



CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



Church Newsletter

November 2025

From the Pastors

How Well Are You Doing at Giving Thanks?

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. **Psalm 107:8-9**

Do you ever get to the end of Thanksgiving and realize that you didn't even get the chance to give thanks? With all the cleaning, cooking, and hosting on the one hand and all the "bargain" shopping, football, and turkey-induced napping on the other, we hardly find the time to stop, reflect, and give thanks for the gifts that have been poured into our lives by the Giver of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17).

So, I ask you, "How do you plan to give thanks this year? This year, how will you 'give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love' in your life?" (Psalm 107:8)." You may already have your longstanding tradition of how you return thanks to the Lord. It may be something you do individually or collectively. It may be something very formal or informal, but whatever you do to give thanks this Thanksgiving may you always know just how richly and bountifully loved you are by our Heavenly Father in Jesus Christ our Lord. May our God give you the joy and thanksgiving in this time of year, whether it has been a year of much or little, and may he give you the peace that surpasses all understanding that will guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus. Amen.

God's Blessings, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

Rather than just "talking" about giving thanks, let's pause and take a few minutes to be thankful right now.

Who/what are you most thankful for this year?

What's the best gift you've been given this year?

What's the best thing that has happened to you this year?

What's something you're thankful for that's right in this room?

Do you think God cares if we forget to thank him?

How is being thankful part of being happy?

Have we ever forgotten to thank someone for a kindness?

How is "giving" part of thanking? Who could you do something kind for today/tomorrow/this week?

Activity Option: Have a "Round Robin Thankful Game" with family, friends, or fellow church members this Thanksgiving.

- 1) Type up the questions above or create your own. Cut them into single questions and put them in a bag.
- 2) Pass it around at the table or another time on Thanksgiving, each selecting a question to answer.
- 3) End with a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

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Daylight Savings Time Ends (November 2 at 2:00 a.m.)

Remember to "fall back," otherwise you will be really early to church. Set your clocks back one hour the night before Sunday, November 2.

Breakfast for Jesus!

Sat., Dec. 13th from 9:00am-10:30am

Calvary Lutheran School gymnasium

Join our ***Praising Hands Puppet Ministry*** for a morning of food, puppets, and crafts to celebrate the birth of our Savior. This is a free family event open to all ages. Parking is available in the North Lot for access through door #2.

Contact Calvary Lutheran Church (317-783-2000) with any questions

GriefShare Surviving the Holidays

The holidays are often painful for adults grieving the loss of a loved one. Compassion Ministry is hosting a GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" seminar **Wednesday, November 19**, 6:00 p.m. in Room 125. There is no cost to attend; a light supper and book will be provided. Please help us plan by contacting Mike Loudon or Roxanne Deardurff if you plan to attend.

GriefShare

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. Wednesdays through 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.

General News

Christmas Card Sorting

Beginning November 26th, you can bring your Christmas cards that you have for Calvary members and drop them in the bins by both sets of doors. Christmas cards must be dropped off by **Wednesday, December 17th** to be sorted and distributed.



Jesus & Canvas (Friday, November 14th, 6:00—8:00 p.m.)

Join us **Friday, November 14th** from 6:00—8:00 p.m. in the gym. There will be painting, snacks, and fun! Supplies are included but come willing to get messy! Parental supervision is required for this **free** event! Register online today <https://tinyurl.com/bdz7b75r>.

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our annual Thanksgiving food drive is soon to begin! Calvary looks forward each year to supporting families in Calvary's church and school. Beginning on October 25/26 grocery bags will be available in the narthex with suggested items listed on the bag. Your donations will be accepted the first 3 weekends in November. Thank you in advance for supporting our Calvary members!



November Memorials

In Memory of Jan Main:

Jim & Jan Dunaway



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

6" Pots (Poinsettias with 5 -7 blooms) \$15 each

Order deadline is **November 21st**

Leave order with payment in the church office. (Checks payable to Calvary Lutheran Church and "Poinsettias" in the memo)

Name: _____

In memory of (optional) _____

In honor of (optional) _____

Phone Number: _____ Amount Attached: _____

Red _____ White _____

Thank you for beautifying our Sanctuary during this Christmas Season! Poinsettias will decorate the altar for Christmas and can be taken home Christmas Day after service.

Stewardship Ministry

Calvary Connects Campaign

As work on the Café and the women's restroom concludes, we set our sights on future updates that will better serve our church, school, and community. If you did not receive an informational letter in the mail, additional copies are available at the welcome center and in the church office. We encourage you to consider how you might support this effort. Pledge cards are available at the sanctuary entry tables and can be returned to the offering boxes at weekend services or to the church office during the week (Mon-Fri. 8:00a – 4:00p.). More information can be found at: clcs.org/calvaryconnects

4th Quarter Mission Envelopes Designation – Wycliffe Bible Translators

Gifts received in the fourth quarter of this year (October through December) either in the red-lined "Mission" envelopes or designated generically for "Missions" in your online giving or on the regular offering envelopes are going to the support the work of Chris and Alie who are affiliated with Wycliffe Bible Translators. For several years, Chris and Alie have been a vital part of this Bible translation movement. As one of our Ministry Partners, Calvary continues to provide support to their ministry through our prayers and monetary gifts to Wycliffe.

Calvary's November Partner in Ministry – LCMS Disaster Response Ministry

Each month the Stewardship Ministry Team highlights a different Calvary Partner in Ministry. For November, the Partner in Ministry is The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Disaster Response ministry. This organization responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. Working through LCMS districts and congregations as well as with international Lutheran churches and other partners, LCMS Disaster Response builds capacity of the church's partners to respond to needs with Christian care.

Individuals who wish to provide assistance directly may use the following information: <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response> or 888-930-4438.

Additional Information for this ministry and other Calvary Ministry Partners can be at the "Partners" page at our website. [Ministry Partners Calvary Lutheran Church and School](https://www.clcs.org/partners/) <https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

Many Thanks to Long Time Financial Recorder Dennis Sherfy

Many thanks to Dennis Sherfy for his many years of tireless service as Calvary's Financial Recorder. Each week, for all these years, Dennis has faithfully entered individual donations into our accounting software and on a quarterly basis produced the giving statements that we all rely on to track our giving. Job well done God's good and faithful servant. Kyle Allen has assumed the Financial Recorder responsibilities.

Compassion Ministry

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Calvary's canned food drive is soon upon us! We look forward to your generosity as we support families in Calvary's church and school. In years past your giving has also enabled us to also support the food pantry at Emmaus as well as Hunger Inc. in Indianapolis. Paper sacks with suggested food donations will be available in the narthex beginning the weekend of October 25/26. You may place your donations in the bins in the narthex anytime through November 16.

We welcome your help as we sort and box food items on Sunday, November 16. Help is appreciated anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Thank you again for your generous giving!

Cancer Support Continues

Just a reminder that cancer support is here for you, for a loved one, or for a friend. Through our Cancer Companions program we can provide you with prayer support and/or group support. We also have several devotional booklets we can give you that speak directly to your cancer journey. A cancer support group is offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference room. Contact either Rosalie Behning or Denise Fix.

The Compassion Team Needs Your Input

Our compassion team is putting together a list of 'help' resources for our congregation. When you have a need for outside services or support, it's nice to know of some reputable local companies, services, or programs. We'd love your input! What resources have you used that have been a support to you? Please contact Diane Gibson at compassion@clcs.org if you have a resource in the Indianapolis or Greenwood area you would like to add to the list. Categories include:

- Transportation
- Home maintenance recommendations
- Aging support such as CICOA and PACE
- Caregiver support
- Home care, respite care
- Hospice
- Disability support
- Celebrate Recovery programs
- AA and Al-Anon groups
- Legal aid
- Marriage and family counseling
- Mental health counseling
- Financial support
- Food support

Adult Ministry

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

For our "First Wednesday" in November outing, we're meeting at Kabuto Japanese Steakhouse, 8719 US 31 South.

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, November 19, 11:00 a.m.

Presenter: David Craggs, Army veteran & author of "Road to a Shau Valley"

Program: Recollections of his time in Vietnam, 1969

Lunch: Catered by Cracker Barrel (Please RSVP to Barb by November 4th)

Cost: Suggested donation: \$5.

Questions? Barb Sorgius, 317-783-2000.

Mug Packing Day (Tuesday, December 2 at 12:15 p.m.)

Our Adult and Outreach Ministry Teams will be working with Calvary 2nd graders to fill Christmas mugs with treats for visitors during our midweek Advent services.

Donations of coffee mugs, small pieces of wrapped candies (such as candy canes), and packets of cocoa mix are welcomed. Please bring these items to the church office by Sunday, November 23. Thank you for your assistance with this special project!

Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes will be available again this year at Calvary. There are several ways you can support Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project, which provide gifts and the Gospel to children around the world:

1. Pick up a red & green shoebox at the narthex display; fill with gift items for girl or boy, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14, and return to the collection bin. (\$10 donation for shipping)
2. Donate gift items by **November 16** and volunteers will fill shoeboxes.
3. **Sort donations and pack shoeboxes on Thursday, Nov. 20, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**
4. Help deliver filled boxes to the local drop site.

Please bring gift items or filled shoeboxes to the church **by Sunday, November 16** and leave them in the donation bin in the narthex. Questions? Call the church office, (317) 783-2000.

Gift suggestions - Remember: Items must fit in a shoebox!

TOYS – small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, "travel size" Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc. SCHOOL SUPPLIES – pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. NON – LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS – toothbrush, comb, washcloth, bar soap. OTHER – T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, and flashlights (with extra batteries.) These items cannot be included due to safety and shipping issues: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items, glass containers or aerosol cans.

Executive Director

From Your Executive Director

Over the past several years, I have read numerous reports, books, articles, and surveys about the state of the Christian church in America. I have shared many of the findings from all these with the congregation's leaders and have talked about some of the trends in our ministry team meetings and our annual meetings.

Much of the data has been depressing. Every researcher – Barna, Pew, Gallup – reported on the decline in Americans who consider themselves Christian, who attend worship, or even more concerning, the rise of those who do not believe in God, in Heaven, or in Hell. We've seen this impact in our local community, as long-standing churches have closed or redomiciled: as an example, one of the oldest in our area (over 175 years old), Southport Baptist, sold to a Chin congregation. For a local community which sponsored an ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at Southport High School for many years, our immediate area is certainly changed from what we were 50 years ago.

But not all is doom and gloom – in fact, in the past two months I read several very encouraging articles, all which seem to suggest the downward slide is reversing!

- The Wall Street Journal reported in an article in September, under the headline “Has Britain Stopped Secularizing?” that church attendance is growing, but outside the Anglican church, which continues to shrink.
- The Barna Group recently reported survey results that weekly attendance among young people – the Gen Z and Millennial generations – has nearly doubled since 2020.
- And the growth is coming from what many might consider to be unlikely: it's the young men who are becoming more engaged in their church and are more participatory than young women, reversing a decades old trend, with Millennial men attendance approaching 60%, compared to only about 40% of Millennial women.

The one common thread of these statistics? It is the young people who are returning to church! Remember them? The young people who fell away at the highest rate among Americans in the last decade, who were often labeled as disinterested in faith? They now show the highest levels of regular church attendance, at 1.9x per month. (Even more participatory than my Boomer generation, which has steadily declined and is now at 1.4x per month.)

What an incredible opportunity for Calvary - and with our school alumni, we have a “pipeline” into this group of young people.

Over the coming months, the ministry and congregation leaders, and our pastors, will be implementing programs focused on this wonderful news, as we work to help these young people Connect, to Learn, to Care both within and outside the congregation – to Engage these People in Christ at Calvary.

We read in Deuteronomy 4:10, the Lord said to the author “Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.” Now is our chance, opportunity, and obligation to do just that: God's young people are returning – the time is now to gather them, and help them grow in faith, and Serve the Lord.

As we gather this month for the Thanksgiving holiday, we continue to give thanks to God for this resurgence in our young people and their return to His church!

In His and Your service,

Bill Laut

Growth to Decay- A Garden Cycle

My excitement to plant a garden began in January after looking through a seed catalog while the cold, icy winds blew outside. Plans were made as seeds and plant starts were selected mapping out the 50 X 25-foot garden plot. In May the excitement reached fever pitch as tilling and planting began. The wet spring created ideal growing conditions. Harvesting the produce was about normal as the ground yielded the vegetables planted. My excitement, once brimming with life and energy, has now faded for another season. Between the abundance of weeds and the infestation of squash bugs, time in the garden began to feel like work and not a release. Thorning weeds that even penetrated my garden gloves were in abundance. Over the weekend, I mowed and bagged the vegetation remaining in our garden plot. The mowed weeds were discarded in hope that many of the weed seeds were taken away creating better growing conditions for the next season.

Much of life can be analogized to the cycle of a garden. The emphasis for this article is that gardens require tending, care, and yes even work. If I left the garden unattended for more than 3-4 days I was appalled at the number of weeds and bugs that moved right in. In the same way if we ignore God's Calling through the power of the Holy Spirit by avoiding worship, prayer, and His Word we too are more apt to have worldly thoughts and desires move right in. We stand together in this task as a community of believers.

For the article I used a singular pronoun. The fact is that my wife, younger daughter, son-in-law, and their five children all contributed to the life of **OUR** garden. It took a variety of shifts and availability to tend to the garden. As a community of believers, we stand and keep watch asking the Holy Spirit to guide our footsteps.

Looking for that first sprout of growth from the seeds that were planted made each visit to the garden a new adventure. It was easy to see how the crops grew and matured. We have the unique opportunity and challenge as we watch each student of Calvary grow and mature. Unlike plants that have a specific growing season, we have the ability to continue our faith walk each day as we call upon the Lord's Name. We join with your family in that excitement as the students reach milestones each year. May God continue to bless you as you tend to your "garden."

Connecting Caring Serving

School will be closed on Wednesday through Friday November 26-28 in observation of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Calvary will be closed on Wednesday as families prepare for Thanksgiving. We ask the Lord to be with all those traveling. We rejoice in the opportunity to share this time with family and friends. School will resume on Monday, December 1. We give thanks to our God with a grateful heart.

Fall Back

We set our clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 2 at 2:00AM. Fall back for an extra hour of sleep. The mornings will be lighter with the afternoons darker earlier.

Basketball Season Begins

We invite you to attend the Varsity Boys and JV Girls Basketball tournaments which will be held this month. The Varsity Girls basketball team will participate the weekend of 10/31-11/2 in the Lutheran High School Invitational Tournament. Our Varsity Boys will be competing in the Lutheran High School Invitational Tournament on 11/7-9. These events tip off the season of basketball. We ask the Lord to bless all our winter sport teams and participants with His love and grace.

Opening Doors

God has blessed families of Indiana with the choice of sending their children to the school that they feel best meets their needs. The LUTHERAN SGO of Indiana has changed the boundaries of the local school and greatly broadened them. You can open even more doors allowing students to enter the hallways of Calvary Lutheran Church and School. This opportunity will provide scholarship grants to students and their families. Contributions made by you for this purpose will be used to offer a Christian education so that children may not only receive a quality education, but to hear God's Word.

How do I help open these doors? Contribution forms for Lutheran SGO are available online at www.LutheranSGO.org. The state of Indiana will give you a tax credit of 50% of your donation. Example: If you give a gift of \$1000.00 you will receive an Indiana state tax credit of \$500.00. This is a unique opportunity. Funding for the 191 scholarship grants for 2025-26 students enrolled at Calvary is \$125,000.00. We have currently gathered approximately \$27,000.00. Those desiring to contribute to this fund may do so through December 31 to receive the tax credit for this 2025 calendar year. We anticipate a need of \$95,000.00 for the goal to be met. Any additional funds gathered will remain in our account with the Lutheran SGO of Indiana to be used during the 2026-27 school year.

We ask the Lord to provide for the needs of others through the gifts of our hands.

Operation Christmas Child

We are privileged each year to gather in support of Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse. Each year the students of Calvary Lutheran in Kindergarten through 4th grade meet with our adult ministry group to pack the boxes. This is coordinated through the assistance of Mrs. Barb Sorgius.

A special assembly was held this September. A recipient of an Operation Christmas Child Box spoke to the students. Congregation members were invited to attend this special presentation as well. The presenter was 10 years old when he received his box. His witness shared the love of the Lord which filled his heart and has led him to now share this Good News through Samaritan's Purse. God is good.

Boxes will be packed again this November through the combined hearts and hands of our adult ministry members and students of Calvary. May God bless each hand that packs them and each hand that receives them.

Saints for a Day

Students in our 8th grade will travel to Lutheran High School for a shadow day on Wednesday, November 12. The students are paired with student mentors, visit and participate in classroom activities, meet with LHSI faculty and staff, and enjoy a pizza lunch during their visit. The students return to Calvary at 12:30PM. We ask the Lord to bless this time as God has opened doors beyond Calvary Lutheran enabling the students to continue their Christian Education in high school.



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

We have opened our doors for the 50th year of Lutheran High School. God has blessed Lutheran High School and our families! Join us for LHS Trivia Time weekly on our social media pages. If you have memories to share, please email those to Kathy Anderson.

LuFest - February 6, 2026

Grab your friends and join us for an unforgettable night celebrating and supporting Lutheran High School at the beautiful Indiana Roof Ballroom. Early Bird Tickets are NOW AVAILABLE at LuFest.org. Don't delay! Ticket prices will increase on December 13.

Saints on Stage presents *Almost, Maine*

Join our Lutheran High School thespians as they present *Almost, Maine* a real romantic comedy taking place on November 13, 15-16. More information coming soon on LHSL.org.

Fellowship Ministry

2025 Church Outdoor Worship & Picnic Thank You

Thank you to all who attended, served and supported this year's Calvary Outdoor Worship & Picnic at German Park. There were about 275 Worship attendees and just under 300 attended the picnic. We pray you had a wonderful time reconnecting and catching up with your Calvary family, enjoying good food (especially the desserts) and games! Ministry Teams and many other volunteers made this event a success! Your serving hands and hearts make all the difference. Picnic patrons, your financial support is greatly appreciated! God is so good, and He blesses us through all of you!

*Thank
you!*

Women in Mission

Save the date for the Annual Holiday Bazaar!!!

The 56th 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.*

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/>.

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' Pinochle Club (Monday, November 10th)

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 **November 10th**. Please join us.

Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.

Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, November 1st, 8:30 a.m.

The November Ladies' Bible study will be on **Saturday, November 1st** and will be from the Lutheran Women's Summer 2025 Quarterly and shared by everyone.

Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, November 1st** at 8:30 a.m.

Christmas Luncheon (Wednesday, December 10th, 11:30 a.m.)

Arni's Restaurant, Greenwood

Save the date for the ladies' Christmas luncheon. In addition to fellowship and a delicious lunch, there will be an inspiring devotion "O Tannenbaum: A Necessitree".

Returning to a former tradition, please bring unwrapped Gifts for Baby Jesus (baby or toddler items to donate to Life Centers).

If you do not find an invitation in your mailbox, additional ones are available on the information table by the church office door. Reservations will be accepted until Wednesday, December 3rd.

Questions? Contact Emily.

Extravagant Sharing

The needs at the Emmaus Food Pantry are always great. During the months of November and December we will not suggest specific items, but donations can always be placed on the Extravagant Sharing shelves, especially cereal. Pat O'Connor, from Emmaus, continues to take your donations to the Emmaus Food Pantry. During November and December there will be many ways to support special appeals for donations from Calvary ministry teams to make Thanksgiving and Christmas brighter for our community. Continue to Extravagantly share your love of Jesus with our community.

Blankets for Babies Fall Schedule

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

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

Youth Ministry

FLIGHT (High School Youth Group)

The high school youth group meets weekly on **Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Contact Brian Krohmer at bkrohmer@clcs.org to be added to the email list for event updates.

LAUNCH (5th-6th grades)

All 5th and 6th grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Wednesday, November 12th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

SAIL (7th-8th grades)

All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to the next SAIL event on **Saturday, November 19th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**



Youth Chili and Soup Cook-Off and Dessert Auction (Sunday, November 2)

Get your recipe books out and your loose change ready because the Calvary Youth Cook-off and Dessert Auction is back! We will continue last year's tradition where you may enter your favorite chili, soup, or mac and cheese recipe for the competition OR you may submit a dish for the dessert auction. Join us in the gym on **Sunday, November 2 from 12:00-1:30 p.m.** following the late service.

Entry forms are available at the welcome center and are due soon.

All money raised will benefit the youth attending the 2026 Sr. High mission trip to Wilmington, NC.

Admission for this event is \$5/person with a max of \$20/family.



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

November 2025

The Saints in Heaven

November 2, 2025 – All Saints Day (observed)

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

On All Saints Day we have sadness as we think of our departed loved ones whom we greatly miss. The apostle John in the Book of Revelation presents to us a vision of the saints in heaven. This vision gives us who are still here on earth great joy and encouragement to remain steadfast in our Christian faith and life.

Sermon Text: Revelation 7:9-17 Readings: Psalm 149:1-5; Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 5:1-12

Featured Choir: Holy Cross Lutheran Church Treble Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kingsville, Md.

Your God is Too Small

November 9, 2025 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

The myths people believe about heaven! What will it look like? What will we experience? The problem with these beliefs is that they are so much less than what God has prepared for those who trust in Jesus Christ. If you settle for the myths, then your God is too small!

Sermon Text: Luke 20:38 Readings: Psalm 148; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17; Luke 20:27-40

Featured Choirs: Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sanctuary Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, LaPorte, Ind.

Redemption Draws Near

November 16, 2025 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Shayne Jonker

Just when things are at their worst and you are left with literally nothing in this world, precisely then, "straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption draws near" (Luke 21:28 ESV). Jesus is near, now in Word and Supper, and soon in visible glory. With Him there is redemption, forgiveness of sin, and eternal life.

Sermon Text: Luke 21:28 Readings: Psalm 98; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 21:5-28

Featured Choirs: Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sanctuary Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.; St. John Lutheran School, Plymouth, Wis.

Featured Art and Architecture: Trinity Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Greatest Triumph

November 23, 2025 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Life presents us with many challenges. As we reflect on these challenges, we recognize that in Christ we have the victory. In Him we have the greatest triumph.

Sermon Text: Colossians 1:13-20 Readings: Psalm 46; Colossians 1:13-20; Luke 23:27-43

Featured Choir: Lincoln Lutheran High School, Lincoln, Neb.

Featured Art and Architecture: Chapel of the Resurrection, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.

Your King is Coming

November 30, 2025 – First Sunday in Advent

Rev. William Mueller

The First Sunday in Advent turns the pages of our lives to turn our attention toward Christmas. But are we merely going through the motions turning the pages of the calendar or are we turning our hearts to the message of this season?

Sermon Text: Matthew 21:1-11 Readings: Psalm 122; Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 21:1-11

Featured Choir: St. Paul Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Holy Cross Lutheran School Junior Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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