

CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



Church Newsletter

February 2024

From the Pastors

The Passing of Time

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

"...the appointed time has grown very short. ...

For the present form of this world is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:29, 31).

When we are young, we do not think of the precious commodity of time. We think that we have stores and stores of it. We believe that an endless supply simply awaits.

Why do we think this? Because too often life seems to move so "slowly" when we are young. There is always something that we anxiously await. It seems like our next birthday or our next holiday or our next school break will never get here. It seems like we are always impatiently waiting for the day that we will finally be old enough to have our own bedroom or tall enough for the big kid bike or mature enough for the next thing our parents don't think we are ready for yet. When we are young, we can find ourselves too frequently wishing away the time that we have because of something that we don't yet have.

And yet as we age, we find ourselves having quite the opposite experience. We long for the days that have passed. We yearn for days that were simpler, happier, or better. We wish for the time when our health was better, our kids were younger, or our days were fuller.

Time can be a funny thing. We can too often try to live in the future or dwell in the past, causing us to fail to cherish the present. After all, the "present" is the very "gift" that God continues to give. Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that there are certain seasons through which we must pass. It reminds us in its own sing-song way that life in this world is never "stagnant." There are changes that must be navigated, transitions that must be embraced, blessings that must be received, and losses that must be mourned. Though we may long for another time and space, it is only within that specific season that we are presently placed. And it is within that particular season that we must ask, "In light of God's presence and promises to me in this present time, how shall I live?"

We do not want to waste what wisdom God wants to impart. We do not want to squander the gifts that have been given. We especially do not want to miss the window to see God's will at work within our lives. A preacher by the name of Charles Spurgeon once reflected upon our topic in this way, "Time is short. Eternity is long. It is only reasonable that this short life be lived in the light of eternity." So, where is God inviting you to life in the light of eternity? Where is God inviting you to see His blessings, to hear His calling, and to touch His presence in the blessings of the "PRESENT"?

May our God give you the assurance that "the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is [His] faithfulness. ... The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord" (Lamentations 3:22-26). Let us therefore wait for the Lord in the present and receive what He shall bless us with from His gracious hand. And as we wait, we praise, we thank, we confess, we pray, for He is the one who is with us in every moment. Although you may not feel it, although you may not think it, and although at times you may not believe it, there is never a moment that He is not right there beside you. There is never a moment that you are alone.

"...And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20b).

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

"Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever;
and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow." **St. Augustine**

Staff Spotlight

Gary Schultz



What is your role at Calvary?

Director of Calvary Chorale & Handbells, Organist

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

I appreciate the opportunity to lead the music through the choirs and organ in the praises of God's gathered guests to receive His gifts of Word and Sacrament in Divine Service and to confess the faith of the church.

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

Though many have had great influence, Rev. Richard Resch, Kantor at my home church, St. Paul's, Ft. Wayne and at Concordia Theological Seminary, was a role model in understanding the interpretation and application of the Scriptures in worship, music, and preaching, and in the practical application of planning and leading hymns, directing choirs, and celebrating the liturgical year.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

My favorite book is Psalms, though it is hard to pick one! "Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day" (Psalm 96:2). Martin Luther wrote, "The Psalter ought to be a precious and beloved book, if for no other reason than this: it promises Christ's death and resurrection so clearly—and pictures His kingdom and the condition and nature of all Christendom—that it might well be called a little Bible."

Favorite Dessert?

Apple pie

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

Pray that our Lord would use the musical efforts and offerings of myself, the other musicians, and the singing of the congregation to confess the doctrine of the Church and the life and work of Christ for our salvation.

General News

2024 Midweek Lent Worship Schedule

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 14th 3:45 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
(With Communion and imposition of ashes)

Meal will be offered between services starting at 4:45 p.m.

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, Weds., February 14

Between the two worship services, Fellowship teams with the El Salvador Mission crew to offer you and your family a warm and savory soup supper!

We'll be serving vegetable soup, chicken noodle soup, warm rolls, mac 'n' cheese for the kiddos, and dessert!

Please mark your calendars and plan on dinner with the whole family!



Chili & Soup Cook-Off and Dessert Auction (Sun., Feb 11)

Get your Recipe books out because the Youth Chili Cookoff is back with a new and interesting twist! This year, in addition to chili you may enter your favorite soup recipe. This event takes place in the gym on **Sun., Feb 11** following the late service. Entry forms are available in the church office and on the information table on your way out. All money raised by this event benefits youth fundraising for their summer mission trip to St. Louis, MO.



Family Bingo Night

The Children's Ministry Team is hosting a Family Bible Bingo Night, **Friday, February 23** from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This event is open to all ages and family types. We are also asking the wider Calvary family to consider supporting this event by donating prizes (e.g., \$3-\$15 items for kids and adults, such as puzzles, games, toys, candy). Bring donations to the church office by **Feb 19**.

General News

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has received the list of potential candidate names from the Indiana District. There are sixteen names in total. Five names from the congregation and eleven names from the district president. The committee will now begin assessing the list of candidates, narrowing the list before conducting interviews with some of the candidates. Please pray for God to guide the committee through the selection process.

“Loss of a Spouse” Program (Wed., Feb 21)

Calvary will be offering the "Loss of a Spouse" program for the first time on **Wed., Feb 21**, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. This two-hour, one-day event is produced by GriefShare and focuses on the specific issues and challenges that are faced when one loses a spouse. Please contact Mike Loudon or Roxanne Deardurff with questions and to register for this event. This will help to ensure we have the appropriate materials and refreshments.

GriefShare (Wednesdays Feb 28 - May 22)

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. **Wednesdays, Feb 28 – May 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Led by trained facilitators Mike Loudon and Roxanne Deardurff. Sessions include videos by experts in grieving, support group discussion, personal study/reflection. Open to everyone. Begin attending at any time; sessions are not sequential. Contact Mike Loudon or Roxanne Deardurff for more information.

Collecting for St. Thomas Clinic—Meds and Medical Supplies

During February Calvary will be collecting meds and medical supplies for Franklin's St. Thomas Free Clinic. If you have changed prescriptions and still own medications you can no longer use, St. Thomas clinic will distribute them to needy individuals.

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.

General News

Save the Date—Vacation Bible School

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

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

Interested in volunteering? Email Kara Hiatt.



Attention Thrivent Members—"Choice Dollars" Designation

If you have not directed your 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars, please consider directing them to "Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church" or "Calvary Lutheran School". Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 to find out if you have Choice Dollars to direct.



February Memorials

In Memory of Alberta Krampe:

Carol Wendt, Marvin & Rhonda Hansen

In Memory of George Grieve:

Rev. Michael, Krista, and Lydia Grieve



Easter Lily Order Form

\$12.00 each **Order deadline is Sunday, February 25th**

Leave order with payment in the church office. (Checks payable to Calvary)

Name: _____

In memory of (optional) _____

In honor of (optional) _____

Phone Number: _____ Amount Attached: _____

Easter is marked by many beautiful signs of life. If you want to add a personal touch to our Day of Resurrection, please order a lily to decorate the altar on Easter. Flowers can be picked up following our Easter services.

Executive Director

From Your Executive Director

When we talk about special days in February, the first response from most people will be "Valentine's Day" on February 14th, followed by President's Day, a floating holiday celebrated this year on the 19th. Those of us over 50 probably remember when we celebrated Lincoln's Birthday (the 12th) and Washington's Birthday (the 22nd, N.S.) as separate events. The Uniform Monday Holiday Act passed by Congress in 1968 officially changed our celebratory date, which previously had always been on Washington's Birthday.

Honoring both Washington and Lincoln has a long history in our country. Many of us learned the line "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen" written as a eulogy for Washington by General Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee. And we likely recall reading what Secretary of State Edwin Stanton said after Lincoln breathed his last: "Now he belongs to the ages."

There are two other very important dates we Lutherans commemorate in February: February 16th, the birth of Philip Melancthon, and February 18th, the death of Martin Luther. Both of these men played nearly the same role as Washington and Lincoln: like Washington, Luther was the father of the Reformation, and like Lincoln, Melancthon's writings helped hold the early Lutheran church together.

We are not the Rome church, which has over 10,000 recognized saints, many forgotten by time. But we do give certain people like Luther and Melancthon, special recognition and commemoration in the church. In Article XXI of the Augsburg Confession, largely written by Melancthon, we read: "(We) teach that the memory of saints may be set before us, that we may follow their faith and good works, according to our calling." In other words, we honor the saints, not as intercessors to God, but as a source of inspiration for our own life and faith.

At Calvary, we also give honor to saints, those who came before us and served as examples of Christian faith to us. Perhaps it was a certain pastor or adult leader. Maybe a grandparent, or a close family friend. It might even be someone we only know from a distance, whose life has shown outward evidence of their internal faith. We are blessed, as a congregation, to come from a long line of saints.

Yet how do we honor and follow their faith? How do we provide an example to others, both inside and outside our church? How do we connect with others to share the Gospel? How do we demonstrate our care and our love for others? And how do we grow and learn in the Word? Do we accomplish these things by sitting back and letting others do the work, or do we actively involve ourselves in the work of the church, helping others to grow in their faith? Or even understand who Jesus is, and why we work to spread His Gospel?

And while we commemorate and remember both Luther and Melancthon, we need to remember these men and others were challenging the status quo of the church, seeking to bring about change by reforming what they saw to be inerrancies and false teaching. The church they left us was very different than the one 100 years earlier, and that reformation continues to this day as we look at the best way we can deliver Christ to the community and congregation, remaining true to our Lutheran roots, but also realizing that the world is much different than it was 10, 20, or 50 years ago. What worked then may not be the best today, and we owe it to the memory of those who came before us to constantly revive how – not why – we do what we do.

So, we always honor those who came before us, who bravely faced nay-sayers (after all, what sane congregation would form in a suburban Indianapolis community in the middle of a Depression?) and gave us a legacy we can carry to others, to Engage People In Christ at Calvary.

In His and your service,

Bill Laut

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

What are You Looking Forward to this Year?

2024 is here for one month already. Any special dates or activities planned for the year? Any weddings, births, trips, anniversaries, retirement, a new job, or a move planned? Each year holds its own significance. Turning a specific noteworthy age could add to your significance. No matter our plans God goes before us. As we place our trust in Him we are confident that He is leading and directing us. This is not to be compartmentalized but realized in every and all circumstances.

The Wisemen from the East did not plan on following a star that year. It was not on their "To Do List." When the star appeared all their plans changed. We are not told in the Bible how long the trip took nor its magnitude, but everything else in their lives was placed on hold. God led them to seek the Christ-Child. When they found Him they fell down and worshipped Him giving Him precious gifts. Is seeking the Christ-Child part of your 2024 plans as well? God calls us to first seek Him. We do this through the power of the Holy Spirit as we gather for worship, pray, and study His Word. We share that Good News with others as we sing a little louder. May the Lord bless your 2024 and all future years with His grace and love as you first seek Him.

Early Registration / Open Enrollment for 2024-25

New Applications and Re-enrollment continue to be accepted through January 31 for the 2024-25 school year for all Preschool sessions as well as Kindergarten – 8th Grades for Calvary members, returning students and their siblings. New enrollments from the community begin on February 1. As Calvary's school has continued to grow, space availability in the classrooms has become limited. Be sure to re-enroll your children early to ensure they maintain their placement! Early Registration enables Calvary to plan and prepare staffing and facility needs for the upcoming school year. Enrollment after January 31 for returning students will be assessed a late fee of \$100 per student. If you know someone looking for a school home for their family, you can refer them to Mr. Jason Scheidt, Calvary's Director of Admissions at 317-783-2305 or online at www.choosecalvary.com. We are excited to plan for another year of Christian Education for our students!

President's Day observed

School will not be in session on Friday-Monday, February 16th-19th in observance of Presidents' Day. God indeed grants to people the needed abilities to complete the tasks and service that they have been elected to do and accomplish. We thank God for the gifts that He has and continues to give to this country in our presidents.

Mrs. Cheryl Rensner to Retire

Mrs. Cheryl Rensner has announced that she will retire at the conclusion of our 2023-24 school year. We praise and thank God for her decades of service to Calvary Lutheran as well as to other Lutheran schools. Throughout her ministry, Cheryl has taught and shared God's love to hundreds of students ranging from Preschool through 8th grade. Cheryl has served as our Kindergarten through 2nd grade Interventionist providing response to instruction for these students for many years. Most recently she has filled our Kindergarten teacher vacancy. Cheryl also served as the Guidance Counselor at The Lutheran High School.

Cheryl has contributed greatly to Calvary's ministry beyond classroom responsibilities. She has served on many committees and has been our school FACTS/Renweb administrator for many years. We will greatly miss Mrs. Rensner. We thank her for the seeds that have been sown through God's Word and Spirit. She has been and continues to be a witness of God's love to our faculty and staff. We ask the Lord to walk beside Cheryl as He opens new doors for her.

A Celebration of Ministry for Mrs. Cheryl Rensner will be held in the spring. Please look for updates when specific plans are determined.



Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Kindergarten Teaching Position

We are seeking a Kindergarten teacher in preparation for the 2024-25 school year, but we are also open to having this teacher begin this school year if available. Perhaps you know of someone that graduated this December or is looking for a wonderful opportunity to teach. Please submit the names of candidates that would be interested in this position to the school office.

We thank Mrs. Cheryl Rensner for continuing to fill our unexpected Kindergarten vacancy this past July.

Chin/Burmese Liaison Position Open for 2024-25

This newly established position is to provide for the demographics of our Calvary Lutheran School student enrollment and families. This position has been created to further help to communicate with non-English speaking homes the expectations, practice, policies, activities, and general assimilation within the day-to-day school and church environment. This is a part-time position of 20 hours each week. Schedule is flexible. Please contact the school office for additional information.

Scholarship Grant Fund

We thank and praise God for the gift of love shared by 34 individuals/ families who contributed over \$63,000.00 in 2023 towards our SGO goal of \$45,500.00. 27 students received scholarship grants for the 2023-24 school year. All donations to this fund receive an Indiana state 50% tax credit. We thank all for their generous hearts and hands contributing to the needs of others. Thank you.

Shared Ministry

We thank our Facilities Ministry team for the daily cleaning and other preparation enabling the school doors to be opened each day. From lawn maintenance to snow removal to classrooms vacuumed and rest rooms cleaned, we are blessed to be able open each day with the lights shining and heat radiating. Thank you for this shared ministry.

YEARBOOK BUSINESS ADS

SING A LITTLE LOUDER

WHAT IS YEARBOOK AD SPACE?

Help support Calvary Lutheran school and receive business ad space. Each ad space sold helps to keep the price of the yearbooks below \$20.00 and support other school assemblies.



BUSINESS CARD
\$50.00 per Space



1/2 PAGE AD
\$125.00 per Space



FULL PAGE AD
\$200.00 per Space



1/4 PAGE AD
\$75.00 per Space

HOW TO ORDER AD SPACE?

Step 1: Select your Ad size.

Step 2: Email a digital logo or image to schoolsecretary@thecalvaryschool.org along with contact information and size of the ad you are committing to.

Step 3: Drop off cash or check to school office

The Together Project

We are making big strides in our **Together** campaign! Several projects are completed or underway 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 2024 - February 9, 2024!

LuFest will take place on Friday, February 9th downtown at the beautiful Biltwell Event Center. Each guest will enjoy a plated meal and our auction, including both silent and live auction items. Invite a friend and make your reservations securely online at LuFest.org

We also seek donations of new, high-quality items, services, or experiences to include in the live and silent auctions. These may be dropped off at the LHS office weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please call the Development Office with any questions.

LHS Applications and Enrollment

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

Saints on Stage present Disney's The Little Mermaid

The Saints on Stage are pleased to present Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, February 23rd and 24th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 25 at 3:00 p.m.

Based on one of Hans Christian Anderson's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, *Disney's The Little Mermaid* is a beautiful love story for the ages. This fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl" and "Part of Your World." Mermaid Ariel, King Triton's youngest daughter, wishes to pursue the human Prince Eric in the world above, bargaining with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to trade her tail for legs. But the bargain is not what it seems, and Ariel needs the help of her colorful friends, Flounder the fish, Scuttle the seagull and Sebastian the crab to restore order under the sea. Tickets go on sale February 1st and can be ordered at www.lhsi.org. Prices are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. The 2023-2024 Saints on Stage season is generously presented by Meyer Financial Strategies, Dennis and Kathy Meyer. *Disney's The Little Mermaid* is produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All rehearsal and performance materials are also provided by MTI.

www.mtishows.com

Outreach Ministry

Calvary's Easter Egg Hunt

Save the date for the Calvary Easter Egg hunt:
Saturday, March 23, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

We will have food and a variety of family activities prior to the egg hunt. More details will be shared over the next couple of months. Please join us!

Volunteers are needed! Please contact Marv Hansen if you would like to help.



Calvary's Community Garden to Open

Calvary Lutheran Church and School opens up its Community Garden to all the members of the congregation and residents of the south side. 12 Raised-bed plots are currently available and measure 4' x 10'. Garden plots cost \$20.00 each. Applications will be available March 1 in the church office. Water is available on site for the raised-bed plots. Sites are accessed from the south parking lot of the church. Gardening for recreational fun is available with all garden produce designated for Hunger, Inc., who received hundreds of pounds of produce from Calvary's Community Garden in 2023. The Garden Committee stands ready to teach you how to begin if you think that would help you get started. Questions? Contact the church office, 317-783-2000 or a member of the Garden Committee. (Jake Allen, Mark Jung, Wayne Mayo, Joe Pluckebaum, Jim Richert, Art Wehrmeister, Paul Woodburn)

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

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

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



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

Stewardship Emphasis

Calvary's February Partner in Ministry – Lutheran Hour Ministries

This year we are designating a different Calvary Partner in Ministry each month. By emphasizing a different ministry that Calvary supports each month we hope to provide a better understanding of the many ways your gifts are being used and to emphasize how extensive Calvary's reach is. This month's Ministry Partner is **Lutheran Hour Ministries**. For a complete list of Calvary Partners in Ministry please visit the "Partners" page at our website. <https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

Through its North American headquarters and ministry centers on six continents, LHM (also known as the Lutheran Laymen's League) reaches more than 60 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present. The Lutheran Hour airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces radio network. LHM passionately proclaims the Gospel around the world more than 195 million times each week. <https://www.lhm.org/>

The Lutheran Laymen's League 2024 Indiana District Convention will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2024 in Fort Wayne, IN. The theme of this year's convention is "Energizing Mission". The keynote speaker will be Reverend Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour. For more information or questions, please contact:
Rick Hoffmann, Indiana LLL District President.



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES
www.lhm.org

1st Quarter Mission Gifts Designation – Lutheran Hour Ministries

Gifts received in the first quarter this year either in the red-lined "Mission" envelopes or designated generically for "Miisions" in your online giving or on the regular offering envelopes will go to the support of Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM).

Calvary LuFest Gift Gathering Event Thank You

Thanks to everyone who braved the cold to attend the Calvary LuFest Gift Gathering at MashCraft on January 8. Gifts that were gathered at MashCraft will be offered for purchase in the auction at LuFest.

The cash gifts received will go towards the purchase of Calvary's congregational gift of a Smoker Grill. The Annual LuFest, for the benefit of Lutheran High School is **February 10, 2024**, at the Biltwell Center. Tickets for this great event are still available. See more info at <https://one.bidpal.net/lufest2024/welcome>



Women in Mission

Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, February 3 8:30 a.m.

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

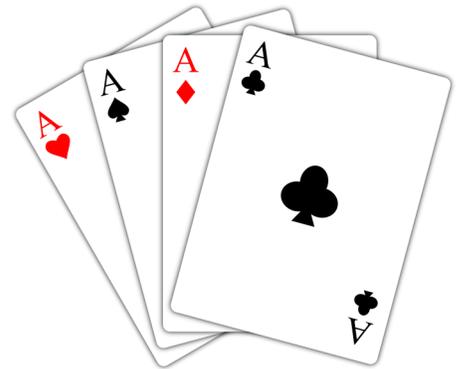
Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, February 3rd** at 8:30 a.m.



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 **February 12th**. Please join us.

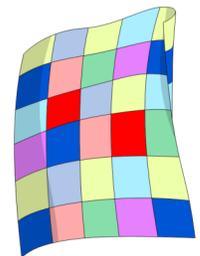
Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



Blankets for Babies

Our meeting date for February is: **Tuesday, February 13th**. (4:00- 5:30 p.m.) It will be great to come in from the cold and warm our hearts and hands with our baby blankets!! All ages are welcome. We have teachers ready to get you started. Practice yarn is also available.

Questions? Call Susan Daniels.



Extravagant Sharing

The Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry is thankful for the many donations they receive from our generous gifts of food. Place your gifts on the Extravagant Sharing shelves across from Calvary's main church doors. Many hungry families are blessed through your gifts of food. During the month of February fill the shelves with **canned pork and beans and ramen noodles. Breakfast cereal is always needed and appreciated!** Please continue to share your love of Jesus through your gifts of food to those who are in need.



Adult Ministry

Lunch OUT! Wednesday, February 7, 11:00 a.m.

This month's Lunch Out! will be held at Happy Days Restaurant, located at Sherman & Raymond (formerly Edward's Drive-In).

A special "thank you" to Ray & Jan Main for hosting this month's Lunch Out!

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, February 21, 11:00 a.m.

Program: Information about Latino / Hispanic ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Columbus, IN and Trinity Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN

Presenter: Pastor Dan Fickenscher

Lunch: BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Assorted Chips, Fruit Cup, and a Cookie

Suggested Lunch Donation: \$5.00 to cover the cost of the meal.



Youth Ministry

FLIGHT (High School Youth Group)

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



LAUNCH (5th-6th grades)

All 5th and 6th grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Wednesday, February 21st from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



SAIL (7th-8th grades)

All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to the next SAIL event on **Wednesday, February 28th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



Worship Anew

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.

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

February 2024

Jesus Lifts You Up

February 4, 2024 – Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Rev. Shayne Jonker

Think of every healing you experience, whether it be getting over a cold or the flu, or something even greater, as more than dodging the bullet or getting a little favor from God. Think of it as a little resurrection. A little instance of being lifted up by the hand of God. Think of it, not as an end, but as a little sneak preview of a greater coming attraction, the day that Jesus comes to you and extends His hand to you and lifts you up from death to eternal life.

Sermon Text: Mark 1:31

Readings: Psalm 147:1-11; Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-39

Significant Days Ahead

February 11, 2024 – Transfiguration Observed

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Jesus transfigured Himself, revealing His glory to Peter, James, and John. He knew there would be significant days ahead, especially during Holy Week. By revealing His glory Jesus was sharing with His disciples what was in store for them in the glory of heaven. As we have significant days in our lives, we remember the transfiguration of Jesus to encourage us in our life's journey.

Sermon Text: Mark 9:2-9

Readings: Psalm 50:1-6; Exodus 34:29-35; Mark 9:2-9

What Good is This?

February 18, 2024 – First Sunday in Lent

Rev. William Mueller

Genesis 22 takes us to one of the more challenging sections of God's Word. Does God condone sacrificing your children? Of course not! But what is God up to in this incident where He tells Abraham to sacrifice Isaac? What good is God up to in our lives when He allows all sorts of pain and problems?

Sermon Text: Genesis 22:1-18

Readings: Psalm 25:1-10; Genesis 22:1-18; Mark 1:9-15

Life's Greatest Question

February 25, 2024 – Second Sunday in Lent

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Can you answer Life's Greatest Question? Your eternal destiny, as well as your approach to everyday life, rests upon your answer. What's the question? How will you answer?

Sermon Text: Mark 8:29-31

Readings: Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38



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