

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



# Church Newsletter

September 2024

### From the Pastors

# Reflections and Questions on the Call Process (Part 2)

As we continue through the call process, we prayerfully reflect on where God is leading us. Last month we reflected upon the topic: "What are we looking for in a pastor?"

This month we take a look at the question: "What are we hoping this pastor will do?

Almost immediately we think of tasks that happen on a normal weekend at Calvary—"preaching, teaching, and leading worship." While these things are of the utmost importance, there are additional areas that we would like an associate pastor to focus upon here at Calvary.

We are looking for a pastor who can focus on two specific areas of ministry, while also providing support within the general pastoral responsibilities of caring for the worship life of our congregation.

The first place of emphasis is Adult Education and Small Group Bible studies. This pastor would serve as one of our key Bible study leaders on weekends and during the week. He would help recruit, train, and organize Bible study leaders, so we can provide additional opportunities for members and guests to **connect** with other Christians and to **learn** more of God's will and God's Word for their lives. He would provide the necessary coordination and collaboration in this area.

The second place of emphasis is Pastoral Care. We desire to provide the best possible care for the spiritual health and welfare of our church members. Having a pastor who can take the lead within this area, providing not only the care and support to members personally, but also providing the organization and coordination with other pastoral staff and leaders, would promote the spiritual growth of our congregation as we **care** for our members n the different ages and stages of life.

Please pray for our Call Committee and our staff, as we work through this process and vacancy, and as we **serve** the wider mission of Christ for our congregation and community.

God's Peace, Pastor Kurt Ebert

# Music Ministry Update: Your Assistance Needed

We were recently informed that Pastor Gary Schultz would be stepping away from leading our choir and handbells and playing organ part time. We thank him for his service to Calvary and we pray for him as he moves into new opportunities. We have deeply appreciated his support within our music ministries.

Calvary's leadership is working on interim solutions as Chorale and Handbells resume rehearsals for the fall starting right around the corner. Be assured we will be working to continue as always on Thursday nights, starting on Sept 5 at 7:00 pm.

We ask for your prayers and your assistance as we work to fill these roles within our music ministry. If you or anyone you know has the ability and desire to fill these positions [(1) a part-time organist, (2) a Chorale Director, (3) Chorale accompanist and (4) a Handbell Director], please let us know by contacting the church office or emailing us. This does not have to be just one person doing all these different jobs. It can be distributed to multiple people based on capabilities and time commitments.

Thank you for all your support of our music endeavors in the past and please stay connected with us moving forward.

~ Tony Spelde, Music Director

# **General News**

# Congregational Study Series & Sign-Ups

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

<u>Signups</u>: Small group signups will take place Sept 21/22 through Oct 19/20. We have a variety of small groups at many different times and days of the week: some are

onsite, some in homes, and still others online. To see all our small group opportunities, check out the table onsite or sign-up online, starting Sept 21/22. Adult and Kid workbooks will be available for purchase for \$10 at the start of signups.



If you are interested in serving as a small group leader or host home, contact Pastor Kurt Ebert (<u>kebert@clcs.org</u>).

# REMINDER - All Ministry Team Meeting (Tues., Sept 17th at 7:00 p.m.)

All members of Calvary's 10 ministry teams are invited to join us in the Sanctuary on **September 17th** for an informational meeting. We look forward to the year ahead of ministry together. Please pay attention to communication from your team's director for specific information of when and where your team will meet for your individual meeting.



### **GriefShare**

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. Wednesdays through **November 13**, **6:00- 8:00 p.m.** Led by trained facilitators Mike Louden 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 Louden or Roxanne Deardurff for more information.



# **General News**

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

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

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



### **Foundations of Faith Class**

- 6 Sunday Morning Sessions
- Starts Sunday, August 25, 9:25 a.m. Room 125

Twice a year Calvary offers its Foundations of Faith Class for adults, providing practical answers about faith, the Lutheran Church, and Calvary's ministries. Our fall class will begin August 25 for 6 sessions (no class Labor Day weekend.) If you are interested in becoming a member of Calvary, this class is a great opportunity to learn more about our ministries and to become better acquainted with our pastors and other individuals. All materials and refreshments are provided; Sunday School classes are available for children. Questions? Email Kara Hiatt.

# **Holiday Bazaar**

# Save the Date!! - Calvary's 55th Annual Holiday Bazaar

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

You can find details at <u>clcs.org/bazaar</u>.

#### **Share Your Time**

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. Time commitments vary and some tasks can be as simple as making phone calls. It takes many hands and minds to make a successful bazaar. To volunteer please contact Karen Wright. You may also sign up online at <a href="clcs.org/bazaarvolunteer">clcs.org/bazaarvolunteer</a>.

### Save Vendor Space

Are you crafty or know someone who is? Applications now being accepted for vendor booths. Details and application can be found in the area near the south entrance of the church. You may contact Angie Ransdell or put the paperwork in her church mailbox. The Vendor Booth Space online order form is at <a href="https://calvary-women-in-mission.square.site/">https://calvary-women-in-mission.square.site/</a>. Space is limited.

#### Save and Share Your Treasures

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

<u>Save things to be sold in The Attic.</u> Since space to store attic items is limited at Calvary, PLEASE bring your PRICED donations Friday, November 8, 3:30-7:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 9, 7:30-8:30 a.m. If that is not convenient for you, please ask someone to bring them to Calvary at that time. (Please no clothing, large appliances, large furniture, or building materials.) Items should not be priced less than a quarter.

<u>Make goodies.</u> Is baking or cooking your thing? Find your favorite recipes, bake and freeze now, or make them in the days just before bringing your goodies to Calvary on Friday, November 8, 3:30-7:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 9, 7:30-9:00 a.m. to be sold in the Country Kitchen.

### **Support These Worthy Causes**

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

# **Adult Ministry**

# Lunch OUT! Wednesday, September 4 11:00 a.m.

For our "First Wednesday" September outing we're meeting at The Corner Bar, 5506 S. Meridian Street. We will be seated outdoors if weather permits.

Tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran, no reservation needed. Adults of all ages are welcome – come join us for good food and some fun Christian fellowship.



# Lunch & Learn Wednesday, September 18 11:00 a.m.

Program: "Breaking the Cycle of Poverty"

Presenter: Gabe Short, Director of Development, Shepherd Community Center

Lunch: BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Assorted Chips, and Dessert

Suggested donation: \$5

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

# **Adult Ministry Upcoming Movie Outings**

Join us **Thursdays**, **September 5**, **October 24**, **and December 12** at Historic Artcraft Theatre, 57 Main St., Franklin for a free movie, popcorn, and small soda for those 55 and older. The September movie is *Rio Bravo* starring John Wayne. The October movie is *The Ghost of Mr. Chicken* starring Don Knotts. December movie TBD. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Movie begins at 1:30 p.m. Plenty of seating available. Bring a friend! Questions? Contact Barb Sorgius (317-783-2000).

# **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.

**All Youth Kick-Off** (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade families)

**Sun.**, **Aug 25**, **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 sanctuary. 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!

# **Executive Director**

### From Your Executive Director

If you've been to our annual congregation meetings, you probably know I look at demographics, trends, and other changes in our world – and particularly our immediate community – that might have an impact on us. I've talked about some of these trends in my past letters as well.

In John 17:15-16, Christ prays about His disciples "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it." And in Romans 12:2, Paul reminds us "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Calvary – the body of members, not the building – certainly holds to this. We know we are called to be disciples of Christ; but, we must always be conscious that we are also ambassadors for Christ, especially to those who do not know Him.

Two years ago, we started our strategic planning process to identify how we might be better disciples and ambassadors, building on our mission statement of Engaging People In Christ. We are now building on that process, refining what does that statement really mean to those of us at Calvary.

I recently read a very good blog on the website Churchtrac.com, about the current state of attendance in the church, and the author discussed exactly what we have been promoting as a church for over 20 years. His finding? Engagement is the New Church Attendance. In other words, we should look at how our members are engaged, not necessarily how many members we have. We know we have many opportunities for engagement both inside and outside our building. We live in a world that is fallen, torn, and sinful, and as ambassadors of Christ, we need to engage our members and our community. And we need to be engaged members.

Luther wrote "God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does." In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus was asked by an expert in the law "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)

Allow me to answer this question, even though Jesus already answered this: our neighbor is the person in the seat next to you at church. Or the person in your study group. Or the person in the house down the street. Or the person in a rehab facility, a prison, or the hospital. Or an unwed mother struggling to raise a family. Or the person who's been rejected by his or her family. The list is endless.

Get where I'm going with this? Everyone is our neighbor. And if we are to be ambassadors of/for Christ, we need to be engaged: in our church, in our homes, in our community.

We will do this by Connecting to others, Learning to grow our faith knowledge, and showing our Caring spirit to our neighbors. Out of Service to God and to Christ, as His ambassadors and His disciples.

Over the coming months, we will elaborate more on how we engage both inside and outside the church, so stay engaged with our communication!

In His and Your service,

Bill Laut

# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1

### Faith in Action – 75th School Year

Seeing is believing. True or false?

In our daily lives we tend to rely on a manner or substance of proof. We seek assurance through our eyes and ears. Thomas needed to see for himself that Jesus was risen. Then he believed.

Faith is believing without first seeing. Faith is a gift through the power of the Holy Spirit. We walk by faith and not by sight. Our faith is witnessed through our actions. Faith and actions go together.

Our first response in faith is to praise and thank God in worship for His gift of life eternal. Our 2024-25 Calvary Lutheran School Theme is based on Hebrews 12:1.

75 years ago Calvary Lutheran opened the doors to the first school year. This is faith in action. Establishing the school ministry was only accomplished and continued as Calvary Lutheran stepped out in faith. God goes before us. Seeing the blessings over these 75 years points to the power of the Holy Spirit as His people walk by faith and not by sight. Over 1600 students call Calvary their alma mater. We rejoice in the opportunities granted to us each school year to teach the students and families the saving love of Jesus Christ. We ask for God's continued blessings as we walk anew stepping out in faith for the next 75 years.

We thank God for the opportunity to join with your family in sharing God's love with your children. This is God's calling of parents, teachers, and pastors. This is our charge as a community of believers. We lift one another in prayer.

This is our charge as a community of believers. We lift one another in prayer. 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.

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. The school library received new carpeting, a fresh coat of paint, and LED lighting. Many mechanical needs were also repaired. 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.

# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

### **Delayed Start**

School will begin at 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday when school is in session. The students will be released to their classrooms beginning at 8:15 a.m. 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 a.m. for 1st-8th school grades worship times. Preschool 4-5 and Kindergarten will worship together at 9:00 a.m. on these chapel days.

#### **SMILE SMILE SMILE**

The students at Calvary Lutheran School will have their school photographs taken on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</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 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. The class will travel to the wilds of Camp Lakeview. Mrs. Faubion, Mrs. Strohm, and parent chaperones will lead this 3-day camp expedition. For further information please contact Mrs. Faubion. 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 20. Students in second through eighth grade will receive their midterm reports on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> via FACTS / Renweb. We ask that our parents review these reports with their children. We strive to provide many evaluations throughout the school year.

#### <u>Grandparents and Special Person's Day Scheduled – Save the Date</u>

Our Special Person's Day is scheduled for Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

# **Stewardship Ministry**

# Calvary's September Partner in Ministry

This year the Stewardship Ministry Team is designating different Calvary Partner's in Ministry each month. By emphasizing the different ministries that Calvary supports each month we hope to provide a better understanding of the many ways your gifts are being used and to emphasize the extent of Calvary's external reach.

For September, the 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 Designation – Shepherd Community Center

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 Shepherd Community Center. Shepherd is located at 4107 East Washington Street. Shepherd works to build assets into people's lives so they can break the bonds of generational poverty. By fighting systemic causes and serving with life-long, relationship-based care, Shepherd makes a difference physically, socially, and spiritually. Gabe Short from Sheperd will be speaking at the October 16 Calvary Lunch and Learn. Gabe will provide additional details on the important work being undertaken at Shepherd. https://shepherdcommunity.org/

### **Thrivent Action Grants**

Please remember that All Thrivent members are eligible to receive up to two Thrivent Action Grants a year. Action grants in an amount of up to \$250 each are available for many projects at Calvary. Recent projects that have been partially funded with Thrivent Action Grants include the Mother's Day Flower Sale and the July El Salvador Mission trip. Have questions about

connecting your Thrivent membership to a project? Contact Stewardship at

stewardship@clcs.org.



# **Compassion Ministry**

# 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 Linda Bugher by Sunday, September 8th the following information:

- Student Name
- College Attending
- Student Address
- Year (e.g., Junior)
- Major/Area of Study
- Student Fmail 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 any changes throughout the year.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

### Produce Table to Benefit the Good Samaritan Fund

Check out the produce table in the narthex this month. Vegetables grown by our various members are available to you for a freewill donation. All proceeds will be placed in the 'Good Samaritan Fund' which provides resources for Calvary members in need.

# **NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS**

#### The Together Project

We are making big strides in our **Together** campaign! Several projects are completed or underway. The most recent project was a Weight Room remodel, and new permanent outdoor bleachers have arrived. Will you accept the invitation to be part of **together**? Help us cross the finish line! Email for more information.

### **LHS Coaching Needs**

Lutheran High School is hiring two more coaches for the 2024-25 school year (assistant cheerleading coach and JV girls basketball coach). Please contact Athletic Director Tom Finchum if you are interested.

#### LHS Grandparents Day - September 12

Grandparents of current LHS students are invited to join us on September 12 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. RSVP at LHSI.org.

#### LHS Homecoming 2024 - September 13

Mark your calendar for **LHS Homecoming 2024**. The Saints take the field on Friday night against conference opponent Covenant Christian. LHS Alumni will enjoy free admission, an Alumni family tent, snacks and prizes. We can't wait to celebrate with you! Alumni RSVP at LHSI.org (Alumni - Celebrate & Connect Events).

# **Outreach Ministry**



Fun for all ages! Please join us and learn about different vehicles and career opportunities. These vehicles will be available:

- Fire engine
- Ambulance
- Police car
- Dump truck
- Motorcycle
- Farm tractor
- Front loader/backhoe
- National Guard HMMWV
- School bus
- Concrete pumping truck Gator
- Car repair demo with diagnostic computer
- Plumbing repair truck
- and more!

We will also have free food, puppet shows, bounce houses, face painting, games and crafts!

### MUMS THE WORD—FALL MUM SALE

Calvary's Fall Mum Sale is here again. Orders are being taken now. **The last day for** orders is Sunday, August 25th, as orders must be in to Schlegel's Greenhouse by Friday, August 30th. Mums again cost \$10.00.

Flowers will be delivered to Calvary on Friday, September 27. Your order can be picked up at Calvary at Saturday evening service September 28th, Sunday morning service September 29th, or at the church picnic grounds on September 29th.

Order now and pay at time of delivery. Proceeds will benefit the Community Garden outreach, Hunger, Inc. of Perry Township, and Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry in Fountain Square. Various colors of mums are again available but cannot be guaranteed as Schlegels reserves the right to substitute.

Place your order at the Mum Sale table in church narthex or online by emailing Pastor Art. Sponsored by Outreach Ministry and the Community Garden Committee. Community Garden Committee members are Jake Allen, Mark Jung, Janet Knobeloch, Wayne Mayo, Joe Pluckebaum, Jim Richert, Richard Struben, Art Wehrmeister, and Paul Woodburn.

# **Women in Mission**

# Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, September 7 8:30 a.m.

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

Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday**, **September 7th** 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 **September 9th**. Please join us.

Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.

### **Blankets for Babies**

Our August date is **Tuesday**, **September 3rd** (4:00- 5:30 p.m.) All ages are welcome. We have teachers ready to get you started. Practice yarn is also available.



Questions? Call Susan Daniels.

# **Extravagant Sharing**

Calvary just received a message from the Emmaus Food Pantry that the cereal in addition to the pasta and sauces donated in August, "...were just what we needed right now." They are so thankful they have our donations for their clients. In July the Emmaus Pantry met the needs of 435 families (1,712 individuals.) Your donations are meeting important needs within our community. In **SEPTEMBER** providing **canned soups and soup mixes** would be greatly appreciated. We also know that cereal is ALWAYS needed. God is blessing so many by meeting their needs through our Extravagant Sharing of His gifts to us! Thank you!

# Lutheran World Relief Promise Project—School Kits

School has started, and the Women in Mission have 150 school backpacks to fill and sent to Lutheran World Relief. The backpacks will support children around the world with school supplies. Please plan to help pack backpacks on **Friday**, **October 4th** at 9:00 a.m. Shop now for school supplies when prices are low. Tags are still available in the narthex for items that are needed. Please bring your donations to the collection bin in the narthex.

Questions? Contact Karen Hand.

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#### **Worship Anew**

### Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.

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### September 2024



#### Inside Out

# September 1, 2024 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev.Thomas Eggold

God always works from the inside out, and no matter what depraved things you have seen, and no matter what despicable things you have done, and no matter how dirty your heart has been, your sins have been placed by the Father on His Son. Today, because He took your sins upon Himself, you are a new creation in Christ Jesus. **Sermon Text: Mark 7:15**Readings: Psalm 119:129-136; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Mark 7:14-23

#### Be Opened!

# September 8, 2024 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Rev. Shayne Jonker**Jesus wants to do for you what He did for that deaf mute man in the state of the state o

Jesus wants to do for you what He did for that deaf mute man in the Decapolis that day. He wants to stick His Word into your ears, to cut through deafness, to open your ears, your minds, and your hearts. Thus He speaks His Ephphatha to you. Be opened.

**Sermon Text: Mark 7:37** Readings: Psalm 146; Isaiah 35:4-7a; Mark 7:31-37

# Healing for Our Children

### September 15, 2024 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Rev. Paul Shoemaker

A seriously ill child demands the parents' full attention. Parents will do anything possible to help their child regain physical health. Our heavenly Father did everything possible to restore our spiritual health, even sacrificing His Son to win for us spiritual health and wholeness. Join us on Worship Anew as we share the tools God gives us to restore and maintain spiritual health.

Sermon Text: Mark 9:14-29

Readings: Psalm 116:1-9; Isaiah 50:4-10; Mark 9:14-29

#### **A Difficult Victory**

#### September 22, 2024 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Rev. William Mueller

The text is all about "Spiritual Warfare." But that often isn't a topic we feel comfortable discussing. Why is that? Might the difficulty lie in the fact we might too readily be reminded of our sin? But it is a victory through Jesus Christ. What makes it difficult?

**Sermon Text: James 3:13-4:10** Readings: Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

#### In Service of Go(o)d!

#### September 29, 2024 – St. Michael and All Angels

#### **Rev. Thomas Ahlersmeyer**

Popular today among both young and old are action hero figures. These heroes in different ways act in service of good. God gives Christ followers the greatest action heroes – angels – who act in and on behalf of the greatest good: in service of good and in service of God!

Sermon Text: James 3:13-4:10 Readings: Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

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#### **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

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