

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

THERE ARE THREE THINGS THAT WILL ENDURE

*Faith, Hope, and Love*

AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS

**LOVE**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

# Church Newsletter

February 2025

## *From the Pastors*

### **Sacred Space**

<sup>4</sup> "When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." (Exodus 3:4-5).

<sup>10</sup> And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, <sup>11</sup> so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord (1 Kings 8:10-11).

The idea of holy ground and sacred space is found throughout the Bible. From the rock at Bethel where Jacob saw a ladder descend from heaven to the sand surrounding the burning bush to the temple mount in Jerusalem, we see a special reverence for the holy, the sacred, the set apart. Genesis 1 affirms the goodness with which all physical space was created. Even after mankind's fall and the land's subjection to futility, we observe the beauty of God's creation and a continued reverence for certain locations as particularly holy. While holy places and holy shrines have been misunderstood and abused many times throughout history, the reality of revered sites actually proclaims a central truth of Christianity that at certain points of recorded time and space God has acted in history for the sake of saving His people. Going and visiting everything from the Holy Land to the sites in Rome and other historic cities places us in the midst of the locations that continue to tell the story of Christianity and its proclamation of Jesus Christ as Lord. The fact that we can walk in the footsteps of Jesus can actually be a wonderful experience that strengthens our faith and our appreciation of his very incarnation as a man.

In biblical times, the tabernacle and the temple have mirrored this intersection between the divine and the human realms. When the Lord commanded Moses to build the tabernacle, He took great pains to describe in detail the work that was to be done. Again, in the time of Solomon, the Lord took much interest in the work carried out upon the temple. Everything from the dimensions to the rules for construction to the utensils used in its services was specified in the biblical account. Following the completed construction and consecration of each building, the Lord filled these sacred spaces with the presence of his Spirit. Each was filled with the cloud of God's glory, so that the priests were rendered incapable of fulfilling their duties. By the services performed within these hallowed halls, the story of God's salvation was proclaimed, and His forgiveness was delivered to generation after generation.

In this same way our Christian churches today remain blessed buildings, where the Lord comes into contact with His people. It is neither the location nor the building materials nor any special rite of consecration that makes the site sacred and holy, but it is what resides and happens within that space. It is here in Christ's church that the Holy Spirit dwells richly where two or three are gathered. It is here that the Spirit fills our lives with His cloud of presence (Exodus 13:21, 40:34; 1 Kings 8:10). It is here where we meet God face to face and then are sent back into this world as the chosen people of God who now declare the praise of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Peter 2:10) and are always prepared to give the reason for the hope that is within us.

In the one holy Christian and apostolic church, the story of salvation is preached and forgiveness is granted. It is here that we stand with Moses on holy ground. It is here that we join together in the sacred place of rest with the many other religious pilgrims walking in the way of the Lord. Throughout time and throughout the world there have been and are many places considerably revered, but it matters not how far or wide one travels when the sacred space of God's rest lies so close to home. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Our Lord goes with you wherever you go, for you carry the gift of His Spirit with you at all times. May God bless and keep you this day as you continue to **Connect** with God and others, **Learn** His Word and will for your life, and **Care** for others by His grace.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

## General News

### 2025 Midweek Lent Worship Schedule

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 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, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.



### Attention Thrivent Members—“Choice Dollars” Designation

If you have not directed your 2024 Thrivent Choice Dollars, please consider directing them to “Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church” or “Calvary Lutheran School”. Visit [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 to find out if you have Choice Dollars to direct.



### “Loss of a Spouse” Program (Wed., Feb 19)

Calvary will be offering the "Loss of a Spouse" program for the first time on **Wed., Feb 19**, 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 call 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 26 - May 21)

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. **Wednesdays, Feb 26 – May 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Led by trained facilitators Mike Loudon and Roxanne Deardurff. Sessions include videos by experts in grieving, support group discussion, personal study/reflection. Open to everyone. Begin attending at any time; sessions are not sequential. Contact Mike Loudon or Roxanne Deardurff for more information.



## General News

### Save the Date—Vacation Bible School

**Mon., Jun 23—Fri., Jun 27 9:00-11:30 a.m.**

Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!



**Interested in volunteering?** Email Kara.

### 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.

### Young Adult Bible Study & Fellowship

Join us **Fri., Jan 31 at 7:00 p.m.** here at Calvary, as we dive into God's Word, enjoy some delicious pizza, play games, and spend time together as a community.

Whether you're new or a regular, we'd love for you to come and be part of this awesome evening! Here's what you can expect:



**Pizza** - because who doesn't love pizza?!

**Games** - fun, laughter, and connection

**Bible Study** - relevant teaching and discussion

**Fellowship** - great conversations & building friendships in faith

Bring a friend, your Bible, and come hungry for both pizza and spiritual growth! We can't wait to see you there!

# General News

## Family Bingo Night

The Children's Ministry Team is hosting a Family Bible Bingo Night, **Fri., Feb 21** 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 art items, games, toys, candy). Please, no adult puzzles or toddler toys. Ensure all items are new. Bring donations to the church office by **Feb 17**.

## El Salvador Mission Trip (Feb 2—Feb 9)

A team will be departing on Sun., Feb 2 to serve in El Salvador through the following Sun., Feb 9. They will be working in Citalá, located in the northernmost part of the country. During the week the team will be refurbishing play sets, working on a three classroom addition to the church and the after school program for Hope for Children. Please pray for the team as they serve and share Christ's love. Team members include: Ken Robinson, Julie Pflug, Rebecca Carow, Suresh Reddy, Cynthia Wyse, and Joe Espinal.

### February Memorials

#### ***In Memory of Jay & Mary Lou Romack:***

*Bob Romack*

#### ***In Memory of Bob Heid:***

*Helen Jo Whited*

#### ***In Memory of Chris Hiatt:***

*Stephen & Connie Hiatt*



### **Easter Lily Order Form**

\$12.00 each **Order deadline is Sunday, March 2nd**

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.*

## Adult Ministry

### **Lunch OUT! Wednesday, February 5 11:00 a.m.**

For our "First Wednesday" in February outing we're meeting at Outback Steakhouse, 7525 US 31 South..

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, February 19 11:00 a.m.**

**Presenter:** Suzanne Stanis, Indiana Landmarks

**Program:** Hoosier Hidden Gems

**Lunch:** Chick-fil-A chicken strips, potato salad, baked beans, & dessert

Suggested donation: \$5.

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



INDIANA LANDMARKS

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

Join us **Thursday, February 13** at Historic Artcraft Theatre, 57 Main St., Franklin for a free movie, popcorn, and small soda for those 55 and older. February movie is *Casablanca*. 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).



## Outreach Ministry

### **Calvary's Easter Egg Hunt**

Save the date for the Calvary Easter Egg hunt:

**Saturday, April 12, 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.



## Executive Director

### **From Your Executive Director**

The 1960s animated television series, "The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show", was known for its cultural and topical satire, with puns and dry humor. Like a variety show, it featured several segments, one known as "Peabody's Improbable History", with the time-travelers Mr. Peabody and his boy Sherman, using the Wayback Machine to meet various historic figures (but they never visited Martin Luther).

Let's use that Wayback Machine to travel back to June 1956, when President Eisenhower signed the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 into law, establishing our modern-day interstate highway system. In November of that year, the first stretch of what would become I-70 opened in Kansas. In less than 50 years from the introduction of Ford's Model T in 1908, a system of modern roads connecting state to state was now underway.

I doubt that in 1956 one would have used that stretch of I-70 with a horse and buggy, which was a standard transportation method less than 50 years earlier. Our nation had moved significantly forward with travel in less than 50 years. And in only 13 years from 1956, the United States would land on the moon. From rudimentary motorized transportation to space conquest in 60 years.

And how does that apply to Calvary? Because it's been over 50 years since we adopted what is the general form of our congregation constitution and bylaws, and with some structural tweaks we are still using those. We are trying to travel on an interstate with a horse and buggy.

I have written and spoken *ad nauseum* about the changes that have taken place in our society since we first adopted our current structure in the early 1970s. The world has vastly changed, but we are still trying to navigate it on a horse.

The way we operate today is stuck in the 1970s. Think back: rotary dial telephones. Black and white TVs with 4 local channels. No computers, no calculators, no cell phones. Gas was 16.9¢ a gallon, less during gas wars. A typical work week was 40-45 hours – many of us would be thankful if we could get back to those hours, since we are now connected via text messaging, Teams, and e-mail 24/7.

We cannot continue to run the day-to-day operations of our congregation like we did 50+ years ago. We must change our organizational structure.

But we will not change our message nor will we change our mission and vision. We will continue to Engage People In Christ. We will continue to Connect, to Learn, and to Care out of Service to God. We will continue to preach Christ Crucified, never watering down our message to cave to populist cravings. You will always hear Law and Gospel preached in our church: *Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia!*

The leaders of the congregation will be charged to begin to tackle this necessary task to change how things "run" at Calvary. It will most likely result in a different means by which we carry out our mission and vision. I don't know what that final form will be, but the end goal is to create a new structure for the next 25 years or more, as we faithfully and graciously serve God, bringing His words of salvation and grace to an increasingly skeptical and un-Christian world, as instructed by Christ in Matthew 28:16-20, the Great Commission.

In His and Your service,

Bill Laut

## The Impact of Christmas

Have you ever imagined or contemplated the world-wide impact of Christmas? The change that Christmas brings for not only the day, but for the weeks and months prior to its arrival and beyond. Schedules change for work, school, and home life. Even sleep is impacted by Christmas. Vacation days are requested, schools break for weeks, retail outlets extend their operating hours. Travel plans are arranged and prepared. This includes for both the travelers and for those arriving at their destination. Some of the busiest travel days are experienced during Christmas.

Stores are transformed. The commercial cycle explodes during Christmas. Aisles upon aisles are dedicated to Christmas. Storewide sales announcing enormous discounts fill each department. An increase in retail sales is expected.

Music fills the air with a feeling of Christmas. No other time contains the wealth of music generated as Christmas does. Sacred and secular music is heard. More Christmas albums are produced from generation to generation. Many of the Christmas songs are known by each hearer. Radio stations change their broadcast slates as Christmas songs are exclusively aired. Television shows are also impacted by Christmas. Christmas specials grace the screens. Weekly shows include Christmas emphasized episodes. Movies and more Christmas movies are shown throughout the days and nights. Hallmark has an endless Christmas movie selection on tap. Homes are decorated inside and out. Churches are decorated inside and out. Neighborhoods are transformed into spectacular light displays. Traffic fills the once quiet avenues. Some cars are seen displaying Christmas decorations.

Our diets are enriched. Special treats are baked, boiled, and broasted. Lavished dinners and parties are planned. Foods that are eaten only once a year are enjoyed and savored. Pets also enjoy special Christmas treats.

Even clothing choices are impacted by Christmas. People adorn themselves in Christmas clothing from hats to socks and everything in-between. Accessories are seen dangling from earlobes and adorning many typical jewelry locations. Even the household pet may be draped in a Christmas ensemble.

Warring nations have even ceased battles honoring Christmas truces. No other time of the year compares with the impact of Christmas.

All our decorations have been returned to the attic or basement stored away for the next 10-11 months. Stores have emptied their seasonal shelves as they offered steep discounts to liquidate the remaining Christmas items. Those inventories have been replaced with the next retail target. Music has returned to normalcy along with our schedules, food selections, and television watching. Yet all this has ignored the true reason for the impact of Christmas. Christ is born! Immanuel is with us. This holds for each of us eternal impact. We have received a precious gift that is never stored away but lives eternally to save. We carry this gift with us every day.

Yes, another Christmas has come and gone with all its impact both great and small, but God's gift of love continues to radiate from the manger enriching the lives of all those through faith that call upon His Name. May the glow of Christmas live in your heart each day as you radiate that love to others. This is our privilege each day as we share this Good News with the students and their families within the Christian Day School.

**Merry Christmas. Yes, Merry Christmas!**





# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## **Early Registration / Open Enrollment for 2025-26**

New Applications and Re-enrollment continue to be accepted through January 31 for the 2025-26 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. He can be reached at 317-783-2305, or online at [www.choosecalvary.com](http://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 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 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. Kimberly Moore to Retire**

Mrs. Kimberly has announced her retirement at the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year. We thank Kimberly for her years of dedicated service to hundreds of Calvary students during her tenure as our kindergarten and current 4th grade teacher. Kimberly has served within the Lutheran School Ministry for a combined total of 40 years. We ask the Lord to bless her as God opens new doors for her.

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

## **Open Position 2025-26 – Middle School Teacher**

With our enrollment needs an additional 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School teacher will be needed for the 2025-26 school year. We are seeking a teacher with a science background. Please submit the names of candidates that would be interested in this position to the school office.

## **Scholarship Grant Fund**

We thank and praise God for the gift of love shared by 35 individuals/ families who contributed over \$78,400.00 in 2024 towards our SGO goal of \$65,500.00. Over 150 students received scholarship grants for the 2024-25 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 to open each day with the lights shining and heat radiating. Thank you for this shared ministry.

## 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.

## Applications for Lutheran High School

Applications are open for the 2025-2026 school year. Visit [LHSI.org](http://LHSI.org) for more information!

## Saints on Stage presents *Annie*

This winter, Saints on Stage is bringing the beloved Broadway classic *Annie* to the stage, and you won't want to miss it! Featuring an incredibly talented cast and crew of over 60 students, *Annie* tells the inspiring story of a young orphan who, against all odds, transforms her life from rags to riches—teaching us all about resilience, hope, and the power of finding family in unexpected places.

The central theme of *Annie*—rags to riches—resonates deeply with audiences of all ages. At its heart, the story is about perseverance. Annie, an optimistic and determined young girl, has spent most of her life in the harsh conditions of a New York City orphanage, dreaming of a better life.

When she's chosen to spend the holiday season with the wealthy and brusque businessman Oliver Warbucks, Annie's life takes a dramatic turn. Through her infectious spirit, charm, and unshakable belief that things can get better, Annie shows us that no matter how tough life gets, there's always the possibility of a brighter tomorrow.

Join us for a night of music, laughter, and inspiration as the students of Saints on Stage present *Annie*—a story that proves that sometimes, the best things in life come when you least expect them.

*Annie* takes place February 28—March 2 in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium at Lutheran High School. Tickets will be available beginning February 1 and can be purchased at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org). Get yours before they sell out!



# Stewardship Ministry

## **February 2025 Partner in Ministry – Lutheran Hour Ministries**

The last couple of years the Stewardship Ministry Team has designated 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 (LHM)**. 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/>

Gifts received in the first quarter of this year (January through March) 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 Lutheran Hour Ministries.

## **Lenten Midweek Offering Envelopes**

Looking ahead to the Lenten offering designation, contributions received in the purple-trimmed Lent envelopes or designated as "Lent" or through online giving will benefit the work of Lutheran for Life ([lutheransforlife.org/](http://lutheransforlife.org/)) and Life Centers of Indianapolis ([lifecenters.com/](http://lifecenters.com/)). Both of these organizations are strong advocates for affirmation of the value of human life, providing both encouragement and necessary resources.

## **Thrivent Members – Did you know...**

Thrivent Members, did you know that Thrivent Financial budgets a significant amount of money each year to pay the transaction costs for gifts to charitable organizations? This includes gifts made by credit card. Each year, Thrivent budgets \$300,000 to pay online processing fees for personal donations made through Thrivent's online giving platform. Calvary is an eligible charitable organization.

## **Scholarships available for those pursuing an education in church work**

Scholarships are available for Calvary members studying to be church workers from both the Wessler Family Endowment and the Student Assistance Fund. Anyone who is considering pursuing an education in church work and would like more information on scholarship opportunities please reach out to the Stewardship Ministry Team.

## **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)**

If you are 70½ or older, you can use assets from your individual retirement account to provide a tax-free gift to your chosen charities through the qualified charitable distribution (QCD) process. Individuals can donate up to \$100,000 per year through the QCD process. This tax advantaged tool is particularly useful for those who are 73 and above and subject to required minimum distributions (RMDs) from an IRA. QCDs can be a giving option for these individuals as it satisfies required minimum distribution (RMD) requirements while potentially providing charitable contributions tax deduction benefits.

RMD withdrawals are typically considered income and subject to income taxes. But individuals can instead create a qualified charitable distribution with the RMD, where the withdrawal becomes a donation to an organization of your choice. The advantage is that as you make a contribution, you won't pay taxes on the RMD withdrawal channeled through a QCD. Please consult your tax advisor for specifics related to your personal situation.

## Compassion Ministry

### Help Us Send a Collage Care Package

Calvary currently has approximately 37 students attending college or trade school. Twice a year a care package is sent to them with snacks, misc. school supplies, kleenex, chapstick, notes of encouragement, and a Bible verse. Would you like to help us with mailing them? Cost to mail each one is approximately \$7.00. The packages will be available in the narthex beginning on Friday, January 24. We would like the packages to be mailed by February 8 to ensure they arrive before their spring break. Your help in this initiative will be a blessing to our young adults!

### Love Kits in Time for Valentine's Day

The Compassion team will have Love Kits available once again beginning the weekend of **February 8-9**. These are the same kits that were available last fall. Each kit contains 14 Bible verses with an object that is a visual reminder of the verse. Do you know someone that could benefit from the kit of encouragement? Find someone NEW to share one with, spreading love, hope, and comfort.

## 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, February 19th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



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

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to the next SAIL event on **Wednesday, February 26th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**



### Camp Lakeview Summer Camp

For 60 years, Lakeview Ministries has provided incredible faith-filled experiences for kids of all ages, while maintaining the highest standards for the safety and well-being of every person who comes to camp. Coming to camp gives you an all-access pass into life-changing fun. It builds life skills and reduces levels of stress and anxiety. It allows for deeper friendships, and most importantly, lets you experience Jesus in a way that connects with your everyday life.

Registration for the 2025 summer season at Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages is **currently open**. Programs are available for students and families of ALL AGES! For more information, or to register for camp, visit Lakeview's website at **[www.lakeview.camp](http://www.lakeview.camp)**. Come and experience the joy of camp this summer!

## Women in Mission

### Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, February 1 8:30 a.m.

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

Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, February 1st** at 8:30 a.m.

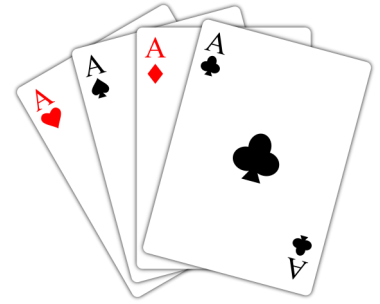


### Ladies' Pinochle Club

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.

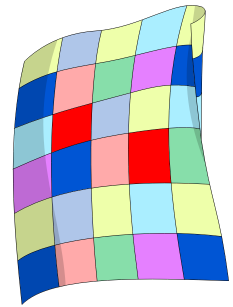
Pinochle will meet **February 10th**. Please join us.

Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



### Blankets for Babies

We're back!!!! **Tuesday, March 4** is our first meeting for 2025. It will be interesting to share what we have created these past few frigid months. All ages and skill levels are welcome. We meet in the mailbox area from 4:00- 5:30 p.m. We have ladies who will help you get started. Practice yarn and crochet hooks are available. **Our spring schedule: March 4, April 8, and May 6.** We donate our blankets to the Life Center located in the Southern Plaza Shopping Center.



Questions? Call Susan Daniels. Hope to see some new faces!

### Extravagant Sharing

Sharing food extravagantly from our hearts with those in need in our community is a way to serve our Lord. The folks who receive help from the Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry appreciate those at Calvary who support them through Extravagant Sharing. Fill the shelves across from the main church door in February with **cereal, ramen noodles, and pork and beans**. God bless all your giving hearts.



## Calvary Lutheran Church and School Financial Summary First Fiscal Quarter Ended 10/31/24

General Fund:	Current	Budget	Variance	Prior Year
YTD Revenue	\$1,290,149	\$ 1,281,267	\$ 8,882	\$1,148,457
YTD Expense	\$ 842,770	\$ 876,336	\$ (33,566)	\$ 798,823
YTD Net	\$ 447,379			
Beginning Balance	\$ 852,074			
Current Balance	\$1,299,453			
Revenue Detail:	Current	Budget	Variance	Prior Year
YTD Contributions	\$ 273,649	\$ 253,892	\$ 19,757	\$ 274,156
YTD Matching Gifts	\$ 11,452	\$ 24,135	\$ (12,683)	\$ 29,279
YTD School Gifts	\$ 16,676	\$ 23,750	\$ (7,074)	\$ 14,699
YTD Tuition and Fees	\$ 974,235	\$ 946,765	\$ 27,470	\$ 807,400
YTD Other Revenue	\$ 14,136	\$ 24,080	\$ (9,944)	\$ 22,923
Endowments:	Current	Prior Year		
Church Endowment	\$ 741,934	\$ 749,064		
YTD Disbursement	\$ 38,722			
Mission focus:	Modernization Project			
Schwark Endowment	\$ 203,380	\$ 204,153		
Schwark Annual Fund	\$ 26,917	\$ 15,723		
YTD Disbursement	\$ -			
Wessler Endowment	\$ 103,614	\$ 102,896		
Wessler Scholarship Fund	\$ 8,162	\$ 6,965		
YTD Disbursement	\$ 4,000			
Outflow to Misstions:	Amount*	Special Mission Focus		
Q1 (Aug-Oct)	\$28,436.64	Good Samaritan, Emmaus Food Pantry, Perry Township Hunger, Shepherd Community, India Mission, Wessler College Scholarships, Operation Christmas Child, Synod, LHSI, Hispanic Ministry, LCMS Disaster Response		
Q2 (Nov-Jan)				
Q3 (Feb-Apr)				
Q4 (May-Jul)				
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### February 2025

#### Live in the Light

**February 2, 2025 – The Purification of Mary and Presentation of Our Lord**

**Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer**

The forces of light and darkness have clashed since the creation of the world. Jesus brings light into every corner of creation. Do we suppress His light through ignorance and neglect? Or do we *live in the light*?

**Sermon Text: Luke 2:32**

*Readings: Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-32*

#### Holy, Holy, Holy

**February 9, 2025 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III**

We know all too well that God is holy, and we human beings are not. Isaiah also knew this, and each one of us joins with him in crying out, “Woe is me!” But Christ became sin for us, and that means for us a blessed reality here on earth and in the life to come when we will be holy!

**Sermon Text: Isaiah 6:1-8**

*Readings: Psalm 99; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11*

#### Blessed Are You

**February 16, 2025 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Rev. Thomas Eggold**

The term “blessed” is one of the most misunderstood and misused words in our cultural vocabulary. Today we find this word “blessed” coming straight from the mouth of Jesus, but the way He uses the word stands in blatant contrast to the way it's used in the world. Everything about today's Gospel lesson challenges our natural and cultural understanding of what it means to be “blessed.”

**Sermon Text: Luke 6:22**

*Readings: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:5-8; Luke 6:17-26*

#### The Baptized Life

**February 23, 2025 – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Rev. Shayne Jonker**

Our Lord Jesus Christ had mercy on us though we did not deserve it. Our ingratitude should be punished, but instead He forgave it and gave us even more. Our wickedness should be judged as worthy of hell, but He gave His own Son hell, and gave us heaven instead. Living in and under the love, grace, and mercy of God in His Son, Jesus Christ, life looks different, sinners look different, enemies look different, and love and mercy is not only possible, but natural.

**Sermon Text: Luke 6:27-28**

*Readings: Psalm 103:1-13; Genesis 45:3-15; Luke 6:27-38*

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