

CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



Church Newsletter

April 2026

From the Pastors

But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:20

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

The fact of the resurrection is the central miracle of the Christian story. The early church boldly confessed that Jesus had triumphed over death! The earliest explanation of the resurrection account assumed that the tomb was empty. The disciples insisted that they had seen the living, breathing resurrected Lord. The changed lives of these disciples and the conversion of Saul of Tarsus pointed to the powerful work of a Savior who was living, reigning and resurrected.

Because Jesus rose, we have the promise that we also will triumph over death and the grave. Paul refers to Jesus as the first of fruits of the resurrection. In the Old Testament, first fruits were the initial offering of the harvest. The people of God returned the first of their crops as an acknowledgement that all of their produce belonged to the Lord. It was also a confession that they believed that there would be more crops coming in the future. The early church confessed that there would be a future harvest. Those who died in Christ would rise from the grave.

For Christians, death is like sleep. We do not fear death for it is not the final word. The Bible often refers to death as sleep. In the same way that we go to sleep knowing that we will awaken the next morning, Christians close their eyes in death confident that they will be raised. And the promise of the resurrection is glorified bodies and the eternal presence of Christ!

Easter changes the way that we look at life. Jesus is in control. And he continues to rule over this world. In the midst of change, confusion, and challenge, he provides direction and guidance through His Word and Spirit. He gathers us together to hear His Word and praise His name. He unites us together at His table as we eat and drink His real presence.

And Easter changes the way we look at death. Death (while it is still not our friend) is our entry into everlasting life. And we face life in this world with confidence and hope.

Christ Jesus, God's own Son came down, His people to deliver.
 Destroying sin, He took the crown from death's pale brow forever:
 Stripped of power, no more it reigns; an empty form alone remains.
 Its sting is lost forever, Alleluia!
 (Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands, LSB 458)

Rejoicing with you in the hope of the Resurrection!

God's Peace, *Pastor Mark Schumm*

General News

2026 Holy Week Worship Schedule

****** = denotes those services livestreamed. Visit clcs.org/videos.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 2nd 3:45 p.m. with communion

****** April 2nd 6:30 p.m. with communion

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 3rd 2:15 p.m.—Calvary School Chapel (*All welcome*)

****** April 3rd 6:30 p.m.—Service of Darkness (No communion)

EASTER (VIGIL) SATURDAY SERVICE

April 4th 5:30 p.m. (traditional)

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

****** April 5th 8:00 a.m. (traditional with choir and handbells)

****** April 5th 10:45 a.m. (contemporary)



Easter Sunday Breakfast

Our youth are excited to offer a light breakfast on Easter morning, **Sunday, April 5th**, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. This meal will be served in the gym and will include hot pancake breakfast, coffee, juice, etc. No cost to attend. However, a free will offering will be received to support the senior high youth attending this summer's mission trip to Wilmington, NC.

GriefShare (Wednesdays, through May 27th)

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. Wednesdays, March 4th – May 27th, 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.



General News

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

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

Save the Date—Vacation Bible School

Mon., Jun 22—Fri., Jun 26 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.



Congregational Work Day

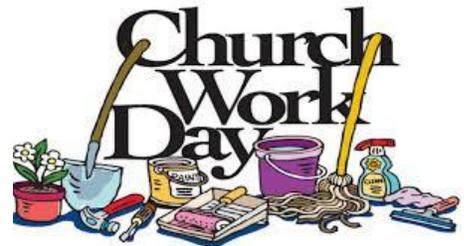
Who: Anybody with a "Can Do" attitude

What: Congregational Work Day for God's House

When: Saturday, April 25th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Inside & outside (weather dependent)

Why: Many hands make light work



Questions? Contact Mike Daake.

April Memorials

In Memory of Mark Hasz:

Jake & Kyle Allen, Sandra Gettle, Mel Wessler, Judy Vanosdol, Jim & Carol Keenan, Elise Wolf, Bob & Rosie Blazek, Marilyn Rothkopf

In Memory of Jill Radcliffe:

Bob & Rosie Blazek

In Memory of Marcia Bailey:

Janet Grube

In Memory of June Krohmer:

Janet Grube



General News

Serving Where God Has Placed You

"Your labor is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

There is no better place to serve God than right where He has set you. Every act of service, no matter how small, has significance and contributes to God's work in our world.

Share Your Service Beyond Calvary

Are you volunteering outside of Calvary? We want to know! Calvary is currently gathering information about the community service roles undertaken by our members. By sharing your experiences, **you help us celebrate and recognize how God is working through you in our neighborhoods, community, and beyond.** It will also provide an opportunity for others to discover ways they can serve in our community.

How to Participate

- Please take five minutes to complete a short form consisting of nine questions for each of your areas of service (clcs.org/volunteersurvey)
- Paper forms are also available in the church office.



Receive a Gift

The first 75 completed submissions will receive a voucher for Culvers/Chick-Fil-A, etc.

What's Next?

Watch for details for upcoming service celebration opportunities.



Meaningful Service Opportunity

Join Camp Lakeview **May 1-3** for their **Spring Work Weekend**. Help get camp ready for the summer. There are projects for all ages and ability levels. Serve during the day and enjoy fellowship time in the evenings. This weekend is **FREE** with meals and lodging provided, and if you can't make it for the entire time, you are welcome to join for a day! This is a great option for families who want to spend time serving together, families that are new to camp to check things out before summer, or for couples or retired adults. To sign up go to lakeview.camp/workweekend.

Executive Director

From Your Executive Director

If one drives around the city or through neighborhoods during the Christmas season, there is no mistaking that the holiday has become heavily secular. Yes, there are some who have a nativity in their front yard, but for the most part, one sees colored lights, inflatable displays, decorated trees, and the like. And many people seemingly view the holiday as “done” after the 25th of December, as the undecorating begins almost immediately after the holiday.

But how about Easter? Why does the most important day in the Christian church gets second-class treatment outside the church? There has been, like Christmas, a secularization of the holiday – just look at all the Easter bunnies and other affiliated decorations, one does not generally see large, illuminated crosses or empty tombs in someone’s front yard.

These two Christian holidays have something in common: both have popular, secular songs written about them. “White Christmas” is one of the best-known Christmas songs, and “Easter Parade” are those to which I refer, the latter not as popular as it was years ago, but still well known. But neither are the least-bit religious.

Now, we certainly have our fair share of religious Christmas songs that are heard almost ad infinitum beginning the first of November (and year-round on a SiriusXM station). However, why does Easter take a back seat to Christmas?

It's the most important day of Christianity: without Easter, there is no Christian church. Full stop, end of story. Instead of a resurrection, we have a dead body in the tomb. Even the 1970s rock opera “Jesus Christ Superstar” called it quits at that point, for the ending song in that musical is titled John Nineteen Forty-One, which reads “Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.” (ESV) At least Mel Gibson hinted at the Resurrection in his blockbuster movie *The Passion of the Christ*.

Perhaps, as Christians, we have been too good at keeping this holiday to ourselves, instead of using it to Engage People In Christ. We understand the significance but may have done a poor job promoting it outside the church. There used to be an ecumenical sunrise service at Southport High School – in the football stadium or in the fieldhouse – with voluntary participation from the various school choirs, but that event stopped many years ago and was never replaced.

This Easter, try to change this downplaying of the event of our Savior's conquering of death, by helping others Connect to the holiday. Learn its importance, understand that Christ's love and Care for us is found in unfathomable amounts on the day: that His sacrifice was done out of Service to God.

The hymn At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing contains the very powerful words:

*Easter triumph, Easter joy! / This alone can sin destroy; /
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, /
Newborn souls in You to be. / Alleluia!*

What a blessing! What a gift! One we need to share with the rest of the world, when we proclaim “He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!”

In His and Your service,

Bill Laut

Only 9 or 10 Sundays

Depending on when you read this article there are only 9 or 10 more Sundays until the running of the 110th Indianapolis 500. News media outlets have already shared that information. The planning and preparation for this huge event never ends. People within that organization work day after day covering aspects necessary for the race to occur. As the time for the actual race day draws nearer, the number of deadlines and needs grows seemingly unsurmountable. If you are planning on attending the race you may have already made some plans. If you hold annual tickets those were reserved months ago. Connecting with friends and family would require communication as well. The May 24th race date is earlier than normal. This adds another layer of time constraints.

Our day-to-day schedules are impacted by events in the future. The first day of school requires tremendous changes as part of the preparation. New clothing, purchasing school supplies, doctor's visit, and other aspects go into being ready for the new school year. Holiday celebrations include travel plans, special foods, decorations, and so much more. We look at the needs that tomorrow might bring and plan and prepare.

God calls us to consider our faith walk and today. Our futures with Him have already been determined. Jesus tells us that He is preparing a place in His mansion for all believers. As believers in Christ our eternal life is secure. We are confident in our hope as His words of Promise declare. The Holy Spirit enters our hearts day after day continuing to guide and lead us through faith. This has all been completed through Christ's triumphant Resurrection on Easter morning.

We can make the greatest plans for 9-10 Sundays from now. The race might get rained out and postponed. Our holiday trips might be impacted by a host of other issues like inclement weather. Nothing is guaranteed for tomorrow here on earth. It is very comforting knowing that all is secure in God. This is our joy to teach and share with the students each day. Sharing God's eternal love provides a framework for them as they grow and consider more earnestly their future knowing that the Way goes before them. No matter the detours that life might bring God has indeed granted to all abundant life in Him.

Connecting-Caring-Serving-Learning

2026-27 School Registration

Registrations for the 2026-27 school year are currently being accepted. Staffing and other needs are being planned as we open the doors to a new school year in August. Please contact the school office for additional information. Inquiries are to be directed to our Director of Admissions, Ms. Heather McFarland.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7 is the National Day of Prayer. Chapel will be held on this day beginning at 8:15AM. We are so blessed to live in a country where freedom allows for a day such as this. Every day is a day of prayer. We take it to the Lord.

ILEARN State Test Window

Students in 3rd-8th grade will take the ILEARN test between April 13 – May 8. Students will be taking their ILEARN tests online using their chrome books. We thank our Tech Committee, Dustin Smith, and SCG Technologies for their expertise and efforts enabling this to occur.

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Easter Monday- eLearning Day (April 6)

Calvary will be conducting an eLearning Day on Monday, April 6 for Easter Monday. This day is established to help families with Easter travels. There will be no onsite attendance on that day. Attendance is noted by the completion of the given assignments.

Calvary Lutheran School Fine Arts Fair- FAM Fest

All are invited to our Fine Arts Fair to be held onsite on Wednesday, April 15 from 6-8:00PM. Stroll through the building as you visit the exhibition hallways displaying student artwork. Come to hear our student choirs and bands perform. Come for an evening of fun, fellowship, food, and fine arts. **U Paint Pottery Studio** will be here as well as part of this celebration. The specific evening's schedule will be shared as plans are finalized.

Save the Date

Our School Walk-a-Thon is scheduled for Friday, May 1. More information regarding this event will be communicated as it is known.

Holy Week- March 29-April 5

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

Mrs. Stacey Faubion

Calvary Lutheran School staff and students will miss the daily teaching ministry of Mrs. Stacey Faubion as the 2026-27 school year begins. Stacey's final day at Calvary will be at the end of this school year. We praise and thank God for all that He has given through Stacey. She has been a blessing to students, staff, and families. She will be greatly missed. Stacey will be recognized on Sunday, May 17.

Middle School Science Teacher Sought

Please submit names of individuals that may be seeking the opportunity to teach science in our middle school to the school office. We seek the Lord as He leads others to serve Him at Calvary Lutheran Church and School. Contact the school office, 317-783-2305.

Calvary's 11th Annual CrossWalk/Run/Ride Event

Our annual fundraiser provides supplies for the classroom, facility, security and technology while promoting a healthy lifestyle through walking, running and riding. This year our goal is \$40,000. A 3k/5k walk/run will be held on Saturday, May 2nd. The school Walk-a-thon will take place during the day on Friday, May 1st followed by a Bike Rodeo for PS-5th graders in the evening. We are currently looking for individuals and businesses to sponsor our event with donations of \$100 or more.



Many volunteers will be needed for the many events being provided. In April, our students will be asking for sponsors for the walk on May 3rd. In the coming weeks, a Giving Tree will be placed in the church lobby to gather specific items needed for the various events. If you see a need that you can fill or would like more information about being a sponsor, please email Dawn Schultz at Schultz@thecalvaryschool.org or contact the school office.

Women in Mission

Ladies' Pinochle Club (Monday, April 13th)

Whether it's your first time or you're an old pro, join us for Pinochle! We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Pinochle will meet **April 13th**. Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.

Ladies' Bible Study (Saturday, April 4th, 8:30 a.m.)

The March Ladies' Bible study will be on **Saturday, April 4th** and will be from the Lutheran Women's Spring 2026 Quarterly and shared by everyone.

Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, April 4th** at 8:30 a.m.

Ladies' Pickleball (Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.)

Have you ever wanted to try pickleball? Join other women for a relaxed friendly game where beginners are welcome. Come learn and play with us! We meet in the school gym most Saturday mornings. Check the weekly church calendar to confirm the schedule. Bring good tennis shoes and patience. Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.

Extravagant Sharing

Let's fill the shelves of Emmaus Lutheran's Food Pantry in April with **peanut butter and jelly**. We can also provide many hungry clients who come to the Emmaus food pantry with boxes of cereal. Bring your donations for **Extravagant Sharing** to the shelves in the narthex. This is another great opportunity for us all to share the love of our Risen Lord and Savior with the community.

Mite Boxes

What are Mites? The contribution of mites is based on the biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). Mites are small offerings collected in Mite boxes available on the Women In Mission/LWML table in the narthex by the south doors. The offerings fund local and global mission grants and support various ministry projects aimed at spreading the Gospel. You can pick up a mite box, fill it with coins or dollar bills, and place it in the large Mite box on the table when it's full. A few examples of recent Mission Grant projects include Ukraine's Orphans and Displaced Persons, The Perpetual Call for Pastors and Teachers, and sharing the Light of Jesus Christ to Unwed Homeless Mothers. Visit <https://www.lwml.org/mission-grants> to find out more.



Blankets for Babies

Blankets for Babies will meet **Tuesdays, April 7th & May 5th** from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the narthex. We look forward to seeing some new faces!

Questions or interested in joining? Contact Susan Daniels.

Adult Ministry

Lunch Out! (Wednesday, April 1st, 11:00 a.m.)

For our "First Wednesday" in April outing, we're meeting at Whiskey Business, 5220 E. Southport Road, Indianapolis.

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, April 15th, 11:00 a.m.)

Presenter: Laura Johnson, Director of Joy's House

Program: Adult Daycare and Caregiver Support Services for Families

Lunch: Turkey Tetrazzini, Green Beans, and Dessert.

Cost: Suggested donation: \$5.

Questions? Barb Sorgius, 317-783-2000.

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 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, April 22nd 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 **Wednesday, April 29th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**



Lutheran High School of Indianapolis

Lutheran High School Admissions

Space is limited at Lutheran High School! If you haven't already, it's time to save your seat! New students need to submit an application. Returning students need to submit their re-enrollment. Both should be done as soon as possible at LHSI.ORG. Questions? Contact Deidre Barnett. #ItsAGreatDaytoBeaSaint

Metal Recycling – April 4

Lutheran High School is hosting a Metal Recycling Event in the parking lot on Saturday, April 4, 9 am - noon. ALL items containing any metal (including electronics) are welcome. Proceeds will benefit the Boys Volleyball program. Many thanks to our business partner - Hanna's Wrecker, Parts & Recycling for sponsoring this event.

Scholarships Available

Several scholarships are available to our Lutheran High School community (both for incoming/current students and graduating seniors): the **Salvatore and Marjorie Gioe Memorial Scholarship, the Henry Arnold Kespohl Scholarship, and the Denecke Scholarship**. Find more information and apply online at LHSI.org. Please submit applications **by April 15**.

Save the Date! – May 9, 2026

Join us for our 50th Celebration taking place at Lutheran High School on May 9, 2026 at 5:00 pm. This will be a free event that will include a program and dinner. [RSVP TODAY!](#)

LHS Summer Sports Camps – June 2026

LHS will offer summer sports camps during June for boys and girls currently in grade school. Sports Camps include: Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, and Wrestling. **NEW** this year... Track & Field will take place alongside our Cross Country Camp. For information and registration, visit LHSI.org.



Stewardship Ministry

Calvary's April Partner in Ministry – Missionaries Pastor Rafael Flores and Deaconess Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores

Each month the Stewardship Ministry Team designates a different Calvary Partner in Ministry. By emphasizing the diverse ministries that Calvary supports we hope to provide a better understanding of the many ways your gifts to Calvary are being used. This month's Ministry Partner is the Flores family serving as LCMS missionaries in Latin America. Pastor Rafael Flores and Deaconess Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores are currently located in Chile. They were recently blessed with their second daughter Miranda in December. Also, as you may know, Jamielynn is the sister of Calvary member Jennifer Weaver. If you would like to know more about the Flores family's ministry please follow this link: <https://www.lcms.org/tinkey> For a complete list of Calvary Partners in Ministry please visit the "Partners" page at our website. <https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

Calvary Connects Update

Last September we initiated a capital campaign (Calvary Connects) to enhance our ministry by making much-needed improvements to our facilities. Two of the projects for this campaign (the Café and the women's restroom in the Narthex) are complete. The upgrade of the men's restroom is slated to be the next phase for this project. While we are still getting pricing for the project phases, it is expected that all the phases of the project to have a total cost of approximately \$1,250,000. Calvary's leadership initially designated \$500,000 from our reserves as a challenge match to encourage participation in the capital campaign.

As of March 2026, we are well over halfway to our initial goal of \$750,000 in pledges from our members. With over \$600,000 pledged by our members to date, we have more than met the \$500,000 challenge and are at about 80% of the initial goal of \$750,000.

If you have not yet made a pledge to the Calvary Connects campaign, please prayerfully consider doing so by completing one of the pledge cards found at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Have questions about connecting your Thrivent membership to a project? Contact the Stewardship Ministry Team at stewardship@clcs.org.

Scholarships for those pursuing an education in church work

Scholarships are available for Calvary members studying to be church workers from both the Wessler Family Endowment and the Student Assistance Fund. Anyone who is considering pursuing an education in church work and would like more information on scholarship opportunities please reach out to the Stewardship Ministry Team.

Thrivent Action Grants and Direct Choice Dollars

Please remember that all Thrivent members are eligible to receive up to two Thrivent Action Grants a year. Action grants in an amount of up to \$250 each are available for many projects at Calvary. Recent projects that have been partially funded with Thrivent Action Grants include the Fall Mum Sale and materials for the Community Garden.

Outreach Ministry

JOIN US FOR OUR
**EASTER
 EGG HUNT!**

11 AM - 1:30 PM
 MARCH 28, 2026



All
Free!

Egg
Hunt
@12:30

Chemistry Show
 Bounce Houses
 Petting Zoo

Hot Dogs,
 chips, and
 drinks!

Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 S Shelby St
www.clcs.org 317-783-2000

Parish Ed

Thank you to Our Lay Leaders!

Parish Education hosted a brunch on March 21 for lay leaders who facilitate small-group Bible studies for Calvary members throughout the year. The event served as an opportunity to express gratitude, promote collaboration, and share Bible study resources. Several of these dedicated individuals have been leading small groups for many years. Praise God for their faithful service!

Community Garden

Community Garden Sign-Up

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

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

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

Women in Mission Yard Sale



NO CLOTHING OR SHOES.

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Books | 13. Small Appliances |
| 2. Movies | 14. Kitchen |
| 3. Music | 15. Glassware / Dishes |
| 4. Tools | 16. Crafts |
| 5. Garden | 17. Holiday |
| 6. Sports Gear | 18. Linens |
| 7. Games | 19. SMALL Furniture |
| 8. Toys | 20. Home Health |
| 9. Baby Items | 21. Purses |
| 10. Pet Supplies | 22. Personal Items |
| 11. Musical Instruments | 23. Antiques |
| 12. Home Furnishings | 24. Plants |

DONATION DROP-OFF SCHEDULE:

Thursday 6/4/26 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Friday 6/3/26 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Sign up to volunteer at clcs.org/yardsalevolunteer. All volunteers get early shopping privileges!

Contacts: Candy O'Bryan (cobryan66@aol.com) and Paula Fisk (paulaiimc@aol.com)

Your donations of GENTLY USED items to support the Emmaus Food Pantry are needed for the

JUNE 6th YARD SALE
8am – 12pm

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

NO LARGE FURNITURE. If you can't carry it by yourself, neither can we.

Worship Anew

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.

Toll-Free: (888) 286-8002 www.worshipanew.org

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

April 2026

Jesus' Death – Good News

April 3, 2026 – Good Friday

Guest Pastor – Rev. Douglas Punke

It's Good Friday, but do you feel good about it? Or on Good Friday, do you feel bad for what Jesus suffered and why that was necessary? Jesus suffered and died for you – for your salvation, but He died and rose again for your everlasting good.

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:3; Isaiah 53:5 Readings: Psalm 31; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 19:17-30

Featured Choir: Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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

Easter Is About Life!

April 5, 2026 – Easter: The Resurrection of Our Lord

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Death is the reality confronting all of us because we are sinners. But Easter is about life! Because Jesus lives, we shall also live!

Sermon Text: Matthew 28:1-10 Readings: Psalm 16; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

Featured Choirs: St. Michael Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.; LWML Indiana District Choir

Featured Art and Architecture: St. Peter Lutheran Church, Dahlonega, Ga.

A Living Hope

April 12, 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Wishful thinking or rock-solid certainty? The Christian understanding of "hope" differs radically from that of the unbeliever. A blood-stained cross and an empty tomb create an eternity-changing hope, "A Living Hope."

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9 Readings: Psalm 148; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Featured Choirs: St. John Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, Ind; Indiana District LWML Choir

Featured Art and Architecture: Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Alpharetta, Ga.

Opened Eyes

April 19, 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter

Rev. Shayne Jonker

Two disciples walked with Jesus and their hearts burned. The Emmaus road teaches us that Jesus walks with us and talks with us in the Scriptures. Do you want to have an Emmaus walk with Jesus? Then take God's Word and read. Come to the church and hear. Take a stroll through the Scriptures searching for Jesus' death and resurrection, and your slow, sad hearts will burn too.

Sermon Text: Luke 24:35 Readings: Psalm 116:1-14; Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Luke 24:13-35

Featured Choir: St. Paul Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: All Saints Lutheran Church, Blairsville, Ga.

The Perfect Shepherd

April 26, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

One of our favorite images of Jesus is that of the Good Shepherd. This Good Shepherd guides us, His sheep, to the glory and majesty of heaven. It cost Him dearly to do so. That is because He loves us so.

Sermon Text: John 10:1-10 Readings: Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47; John 10:1-10

Featured Choirs: LWML Indiana District Choir; Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

2 Rhonda	Townsend	26 Debbie	Piepenbrink
2 Cody	Drattlo	26 Dottie	Grimes
3 Jenny	Mascari	27 Sophia	Mayo
3 Diane	Robinson	27 Lillie	Frick
3 Andy	Fitzpatrick	28 Hayley	Smith
3 Faith	Sachs	28 Archer	Wilson
3 Savannah	Wehrmeister	28 Rocco	Wilson
4 Tony	Spelde	28 Johanna	Laut
4 Jenni	Craft	28 Landon	Madden
5 Malee	Behning	29 Samuel	Meier
5 Diana	Langhammer	29 Lydia	Dishman
5 Ray	Moore	29 Emma	Lee
5 Pr. Udhay	Raji	30 Ethan	Francis
6 Pr. John	Kolb	30 Kyle	Huntington
6 Rick	Shaker	30 Waylon	Wendeln
7 Luke	Evens		
8 Jane	Bolden		
9 Sydney	Dearth		
10 Jake	Allen		
10 Noah	Wilcher		
11 Elijah	Henderson		
12 Angela	Ransdell		
12 Pr. Harvey	Lange	96!	
12 John	Ryan	90!	
12 Nancy	Bice		
12 Liam	Teague		
12 Rosemary	Batteiger		
12 Kimberly	Moore		
12 Joe	Soberalski		
14 Pr. Tim	Benzinger		
14 Sam	Udhayanesan		
14 Delaney	Blazek		
14 Jacob	Ramsey		
14 David	Leim		
15 Anton	Laut		
15 Savannah	LeMay		
17 Richard	Truitt		
17 Wendy	Wilson		
17 Cheryl	Smith		
18 Stephanie	Rennecker		
18 Steve	Bardonner		
18 Evan	Prieshoff		
19 Christopher	Camin		
19 Mary	Buckner		
21 Ethan	Wagoner		
21 Michael	Goldsberry		
22 Dan	Weeden		
22 Luke	Wildauer		
22 Gunnar	Williams		
23 Mike	Steineck		
23 John	Moore		
23 Shannon	Frank		
23 Thomas	Leslie		
23 Claudia	Gerken		
23 Colin	McQueary		
24 Sylvia	Wendeln		
24 Jenny	Sitzman		
24 Kim	Schroeder		
24 Mason	Huene		
25 Josh	Springer		



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Jerry & Diane Gibson
 7 - Chuck & Debbie Dulla
 11 - Paul & Patty Dorman
 20 - Todd & Connie Wiernicki
 23 - Steve & Gloria Vandivier
 24 - Chuck & Beekie Hudson
 26 - Jerry & Jessica Denny
 30 - Jeffrey & Kelley Gilbert



Note: We apologize if we have missed anyone or if our information is incorrect. Please contact churchsecretary@clcs.org with any updates.

Calvary Lutheran Church & School

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:00 am Lunch Out 6:00 pm GetShare (Conf)	2 9:45 pm Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanc) 6:45 pm Maundy Thursday Meal (Gym) 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanc) 7:30 pm H2H First Communion Reception (Gym)	3 2:15 pm Good Friday Chapel (Sanc) 6:30 pm Good Friday Worship (Sanc)	4 7:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conf) 8:30 am Ladies' Bible Study (Church Library) 10:00 am Pickleball (Gym) 1:00 pm Quilt Guild (Gym) 5:30 pm Easter Vigil Worship (Sanc)
5 No H2H Confirmation No Sunday School No Into the Word No Faith Talks 8:00 am Easter Traditional Worship (Sanc) 9:00 am Easter Breakfast (Gym) 10:45 am Easter Contemporary Worship (Sanc) 12:30 pm Tami Worship (Sanc)	6 Easter Monday – No School Church & School Offices Closed Compassion MT (Conf) 7:00 pm	7 10:00 am Prayer Ministry Team (Conf) 4:00 pm Benedicts for Babies (Nerthex) 6:45 pm Children School MT (School Library) 7:00 pm Harson Zoom Bible Study (Virtual)	8 6:00 pm GetShare (Conf)	9 8:10 am All School Chapel (Sanc) 9:00 am Quilters (Nerthex) 12:00 pm Stretching Souls (Nerthex) 6:00 pm Fellowship MT (Conf) 7:00 pm Choir (Sanc) 8:00 pm Handbells (Sanc)	10	11 7:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conf) 10:00 am Pickleball (Gym) 5:30 pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
12 8:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanc) 9:15 am H2H Confirmation Parent Event (Sanc) 9:25 am Sunday School (Celestina) 9:25 am Into the Word (125) 9:25 am Faith Talks (127) 10:45 am Contemporary Worship (Sanc) 5:30 pm Fight (Youth)	13 5:30 pm Pinochle Club (Conf) 7:00 pm Spiritual Life (125) 7:00 pm Irwin Young Ladies' Study (Office)	14 10:00 am Prayer Ministry Team (Conf) 2:30 pm Women in Mission (Conf) 6:30 pm Facilities MT (127) 7:00 pm Investible Study (Conf) 7:00 pm Harson Zoom Bible Study (Virtual)	15 11:00 am Lunch & Learn (Nerthex) 6:00 pm GetShare (125) 6:00 pm CLS FAM Fest (Sanc)	16 8:10 am All School Chapel (Sanc) 9:00 am Quilters (Cafe) 12:00 pm Stretching Souls (Nerthex) 7:00 pm Choir (Sanc) 8:00 pm Handbells (Sanc)	17	18 7:00 am LWML Spring Gathering (125) 7:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conf) 10:00 am Pickleball (Gym) 5:30 pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
19 8:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanc) 9:25 am Sunday School (Celestina) 9:25 am Into the Word (125) 9:25 am Faith Talks (127) 10:45 am Contemporary Worship (Sanc) 5:30 pm Fight (Youth)	20 7:00 pm Irwin Young Ladies' Study (Office)	21 10:00 am Prayer Ministry Team (Conf) 7:00 pm Executive Committee (125) 7:00 pm Investible Study (Conf) 7:00 pm Harson Zoom Bible Study (Virtual)	22 5:30 pm Launch – 5 th & 6 th Grades (Youth) 6:00 pm Faith Essays & Prayer Angel Banquet (Nerthex) 5:30 pm Launch – 5 th & 6 th Grades (Youth) 6:00 pm GetShare (125)	23 8:10 am CLS Knights Time Student Groups 9:00 am Quilters (Cafe) 12:00 pm Stretching Souls (Nerthex) 7:00 pm Choir (Sanc) 8:00 pm Handbells (Sanc)	24	25 7:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conf) 10:00 am IU Quilt Group (Nerthex) 10:00 am Pickleball (Gym) 1:00 pm Quilt Guild (Gym) 5:30 pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
26 Confirmation Sunday 8:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanc) 9:25 am Sunday School (Celestina) 9:25 am Into the Word (125) 9:25 am Faith Talks (127) 10:45 am Contemporary Worship (Sanc) 5:30 pm Fight (Youth)	27 5:30 pm Patch Ed (Conf) 7:00 pm Irwin Young Ladies' Study (Office)	28 10:00 am Prayer Ministry Team (Conf) 8:30 pm Communications MT (125) 7:00 pm Outreach MT (127) 7:00 pm Investible Study (Conf) 7:00 pm Harson Zoom Bible Study (Virtual)	29 5:30 pm Sail – 7 th & 8 th Grades (Youth) 6:00 pm GetShare (125)	30 9:00 am Quilters (Cafe) 12:00 pm Stretching Souls (Nerthex) 7:00 pm Choir (Sanc) 8:00 pm Handbells (Sanc)		

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