

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



## Church Newsletter

August 2025

## *From the Pastors*

*The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.  
(Isaiah 40:8)*

A few years ago, Joan and I lived in Tucson, Arizona. Summers there could be quite challenging. June and July often brought brutal heat. We tried to grow roses for a few years but if they didn't get watered every morning, they died. Other non-desert plants suffered a similar fate. And then usually around July or August, the summer rains came. The humidity would dramatically increase. But you also could see an explosion of color in the desert landscape. Areas that had looked complexly dead and barren burst into life. Plants that looked more brown than green suddenly began to sprout and grow. All that was needed was rain to come from the heavens and we saw an explosion of life.

God's creation reminds us of the fragileness of this life and our need for his care. It also surprises us in demonstrating God's faithfulness and provision. Our world can often seem a bit dry. Maybe you feel like it is a desert out there. Maybe you think that the best years are behind us. Perhaps you pray for God to revive your life, our community or our church.

Remember the enduring, life-giving vitality of the Word of our Lord. God's Word is the water of life. Isaiah reminds us that "The Word of the Lord stands forever."

We're reminded that the Word is Jesus himself. The Word of God became flesh so many years ago and walked among his creatures. He endured temptation and suffering and ultimately mocking, rejection, and crucifixion. He did this so that we might have fellowship, forgiveness and life with Him!

The Word of the Lord stands forever. Jesus is alive. He conquered death and the grave for you. And he lives and reigns to all eternity!

Because Jesus rules over our world, we can be confident in God's Word. Jesus is the water of life, the one that comes to quench our thirst and help us to bear fruit. Because he lives, we also live in Him. We seek to follow him, to serve him, and to bless others in his name.

Because Jesus rules over our world, we can be confident that God's Word brings us to repentance and forgiveness. His death and resurrection assure us of a right relationship with Him. We can be assured that the scriptures are the very Word of God for salvation. So we read and study and learn from the scriptures confident that they reveal God to us in his power and grace and mercy.

Because Jesus rules over our world, we have hope. The Christian understanding of hope is more than sanctified wishful thinking. It is a confidence and conviction that God is faithful to all His promises. We know that even despite our circumstances that God is fully in control of this world. He promises to return to judge the living and the dead and to usher us into a new heavens and a new earth where there is no more sin or mourning or crying or pain.

In the midst of our journey in this world, we trust in God. He is faithful. His Word is enduring. The one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In Christ, *Pastor Mark Schamm*

## General News

### Foundations of Faith Class

- 6 Sunday Morning Sessions
- Starts Sunday, August 24, 9:25 a.m., Room 125

Twice a year Calvary offers its *Foundations of Faith* Class for adults, providing practical answers about faith, the Lutheran Church, and Calvary's ministries. Our fall class will begin August 24 for 6 sessions (no class Labor Day weekend.) If you are interested in becoming a member of Calvary, this class is a great opportunity to learn more about our ministries and to become better acquainted with our pastors and other individuals. All materials and refreshments are provided; Sunday School classes are available for children. Questions? Email Kara.



### GriefShare

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. Wednesdays, **August 20—November 12, 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.



### Head-to-Heart Confirmation Prayer Angels Needed

Do you want to be a positive influence on the faith of our young people? Prayer angels encourage our 2<sup>nd</sup> year confirmation students throughout the year with prayers, cards, and little gifts. At the end of the year, we host a special banquet where our secret prayer angels are revealed and connect with their confirmand. Contact the church office ([churchsecretary@clcs.org](mailto:churchsecretary@clcs.org)) or our Prayer Angel Coordinator (Diana Blazek) if you are interested in serving as a prayer angel.

### Lutheran World Relief Promise Project – School Kits

Shop now for school supplies when prices are low! Grab a supply tag off the quilted School House displayed in the narthex. Each tag describes what is needed and how many to purchase. Please return supplies by **Sun., Aug 17** to the donation box.

Questions? Karen Hand.

## General News

### Save the Date! Outdoor Worship & Picnic

Annual Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic is set for **September 28th at 11:00 a.m.**

Location: German Park (8600 S. Meridian Street)

Picnic Food will be provided by Jug's Catering.

Watch the bulletin for Volunteer opportunities, Picnic Patron info, meal service time and planned activities.



### Children's Ministry Kick-Off (August 22)

Join us on **Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. in the south parking lot for the Children's Ministry Kick-Off, carnival style!! There will be carnival games, hot dogs and popcorn and a few fun surprises! This event is for all ages and will be rain or shine.



### Sunday School Attendance Awards Spring 2024-25

#### Faithful

Gracelyn Andrews	Madison Andrews	Haddie Benzinger
Jace Hernandez	Damon Honebrink	Trenton Kamp
Landon Madden	Kam En Mang	Eliana Marrero
Lucas Marrero	Nang Sian Piang	

#### Perfect

Reece Hernandez	Leyla Honebrink	Tyson Honebrink
Logan Marrero	Oliver Marrero	



### August Memorials

#### ***In Memory of Jan Main:***

*Don & Pat Meyer, Denise Fix, Pastor Jim & Connie Myers,  
Pastor Art & Joy Wehrmeister, Ray & Kathy Ford, Pat Klinge,  
Bob & Sandra Wilson, Bob Polk, Phyllis Birdwell, Bonnie Smith,  
Suzanne Miller, Mel Wessler & Family, Linda Milks,  
Pastor Bill & Debbie Yates, Janet Laut, Paula Fisk*



#### ***In Memory of Tim Kettler:***

*Larry & Sara Jupin*

# Stewardship Ministry

## Calvary's August Partner in Ministry

The Stewardship Ministry Team designates a different Calvary Partner in Ministry each month. By emphasizing the different ministries 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 external reach is.

For August, the Partners in Ministry are the Calvary India Mission and the El Salvador Mission. Calvary has provided financial support as well as actual participation in mission trips for both of these ministries for the last several years.

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

## Brief Update on the most recent El Salvador Mission

The El Salvador Mission Team returned on Sunday July 13 after serving a week in Citalá, Chalatenango, El Salvador. The 19-member mission team included four Lutheran High School students and several of their parents and siblings. The group had a busy week serving and sharing the love of Christ at local schools in the surrounding community. This mission team also participated in three medical clinics that served nearly 600 patients. This group is the first group that stayed in the new Mission House that Ken and Diane Robinson have established in Citalá. The house provided comfortable accommodations for the entire team and will continue to be the hub for future trips.

## 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/>

## 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 five students that are alums of Lutheran High School and currently enrolled in LCMS universities. Paige Taylor (Education), Paige Mielke (Director of Church Ministries) and Rachel Murphy (Director of Church Ministries) are enrolled at Concordia University Wisconsin. Grace King (Education) is enrolled at Concordia University Chicago and Jacob Reid (Parish Pastor Ministry) is enrolled at Concordia Theological Seminary. Rachel Murphy is a first year scholarship recipient. The other four students also received scholarships from Calvary in the prior school year. We are also providing scholarship support to Ryan Rosenau – Calvary's new Music Director – who is finishing up his degree in Church Music at Concordia Ann Arbor.

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.

## Adult Ministry

### **Lunch OUT! Wednesday, August 6**

For our "First Wednesday" in August outing, we're meeting at Yokohama Japanese Restaurant, 67 N. Madison Ave., 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, August 20**

**Presenter:** Amanda Davis, Thrivent Representative

**Program:** Updated information on aspects of Thrivent

**Lunch:** Chick-fil-A catered meal

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

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## 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.

### **All Youth Kick-Off** (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade families)

**Sunday, August 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Open to all youth regardless of where they attend church or school. All are welcome!

We will begin with a brief parent meeting from 5:30-5:40 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Parents will receive youth calendars, t-shirt order forms, and learn about the awesome events we have planned for the year. Parents are highly encouraged to join us for these 10 minutes to start our event. Parents are welcome to stay for the event and join the fun!



## Parish Education

### **Bible Study: From Anxious to Peaceful**

Ever wonder what the Bible says about anxiety or how to apply the teachings to our day to day lives? Then find out as we study anxiety in the Bible and learn practical stress relief tips. High schoolers and adults of all ages are invited to come to the Jackson's house in Greenwood. The study is August 28, September 11, and September 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Contact Rachel for the address and to join.

# Executive Director

## **From Your Executive Director**

How has your summer been going? Vacation? Swimming? Playing golf? Sitting in the air-conditioned home and binge-watching shows you recorded this past winter? Enjoying Indiana's annual "Heat and Humidity" festival?

Attending church?

It's easy to rationalize or justify that last point this time of the year. After being housebound during the winter months, and especially with all the erratic weather we had this spring (one day 81°, then 46° and rain just a couple days later), the ability to get out of the house and enjoy doing things is very enticing.

Skipping church can be a slippery path for some. First, one misses just one weekend. Then two in a row. Then three. Before you know it, it's been several weeks since last attending, and now that time previously spent worshipping God with your fellow Christians has been filled with something else.

At Calvary, we talk and write about our need to CONNECT, LEARN, and CARE. Those aren't just nice expressions we put on the wall like the "Live, Laugh, Love" sign one sees in all the home decor stores – they define why we are here.

We are here to CONNECT, to others both inside and outside our congregation, and to Connect to God.

We are here to LEARN, to fully engage with the Word. Not only for our own growth, but to enable us to better speak about God's grace and forgiveness to others.

We are here to CARE, about our fellow members, our congregation, and our community around us.

All this out of SERVICE to God.

It's challenging to do these things as Christ's congregation at Calvary if, instead of joining your fellow Lutheran Christians in worship, one is instead doing something else. I know some people cannot attend in person for several reasons: health, work schedules, and so on. We are blessed to have an effective online presence for those reasons, to virtually join in worship.

I earlier wrote "rationalize" which is what it's easy to do. Maybe we're not rationalizing; maybe we are taking a bite out of that apple, so to speak. Paul writes in 1 Peter 5:8 "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." (ESV). This time his prowling may very well be in the form of "it's only one week." Then two. Then three. "It's only a bite."

Heat? Humidity? Hah! We are here at Calvary for a reason, and it's not for us to fall for the evil one's tricks and traps.

I hope to see you soon at service, as we continue to Engage People in Christ at Calvary!

In His and Your service,

Bill Laut



# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## **Opening the Doors to the 76<sup>th</sup> School Year**

Our theme Bible verse for the 2025-26 school year is:

God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And He said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:14

Our theme for the school year is– **Our God Is ...**

## **How many names are you referred to as?**

We have our common name that we are called by our peers. We may hold a more formal name required for professional interactions and document references. Many may have a nick name that is called by our closest family members and friends. Most hold a middle name often concealed unless as a child when an inappropriate behavior is exhibited then my full name was heard resoundingly addressed. Besides our names we also have titles and relationships that accompany them. Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Pastor, Judge, President, Mayor, Governor, Uncle, Aunt, Grandpa, Grandma, and many others. Each is a descriptive account of ourselves and carries with it our attributes and characteristics.

As we learn God holds many names throughout scripture identifying Him and His attributes and characteristics. God is revealed to us in many ways during the Old Testament accounts. Jesus reveals His Father throughout His ministry. During the course of this school year the students, faculty, and staff will be exploring and studying Who our God is as He invites us to greet Him as our Father. We continue to walk each day in faith asking the Lord to open these doors so that His Word might be taught and proclaimed. We have that privilege and opportunity each day through the Christian Day School. A new school year is upon us- let us rejoice and give thanks!

## **Final Registration**

2025-26 final registration for Preschool–8th grade is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, August 4-5. Times on Monday, August 4 are 9:00 a.m.-Noon and 4:00-7:00 p.m. and only in the afternoon and evening from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5. Registration will take place in the gym. Please enter through door #2. Select a time that fits into your schedule.

Important business is accomplished during this process. Please alert the school office if you will be unable to attend so that arrangements can be made to accomplish these tasks prior to the first day of school. Students may accompany you to visit their classrooms, organize lockers, and bring school supplies.

## **August calendar preview**

Mon, Aug 4	Final Registration 9:00 a.m.- Noon; 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium
	Preschool-Kindergarten orientation 11:00 a.m.-Noon
Tues, Aug 5	Final Registration 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium
	Preschool-Kindergarten orientation 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Wed, Aug 13	8:30 a.m. First Day of Preschool, Kindergarten-8th Grade
	9:30 a.m. Opening Chapel
Sun, Aug 17	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Staff dedication. Introduction/ welcome of new staff
Fri, Aug 22	5:00 p.m. P.T.L. Back to School Bash

## **Enrollments Still Being Accepted in Middle School grades**

We are still accepting enrollments for the 2025-26 school year in our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. We have double classrooms in each of these grade levels. Please let your friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers know about the quality Christian education opportunities at Calvary Lutheran School. We extend this ministry to all people desiring this Christian education.





# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## We Welcome New Staff to Calvary

We welcome **Ms. Sara Hanno** as she begins teaching our Preschool 4-5 year old class at Calvary this year. Ms. Hanno has taught for 5 years within the early childhood setting and holds a master's degree in early childhood education. Sara is a member at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Martinsville. We ask the Lord to bless Sara in her work. We rejoice in the Lord's leading her to serve in this capacity. We look forward to Sara's presence among us each day.

We praise and thank God for providing and leading **Ms. Sarah Childress** to teaching in our Middle School. Sarah will be our 6B homeroom teacher with an emphasis in science. Sarah comes to us with a degree in elementary science education. We are excited to have her share her gifts with the students and staff of Calvary. We ask the Lord to bless Sarah as she begins teaching at Calvary Lutheran.

**Ms. Blessing Thang** is our Chin/Burmese Liaison. This is the second year for this part-time position as we strive to further provide for our entire Calvary Lutheran Community. Blessing will help with communication needs. She is currently a biology major at IUPUI completing her senior year. We welcome Blessing to Calvary and ask the Lord to guide and direct her as she assists others in their needs.

## Teacher Aide Staffing at Calvary Lutheran Church and School

With many classrooms filled we thank God for the giving heart and hands of our teacher aides. Mrs. Sharon Kreuzman, Mrs. Melanie Huene, Ms. Anna Myers, Mrs. Nicole Johnson, Mrs. Rene' Finke, Mrs. Mary Crocker, Mrs. Kapri Briones, and Mrs. Lisa Williamson, \*Mrs. Kimberly Moore, and \*Mrs. Heather Marrero are a tremendous blessing to students and staff. We applaud their efforts and care. Much is accomplished through their daily presence. (\*new to this position at Calvary)

## Staff Anniversary Celebrations during the 2025-26 school year

We are blessed with many faculty and staff anniversary celebrations this year. Our 5-year incremental anniversaries include:

5 Years at Calvary: Abra Myers, Jill Sisk, Gregg Bredensteiner, and Kapri Briones

Our incremental 5-year anniversary celebration will be held in January during National Lutheran Schools Week.

We are richly blessed with the gifts of God through these individuals as they serve in His Name and Love.

## Compassion Ministry

## **Addresses needed for College Care Packages**

Compassion Ministry Team supports our Calvary college students by sending them care packages. If you are an undergrad college student or have an undergrad college student in your family, please email Linda Bugher **by Tuesday, September 9th** the following information:

<b>*Student Name</b>	<b>*College Attending</b>	<b>*Student Address</b>	<b>*Year (e.g., Junior)</b>
<b>*Major/Area of Study</b>	<b>*Student Email Address</b>	<b>*Student Cell Phone (optional)</b>	

To confirm our information is current, we need to hear from you even if you supplied information last year. **Please let Linda know any changes throughout the year.**

# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## **SGO Information**

### **Too Good to Be True?!**

God has provided a unique opportunity to help fund the Christian education of our Calvary students. The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana has been identified as a new Scholarship Granting Organization. Scholarships through private and corporate donations are granted to Calvary student families whose income is less than 400% of the Federal free or reduced hot lunch guidelines.

### ***How may I help?***

Donations are currently being accepted. We need \$95,000.00 to fully fund these grants.

### ***Multiple Benefits for Calvary Lutheran School students, the private or corporate donor, and Calvary Lutheran Church***

1. Students and their families accepted in this program will receive a scholarship grant per child enrolled in Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade at Calvary.
2. The donor will receive a 50% Indiana State tax credit for every dollar donated.  
Example: A donation of \$1000.00 will result in a tax credit of \$500.00 towards your Indiana income tax liability. Private as well as corporate donations will receive this benefit.
3. The \$95,000.00 received will eliminate the amount of money granted to our students and their families through our own budgeted funds.

### ***Where Do I sign up?***

Donor forms are available online at [www.LutheranSGO.org](http://www.LutheranSGO.org). Be sure to mark **CALVARY LUTHERAN SCHOOL, INDIANAPOLIS** as the recipient of your donation.

### ***How Do I Proceed?***

Return the completed donor form along with your donation to the School Office or directly to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana by December 31, 2025. The Lutheran SGO of Indiana will issue your tax credit statement for your 2025 tax filing.

### ***What happens in the future?***

Children will have the opportunity to hear God's Word each day through your giving. God continues to open doors to others once thought closed due to financial needs. Your assistance in this program is so greatly appreciated!

### ***Have you participated in the SGO donation?***

Over 65 families have participated in this process by donating nearly \$900,000.00 during the past thirteen years. We are asking those past donors to enlist two other families to become involved in this "Too Good to be True" adventure. By donating in the past, you are fully aware of the unique benefits this SGO provides. Please help by talking to at least two other families and enlist their participation as well. New donors will have their gift matched up to \$1000.00 limited to a total of \$5000.00 for Calvary Lutheran School.

This same opportunity is available to businesses. Take full advantage of this as you note your state tax liabilities. Please address any questions to Mr. Rensner.

## The Together Project

We're in the final stretch of our **Together Campaign** which has focused on **campus improvements, debt reduction, and merit scholarships**. We're thrilled to share that our community has stepped up in a big way pledging over **\$1 million!** Help us cross the finish line and email for more information.

## 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.



## Outreach Ministry

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Calvary Touch-A-Truck - September 6, 10 am – 1 pm

Please put on your calendar and invite your friends! Volunteers needed (2 shifts).

Contact Marv Hansen, [marvin.m.hansen@gmail.com](mailto:marvin.m.hansen@gmail.com), 317-358-7733



### 2024 Highlights



## Save the date for the Annual Holiday Bazaar!!!

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Bazaar will be **Saturday, November 8, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Bazaar planning has begun! You can find details at [clcs.org/bazaar](http://clcs.org/bazaar).

Are you looking for a way to serve and have great fellowship with others at the same time? We are currently looking for many volunteers to help with the planning stages. Coordinators are needed to organize various aspects of the bazaar. Team members are needed to work with coordinators to accomplish tasks. It takes many hands and minds to make a successful bazaar. To volunteer please contact Karen Wright.

Proceeds from this year's bazaar will benefit Calvary School STEM supplies and materials, Renovation of the church's Welcome area, and Support for Servant's Heart who helps families by providing year-round support for those struggling to make ends meet.

Booth sales are open. If you or someone you know is interested in having a booth at the bazaar they should contact Angie Ransdell. A booth can also be reserved at <https://calvary-women-in-mission.square.site/>.

Do you have an auction item? Are you willing to donate a service? Can you ask the company you work for to donate items and/or services? You can help make this year's SILENT AUCTION a great success! Pick up a form at the Women in Mission table or table outside the church office and return to the church office or Karen Hand's church mailbox. Items must be received by Sunday, October 19.

Save things to be sold in The Attic (No shoes, clothing, building materials, large pieces of furniture, or large electronics). Please price the items at no less than \$.25 before bringing them to Calvary on Friday, November 7, between 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 8 between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.

Is baking your thing? You can bake and freeze now. Then bring your goodies to Calvary on Friday, November 7 to be sold in the Country Kitchen.





## Women in Mission

### Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, August 2, 8:30 a.m.

The August Ladies' Bible study will be on **Saturday, August 2nd** and will be from the Lutheran Women's Summer 2025 Quarterly and shared by everyone.

Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, August 2nd** 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 **August 11th**. Please join us.

Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



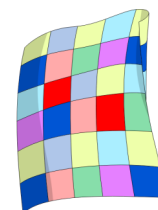
### Blankets for Babies

Our next meeting date is **Tuesday, August 5th** from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the café area.

We have been meeting for 17 years to knit / crochet blankets for newborns. The need is great. The blankets are donated to Life Centers located at Southern Plaza.

Our group is usually 4-5 ladies, so we really need additional help. We have teachers, yarn, and crochet hooks to get you started.

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



### Extravagant Sharing

In June, Emmaus Lutheran's food pantry helped 353 households with 1,404 individuals meet their needs. Calvary was a part of meeting those needs! Thanks to all who support **Extravagant Sharing** with their unselfish giving each month.

During **August** please fill our shelves with **boxes or packages of pasta and/or pasta sauces**. Boxes of cereal are always needed. Many families in need will greatly appreciate your donations. God bless all your giving hearts.



# Compassion Ministry

## **Wheeler Mission**

Many thanks for all the help and donations given to provide over 130 lunches for Wheeler Mission. We are thankful for the many new faces who came to help us prepare sandwiches and pack the bags. This year's promotion helped the men's residential center. Many thanks also for the parents and children of VBS for their donations of fruit cups and granola bars. Donations were so overwhelming that we were able to provide many extras to the center. A job well done!!

## **Produce Table**

The harvests are coming in! Any gardeners with extra produce are invited to share your bounties with Calvary. A produce table is set up in the narthex where members can take what they like for a freewill donation. Proceeds will benefit Calvary's Good Samaritan Fund which supports Calvary members in need.

## **CANCER COMPANIONS – A Cancer Support Group Coming this September**

Beginning in September, Calvary will be offering a support group twice a month for those experiencing cancer. Presently we have three Calvary members who are completing training with a Christian-focused program called CANCER COMPANIONS. Daily devotionals, scripture, fellowship, prayer, and encouragement will be a part of this program. The program is open to Calvary as well as non-Calvary members. Do you know someone who could benefit from such support? Watch for further information regarding beginning dates and times. Call Diane Gibson with questions.



## **Cancer Support Prayer Partners Training – Sunday, August 17, 9:30 a.m.**

As Calvary will be beginning a new cancer support program this fall, we are looking for volunteers willing to be prayer partners for those in our congregation experiencing cancer. As a prayer partner you will be expected to make weekly contact by phone, text, or in person with an assigned person or their caregiver. Prayer partners will offer encouragement, scripture, prayer, and discussion of devotionals provided by Calvary. A one-hour training to help you learn how you can support someone through this ministry will be conducted on Sunday, August 17, at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday school hour. Call Diane Gibson with questions or to register.

## **Celebration of Life Banquet**

**When:** Friday, August 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** The JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis

**Guest Speaker:** Tony Dungy (former Indianapolis Colts coach)

**Cost:** \$85 per person or \$850 for a table of 10

**Why:** In support of Life Centers of Central Indiana (to save babies and transform lives by providing compassionate care to women facing pregnancy decisions)

Interested in attending as a group or individual? Contact Diane Gibson.

## 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**

### **August 2025**

#### **Regarding Possessions**

**August 3, 2025 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III**

Our society often seems crazed with the desire to possess: to have some new product, to increase one's earthly possessions, to grow wealthy. Christ frequently encountered this same kind of attitude, and in response, he told the parable of the foolish rich man. This parable leads each one of us to ask, "What is my view regarding possessions?"

*Sermon Text: Luke 12:13-21*

*Readings: Psalm 100; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21*

*Featured Choirs: St. John Lutheran School of Plymouth, Wis.; Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Choir of Centralia, Ill.*

*Featured Art and Architecture: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Terril, Iowa*

#### **Do Not Be Anxious**

**August 10, 2025 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer**

Do you feel as if you are being stretched beyond your limits? That your world is breaking apart? God holds the entire world in His hands. He gave His Son for us. Do not be anxious!

*Sermon Text: Luke 12:22*

*Readings: Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:22-34*

*Featured Choir: St. John Lutheran School of Plymouth, Wis.*

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#### **The Faith Race**

**August 17, 2025 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Shayne Jonker**

Run the race of faith with joy and hope. Focus on Jesus. His joy was to save you. Your joy is to receive the salvation He won for you, to be welcomed at the end of your race into the open arms of your Savior, and to have Him put the victor's wreath on your head.

*Sermon Text: Luke 12:49-50*

*Readings: Ps. 119:81-88; Heb. 11:17-31, 12:1-3; Luke 12:49-53*

*Featured Choir: Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Choir, Centralia, Ill.; Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind. Featured Art and Architecture: Zion Lutheran Church, Arcadia, Iowa*

#### **The Time is Coming**

**August 24, 2025 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. William Mueller**

Isaiah prophesies about the last days and the gathering of believers from every nation. Who is at the center of this? How is He described as "the glory of God"? And our hearts are also searched to see if we are ready for the "outsider" to become an "insider"?

*Sermon Text: Isaiah 66:18-23*

*Readings: Psalm 50:1-15; Isaiah 66:18-23; Luke 13:22-30*

*Featured Choir: St. Paul Lutheran School, Munster, Ind.; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ind.*

*Featured Art and Architecture: Faith Lutheran Church, Cumming, Ga.*

#### **It's Hard to Be Humble**

**August 31, 2025 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

It's hard to be humble. Our pride encourages us to think more highly of ourselves than we ought. Our Lord Jesus humbled Himself and became like we are, yet without sin. In His humility He won for us the gift of life eternal. He encourages us to put aside our pride and, like Him, live a life of humble service.

*Sermon Text: Luke 14:1-14*

*Readings: Psalm 131; Proverbs 25:2-10; Luke 14:1-14*

*Featured Choir: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ind.; Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, Centralia, Ill.*

*Featured Art and Architecture: Lake George Lutheran Chapel, Fremont, Ind.*



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