the remainder of the day.

Humorist (and curmudgeon) Mark Twain, in his book *The Gilded Age*, quipped "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." I work in an office where nobody can agree on what the office temperature can be – I cannot imagine the disagreements over what the weather should be.

We can't change the weather, but we can change how we at Calvary share Christ's Gospel message with our members and our community, as we Engage People in Christ.

We need to find better ways to Learn and grow as Christians, and to also understand our Lutheran heritage. Do you have a copy of the Book of Concord in your home, to know what we as Lutheran Christians hold to be our common confession and beliefs?

We must seek to better Connect with our members and community. We are blessed with a robust online presence and the ability to share our service with those unable to attend. Did you know that according to a recent study, about 30% of Americans now work on the weekends, meaning they may be unable to attend worship services in person? We need to be able to reach those people in a consistent manner.

We should always seek to improve how we Care for others who are in need or may be less fortunate: the single mother. The unemployed. Those with health issues. Those who have allowed pride and human arrogance to stand between them and Christ. Are we helping these, as we are told to do by Christ in Matthew 22:39 and in John 13:34?

All these things we do, or ought to do, are done in love, Serving Christ. Might they require changes on our part? Are we willing to make those changes to better serve as an example of His love for us and others? Or will we just say "Meh, the status quo is okay. Let's not do anything differently"?

We have a mission and vision as members of Christ's church at Calvary Lutheran. I pray that during this month, a month connected to Thanksgiving, we remember and are thankful for the many blessings He has given us, and we in turn take these to others.

In His and your service,

Bill Laut

# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## **Interest**

I always found financial interest to be fascinating. As a child, I was taught the advantages and disadvantages of interest placed financial accounts. Of course, the advantage is that when funds are invested, the investor receives interest on their initial deposit. The obvious disadvantage is that when money is borrowed a larger percentage of interest is assessed. We never get more interest depositing than when accessed interest borrowing. Today's interest rates make purchasing items more costly if requiring borrowing funds.

Does this concept of interest apply to our relationships with one another and with God? We do indeed invest in one another. At Calvary Lutheran this occurs each hour of each day. Teaching and instruction are invested into the hearts and minds of the students. God invests His love in us through His Word and the power of the Holy Spirit. We would be bankrupt without this saving and redeeming love. God's interest is eternal. No term limits. God calls us to share His love without limits as well. When we invest in and with one another all benefit. We all gain a return in building this community and partnership. We join singing a little louder. *Connecting Learning Caring Serving*

## **Opening Doors**

God has blessed families of Indiana with the choice of sending their children to the school that they feel best meets their needs. The LUTHERAN SGO of Indiana has changed the boundaries of the local school and greatly broadened them. You can open even more doors allowing students to enter the hallways of Calvary Lutheran Church and School. This opportunity will provide scholarship grants to students and their families. Contributions made by you for this purpose will be used to offer a Christian education so that children may not only receive a quality education, but to hear God's Word.

*How do I help open these doors?* Contribution forms for Lutheran SGO are available online at [www.LutheranSGO.org](http://www.LutheranSGO.org). The state of Indiana will give you a tax credit of 50% of your donation. Example: If you give a gift of \$1000.00 you will receive an Indiana state tax credit of \$500.00. This is a unique opportunity. Funding for these scholarship grants for current students enrolled at Calvary is \$45,500.00. We have currently gathered approximately \$17,000.00. Those desiring to contribute to this fund may do so through December 31 to receive the tax credit for this 2023 calendar year. Any additional funds gathered will remain in our account with the Lutheran SGO of Indiana to be used during the 2024-25 school year. We ask the Lord to provide for the needs of others through the gifts of our hands.

## **National Lutheran Schools Accreditation**

The faculty, staff, and parents of Calvary Lutheran School have been engaged in a year-long self-study process. This process culminates in a 3-day site visit by 6 Lutheran educators. This visit is scheduled for November 8-10. The visiting team observes our daily activities and programs. Standards are checked and ratified. Our self-study report presents evidence to support our execution of those standards. We thank all of them for their work and care throughout this process. We thank the six Lutheran educators for their time and willingness to serve on this visiting team. The result of the self-study process is to create a 5-year plan setting goals and objectives. We ask the Lord to guide us according to His Good Will.



## Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

**School will be closed on Wednesday through Friday, November 22-24** in observation of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Calvary will be closed on Wednesday as families prepare for Thanksgiving. We ask the Lord to be with all those traveling. We rejoice in the opportunity to share this time with family and friends. School will resume on Monday, November 27. We give thanks to our God with a grateful heart.

### **Fall Back**

We set our clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 a.m. Fall back for an extra hour of sleep. The mornings will be lighter with the afternoons darker earlier.

### **Basketball Season Begins**

We invite you to attend the Varsity Boys and JV Girls Basketball tournaments which will be held this month. The Varsity Girls basketball team will participate the weekend of November 3-5 in the Lutheran High School Invitational Tournament. Our Varsity Boys will be competing in the Lutheran High School Invitational Tournament on November 10-12. These events tip off the season of basketball. We ask the Lord to bless all our winter sport teams and participants with His love and grace.

### **Wednesday Evening Advent School Service**

The students in our 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades will participate in worship on Wednesday evening, November 29 at the 6:30 p.m. service as they share the love of Jesus in choral arrangements and Bible readings.

## NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

### **Applications for Lutheran High School**

Applications for the 2024–2025 school year will open on December 1. Visit [lhsi.org](https://lhsi.org) for more information!

### **The Together Project**

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

### **LuFest Tickets are LIVE!**

Make plans to join us at the beautiful Biltwell Event Center on February 9, 2024. Tickets are **LIVE**, and you don't want to miss out on our Early Bird pricing available through December 15. We can't wait to celebrate and support Lutheran High School during this amazing event with you! Buy tickets today at [LuFest.org](https://LuFest.org).

### **Annual SugarPlum Holiday Fair**

The **SugarPlum Holiday Fair** will be held at LHS on Saturday, October 28 from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$2 or two canned goods, which will be donated to the Emmaus food pantry. Over 100 vendors plus concessions served all day and performances from LHS will be sure to put you in the holiday spirit! The SugarPlum Holiday Fair benefits the LHS Fine Arts Booster Club. See you there!

## Compassion Ministry

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Happy Fall! Mark your calendars for your opportunity to donate canned goods for Thanksgiving baskets on November 5 and 12. Grocery bags with food items needed for the Thanksgiving baskets will be available starting on October 29 in the narthex. Thank you for supporting this annual food collection that supports many Calvary school and church families.



## Adult Ministry

### Lunch OUT! Wednesday, November 1, 11:00 a.m.

This month's Lunch Out! will be held at La Rosa Mexican Restaurant, located at 100 Byrd Way, Greenwood, IN.

Tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran Church. Adults of all ages are welcome!

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

Hope to see you there!



### Lunch & Learn Wednesday, November 15, 11:00 a.m.

**Program:** "Special Crosses" & "Mystery Tools — What are They?"

**Presenter:** Rich Wilson & Les Brandt

**Lunch:** Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, green beans, cranberry relish, rolls, and pumpkin pie.

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



### Mug Packing Day (Tuesday, November 28 at 12:30 p.m.)

Our Adult and Outreach Ministry Teams will be working with Calvary 2nd graders to fill Christmas mugs with treats for visitors during our midweek Advent services.

Donations of coffee mugs, small pieces of wrapped candies (such as candy canes), and packets of cocoa mix are welcomed. Please bring these items to the church office by **Sunday, November 26**. Thank you for your assistance with this special project!



## Youth Ministry

### FLIGHT (High School Youth Group)

The high school youth group meets weekly on **Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Check the church bulletin for weekly updates regarding specific weekly events.



### LAUNCH (5th-6th grades)

All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



### SAIL (7th-8th grades)

Sail will **not** meet in November due to Midweek Advent Services and CLS School Programs. Join us again in December!



### Sr. High Youth Gathering

The Indiana District Sr. High Youth Gathering will take place this year from **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. – Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at Camp Lakeview! Any student from 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome to attend.** During this event, participants will get to experience all the fun of camp, meet new friends, learn from Gabe Kasper, a Pastor from Michigan, and listen to the music of Remedy Drive.

## Memorials

### November Memorials

#### **In Memory of Betty Lauterbach:**

*Philip & Carol Mason, Pastor Bill & Debbie Yates, Pastor Ray & Jan Main*

#### **In Memory of Elli Huotilainen:**

*Susan Daniels, Jim & Jan Dunaway*

#### **In Memory of Elli Larry Stanford:**

*Jim & Phyllis Birdwell, Ken & Carol Kettler, Dale & Judy Onken, Tucker & Anne Jennings, Mel Wessler Family, John & Lou Anne Dwenger, Larry & Susan Lee, Jim & Jan Dunaway, John Ryan, Madelyn Finke, Karen Meyer, Margie Leive, Anita Fox, Paula Fix, Brian Fisk, Patrick Stanford, David & Barbara Jones, Janet Grube, John & Carol Sims*



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

*Elise Wolf, Larry & Sara Jupin, Bob & Sandra Wilson, Bradley & Traci Baumgartner, Pastor Art & Joy Wehrmeister, Denise Fix, Sandy (Kirkland) Bond Family, Janet Grube, Pastor Ray & Jan Main, Margie Leive*

## Stewardship Emphasis

### **Student Scholarship Needs - Scholarship Granting Organization**

God provides a unique opportunity to help fund the Christian education of our Calvary students. The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana is a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). Scholarships through private and corporate donations are available to Calvary student families whose income is less certain Federal free or reduced hot lunch guidelines.

Gifts received will be used to fund SGO Scholarships for Calvary Students for the coming school year. The needed SGO Scholarship funds this year are over \$45,000 to fully fund scholarships for all eligible recipients.

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

The SGO donor will receive a 50% Indiana State tax credit for every dollar donated.

Example: A donation of \$1,000 will result in a state tax credit of \$500. towards your Indiana income tax liability. Private as well as corporate donations will receive this benefit. Please check with your tax preparer if a Federal Tax deduction is available.

To receive tax benefits for the current year please donate by December 31. The donor form and steps are located online at [www.LutheranSGO.org](http://www.LutheranSGO.org). Be sure to identify CALVARY LUTHERAN, INDIANAPOLIS as the recipient of your gift.

### **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.

### **Calvary Partners in Ministry – Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity**

With a portion of our external mission funds Calvary is a long-time funder of the Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity. Habitat seeks to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity by bringing people together to build home, communities and hope. <https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

## Women in Mission

### Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, November 4 8:30 a.m.

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

Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, November 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 **November 6th**. Please join us.

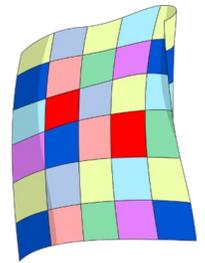


Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.

### Blankets for Babies

Blankets for Babies is meeting again!! Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 3rd**. We will meet from 4:00—5:30 p.m. in the Mailbox area. We have new yarn and labels. All ages and skill levels welcome! Questions?

Call Susan Daniels.



### Extravagant Sharing

Emmaus Food Pantry so appreciates all the donations from Extravagant Sharing. Pat O'Connor from Emmaus faithfully picks up and takes all donations to the Pantry to be distributed to those needing them. In the past four weeks nearly 200 items were taken to the Pantry from Calvary's shelves. Thank you, Pat! Thank you, donors!

During November and December, please support the many outreaches of all Calvary ministries. If you desire to continue filling the Extravagant Sharing shelves, the food will be taken to Emmaus. We will resume our specific food support in January with Canned and Instant Potatoes, Canned Meat and Tuna. God is blessing our outreach to the hungry through Extravagant Sharing!

### Save the Date: Women in Mission Christmas Luncheon

The annual luncheon will be at Bynum's Steakhouse on **Wednesday, December 13** at **11:00 a.m.** Invitations will be distributed mid-November. This year's theme is *From the Cradle to the Cross*, with Judy Onken leading the devotion.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

### It's Shoebox time!

Shoeboxes will be available again this year at Calvary. There are several ways you can support Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project, which provide gifts and the Gospel to children around the world:

1. Pick up a red & green shoebox at the narthex display; fill with gift items for girl or boy, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14, and return to the collection bin.
2. Donate gift items by **Nov. 12** and volunteers will fill shoeboxes.
3. **Sort donations and pack shoeboxes on Thursday, Nov. 16, 9:30 a.m. – Noon.**
4. Help deliver filled boxes to the local drop site.

Please bring gift items or filled shoeboxes to the church **by Sunday, November 12** and leave them in the donation bin in the narthex.

Questions? Call the church office, (317) 783-2000.

### Gift suggestions - Remember: Items must fit in a shoebox!

TOYS – small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, “travel size” Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc. SCHOOL SUPPLIES – pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. NON – LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS – toothbrush, comb, washcloth, bar soap. OTHER – T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, and flashlights (with extra batteries.) These items cannot be included due to safety and shipping issues: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items, glass containers or aerosol cans.



## Worship Anew

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.

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

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

### November 2023

#### **November 5, 2023 – All Saints' Day Observed**

Psalm 149; Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 5:1-12

“Our True Hope” – Sermon Text: Matthew 5:1-12 – Rev. Jeremy Swem

In the midst of hardships, struggles, and persecution it is easy to lose hope and falsely believe that God has abandoned us. He has not. John in his Revelation provides us the sure and certain hope that our Savior brings us through all these things finally giving to us His victory.

#### **November 12, 2023 – Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

Psalm 17; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

“Last Day Hope” – Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

We learn from the Apostle Paul about Last Day realities, which mean for us present-day hope. These truths about that Day move us to encourage one another now as brothers and sisters in Christ.

#### **November 19, 2023 – Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

Psalm 146; Zephaniah 1:7-16; Matthew 25:14-30

“Good and Faithful Servants” – Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30 – Rev. Thomas Eggold

In Christ, God's wrath has been satisfied and we have been liberated from sin and freed to serve; freed to use the talents God has given us; freed to be the people Christ died to create. And in Christ, the Master call us “good and faithful servants” as we carry out His work in the world.

#### **November 26, 2023 – Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

Psalm 95:1-7a; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Matthew 25:31-46

“Sheep and Goats” – Sermon Text: Matthew 25:32 – Rev. Shayne Jonker

The sheep go to the right, the goats to the left, but take note of the terms of separation. They are sorted on the basis of what they are, not what they do. And this is precisely what the apostle Paul means when he says that we are justified by God's grace through faith in Christ apart from works of the law. Final Judgment is made not on the basis of what you did, but on the basis of what you are.



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