

CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



Church Newsletter

June / July 2025

From the Pastors

Change?

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6).

There are a number of changes afoot at Calvary—changes in staff (upcoming arrivals of Ryan Rosenau, Music Director; Mark Schumm, Assoc. Pastor), changes in several rooms (remodeling of Café and Women's Restrooms), changes in life (graduations, grade changes, etc., etc).

As we look back over this past ministry year, and look ahead to the ministry year ahead, I invite you to consider some reflections from Calvary's 2024-25 Annual Report

"Change." It's a word that evokes many different feelings. It excites some. It terrifies others. And for most of us it is simply the reality that we face. Life is a continuous cycle of change. We hear a lot of angst and anxiety today about changes within our nation, our cities, and our communities. Even within the church there is much that is ever changing—the names and faces that grace our doors, the dynamics and demographics of our ministries, even the staff members and people of our congregation.

And yet, in the midst of all these changes, we give thanks for the changes that God is working in us by His grace. I know there are all jokes about Lutherans and change, we worship a God who is ever changing us in the "reformation" of our life and faith by His powerful Word and Spirit, and that is a very Lutheran thing to celebrate. So, as we reflectively look back over this past ministry year and excitedly look forward to the next one, may God give you this message of peace, *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"* (Hebrews 13:8). Know that we continue to labor together to stand firm on God's timeless truth while reaching out to an ever-changing world. After all, there is one thing that hasn't changed, and that is our world's need for Jesus, so may we continue to be faithfully about our calling as a congregation in **Connecting**, **Learning**, and **Caring** for the sake of **Serving** the mission of Christ.

"Change and decay in all around I see, O Thou who changest not, abide with me."
To see more from the Annual Report, please follow this link: www.clcs.org/annualreport.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

General News

State of the Church Update (June 8th)

Join us after worship services **Sunday, June 8th 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.

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

Installation of Officers, Directors, & Team Members

Join us June 21/22 as we install incoming and continuing congregational officers, directors, and team members. Each worship service will include a brief installation, as well as a thank you to outgoing leaders.

Thank You for Your Service to CLCS

As June comes to a close, we recognize and thank all our ministry team members, directors, and congregational officers who are concluding their terms of service. We truly appreciate your dedication to the Lord and the people of CLCS.

Annual Report Available Online & in Print—Coming Soon!

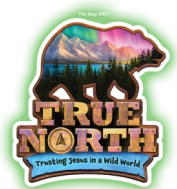
The annual report provided by our congregational leadership will soon be available online (clcs.org/annualreport/) or a limited quantity of hardcopies will also be available in the narthex. The annual report provides an overview of our ministry efforts and volunteer opportunities (ongoing and short-term options). Contact the church office with questions or to volunteer.

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.



General News

Calvary Workday (Sat., June 21)

The Calvary Lutheran Facility Ministry Team will be hosting an all-congregation workday on **Saturday, June 21** from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (or until tasks are completed). No particular skill level or experience is needed. Helping hands and willing hearts are a powerful combination that can be put to good use for the good of God's people and His house. The primary indoor task will be the demolition and reinstallation of a new drop ceiling and lighting in the "zig-zag" hallway near the church office. We will have a wide range of tasks inside and outside the building. Please prayerfully consider joining in the effort.

SGO News

The Lutheran Scholarship Grant Organization will offer a 1:1 match for all donations given from NEW donors, up to \$1,000 per donor, up to \$5,000 per school. This will be retroactive to Jan 1, 2025. All new donor gifts given from Jan – June will be matched in July. All new donor gifts given after June 30 will be matched monthly. Another awesome way to support the needs of our church and school. Please see Mr. Rensner for additional information and to send in your donation.

CLS Run Walk Ride Update

We thank all for your support in our recent walk-a-thon and bike rodeo. This is our largest fund raiser of the school year. The money raised will be used to enhance our Calvary experience as improvements are made to the gymnasium, athletic program, and PA system. Over \$38,000 was raised! Praise God for your generosity. A big thank you to Mrs. Dawn Schultz for her dedicated work, enabling this event to be held each year. Well done!



May Memorials
In Memory of Tim Kettler:
Phyllis Birdwell



Compassion Ministry

Coming to Calvary this Fall - Cancer Support!

Are you or a loved one presently dealing with cancer? There is hope. There is strength. There is encouragement. God is there with all you need as you traverse this journey.

Calvary will be hosting a support group this fall that includes Bible study, prayer, hope, and direction. Are you interested in joining such a group? Would you like to help lead a Bible study that speaks to your situation? Perhaps you would like to just encourage an individual as a prayer partner.

All of the above are needed to support those who are on a cancer journey. Contact Diane Gibson if you have questions or wish to participate in any form.

Outreach Ministry

2nd Annual Calvary Touch-A-Truck - September 6, 10 am – 1 pm

18 vehicles, 400 attendees in 2024 - We want more vehicles in 2025!

Share your ideas with Marv Hansen



2024 Highlights



Touch-A-Truck Event at Calvary (Sept 6)

The Outreach team is planning our second annual Touch-A-Truck event. This is a community outreach event where attendees will have the opportunity to get in the driver's seat and touch the trucks. We will have vehicles and equipment such as a police car, firetruck, ambulance, school bus, farm equipment, construction vehicles, service vehicles, delivery trucks, tractors, and more.

WE NEED YOUR HELP – The first order of business is to secure vehicles and equipment for this event. If you have or know someone that has this type of vehicle or equipment, please contact Marv Hansen for more information. Please help us to provide even more trucks than last year!

Also, mark your calendars for the event: **Sat., Sept 6**, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. It will include not only the opportunity to "touch a truck" but also games, face painting, bounce houses, giveaways, food and much more!



Adult Ministry

Lunch OUT! Wednesdays, June 4 & July 2 11:00 a.m.

For our "First Wednesday" in June outing, we're meeting at Shallo's Antique Restaurant & Brewhaus, 8811 Hardegan Street, Indianapolis (next to TJ Maxx).



For our "First Wednesday" in July outing, we're meeting at Napoli Villa, 758 Main Street, Beech Grove.

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 Wednesdays, June 18 & July 16 11:00 a.m.

June Presenter: Becky Stoner Kirts, Master Gardener

Program: Native Plants of Indiana

Lunch: Hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, and dessert.

July Presenter: Stacey Faubion & Donna Jung

Program: Stacey will discuss her book and experience as an author. Donna will discuss her involvement with the Indianapolis Zoo.

Lunch: TBD

Suggested donation: \$5. Questions? Contact Barb Sorgius, 317-783-2000.

Adult Ministry Upcoming Movie Outings

Join us **Thursday, July 17th** 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 date: September 4th and December 11th.



September 4th movie will be "The Sting" starring Paul Newman, Robert Redford, & Robert Shaw.

Executive Director

From Your Executive Director

We made it! We survived another Indiana Winter and a Spring that couldn't make up its mind – and Summer is finally in sight. Summer. Warm days, hot days, or muggy days. And nights that can be cool, warm, or sometimes miserable if one is trying to sleep without air conditioning.

I don't particularly enjoy Winter, but the prospect of Spring and Summer makes it bearable to me. Watching the flowers come up, the flowering plants bloom, the trees as they leaf out – the changing of the seasons (and the weather) make life in Indiana a continual changing experience.

One never knows when the seasons really change, contrary to the calendar. I recall more than one year we seemed to go right from Winter to Summer. Or the year we had snow at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in May – the year Winter just wouldn't leave.

We Hoosiers know that the changing of the seasons is inevitable, and we've come to not only accept, but in many ways celebrate those changes. Think of going to Brown County in Autumn to see the leaves, for example.

Like the seasons, Calvary is changing. Your leaders have been working the past three years to find better ways to conduct the temporal affairs of our congregation, to enable our pastors to focus on being "Pfarrer und Prediger" – Pastor and Preacher – than administrators.

One change is coming to our annual meeting in June, when revisions to our Constitution and Bylaws will be presented to the voting members for approval. These revisions have been in review and revision for 18 months and were made following the extensive strategic planning conducted three years ago by the entire congregation. Some of the ways these changes work towards the outcomes from that plan are:

- Freeing our ministry teams from administrative to missional, to accomplish why they exist at Calvary.
- Streamlining our operations, enabling us to function in a better manner for the good of the congregation.
- Reinforcing our Mission: Engaging People In Christ and how we accomplish that by Learning, Connecting, and Caring out of Service to God.
- Clarifying roles and responsibilities that were sometimes uncertain in prior revisions.

They are a start and a means to improve how we work together as people of God at Calvary. Martin Luther described a Christian as "simul Justus et peccator," one who is righteous and a sinner at the same time. These revisions are sort of the same: we sought to improve but realize that as humans, anything we do will be imperfect.

Like the seasons, we need to change and not be stuck in one cycle, otherwise we never become better. Yes, there will likely be more changes in the future, as we work as His people to constantly improve and look for better ways to effectuate our mission and goals.

The Chinese philosopher Laozi (Lao Tzu) said, "a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." This is the first step of a renewed journey we make as brothers and sisters in Christ!

In His and Your service,

Bill Laut

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Summer - A Time of and for Transitions

Quickly imagine all the transitions that occur during the months of summer. Some are minor, while others hold significant times of transition. More homes are bought and sold providing for a summertime move and transition than at any other time of the calendar year. Approximately 28% of all weddings occur from June-August. Many family excursions are planned over the summer months demanding work to vacation and back to work transitions. The most obvious transition over the summer months is school related. Students are preparing for the next grade level. Again, some of the impact does not require a different school setting while others demand a huge transition, perhaps a move across the states or even out of the country. Elementary to high school to college are the bigger transitions of the educational years. Most retirements from teaching occur as the summer months begin. Graduates may find and begin a new job. The list of transitions during summer is lengthy and impactful.

At Calvary we pray that one transition will not occur over the summer months. We pray that the students remain faithful to the hearing and teaching of God's Word. Each day we begin with our morning announcements. We join in the Invocation as we invite the Lord to be our beginning of each day. Our prayer is that the students continue to begin each summer day as they invite the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit. Just as physical growth and change is obvious after a summer hiatus, our desire is that the students' growth in their faith walk is obvious as well. May the Lord grant to all a wonderful summertime of transitions and growth as faith is evidence in action. May the Lord watch between you and me while we are apart one with another.

Thank you TEACHERS

We are indeed blessed to have the dedicated, selfless, and caring faculty and staff of Calvary Lutheran Church and School. Thank you for the hours of preparation, the presentation of lessons, and the activities generated to help all stay connected as the curriculum was advanced. Thank you for sharing God's love and for being available to assist the needs of others throughout this school year.

Thank you PARENTS

Thank you for your support, care, and service as together our combined efforts reach and teach the students. Your partnership is a true blessing each day as the school doors are opened.

Thank you STUDENTS

Thank you to each of our students for continuing to work through the lessons and assignments that were taught, completing the responsibilities set before you. Thank you for your excitement to see your teachers and classmates renewing those friendships. Much has been invested for your Christian education. May you find God's peace in your work and learning.

Farewell, Mrs. Kimberly Moore

We bid a sad farewell to Mrs. Kimberly. Mrs. Moore has served as our Calvary Lutheran Kindergarten and 4th grade teacher for a combined 27 years. Kimberly has served in the teaching ministry for a total of 40 years. She has worked diligently to enhance excellence in education. We have been blessed through her daily witness of God's love and grace. We ask the Lord to continue to bless Mrs. Moore and her family as the Lord leads and directs her into retirement.

Summer Tutoring and Activity Plans

Summer tutoring and Adventure Days are planned from June 2-27. Current students of Calvary in Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to participate. Specific plans and schedules are available in the school office. Most fees are covered through Title I funding.

Please note: Tutoring will only be offered in the afternoon of VBS Week- June 23-27.



Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Year in Review

As another year is completed, a review of programs and activities is always part of the process. Each season of the school year has its own unique activities and challenges. This cycle is experienced year after year. Only one item is present throughout all seasons, months, weeks, and days of the school year. This common thread is the teaching and instruction of God's Word. This remains constant as the students enter the next grade level. It is present in every classroom as every subject is taught. The witness of faith shared by members of our Calvary Community this year is indeed a blessing. God has and continues to bless us with a tremendous faculty and staff. He has given us facilities to meet and exceed our needs for programs and services. God has blessed us with a group of students eager to learn and to use the gifts of God to their fullest. We are blessed by supportive parents. Yet above all these blessings is the gift of faith. We celebrate the joy that is ours as we proclaim and share the Word of the Lord with one another. Faith is witnessed in action each day through the power of the Holy Spirit.

School Registration 2025-2026

Registrations for the upcoming school term are still being accepted. Many classes are at capacity. Please stop by the school office for more information. We ask the Lord to send His children to our open doors so that they might hear His Word each day. Please share this information with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and other family members.

Final Account Statements and Year-End Report Cards

All family school accounts must be addressed with payment plans established through our Calvary Bookkeeper, Ms. Brannon prior to the release of school records including report cards. Please contact Mrs. Brannon with questions regarding current statement balances. Thank you for your expedience in this matter.

School Office Summer Hours

Summer hours will begin the week of June 9 and continue through July 25. The school office will be open from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tuesday – Friday and by appointment. Please call prior to stopping by the office. Attending professional growth workshops, errands, and supply trips are also part of the summer preparation. Much business continues throughout the summer months as we review our current year and plan and prepare for next year. Thank you!

Are You Ready- July 1?

The Indiana State fiscal year begins on July 1. Scholarship grants will be accepting donations. Be sure to contribute early to ensure your tax credit. A gift to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana will provide the donor with a 50% tax credit. Donate \$1000.00 and receive a \$500.00 tax credit towards your 2024 tax liability. Donations must be received by December 31, 2025. Our anticipated need for the 2025-26 school year is \$90,000 in scholarship grants.

School Positions Available for the 2025-2026 School Year

Extended Care position 3-6:00 PM. Select days each week.
 School Cafeteria aide. Schedule and days flexible
 Kindergarten Teacher Aide- 2 full days each week
 Preschool 4-5 teacher / Middle School teacher
 Please inquire through the school office. 317-783-2305

THANK YOU

We thank God for the commitment and dedication of this congregation for 75 years as we are afforded the opportunity each day to share the Gospel message with His children through the Christian Day School. It is indeed a thankful time as we are urgent about the Lord's business in this place. We ask God to continue to bless this ministry with His grace and love. Thank you again for the privilege of serving as partners in this ministry and mission. We commend all who teach and all who learn in the Lord's hands.

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.

Class of 2025

Congratulations to the Lutheran High School Class of 2025! The graduating class was comprised of 66 Saints and included nine Legacy students and the 2,200th alum. God's Blessings to the Class of 2025!

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

Lutheran High School - 50 Years

Next fall we will open our doors for the 50th year of Lutheran High School. We've been doing some research and information gathering about our first 49 years so that we are able to fully appreciate our present and prepare for our next 50 years. God definitely has blessed Lutheran High School and our families! If you have memories to share, please email those to Kathy Anderson.

Saints on Stage presents *Little Shop of Horrors*

Join us for this first of its kind summer production featuring Lutheran High School alumni and community members. The production will take place July 11-12 in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium. More information coming soon at 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 5th and 6th grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Wednesday, June 11th**. July date TBD.



SAIL (7th-8th grades)

All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to the next SAIL event on **Wednesday, June 18th**. July date TBD.



LCMS Youth Gathering In New Orleans, LA

Calvary's high school youth group will be traveling to New Orleans, Louisiana for the LCMS Youth Gathering from July 18th-24th! This is an amazing opportunity for our youth to come together with over 17,000 LCMS youth from around the world for an amazing (almost) week of fellowship, faith formation, and Bible study. Thank you so much for everyone who has helped make this trip possible! We ask your continued support through prayer and encouragement as we get closer and closer to the LCMS Youth Gathering!

Stewardship Ministry

Calvary's June and July Partners in Ministry

The Stewardship Ministry Team designates different Calvary Partner's in Ministry each month. Emphasizing the different ministries that Calvary supports, provides a better understanding of how your generous gifts allow Calvary to have an impact beyond just satisfying Calvary's internal ministry needs.

For June, the Partners in Ministry are the Emmaus Food Pantry and Hunger Inc. These two area food banks will receive fresh produce produced this summer in the Calvary Community Garden. In addition, the Calvary Community Garden Team has annually provided monetary donations to these area food banks from funds received in the annual flower sales.

The Emmaus Food Pantry is located on property adjacent to Emmaus Lutheran Church and serves residents of the Fountain Square area

<https://www.emmauslutheralschool.org/food-pantry>

Hunger Inc. is located at 1416 E. Epler Avenue and serves residents of the south side of Indy. <https://hungerinc.org/>.

For a complete list of Calvary Partners in Ministry please visit the "Partners" page at our website. <https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

3rd Quarter Mission Gifts Designation – Shepherd Community Center

Gifts received in the third quarter of this year (July through September) either in the red-lined "Mission" envelopes or designated generically for "Missions" in your online giving or on the regular offering envelopes will go to the support of Shepherd Community Center.

Shepherd is located at 4107 East Washington Street. Shepherd works to build assets into people's lives so they can break the bonds of generational poverty. By fighting systemic causes and serving with life-long, relationship-based care, Shepherd makes a difference — physically, socially, and spiritually. <https://shepherdcommunity.org/>

Lenten Offerings

This year, Lenten offerings were designated to benefit the work of Lutherans for Life and Life Centers of Indianapolis. The total amount donated during the Lenten season was \$2,795. Thank you for your gifts that will support the work of these two organizations.

Student Assistance Scholarships

Calvary has funds available to provide scholarships for the education of church workers. These funds are available largely as a result of the generosity of the Wessler family through the endowed Wessler Scholarship Fund. For the coming school year Calvary is providing support to four students that are alums of Lutheran High School and currently enrolled in LCMS universities. Paige Taylor (Teaching) and Paige Mielke (Youth and Family Ministry) are both enrolled at Concordia University Wisconsin. Grace King (Teaching) is enrolled at Concordia University Chicago and Jacob Reid (Parish Pastor Ministry) is enrolled at Concordia Theological Seminary. These students also received scholarships from Calvary in the prior school year.

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.

Women in Mission

Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, June 7 & July 5, 8:30 a.m.

June's Bible study will be on **Saturday, June 7** and will be from the Lutheran Women's Spring 2025 Quarterly and shared by everyone.

July's Bible study will be on **Saturday, July 5** and will be from the Lutheran Women's Spring 2025 Quarterly and shared by everyone.

Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, June 7th & Saturday, July 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 **June 9th & July 14th**. Please join us.

Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.

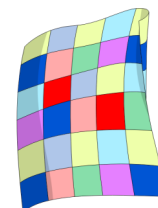


Blankets for Babies

Tuesdays, June 3rd and July 1st are our summer meeting dates. All ages and skill levels are welcome. We meet in the café 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.

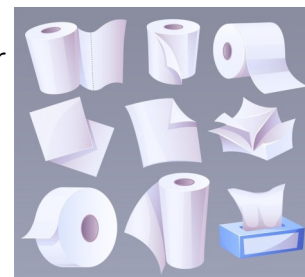
Questions? Call Susan Daniels. Hope to see some new faces!



Extravagant Sharing

A message from Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry: *"Thank you for continuing to bless and support the Emmaus Food Pantry monthly. Your prayers and donations encourage our volunteers and give our clients variety and healthy options."* Calvary's support is a vital part of reaching our community with the love of Jesus.

The shelves for your Extravagant Sharing donations have moved to a new location in the narthex/lobby, but it is well marked for you to be able to place your donations there. In **June and July** boxes of **CEREAL** will be very important for families. In **June** please donate **TOILET PAPER AND PAPER TOWELS** also. In **JULY** bringing **canned veggies and canned fruits** will be appreciated. May God continue to open our hearts to pour out loving support to our community as a witness of God's love for us!





Your donations of GENTLY USED items are needed for the

MAY 31st 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 31st 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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June 2025

Why Did He Leave?

June 1, 2025 – The Ascension of Our Lord

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Many times, people have wondered, "Why did Jesus leave the earth?" Would it not have been better for Him to remain? Jesus' work on earth was done. It was time to return to heaven. Join us on Worship Anew as we discuss the reasons why Jesus ascended to heaven.

Sermon Text: Luke 24:44-53

Readings: Psalm 47; Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53

Reason to Celebrate!

June 8, 2025 – The Day of Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast Jr. (Guest Pastor)

We celebrate every Sunday in the Church. And on Pentecost we see Jesus keep His promise to send His Holy Spirit. That is reason to celebrate!

Sermon Text: John 14:23

Readings: Psalm 143; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31

Surprised by the Trinity

June 15, 2025 – Holy Trinity Sunday

Rev. Scott Zeckzer

Do you like surprises? Our God is a God of surprises. Tune in to Worship Anew and hear the surprises God has for you.

Sermon Text: John 8:58

Readings: Psalm 8; Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; John 8:48-59

Adopted by God

June 22, 2025 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Despite the fact that by nature we were enemies of God, He in His love and grace made us his children. We have been adopted by God. That means for us tremendous blessings in this life and in future glories.

Sermon Text: Galatians 4:4-5

Readings: Psalm 3:1-8; Galatians 4:4-5; Luke 8:26-39

The Heavenward Walk

June 29, 2025 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Where are you going and how will you get there? Today Jesus begins the journey that will take Him to the cross, the empty tomb, and the right hand of His Father. He called people then and calls us today, to follow Him on The Heavenward Walk.

Sermon Text: Luke 9:51, 57-62

Readings: Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51, 57-62

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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Worship: Saturdays 5:30 PM Sundays 8:00 & 10:45 AM
Family Education Hour (Bible Study & Sunday School) 9:25 AM

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