

CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



Church Newsletter

March 2025

From the Pastors

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17).

Here we are again! We find ourselves soon approaching another congregational call meeting for our associate pastor position on March 2nd (or perhaps we've already had it depending on when you are reading this). But one way or another we find ourselves in that time of "prayerful consideration." We bring our needs and our concerns to God asking for His guiding care as we work together as a congregation. So often we wish that God would simply beam down the answers or send us a sign (or at least a text) that might show us the way. That however is not God's standard operating procedure.

God invites us again and again to turn to His Word, to prayer, and to conversation with fellow Christians to be shaped and formed by our "prayerful consideration" of God's will for our lives. We often confuse God's will as if there is one spot that we have to be at any given moment. We worry that with one missed sign or one wrong decision followed, we might get off track and miss that turn we should have taken. The beauty is that God is constantly at work in our lives. Despite our poor decisions, our undesired sins, and our willful stubbornness, God is able to bring things together for His plans and purposes. He is weaving together the many strands of life into the intricate tapestry of His grace. From this side of history we feel like all we see is stray ends that make no sense or plan, no rhyme or reason. But from God's side of history, He sees the beautiful images that he is creating in this tapestry of life. As Paul says in his letter to the young pastor Timothy, "I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life" (1 Timothy 1:16). Our lives DISPLAY the beauty of God's grace at work. In another place, Paul reminds us of the powerful ways that God is able to work. "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:10).

So, as we congregationally enter another time of prayerful reflection and consideration, we pray for God's will to be done among us. In so doing, we don't pray that God would simply zap us with the insight to know His plans. Instead, we turn to those places where He has promised to be:

- We heed His call, as He invites us to go deeper into His Word. "*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work*" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- We hear His invitation, as we go to Him in prayer and quiet reflection. "...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).
- We patiently discern his plans, as we shape and influence one another with our mutual conversation and consolation. "*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another*" (Proverbs 27:17).

May God continue to guide us as a congregation, but may He also guide you as an individual. No matter what worries we may face or challenges we may undergo, we know that He promises to be at work in these same means of grace.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

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

Congregational Call Meeting

Join us Sun., March 2nd after the 10:45 a.m. service for the voters meeting in the church sanctuary. Candidate information is available outside each Sanctuary entry door, as well as in the church office. The Call Committee will share more information about each candidate at the meeting.

General News

2025 Midweek Lent Worship Schedule

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, March 5th 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

(Onsite & Online)

Wednesday, March 12th, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19th, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26th, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2nd, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9th, 6:30 p.m.



Ash Wednesday Worship (Mar 5 at 3:45 or 6:30 p.m.)

Midweek worship will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 5. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for these special services that help prepare our hearts and lives for the joys and sorrows of Holy Week. Invite a friend to join you, as we journey through Lent together. The 6:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed (clcs.org/videos).

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper (Wed., Mar 5)

Join the El Salvador mission team for a soup supper between the Ash Wednesday services. Dinner will be served at 4:45 p.m. The menu includes vegetable soup, chicken noodle soup, mac 'n cheese, applesauce, yeast rolls, desserts and drinks. A free will offering will support Calvary's work in El Salvador.

Lenten Midweeks "Calling Us Home (1 Peter)"

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Mar 12 through Apr 9)

1 Peter is only 105 verses, but it is rich with guidance and encouragement for our journey through an increasingly secular world. Each week God's word will challenge us and comfort us, as we journey toward the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father, who is "Calling Us Home". Join us this week:

Mar 12 - "Holy, Wholly Holy" (1 Peter 1:15-17)

Mar 19 - "Peculiar" (1 Peter 2:9-10)

Mar 26 - "Suffering" (1 Peter 2:20-25)

Apr 2 - "Blessed and Blessing" (1 Peter 3:8-17)

Apr 9 - "Graced toward Glory" (1 Peter 5:6-11)

General News

Daylight Savings Time (March 9 at 2:00 a.m.)

"Spring forward you must or late to church you will be." Set your clocks forward one hour the night before **Sunday, March 9.**

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!



To register or volunteer, visit clcs.org/vbs2025, use this QR code, or contact Kara Hiatt.

Egg-filling Fun Day! Tuesday, April 1 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Adult volunteers are needed to assist school kids to fill plastic eggs for Calvary's big Easter egg hunt. No experience needed! We'll be working with lower grade students filling and counting eggs. Outreach Ministry is providing all the supplies, and has a goal of 4,000 eggs for the hunt on April 1. If you can serve for an hour or more, please come join the fun. Park in the north lot and enter at Door #1.



March Memorials

In Memory of Gerald Kiesling:

Larry & Sara Jupin, Pat & Don Meyer, Phyllis Birdwell



Portals of Prayer Renewal/Order Form

It is time to order or renew your subscription to Portals of Prayer—a daily devotion book.

Name _____ **PH#** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (\$9.10 regular print; \$17.50 large print) Make checks to "Calvary."

Drop forms off in the church office by March 24th.



CIM NEWSLETTER

January 2025

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I am so happy to greet you all through our newsletter. The Lord has done great things through Calvary India Mission in 2024. I had a blessed trip to India in July. Visiting our mission work in India is always a great blessing! I am very thankful to Calvary Lutheran Church and Mount Olive Lutheran Church for their continuous support. We had a wonderful Christmas celebration in our tailoring and tutoring centers. God has richly blessed the students in all our mission centers and given them an opportunity to receive the love of Christ through Calvary India Mission. I am grateful to God for the healing process as I got multiple fractures in a car accident in November. I do appreciate all your prayers and love.

From the leaders of Calvary India Mission, staff, students and trainees, we bring you heartfelt wishes for a Happy New Year 2025! I do pray and wish you all to receive blessings from Jesus as we remember Him during this festival season. We wish this year to be a year where God is our guide and focus. Let His mercies be upon us. May God bless you all!!!

**In His Mission,
Pastor Udhayanesan Raji**



May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. Psalms 20:4



View full January newsletter online at:

<https://www.clcs.org/news/detail/calvary-india-mission-newsletter-january-2025--607358/>

Adult Ministry

Lunch OUT! Wednesday, March 5 11:00 a.m.

For our "First Wednesday" in March outing we're meeting at Murphy's Pub, located at 6120 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis.

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, March 19 11:00 a.m.

Presenter: Barb Miller, Senior Medicare Patrol

Program: How to avoid scams

Lunch: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Dessert

Suggested donation: \$5.

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

Adult Ministry Upcoming Movie Outings

Join us **Thursday, March 27th** at Historic Artcraft Theatre, 57 Main St., Franklin for a free movie, popcorn, and small soda for those 55 and older. March movie is *Rear Window* starring Jimmy Stewart & Grace Kelly. 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).

Additional free senior movie dates are: May 1, July 17, Sept 4, and Dec 11.

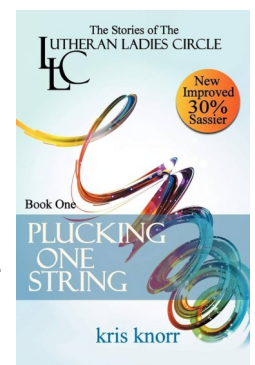


"Lutheran Ladies" Book Study Sunday, April 6

Please join us in the church library on **Sunday, April 6th** at 9:25 a.m. to discuss the book "Lutheran Ladies Circle #1—Plucking One String" by Kris Knorr.

If you're looking for a sweet book about dealing with change--this isn't it. But you will laugh, and maybe even learn something about yourself, as a cast of lively characters carry you through conflicted times.

The Lutheran Ladies are sassy, have strong-spined opinions, and have stepped out of your office, your kid's soccer club, or your church to live on these pages. They deal with change--sometimes poorly--but with humor and heartache, they're on life's journey.



Executive Director

From Your Executive Director

One of the challenging things in writing a monthly letter is how to make it relevant, and sometimes topical to what is going on around us. For example, I am writing this in early February to meet the deadline for our March issue. A lot could change between when this is written and when it is published and read.

One thing that will not change is what a tumultuous winter we had with bitter cold temperatures in January combined with multiple snow events. Honestly, this winter has been like that unwelcome relative who came to visit and didn't know when to leave. I suspect most of us were tired of that visitation by the end of week 2, if not sooner.

But we can now finally welcome Spring, which begins March 20th. Although we might still have snow and cold days, we take relief knowing Winter is behind us: the flowers are poking up through the ground, trees are beginning to bud, the grass is starting to turn green, and hours of daylight are ever-increasing. Welcome, Spring – and welcome to our visitors.

I have been fortunate to visit numerous LCMS congregations over the years, either while working at Lutheran Child and Family Services, traveling on business, or on vacation. From one of our original Synod churches, St. Lorenz in Frankenmuth, to our local congregations, to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Greenville SC, Island Lutheran in Hilton Head SC and Fountain of Life in Tucson AZ; from Peace Lutheran in Tifton GA to St. Lukes in Oviedo FL and First Lutheran in Clearwater FL, I always felt welcome joining them for worship. One of these, First Lutheran, even carries us on their "permanent visitor" roster.

So, we welcome those who are visiting us this Spring during the Lenten and Easter seasons!

We've been talking quite a bit about our values over the past 2 years. We **CARE** about our congregation and our community. We **LEARN** to not only grow in our faith but to help others grow in their own. Where we sometimes struggle is how we **CONNECT** – not in our congregation, but in our community and with our visitors. If there is a visitor at our 8:00 service, I know there are usually two or three members who will make the effort to greet and introduce themselves to the person. The rest? I don't know.

Christ reminds us in Matthew that He will separate the sheep from the goats, specifically ". . . I was a stranger and you welcomed me," (25:35b). He goes on to give additional examples of how we give **SERVICE** to Him by serving others. Welcoming is as good a place as any to start!

I'll admit it's easy to say or think "oh, someone else will welcome them" when we have a visitor. That's just not good enough. If we are a church that truly believes in our mission to Engage People In Christ, then we need to do just that: Engage those who visit. Meet them. Get to know them. Ask, and encourage them to come back – and if possible, even give them a call or text to remind them.

I suspect someone reading this is thinking "here comes another discussion about greeting people" were thrown off by the preceding paragraph. It's not enough to just greet someone and then call it a day. We must – repeat – must look for ways to engage visitors at Calvary, enabling them to grow in Christ. Our visitors are seeking, we have the answer: Jesus Christ. Our visitors are truly the future of our congregation as what one would call "organic growth" from existing families is decreasing as our members die, move away, or have fewer children.

AT&T used to run an advertising campaign "reach out and touch someone." Let's be a 2025 version of that AT&T ad, by reaching out to our visitors, helping them become engaged at Calvary as Christians, as though our future depends on it.

Because it does.

In His and Your service,

Bill Laut

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

#1 MISSION--JOB #1!!

10..9..8..7..6..5..4..3..2..1....BLAST OFF!!! Apollo 11 begins her mission to the moon. "The Eagle has landed." The date was July 20th, 1969. President John F. Kennedy challenged America to have a man on the moon by the end of the decade. This was motivated in part because the Soviet Union had already launched a man into space. The space age was exploding into distances yet unexplored. What is your #1 mission? What is your job #1? We all have varied missions and jobs that top our priority list. One common thread that touches all our lives is our children. God has blessed us with children. God calls us to raise our children in faith in Him. This is our #1 mission and #1 job. This mission begins in the home. At Calvary Lutheran Church and School we support and assist you in this very important mission. Our desire is to promote, assist, and defend your mission. This mission extends to eternity.

As Neil Armstrong's foot descended on to the moon's surface he uttered these words, "One small step for man, and one giant leap for mankind." The journey to the moon took small steps forward and also failures sending the program backwards. Perhaps you feel that way on your mission as well. God is beside your journey and is upholding it. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's footprints are still on the surface of the moon. God imprints His mark upon each of us. He has our names engraved on the palms of His hand. This is our #1 Mission and Job #1. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that faith is created and nurtured.

10..9..8..7..6..5..4..3..2..1...BLAST Off in His Name!! Blessings on your #1 Mission and Job #1.

We thank God for the prayers and support of our congregation as the doors to our school have proclaimed the #1 Mission—Job #1 message of salvation for 75 years. Praise God for His giving and serving people.

Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Registration 2025-26

Registration for the 2025-26 school year continues. Registrations received will allow us to better prepare for the new school year. Staffing needs, equipment, facilities, and classroom assignments will be determined and finalized based on the enrollment numbers through this registration process. A few grade levels have already reached capacity. Families are urged to act as soon as possible to ensure an open seat.

Families re-enrolling for the new school year may do so through FACTS. You are asked to meet Ms. Brannon, our bookkeeper, in the school office to complete all financial paperwork. Your re-enrollment is not complete until BOTH the online and financial portion are done. Please contact the school office with any questions. We would be happy to help!

Please contact the school office with the names of neighbors, coworkers, and friends that may be interested in sending their children to Calvary Lutheran School. Jason Scheidt, our Director of Admissions, will be happy to share the blessings of a quality, Christian education with all interested families. We share and extend this ministry to our Indianapolis Community as well.

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

CHOICE Student Scholarship Application Window Opens March 3rd

Calvary Lutheran School will begin accepting CHOICE student applications on Monday, March 3rd. Students that are enrolled for the 2025-26 school year may apply. Household income and size will guide this application process. For example, a family of four may have an adjusted 2024 gross income tax reported of \$230,000 and qualify for a CHOICE scholarship. Please contact the school office with any questions. We will be happy to assist you with this process.

Second Trimester completed

The second trimester was completed on Friday, February 21st. Report cards were emailed on Thursday, February 27th. We commend to the Lord all who teach and learn in this place for their tremendous efforts.

Spring Vacation

Calvary Lutheran School will be closed for spring vacation beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21st. Our first day off is Monday, March 24th. School will resume on Monday, March 31st. We ask the Lord to be with all those who travel during this vacation period.

IREAD3 Testing

Students in our 2nd & 3rd grades will take the IREAD 3 test the weeks of March 3-14. 2nd graders will take the test as a means of assessment for 3rd grade. All 2nd graders that pass the IREAD 3 test will not be required to retake it when they arrive in 3rd grade. This test will be administered online. We desire the students to do their best on these tests. Please assist them by providing early bedtimes and nutritious breakfasts. Studies have also shown that limiting video games for one-two weeks prior to the testing will improve scores. Thank you.

Save the Date—Saturday & Sunday, May 3-4

Mrs. Kimberly Moore has announced her retirement at the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year. We thank God for her years of serving in the teaching ministry. A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, May 3rd. Light refreshments will be provided in the gymnasium. Kimberly will also be recognized during the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. services on Sunday, May 4th. A reception and fellowship celebration will be held in the gymnasium between services from 9:15-10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Be sure to save the date as we gather to give thanks for Kimberly and the lives that she has touched with God's love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Daylight Saving Time

Get ready to spring forward at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 9th. That's right! We push our clocks forward one hour. Rest up!



Athletic Director, Tom Fichum is retiring - Now accepting applications

Tom Finchum has announced his plans to retire as Athletic Director of Lutheran High School in Indianapolis at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Tom has served LHS since 1991 with previous education and coaching experience at Brownsburg (7yrs) and Greenfield Central (3yrs). Tom has worked tirelessly to grow the athletic programs for the Saints who, during his administration, have amassed 86 sectional, 37 regional, 12 semi-state, and 7 state championships. Tom is well known in the State of Indiana for his leadership as an athletic director and his service to the Lutheran High School community. Tom will be recognized for his service and leadership with a program and reception at Lutheran High School on April 27 (more details to come). Any candidate interested in applying for this full-time Athletic Director position should submit a cover letter and resume to Kelle Johnson. Position qualifications can be found at <https://www.lhsi.org/about-lhs/employment.cfm>

Saints on Stage presents Annie

This winter, Saints on Stage is bringing the beloved Broadway classic *Annie* to the stage! 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.



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 can be purchased at [lhsi.org](https://www.lhsi.org). Get yours before they sell out!

Compassion Ministry

College Care Packages

Thank you to our Calvary family! We thank you for taking one or a few of the care packages last month from the table in the lobby and mailing them to our college students. The care packages included snack items, a “Pass-it-on” Bible verse card, as well as a hand written note to encourage them as they study. The students are blessed by you!

“Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.” Psalm 55:22a

Upcoming Bible Study

Upcoming “Into the Word” Series

Applying the Psalms to our Christian Life (Mar 9 – Apr 13)

Starting March 9, join us for a 6-week study on various Psalms and how they apply to our daily life. We will look at Psalms of Comfort, Confession, Adoration, Worship, and others. (Rm 125 – Bill Wittlief)

Stewardship Ministry

Calvary's March 2025 Partners in Ministry and Lenten Envelope Gift Recipients – Lutherans for Life and Life Centers

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's are **Lutherans for Life** and **Life Centers**. For a complete list of Calvary Partners in Ministry please visit the "Partners" page at our website.

<https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

Lutherans For Life exists to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We do this through our quarterly journal, "LifeDate," countless resources produced for local congregations, Life Sunday materials, speaking and preaching, online Chats 4Life, Frontline conference calls, Life Teams, Life Chapters, and Life Advocates, as well as national and regional conferences.

<https://lutheransforlife.org/>

Life Centers is an Indianapolis based organization whose mission is to affirm the value of life by providing a network of care to those experiencing pregnancy-related decisions and by compassionately presenting biblical truth resulting in changed lives to the glory of God. <https://lifecenters.com/>

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/) and **Life Centers of Indianapolis** (lifecenters.com/).

First Quarter Mission Envelope Gifts – Lutheran Hour Ministries

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. 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/>

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.

Outreach Ministry

JOIN US FOR OUR
**EASTER
 EGG HUNT!**

11 AM - 1:30 PM
 APRIL 12, 2025



All
 Free!

Egg
 Hunt
 @12:30

Puppet Show
 Bounce Houses
 Petting Zoo

Hot Dogs,
 chips, and
 drinks!

Volunteers Needed! Contact Marv Hansen
 marvin.m.hansen@gmail.com 317-358-7733

Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 S Shelby St

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, March 12th 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, March 19th 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. Come and experience the joy of camp this summer!

Women in Mission

Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, March 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, March 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.

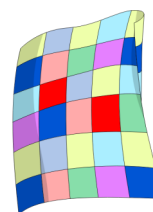
Pinochle will meet **March 10th**. Please join us.

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

We often hear, "God provides," and He uses our service and donations to provide for many hungry, needy people in need of support. Thank you again to all who support Extravagant Sharing through generous donations which are delivered to Emmaus Lutheran's Food Pantry. In addition to the needs for food, there is a need for hygiene products by those struggling to make "ends meet." In the month of **MARCH** please fill the Extravagant Sharing shelves with **tooth paste, soap, deodorant, shampoo**. Of course, **cereal** is always a great donation too. Thanks to everyone who supports the needs of others by placing your donations on the shelves across from the center church aisle.



Calvary Lutheran Church and School Financial Summary Second Fiscal Quarter Ended 1/31/25

General Fund:	Current	Budget	Variance	Prior Year
YTD Revenue	\$1,822,848	\$ 1,758,645	\$ 64,202	\$1,578,803
YTD Expense	\$1,587,104	\$ 1,742,751	\$ (155,647)	\$1,479,526
YTD Net	\$ 235,744			
Beginning Balance	\$ 852,074			
Current Balance	\$1,087,818			
Revenue Detail:	Current	Budget	Variance	Prior Year
YTD Contributions	\$ 603,937	\$ 585,622	\$ 18,315	\$ 580,453
YTD Matching Gifts	\$ 12,023	\$ 24,135	\$ (12,112)	\$ 29,279
YTD School Gifts	\$ 63,074	\$ 47,500	\$ 15,574	\$ 65,196
YTD Tuition and Fees	\$1,088,435	\$ 1,064,254	\$ 24,182	\$ 865,712
YTD Other Revenue	\$ 55,378	\$ 37,134	\$ 18,243	\$ 38,163
Endowments:	Current	Prior Year		
Church Endowment	\$ 747,141	\$ 754,108		
YTD Disbursement	\$ 38,722			
Mission focus:	Modernization Project			
Schwark Endowment	\$ 206,247	\$ 205,517		
Schwark Annual Fund	\$ 18,344	\$ 16,223		
YTD Disbursement	\$ 8,573			
Wessler Endowment	\$ 104,366	\$ 104,640		
Wessler Scholarship Fund	\$ 8,162	\$ 6,965		
YTD Disbursement	\$ 4,000			
Outflow to Missstions:	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)	\$24,196.08	Good Samaritan, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Schwark School Scholarships, Synod, LHSI, Hispanic Ministry, Lutheran Public Radio, Shepherd Community, Indiana LCMS, Worship Anew, Mission Central, Campus Outreach		
Q3 (Feb-Apr)				
Q4 (May-Jul)				
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March 2025

Changed by the Mountain

March 2, 2025 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Rev. William Mueller

Transfiguration Sunday is the day to remember the moment Jesus revealed His glory to Peter, James, and John. It was high upon a mountain. Two other “mountain climbers” – Moses and Elijah – appeared with the quartet. The account of Moses’ death upon Mt. Nebo, and his reappearance with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, invites us to see how we, too, are changed by the mountain.

Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 *Readings: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Luke 9:28-36*

It Is Written

March 9, 2025 – First Sunday in Lent

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Jesus, the sinless Son of God, took upon Himself all of our sins and paid the price for our forgiveness, in full, on Calvary’s cross. Jesus resisted Satan’s temptations and, in so doing, showed us how we, too, can resist. We turn to God’s Holy Word and rebuke Satan saying, “It is written.”

Sermon Text: Luke 4:1-13 *Readings: Psalm 91:1-13; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13*

Celestial Civics

March 16, 2025 – Second Sunday in Lent

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Lent powerfully reminds us that we don’t belong here, that we hold heavenly citizenship. Today we learn of the privileges and responsibilities, the pitfalls and opportunities, of celestial citizenship.

Sermon Text: Philippians 3:20 *Readings: Psalm 4; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35*

Discipline From the Lord

March 23, 2025 – Third Sunday in Lent

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

We are all sinners. This means that, at times, we will receive discipline from the Lord. But rejoice! This discipline comes from the love of God and is for our good. This is corrective discipline; it is blessed discipline.

Sermon Text: Psalm 85 *Readings: Psalm 85; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9*

The Prodigal Father

March 30, 2025 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Rev. Thomas Eggold

When we return to our Lord in our sin, our heavenly Father is always there, arms wide open, ready to restore us to the family. Our sin is great and deserves nothing but punishment, but His grace is greater. Despite our sin, He continues to love us, He continues to seek us out, and He continues to deal with us with the love and mercy made possible in Jesus.

Sermon Text: Luke 15:11b *Readings: Psalm 32; Isaiah 12:1-6; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

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