

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



# Church Newsletter

April 2025

## *From the Pastors*

### **Worldly Appearances and Gospel Truth**

*"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."*

**Colossians 4:5-6**

In the book *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis tells the story of two demons, who discuss how best to lead a particular human away from Christianity, the Church, and their great Enemy—God. The book is a rather clever way to deepen our understanding of the temptations that we undergo in our daily lives. A portion that I found most insightful is a dialogue where the wiser demon, Screwtape, advises the younger, Wormwood, on how to use the Church to drive this Christian away from the Church!

*"When he gets to his pew and looks around him, he sees just that selection of his neighbors whom he has hitherto avoided. You want to lean pretty heavily on those neighbors. Make his mind flit to and fro between an expression like 'the body of Christ' and the actual faces in the next pew. It matters little, of course, what kind of people that next pew really contains. You may know one of them to be a great warrior on the Enemy's [i.e. God's] side. No matter. Provided that any of those neighbors sing out of tune, or have boots that squeak, ... or odd clothes, he will quite easily believe that their religion must therefore be somehow ridiculous" (p. 6).*

Do we at times have a hard time seeing spiritual significance despite physical appearances? Are we too easily distracted with the things of this world to see the deeper things of God at play? There is a gap that is observed between appearances and truth. Too often we forget that Christians are both saint **and** sinner. We are the forgiven and beloved children of God, and yet we are also still those who are daily "poor miserable sinners. We do not always reflect God's light in our "moral" goodness, but we do have a unique and powerful chance to reflect God's light in our personal experiences of grace. The Apostle Paul says that even though he was the chief of sinners, he proclaims that, "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). Do you see the primary testimony of your life, as one that gives thanks for God's undeserved grace and steadfast love? My testimony tends to be a list of places that I messed up and God's grace cleaned up and covered up. My testimony doesn't often point to how many things I've done right. Instead, it points to how many times God has shown unlimited patience, unrelenting forgiveness, and unending love.

There is a gap between "appearances" and "realities" when it comes to individual Christians and the collective group of Christians called the Church. Paul describes the church as the 'body of Christ'—a group knit together as one functioning body with each member playing an essential role. And yet we know that the "body" of the church does not always function as it should. We have "aches and pains" within our relationships, as well as our "strains and stresses" within our unity and our witness in Christ, and yet Paul reminds us that even though our unity in the body of Christ is imperfect, we are still serving as a witness to those around us. Some of our most powerful testimonies as the people of God can often be moments when we point to God's grace in our brokenness, God's forgiveness in our mistakes, God's welcome in our failures. We currently walk by faith, not by sight. We live in the tension between what is visible and invisible. We lead lives both as saints and sinners. And yet, despite all of these tensions, we recognize that God is using our lives and our relationships to reflect the love, forgiveness, and grace that He has for us and for all.

We are a church that emphasizes Connecting, Learning, and Caring, all for the sake of Serving the mission of Christ. Where is God inviting you to let your light shine? Where is God inviting your testimony to tell of His "perfect patience" for imperfect people? Where is God calling you back to the good news that in Christ Jesus you are fully known and fully loved by Him who created you, redeemed you, and even right now is in the process of making you holy.

May God grant to you this day and every day His blessed peace. Amen.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

# General News



## 2025 Holy Week Worship Schedule

### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 17<sup>th</sup> 3:45 p.m. with communion  
 \*\*April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. with communion



### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 18<sup>th</sup> 2:15 p.m.—Calvary School Chapel (*All welcome*)  
 \*\*April 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.—Service of Darkness (No communion)

### EASTER (VIGIL) SATURDAY SERVICE

April 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. (traditional)

### EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

\*\*April 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. (traditional with choir and handbells)  
 \*\*April 20<sup>th</sup> 10:45 a.m. (contemporary)

\*\* = denotes those services livestreamed. Visit [clcs.org/videos](http://clcs.org/videos).

## **Lenten Midweeks “Calling Us Home (1 Peter)”**

### **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (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 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)

## **Maundy Thursday Congregational Meal (April 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:45—6:15 p.m.)**

The Spiritual Care team invites you and your family to a delicious meal between the two Maundy Thursday services. Come and connect with others on this night that Jesus gathered his disciples around the table and called them to love one another. A freewill offering will support the work of our Wycliffe missionaries, as they prepare to return overseas for their continued mission work. We will be serving soup, bread, salad, and assorted desserts.

## **Easter Sunday Breakfast**

Our youth are excited to offer a light breakfast on Easter morning, **Sun, April 20<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. This meal will be served in the gym and will include pastries, fruit, coffee, and juice. No cost to attend. However, a free will offering will be received to support the senior high youth attending this summer's mission trip to New Orleans, LA.

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## 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](https://clcs.org/vbs2025), use this QR code, or contact Kara Hiatt.

## GriefShare (Wednesdays through May 22)

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

## 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.



## 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.**

## General News

### Looking to serve? Do you have a name to suggest?

Calvary's Nominations Committee is beginning its work of recruiting volunteers for our congregation's ministry teams and leadership positions. If you would like to volunteer or have a suggestion of someone who would be a good fit for a position, please let us know. Contact Kara Hiatt.

### Community Garden Sign-Up

Spring is getting closer every day and as the ground warms up and the grass turns green, it's time to think about the Community Garden. Garden Plots are about 10'x20'. The cost is \$20 per plot. You do the planting, and you do the cultivating while water is provided on site. **Contact Pastor Art** to reserve your plot.

The Community Garden Committee is Jake Allen, Mark Jung, Wayne Mayo, Joe Pluckebaum, Jim Richert, Art Wehrmeister, Paul Woodburn. Planting starts between mid-April to mid-May.

Community Garden produce benefits Hunger, Inc and Emmaus Food Pantry.



### CLCS Staff Breakfast

As a Thank You to the Calvary Church and School Staff for all they do to support the Calvary congregation and students, the Compassion Ministry Team hosted a breakfast on Tuesday, March 18th. We hope the snacks and treats expressed what a blessing they are and how much we appreciate them!

### Calvary's 10th Annual Run/Walk/Ride (RWR) Event

We've hit a milestone this year of encouraging our students, families and community to participate in healthy activities like running, walking and riding while also raising a cumulative total of over \$250,000 to provide educational materials for our students. Can you help to make this year our biggest year ever? Our greatest needs are sponsors to offset the cost of the event and donors to help us reach our financial goals for this year. But the help doesn't end there. We have lots of opportunities for serving. Whether you can send out a mailing or volunteer at one of the events, we need you! If you would like more information about the events or ways to help, contact Dawn Schultz. Community Walk is **Sat., Apr 26**. Bike Rodeo is **Fri., May 2**.



## Adult Ministry

### **Lunch OUT! Wednesday, April 2 11:00 a.m.**

For our "First Wednesday" in April outing we're meeting at Wild Eggs, 1279 N. Emerson Avenue, Greenwood.



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, April 16 11:00 a.m.**

**Presenter:** Chris Brandon and Jen Gruver, O'Riley Brandon Funeral Home

**Program:** Funeral planning and provided services

**Lunch:** Will be catered by O'Riley Branson

Suggested donation: \$5.

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

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

Join us **Thursday, May 1** at Historic Artcraft Theatre, 57 Main St., Franklin for a free movie, popcorn, and small soda for those 55 and older. May movie is 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).

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

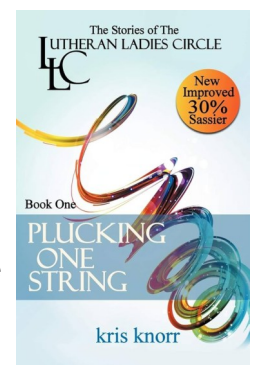


### **"Lutheran Ladies" Book Study Sunday, April 6**

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**

I saw an interesting number a few days ago: 3,125. That's how many miles some biblical scholars estimate Christ walked during his ministry. That's a pretty impressive number, no matter how one looks at it – roughly, a trip from Detroit to Key West Florida and back. Now, another number: 600. This is the estimated distance in meters from Pilate's judgment hall to Golgotha, where Jesus was crucified, slightly more than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of a mile. And a smaller number: 90, the estimated distance in meters from Golgotha to His tomb. Slightly less than football field!

Imagine a circle drawn around our building with a radius of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of a mile. It might seem at first to be a long distance, but from Calvary to Southport High School is further away. In fact, our circle would roughly extend west to the Little League diamonds, north to Gilbert Avenue, east to Madison Avenue, and south to just north of Banta. Using our high school geometry, we have a circumference of approximately 2.1 miles (remember  $C=2\pi r$ ?).

Think how many people and families live inside this circle. Probably about 200 or so houses, 2.3 people per household – or somewhere between 400-500 people. Some of the more recent Pew and Gallup surveys suggest that 30% of Americans no longer profess to be Christian. And according to the most recent data from the Public Religion Research Institute, 51% of adults in Indiana say they never or seldom attend church or religious services – a result in the growing number of those who say they have no religious affiliation.

Let this sink in for a minute: in a small area around Calvary, it is very likely that as many as 150-200 people have no religious, let alone Christian affiliation. And 200 or more of these neighbors never or seldom attend church or religious services. They probably drive by our building on a regular basis – and keep driving.

How do we reach these neighbors? We talk of Engaging People in Christ, yet there are many of our neighbors who are not engaged for one reason or another, a mirror of society at large.

We need to find new ways of being a Christian Lutheran congregation to reach these neighbors. We must seek new methods and programs to show our neighbors that we **CARE** about them. That we want to **CONNECT** to and with them. That we want to help them **LEARN** about Christ. And by being Servant Leaders, we do things to **SERVE**, to glorify and edify God.

Whether we like it or not, most people have little to no idea what it means that we are Lutheran, and they especially don't know what it means that we are LCMS. We know who we are – Christians who adhere to the Lutheran Confessions and have a passion for God's Word and His world. Now, we need to be certain our neighbors and our community knows who we are.

This means we need to think about the distance between us and our neighbors, and how to close and eliminate that gap. It may be 100'. It might be 400 yards. It could be a mile or two. Or more.

Then again, maybe not even four feet, just across the aisle. (Yes, that close.) Even closer, sitting next to you in a chair or in a pew.

A neighbor, seeking to learn. Now is the time to show our care and help them connect. All it takes is for you to personally connect to and with them.

So, what's stopping you?

In His and Your service,

Bill Laut

# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## **Pot Holes**

'Tis the season for potholes. I wonder if anyone has created a Pothole song? How's this one-

### **The Fifth Season** (Sung to Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Swerving, dodging, slowing down  
Takes your smile and turns a frown.  
Potholes, potholes everywhere  
As you motor take great care.  
Swerving, dodging, slowing down  
Takes your smile and turns a frown.

Potholes seem to grow in number and depth every day this time of year. Freezing, thawing, and freezing again is the perfect recipe for the development of potholes. These potholes do create obstacles and safety hazards. Crews work to help fill the potholes if only temporarily.

"Potholes" could be applied to our everyday life as well. What is a "pothole" that you are experiencing in life today? Concerns and problems seem to grow as well when not properly filled in. When we attempt to fill in our own "potholes" they seem to only prove to reopen again at times even bigger and deeper. When we take our "potholes" to God, He fills them with His love and grace. We take it to the Lord in prayer. God's love is a season that is eternal.

As we continue our journey through Lent to Calvary's cross and the darkness of Good Friday, we rejoice in the empty tomb of Easter as Jesus rose triumphantly. Through His Resurrection we have the sure hope that all of life's "potholes" are covered by His precious blood. This earthly 'Fifth Season' has been eliminated through Christ's redemptive love. We sing an ALLELUIA!

The next time you avoid a pothole as you drive, remember God's love which fills your heart and overflows to others as you demonstrate Faith in Action.

## **2025-26 School Registration**

Registrations for the 2025-26 school year are currently being accepted. Staffing and other needs are being planned as we open the doors to a new school year in August. Please contact the school office for additional information. Inquiries are to be directed to our Director of Admissions, Mr. Jason Scheidt.

## **National Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 1 is the National Day of Prayer. Chapel will be held on this day beginning at 8:15 a.m. We are so blessed to live in a country where freedom allows for a day such as this. Every day is a day of prayer. We take it to the Lord.

## **ILEARN State Test Window**

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will take the ILEARN test between April 14 – May 9. Students will be taking their ILEARN tests online using their chrome books. We thank our Tech Committee, Dustin Smith, and SCG Technologies for their expertise and efforts enabling this to occur.

## **Easter Monday- No School**

Calvary will be closed on Monday, April 21 for Easter Monday. This day is established to help assist families with Easter travels. There will be no onsite attendance on that day.





## Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

### **Calvary Lutheran School Fine Arts Fair**

All are invited to our Fine Arts Fair to be held onsite on Thursday, April 24 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Stroll through the building as you visit the exhibition hallways displaying student artwork. Come to hear our student choirs and bands perform. Come for an evening of fun, fellowship, food, and fine arts. The specific evening's scheduled will be shared as plans are finalized.

### **Save the Date**

Our School Walk-a-Thon is scheduled for Friday, May 2. More information regarding this event will be communicated as it is known.

### **Retirement Celebration for Mrs. Kimberly Moore**

We gather in celebration for the Lord's blessings found in the years of dedicated and faithful service by Mrs. Kimberly Moore. Save the date for Saturday and Sunday, May 3/4. A reception will be held in the gymnasium on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Kimberly will be recognized during the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. worship services on Sunday, May 4. A reception will be held in the gymnasium between services from 9:15-10:30 a.m. All are invited to greet Kimberly thanking her for her service to hundreds of students and their families.

In Thanksgiving to God  
Calvary Lutheran Church and School  
cordially invite you to join in celebrating  
the retirement of  
*Mrs. Kimberly Moore*

### **Recognition and Reception**

Calvary Lutheran Church and School  
6111 Shelby Street, Indianapolis

**Saturday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments in the gymnasium**

**Sunday, May 4 at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. worship services**

Reception, fellowship, and refreshments in the gym between services

### **Holy Week- April 13-18**

The students and staff will join throughout Holy Week as we trace the steps of Jesus on His path to Calvary. School will be in session on Good Friday. We will gather in the Lord's House for a special chapel service at 2:15 p.m. Following the service, the students are dismissed in silence as we consider Jesus' sacrifice for our sins.

**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.

**Nominations sought - LHS Alumnus of the Year**

LHS is seeking nominations for the 2024-2025 Alumnus of the Year. Criteria for the award are: an active faith and involvement in the church; consistent service and leadership in their local community; and a record of achievement in their chosen profession. Nominate an alumnus at [lhsi.org](https://lhsi.org).

**Girls Tennis Assistant Coach**

Lutheran High School is immediately hiring a qualified girls tennis assistant coach. Interested individuals should email athletic director Tom Finchum as soon as possible.

**Girls Soccer Coaching Position**

Lutheran High School has a girl's soccer head coaching position opening. Any qualified and interested candidates should email athletic director Tom Finchum by April 3rd.

**The Salvatore and Marjorie Gioe Memorial Scholarship**

The \$1,000 - \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to a Lutheran High School graduate or senior with plans to enroll in undergraduate studies at a Lutheran college or university, or seminary for the preaching ministry, teaching ministry, or other full-time parish worker position. See more information and apply for the scholarship at [LHSI.org](https://lhsi.org). *Please submit applications by April 15.*

**The Henry Arnold Kespohl Scholarship**

The Kespohl Scholarship is a \$1,500 merit award based on a student's record of achievement and potential in the areas of academics, community/church service and character. It is available to a student planning to enroll at Lutheran High School for the upcoming academic year holding membership in one of the Greater Indianapolis Association of Lutheran Churches. See more information and apply for the scholarship at [LHSI.org](https://lhsi.org). *Please submit applications by April 15.*

**The Denecke Scholarship**

The Denecke Scholarship is awarded to a Lutheran High School graduating senior or Lutheran High School graduate pursuing an education degree with a Lutheran Teacher's Diploma at a Concordia school with the intent to teach at a Lutheran elementary or secondary education institution. *Apply at [LHSI.org](https://lhsi.org) by April 15.*

# Stewardship Ministry

## **Calvary's 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/](http://lutheransforlife.org/)) and **Life Centers of Indianapolis** ([lifecenters.com/](http://lifecenters.com/)).

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Wednesday, April 23rd 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, April 30th 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, April 5 8:30 a.m.

This month's study will be from the Lutheran Women's Spring 2025 Quarterly and shared by everyone.

Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, April 5th** at 8:30 a.m.

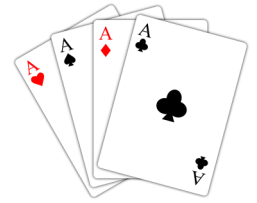


### Ladies' Pinochle Club

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 **April 14th**. Please join us.

Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.

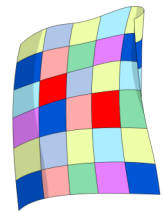


### Blankets for Babies

We're back!!!! **Tuesday, April 8th** is our next meeting. 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 May date is **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

In February, 307 households benefitted from Calvary's donations to the Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry. The Extravagant Sharing shelves across from the main church doors are filled with your generous donations from your caring hearts. In **April**, please fill those shelves with **PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY!** Boxes of **cereal** are always needed and appreciated. Please continue to express your support and care for our community through your extravagant sharing. Pray also for God to bless the households receiving help and all those who give their time and energy for the organization needed to distribute donations. **THANK YOU!**





### **SUGGESTED ITEMS:**

- 1) Books
- 2) Movies
- 3) Music
- 4) Tools
- 5) Garden
- 6) Sports Gear
- 7) Small Appliances
- 8) Kitchen
- 9) Glassware / Dishes
- 10) Crafts
- 11) Holiday
- 12) Linens
- 13) Antiques

- 14) Games
- 15) Toys
- 16) Baby Items
- 17) Pet Supplies
- 18) Musical Instruments
- 19) Home Furnishings
- 20) Furniture
- 21) Home Health
- 22) Purses
- 23) Personal Items
- 24) Plants

Your donations of GENTLY USED items are needed for the

## **MAY 31<sup>st</sup> YARD SALE**

Please help by pre-pricing your items (no less than a quarter) and hanging onto them until the week before the yard sale.

**NO CLOTHING OR SHOES.**

**NO LARGE FURNITURE.**

### **DONATION DROP-OFF DATES & TIMES**

*Thursday 5/29/25 1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.*

*Friday 5/30/25 1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.*

The yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. Donation drop-off information will be posted in May. Volunteers will be needed to set up, help shoppers during the day, and clean up afterwards. More information on needed volunteers will be shared next month. Contact Paula Fisk or Candy O'Bryan with any questions.

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### April 2025

#### **A New Covenant**

**April 6, 2025 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

Jesus tells the parable of the wicked vinedressers to illustrate the unfaithfulness of the children of Israel to the covenant God so graciously made with them. A new Israel, the Christian Church, will emerge as a new covenant is set in place.

**Sermon Text: Luke 20:9-20**      *Readings: Psalm 126; Luke 20:9-20*

#### **Palms to Passion**

**April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday**

**Rev. Shayne Jonker**

Holy Week begins on the road to Jerusalem. The King makes His grand entrance into Jerusalem, riding atop a borrowed donkey, as the people greet their Messiah: "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" The mood, however, shifts quickly from palms to passion, from triumph to crucifixion. This King, this Messiah, came to lay His life down, to die for His people on the cross.

**Sermon Text: John 12:13b**      *Readings: John 12:12-19; Luke 22:1-23:56*

#### **What Does This Mean?**

**April 18, 2025 – Good Friday**

**Rev. Craig Muehler (Guest Pastor)**

It is fitting that we take a look at the words of Jesus to the world as He hangs upon the cross in suffering and pain. We ask the question, "What does this mean ... for us ... for the world?"

**Sermon Text: John 19:17-30**      *Readings: Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 19:17-30*

*This program will be released on Good Friday on our digital platforms:*

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#### **Christ is Risen**

**April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday**

**Rev. Thomas Eggold**

The empty tomb means that our bodies will rise from the grave! The empty tomb means that we will be reunited with loved ones who have died in the faith. The empty tomb means that we will live forever with God in holiness, innocence, and blessedness. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ has changed everything!

**Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20**      *Readings: Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12*

#### **I Believe...**

**April 27, 2025 – Second Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Scott Zeckzer**

We confess in the Apostle's Creed that Jesus, on the third day, rose again from the dead, and we believe in the resurrection of the body. Why is it important we believe in the resurrection? Hear why the resurrection of Jesus changes everything for you.

**Sermon Text: John 20:28**      *Readings: Psalm 148; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31*

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