

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



## Church Newsletter

May 2025

## *From the Pastors*

### **Answered Prayers ... and Our Collective Call to a Partnership in the Gospel**

As for Titus, he is my **partner** and co-worker among you;  
as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ" (2 Corinthians 8:23).

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your **partnership** in the gospel from the first day until now"  
(Philippians 1:3-5).

"I pray that your **partnership** with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ." (Philemon 1:6). . . .

"So if you consider me your **partner**, receive him as you would receive me" (Philemon 1:17).

"I, John, your brother and **partner** in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus" (Revelation 1:9).

What does it mean to have a partnership? What especially does it mean to have a partnership in the Gospel? Throughout the New Testament this idea of being partners together for the sake of the Gospel is scattered across multiple books, authors, and situations. The New Testament constantly emphasizes the oneness of the church. It is constantly reminding us that we are not a collection of individuals, we are a community of unity in Christ. The idea of partnership comes with the idea of working together so closely and intimately that we work as "one body."

We celebrate the wonderful news the Pastor Mark Schumm has accepted our associate pastor call. We certainly consider it God's blessed answer to our prayers. He has raised up another individual for the work of God's kingdom here on the southside of Indianapolis, and for that we are grateful. But we must also remember that we are partners in this work. One thing that I love about Calvary is our idea of "team" ministry. It is not simply that we have a team of called and contracted workers on our staff. It is the fact that we see our church working as a "team" at all levels in all areas. We celebrate our ministry teams and the work that they coordinate. We celebrate the staff teams that serve in our different areas of mission. But we especially celebrate that we have a team of partners in the gospel, no matter what role, position, or status we hold or don't hold. We are partners in the gospel because that is our very identity as those who have all been baptized into Christ Jesus. In our baptism we have certainly been saved **from** something. We have been washed of sin and its stain. We have been clothed with the very righteousness of Christ. And yet it is also in our baptism that we have been saved **for** something. We have been called and equipped to be a part of the priesthood of all believers. Each partner in the gospel has his or her unique gift to contribute to the team.

And so as we celebrate having another team member who will partner with us as the people of God in Pastor Schumm, we also remember that God is calling each of us to service. He is calling each of us to live for something bigger than ourselves, and that is to live to the glory and honor of Jesus Christ, who has loved us, even when we did not love Him.

We pray for God's mighty Spirit to continue to lead and guide His church that we may stand firm on God's truth and reach out with God's grace. We pray that God will continue to draw us together as partners in the Gospel, as we lift high the name of Jesus through connecting, learning, and caring, all for the sake of serving our risen and reigning Lord.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

**Pastor Schumm Update:** Pastor Mark and Joan Schumm continue to make arrangements for their transition to Calvary. They plan to move to Indianapolis in late June. We are currently targeting an installation service sometime during the weekend of June 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>. More details will be shared later in May. We thank God for a smooth planning process so far, and we give thanks that his present congregation will be receiving a new graduate from one of the seminaries later this summer. Please keep Pastor and Joan Schumm in your prayers, as well as our congregation and his (Prince of Peace Farmington Hills, MI), as we prepare for this time of transition. May God continue to bless the partnership of the gospel that we have with our sister congregations.

## 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!

To register or volunteer, visit [clcs.org/vbs2025](https://clcs.org/vbs2025), use this QR code, or contact Kara Hiatt.



### 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.

### State of the Church Update (June 8<sup>th</sup>)

Join us after worship services **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.** as we help set the direction of our church for the year ahead. We will meet to share upcoming initiatives, celebrate ministry accomplishments, approve the 2025-26 budget, elect ministry leaders, and carry out other congregational business.

*The nominations slate, proposed budget summary, and other materials will be available at each welcome center near the TVs or online at [clcs.org/voters](https://clcs.org/voters).*

If you still have a name to suggest or would like to volunteer, please contact Kara Hiatt.

### 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**.



## General News

### Thank You Confirmation Mentors & Prayer Angels

We thank all who made this year's confirmation ministry a success. The staff, families, and people of Calvary appreciate your love for the Lord and the youth of our congregation.

Small group mentors: Andy Lee, Kristina Davis, Ruth Deckard, and Josh Engelking.

Prayer angels: Stacey Faubion, Rhonda Hansen, Kimberly Moore, Linda Simons, Dawn Schultz, Pastor Sam Troemel, and Kristina Davis.

Prayer angel coordinator: Diana Blazek.

### 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.

### Mother's Day Flower Sale

The Community Garden Team will be selling hanging Petunia baskets to celebrate Mother's Day. The cost is \$20 each, with all proceeds supporting the Calvary Community Garden and their various outreach efforts. Please e-mail your order to Jake Allen. Baskets will be available for pick-up at church May 10/11. Thanks in advance for your support of this important Calvary ministry.



### Sunday School Attendance Awards Winter 2024-25

#### Faithful

Gracelyn Andrews	Madison Andrews	Hadassah Benzinger
Drew Hiatt	Damon Honebrink	Annabeth Jackson
Willard Jackson	Paisley Langhammer	Kam En Mang
Lucas Marrero	Nang Sian Piang	

#### Perfect

Reece Hernandez	Leyla Honebrink	Tyson Honebrink
Landon Madden	Eliana Marrero	Logan Marrero
Oliver Marrero		



## General News

### Join us on National Day of Prayer (Thurs., May 1)

**Thurs., May 1**, is the National Day of Prayer. On this day Americans are encouraged to lift their voices in prayer for our country, imploring God's mercy and direction for our government leaders, the church, families, the military, businesses, education, and the media. May we all commit to pray, knowing that God hears our prayers and desires to bring blessings to our world. We encourage you to sign up for a time slot on the poster in the narthex that we might have a round-the-clock vigil of prayer. Prayer guides are available there for your use. All are also welcome to attend Calvary's chapel service at 8:15 a.m. as the children lift up prayers to our God.



## Compassion Ministry

### Thank You for Your Donations!

Many thanks for your donations of cleaning supplies to help those affected by the recent storms and flooding. Orphan Grain Train in Jonesville, IN works to provide food, clothing, medical supplies, and relief in 27 locations across the United States. Your donations will help those closest to us here in Indiana. Thank you for your generosity!



### Coming to Calvary this Fall - Cancer Support!

Are you or a loved one on a journey with cancer? Calvary is looking to provide support and encouragement to you in the form of Bible studies, prayer partners, and support groups beginning this fall. More than just getting through your diagnosis, you will be encouraged to see the blessings of God's love, peace, strength, and courage. Cancer need not be something to endure, but a time to see the immensity of God's amazing love and mercy.

Are you interested in helping facilitate this program? Calvary has purchased a program to help us on this journey. Training sessions, Bible studies, and mentoring are included for the leaders. Contact Diane Gibson or a member of the Compassion team for further information.

## Adult Ministry

### **Lunch OUT! Wednesday, May 7 11:00 a.m.**

For our "First Wednesday" in May outing we're meeting at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, 1251 U.S. Hwy 31 N, 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.

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



### **Lunch & Learn Wednesday, May 21 11:00 a.m.**

**Presenter:** Blessing Thang, Calvary's Liaison for Burmese students & families & Isabella Tuimuk, MBA

**Program:** Chin Community of Indiana

**Lunch:** Turkey Tetrazzini, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert

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 The Adventures of Robin Hood. 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.

# Executive Director

## From Your Executive Director

In 1970, Terre Haute native and former AT&T employee Robert Greenleaf published his first essay, "The Servant as Leader", introducing the term "servant leadership" to readers. Based on Hermann Hesse's book Journey to the East, Greenleaf – while never explicitly referencing but certainly inferring Mark 10:43b-45 (*"But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*, ESV) – began a lifetime mission to promote that for someone to be an effective leader, they first had to be an effective servant to those they lead. I have taught classes in this several times at our church, as I am a strong believer in this leadership model.

We have talked much about why we exist as a church: to **Connect**, to **Care**, and to **Learn**, out of **Service** to our LORD. Let's take a moment to discuss Service and Serving, as we approach our annual congregation meeting with the election of ministry team members, leaders, and officers.

Sometimes it seems we act as an environmentalist church: we recycle leaders over and over, reverting to the same members to serve the congregation. One might say "this is great, as they know how things work". I say this is constraining, as we are not growing future leaders, and face reusing old programs, procedures, and so on. As the adage goes, when the only tool you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail.

We have a lot of hammers in our congregation, and we need to equip ourselves with a broader toolbox filled with different tools – those tools being our members, with many different skills and abilities. And this congregation belongs to the members of Calvary. Calvary is yours.

All together now, "what does this mean"?

It means we collectively enjoy the benefits of our congregation. The worship. The fellowship. The learning. The teaching. And yes, the building itself for our many events. But this comes at a price and responsibility: in turn, to serve.

There are many opportunities to use your gifts at Calvary. We need ministry team members. We need ministry team leaders. We need volunteers to help with projects, with mission work, with taking care of all aspects of our worship life. We need volunteers to be the next generation of leaders, and officers, of our congregation. We need to stop being a recycler that relies on the same people year after year.

So, if asked to serve, consider doing so willingly, cheerfully, with a grateful heart to our LORD who, as written earlier, was a servant to us, and by doing so gave us the unmerited give of eternal life in the process. And we certainly give thanks to God for the latest servant of His people at Calvary, Pastor Mark Schumm, who soon joins us as our Associate Pastor. Welcome, fellow servant!

In His and Your service,

Bill Laut



# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation**

We are proud to announce the 75<sup>th</sup> graduating class of Calvary Lutheran Church and School. Graduation will take place at a special worship service on Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. 26 graduates will be conferred their diplomas. We are honored to present Tanner Tingley as this year's class Valedictorian and Alyssa Gaskins as our Salutatorian. We commend these students and celebrate with their families on this academic accomplishment. A reception will be held immediately following the service in the gymnasium.

The 75<sup>th</sup> graduating class of Calvary Lutheran School members include: Anastasia Adams, Audrey Alexander, Turner Bauer, Kiara Clark, Odise Trae Clay, Evan Cook, Laney Deckard, Maddox Engelking, Grace Feli, Ethan Folkening, Alyssa Gaskins, Samuel Huene, Yaretzi Huerta, Hmung Liansai, Isaac Morris, David Mung, Bilshan Nung, David Thawng Peng, Jamon Porter, Gerson Puia, Austin Thang, Tanner Tingley, Layton Tunny, Awe Vawi, Lucas Waterman, and Brinley Watson. We ask the Lord to bless these graduates as they continue to glorify their Savior as they pursue higher academic challenges and future adventures.

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

After 40 years in the teaching ministry, Mrs. Kimberly Moore has announced her retirement effectively at the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year. We praise and thank God for the gifts of His love showered upon Kimberly as she nurtured and taught hundreds of children. We ask the Lord to bless Kimberly in this new adventure of her life as He further guides and leads her.

We gather in celebration with Kimberly & John, and her family and friends on Saturday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Come for her reception and program. Stay after the program as you extend your thanks to Kimberly for her years of service. Light refreshments will be served. On Sunday, May 4 Kimberly will be recognized at the 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. services. Breakfast pastries will be available in the Café' between services.

## **IREAD 3 Testing Results**

We commend our students and teachers for an 87.5% pass rate on our recent IREAD 3 testing. The IREAD 3 test is given to third grade students that did not reach the pass cut line as a second grader. Only 11 students in our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade were required to take the test. This is indeed a team effort consisting of students, parents, and teachers. The instruction begins in our preschool sessions. We thank God for a student body eager to learn, parents supporting and partnering with the church and school, and teachers giving excellence each day.

Second graders were also given the IREAD 3 test during the 2025 spring testing window. 65% of these students passed the IREAD 3 test. Job Well Done!!

## **National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 1**

We share an awesome privilege – PRAYER. God invites us to draw near to Him through prayer. We are also privileged to share the freedom of prayer in this great country. Marking May 1<sup>st</sup> as a National Day of Prayer provides a clear picture of the freedoms that we enjoy. The students at Calvary Lutheran School will be joining our Calvary Prayer Team for our chapel service in the sanctuary at 8:15 a.m. We take it to the Lord in prayer.

## **School Walk-a-thon – Friday, May 2**

The students have received pledges for the Walk-a-thon. Our goal is \$40,000. The students will begin walking outside around our Calvary grounds at 1:00 p.m. A fun day is planned as stations along the walking route have activities and games for the students to play. Funds raised will go to supporting needs within our gymnasium. Plans are to install a new scoreboard, bleachers, and other items. Funds will be also used to enhance our Public Address system and bells scheduling. We ask the Lord to bless this day with great weather. Thank you for your prayers and support.



# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

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

With our enrollment needs an additional 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.

## **Open Position 2025-26 – Preschool Teacher**

We are currently seeking a full-time Preschool teacher beginning with the 2025-26 school year. Please submit names of candidates to the school office.

## **FAM Fest- Thursday, April 24**

Calvary Lutheran FAMFest (Food Art Music)

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 schedule will be shared as plans are finalized.

## **The 2024-25 School Year Concludes**

We celebrate our Calvary Lutheran Knights' Time Picnic and Kickball beginning at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 22. The 2024-25 school year at Calvary Lutheran School will conclude on Friday, May 23. An end of year awards ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The first part of the ceremony will involve the entire student body of Kindergarten-8th grade. At 11:00 a.m., 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will remain in the church for the conclusion of the awards. A closing chapel service will follow the awards ceremony. We anticipate this service beginning at 11:30 a.m. School will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. [No lunch service or afternoon Extended Care services provided on this day.] We invite parents, grandparents, and friends of Calvary to attend this exciting conclusion to the school year. God has indeed richly blessed our year together. We commend all into His care.

## **2025-26 School Registration**

Registration for the 2025-26 school year continues. Classes are filling up very quickly. Openings are still found in the Preschool 3-4 and 4-5 classes and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade levels. We invite you to share this news with colleagues, friends, and neighbors. Please contact the school office for additional information.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip**

The 8th grade class will be visiting Washington, D.C. for their class trip Mon-Thurs, May 5-8. The class will be traveling by motor coach. Numerous sites in DC will be included on their itinerary. Dawn Schultz, Molly Troemel, and parent chaperones will be accompanying the class. We ask the Lord to keep all safe and that this trip may serve not only as an educational adventure but an opportunity to strengthen relationships together. 8th grade will not be in session on Friday, May 9.

## **Summer Tutoring**

Our summer tutoring program is yet to be completely scheduled. More information as June approaches.



## 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.

## Metal Recycling Event – May 3

Lutheran High School is hosting a Metal Recycling Event in the parking lot on Saturday, May 3 from 9 am - noon. ALL items containing any metal (including electronics) are welcome. Proceeds will help benefit the Boys Volleyball Program. Many thanks to our business partner - Hanna's Wrecker, Parts & Recycling for sponsoring this event.

## LHS Spring Music Concert – May 10

All are invited to the Spring Music Concert taking place in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium on May 10 at 6:00 pm.

## Commencement – Sunday, May 18

Lutheran High School's 47<sup>th</sup> Baccalaureate and Commencement for the Class of 2025 will be held on Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 pm in the Indiana Farm Bureau Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend; doors will open at 1:30 pm.

## Registration is OPEN! – LHS Golf Outing – June 1

The LHS Golf Outing will return to Martinsville Golf Club on June 1 (12:00 pm check-in with lunch and 2:00 pm tee off). Register at [lhsi.org](https://lhsi.org).

## LHS Summer Sports Camps – June 2025

LHS will offer **Summer Sports Camps** in various sports during June for boys and girls who are in or have just completed grade school. For information and to register, visit [lhsi.org](https://lhsi.org)



## 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, May 14th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for our End of School Event!



### 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, May 14th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for our End of School Event!



# Stewardship Ministry

## **Calvary's March Partners in Ministry – Habitat for Humanity and Concordia Cemetery**

The Stewardship Ministry Team designates a different Calvary Partner in Ministry each month. Emphasizing a different ministry that Calvary supports each month provides 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 Partners are Habitat for Humanity and Concordia Cemetery.

Habitat for Humanity "builds strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter." They engage in many ways to solve housing problems by providing housing solutions for people in need of decent shelter. For anyone interested in helping with a build - below are some of the build site volunteer days for May for Habitat.

Southwest Indy – Decatur area

Saturday, 5/31 | Cleaning & Final Projects Day

East Indy – Lawrence area

Wednesday, 5/14 | Interior Trim

Central Indy

Saturday, 5/10 | Panel Build – Shift #1

Saturday, 5/10 | Panel Build – Shift #2

Concordia Cemetery has been a traditional and revered place to memorialize loved ones since 1870. For over a century and a half, generations of the same families have selected Concordia as a resting place near their forefathers. Centrally located on the Southside of Indianapolis, it offers easy access to visitors and quite tranquility in the midst of the busy city. For a complete list of Calvary Partners in Ministry please visit the "Partners" page at our website. <https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mission Gifts Designation – Local Food Banks**

Gifts received in the second quarter of this year (April through June) 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 Perry Township Hunger Inc and Emmaus Food Pantry.

## **Scholarships 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 at.

## **Thrivent Action Grants and Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Please remember that All Thrivent members are eligible to receive up to two Thrivent Action Grants a year. Action grants in an amount of up to \$250 each are available for many projects at Calvary. Recent projects that have been partially funded with **Thrivent Action Grants** include the Spring Flower Sale and material for the Community Garden Team. Have questions about connecting your Thrivent membership to a project? Contact the Stewardship Ministry Team.

Also, a reminder that Thrivent members may also have **Thrivent Choice Dollars** available to designate to a favorite charity. Calvary is an approved organization for receipt of these funds.

# Outreach Ministry



## A hoppin' good time.

The Calvary Lutheran Church Easter hunt brought more than 700 people together on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Families enjoyed a day full of activities including three egg hunts, our Praising Hands Puppet Ministry, a petting zoo, crafts, face painting, Easter photo booth, bounce houses, complimentary lunch, and games. God provided beautiful weather for this special event! The annual event is free for family, friends, and neighbors to attend. Visitors were greeted with Easter bags and destination maps highlighting nine campus activities including nursery time for toddlers. Activities were tailored to children in three ages groups, 0 to 4, 5 to 8, and 9 to 12 years old. A total of 322 children searched for 5,266 Easter eggs! Additional family events are being planned. To learn more about future events and church worship services please visit [clcs.org](http://clcs.org).



### Thanks to all our volunteers!

An event like this is not possible without all the volunteer support from Calvary individuals and ministry teams. The Easter egg hunt is co-sponsored by the Outreach and Fellowship ministry teams, with many other individuals at Calvary working to provide a fun day for our church, school and community. A total of 120 volunteers, including 40 children from the school, participated on the day of the event! Prior to the event, 105 children in grades K – 5 worked with the adult ministry group to pack the eggs. We also thank Thrivent for providing support for the egg packing and egg hunt! What a blessing to be able to share a fun event with the community, and to showcase our church and school campus!

*Photo Credit: Jennifer Eisberg*





## Women in Mission

### Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, May 3 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, May 3rd** at 8:30 a.m.

### Ladies' Pinochle Club

Whether it's your first time or you're an old pro, join us for Pinochle! We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Pinochle will meet **May 12th**. Please join us.

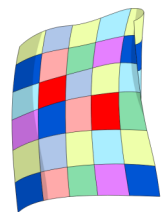
Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.

### Blankets for Babies

We're back!!!! **Tuesday, May 6th** 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.

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

Through Calvary's Extravagant Sharing donations so many families have had their needs met at Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry. **God is so good!** In the month of May continue filling the Extravagant Sharing shelves across from the center church doors with **boxes and individual serving size cups of MACARONI AND CHEESE, plus breakfast cereal**. It is our privilege to support all in need of special help. We bring God's blessings to so many in our community. Thanks from those who receive our gifts of love!



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.*

### **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

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.

## Worship Anew

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.



Toll-Free: (888) 286-8002 [www.worshipanew.org](http://www.worshipanew.org)

**Sunday 7:00 a.m. - WRTV-TV 6.1 (ABC) Sunday 11:30 a.m. - Direct TV Channel 377**

### May 2025

#### **The Conversion of Paul**

**May 4, 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III**

Paul was a fierce enemy of Christianity, so his conversion to faith in Jesus was an amazing event. This was totally unexpected. But God can do anything because of His almighty power and because of His awesome grace, mercy, and love.

**Sermon Text: Acts 9:1-9, 17-20**

*Readings: Psalm 30:1-5; Acts 9:1-9, 17-20; John 21:1-14*

#### **Compassionate Pursuit**

**May 11, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)**

**Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer**

The Bible identifies Jesus Christ as both “The Lamb” and “The Good Shepherd.” Jesus Christ, The Lamb, has endured every pain inflicted by a sin-broken world. Jesus Christ, The Good Shepherd, pursues us with goodness and mercy “all the days of my life” (Psalm 23:6 ESV).

**Sermon Text: Psalm 23:6**

*Readings: Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30*

#### **Hearts Will Rejoice!**

**May 18, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Shayne Jonker**

“You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy” (John 16:20 ESV). You will have sorrow because this is a fallen world. But your sorrow will turn into joy because Jesus has taken your sorrow upon Himself on the cross and to the grave. He is risen, victorious over sin death and the devil and yes, even your sorrow.

**Sermon Text: John 16:20**

*Readings: Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:12-22*

#### **Here She Comes!**

**May 25, 2025 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. William Mueller**

Toward the end of the great revelation, the Lord Jesus gave His Apostle John a glimpse of the church (the totality of all who have believed in Jesus) after the return of Christ. What a glorious picture it is — a picture that gives hope and comfort to worn and worried Christians ... like you and me!

**Sermon Text: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27**

*Readings: Psalm 67; Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27; John 16:23-33*



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