



CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



Church Newsletter

May 2026

From the Pastors

The Little Things of Life

“[Jesus] said therefore, ‘What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.’” (Luke 13:18-19).

Recently, we celebrated Confirmation Sunday here at Calvary. Eleven of our youth stood before the congregation to affirm their baptismal faith in Jesus Christ and to pledge their faithfulness to Him. Like so many other Confirmation services, it was truly a blessing to be a part—pews filled with supportive and proud families, powerful songs of praise sung by the congregation, and joy-filled words of promise spoken over the bright futures that God has in store for these young people. It truly is one of the highlights of my year within the church calendar. But... (there always has to be a 'but' doesn't there) ... But...it gets me thinking of all the other days in our faith journey that aren't filled with the pomp and circumstance of Confirmation day. We rightly emphasize this day within the lives of our young people, but what about the many other important days within our faith life that go by unnoticed. Each and every day we are invited to affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, as we enjoy the daily blessings.

Too often we only get excited about those life events that are going to make the “highlight reel.” You know, the moments of our lives that stand out as exciting, different, and perhaps even life changing. But what about the thousands of little decisions that never get noticed or celebrated. Jesus calls us to a theology of “little things” when long ago he compared the kingdom of God to a mustard seed. He stressed the fact that God's kingdom comes in our world and in our life in little ways that we will never even notice unless we are looking. If we are always looking for the “next big thing”, then we might miss out on what God is doing right here and right now.

As important as Confirmation Day may be within the life of a young Christian and his or her family, I'm convinced that it is the “little” decision to affirm their faith in Jesus by coming to church the next week and the week after that, which will determine the much BIGGER outcome of that faith.

- 1) What do you remember from your Confirmation Day or from your religious upbringing?
- 2) How has your faith changed and grown over the years?
- 3) What do you wish you knew then that you know now?
- 4) Where is God inviting you TODAY to take a “little” step of faith under His care?

Eugene H. Peterson once said, “The culture conditions us to approach people and situations as journalists: see the big, exploit the crisis, edit and abridge the commonplace, interview the glamorous. But the Scriptures and our best pastoral traditions train us in a different approach: notice the small, persevere in the commonplace, appreciate the obscure.” Where is God inviting you today to consider the “little blessings” or “little opportunities” in life?

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

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.



Mother's Day Flower Sale

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

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.

State of the Church Update (May 31st)

Join us after worship services **Sunday, May 31st at 12:00 p.m.** as we help set the direction of our church for the year ahead. We will meet to share upcoming initiatives, celebrate ministry accomplishments, approve the 2026-27 budget, elect ministry leaders, and carry out other congregational business.

The nominations slate, proposed budget summary, and other materials will be available near each of the informational TV's or online at clcs.org/voters.

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

General News

Thank You Confirmation Mentors & Prayer Angels

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

Small group mentors: Amber Conrad, Amy Soberalski, Andy Lee, Kristina Davis

Prayer angels: Ann Arnold, Kimberly Moore, Kirsten Springer, Dawn Schultz, Glenda Roundtree, Rhonda Hansen, Brenda Irwin, Sandra Wilson, Linda Simons, Stacey Faubion, and Tracy Porter

Prayer angel coordinator: Diana Blazek.

Sunday School Attendance Awards Winter 2025-26

Faithful

Gracelyn Andrews	Madison Andrews	Reece Honebrink
Leyla Honebrink	Tyson Honebrink	Annabeth Jackson
Willard Jackson	Paisley Langhammer	Landon Madden
Kam En Mang	Lucas Marrero	Oliver Marrero
Nang Sian Piang		

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Eliana Marrero	Logan Marrero	
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May Memorials

In Memory of Marcia Bailey:

Janet Grube, Ellwyn Parks

In Memory of Vera Hoeverer:

Steve & Pattie Bardonner

In Memory of Jill Radcliffe:

Bob & Rosie Blazek, Ellwyn Parks

In Memory of Mark Hasz:

Marilyn Rothkopf, Bob & Rosie Blazek, Ellwyn Parks, Andrea Durkee



General News

National Day of Prayer May 7, 2026

*"Declare his glory among the nations,
His marvelous deeds among all peoples."*
1 Chronicles 16:24



On this our nation's 250th anniversary, prayer is as vital as ever! Just as George Washington knelt in prayer before the Battle of Valley Forge, we, too, must be on our knees before our Lord in prayer. As wars rage throughout the world and unrest is around us on every side, our Lord is calling us to prayer! God truly *can* do marvelous deeds and we play an integral part in seeing those deeds come to fruition as we come before our great God on bended knee.

Calvary offers two options for prayer on the National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2026.

- The school children will host a prayer service during their normal chapel time at 8:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. Any Calvary member or friends are invited to attend.
- You are also encouraged to sign up for a time to pray on the sign-up poster in the narthex. You may come to pray at church or pray from the privacy of your home or work.

Not sure what to pray? We are providing prayer guides for your use that contain prayers for our nation, the church, our government, families, military, and more. Obtain a prayer following the worship services in early May or by the prayer vigil sign-up in the narthex.

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

It's May, and I have a confession to make. It's been weighing on me for a long time, and after a lot of consideration, I decided I need to come clean and stop hiding this terrible secret. (Deep breath).

I have lived in Indianapolis my entire life, but: I have never visited the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. Given I grew up in a time when everything in this city was centered on the annual pre-race events and all the functions leading to the race itself, I am a little embarrassed I've never been to the museum. I've been to practice, qualifications, carb day, and the race, but never to the museum. I've driven by it, I've walked by it, but never entered the building. Boy, do I feel better getting that off my chest. (But going to the museum remains an item on my bucket list.)

I wish that were the only confession I have to make. It would make my life much simpler. But it's not.

I started to list everything I need to confess and gave up. Then reminded of Psalm 130:3, where we read "If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?" (NIV) and the more I tried to enumerate and detail all I needed to confess, the more frustrated and frankly exhausted I became. I recalled what Martin Luther once wrote: "For when we are overanxious and careful for fear that we may be doing wrong in any matter, we shall be conquered. Accordingly, if the devil should say to you: By all means, do not drink! you must tell him: Just because you forbid it, I shall drink, and that, liberally. In this manner **you must always do the contrary of what Satan forbids.**" (Luther to Jerome Weller, 1530)

We know that Satan tells us: who needs to CONNECT with other believers by being in a church? Who needs to CARE for others? Who needs to LEARN the Word of God? Who needs to use his or her abilities to SERVE others? Instead, the devil tells us we should be like the rich man we hear of in the Parable of the Rich Fool: "Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." (Luke 12:19b, ESV). Yet if or when we listen to the Deceiver, we find we fail, we sin, and we fall into despair. And it's at this point that something else Luther wrote now makes sense: A man must completely despair of himself in order to become fit to obtain the grace of Christ.

The answer is simple: when the Evil One tells us these things, and works his ways to try and lead us astray from Christ, we know we can absolutely rely on the Easter message we just celebrated in April: Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice, being our representative plenipotentiary to God for our sins. With His resurrection we know we don't need to worry about making a list of how we've missed the mark or tabulate everything we need to confess. The good news is: everything has been forgiven thanks to the Grace of Christ.

Instead of now making lists, let's take this wonderful message to our community, to our neighbors, to all those around us as we Engage People in Christ!

In His and Your service,

Bill Laut

8th Grade Graduation

We are proud to announce the 76th graduating class of Calvary Lutheran Church and School. Graduation will take place at a special worship service on Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. 37 graduates will be conferred their diplomas. We are honored to present Grant Davis, Evangeline Scheidt, and Anna Winter as this year's class co-Valedictorians. We commend these students and celebrate with their families on this academic accomplishment. A reception will be held immediately following the service in the gymnasium.

The 76th graduating class of Calvary Lutheran School members include: David Aung, May Aung, Kingston Bartley, Benjamin Camin, Willow Carter, Grant Davis, Luke Evans, Jace Fleming, Juleyna Florian, Ying Galau, Emily Gaston, Jace Honebrink, Niang Hoih, Savannah Holbrook, Tecla Isaac-Etim, Griffin Johnson, Myu Lahpai, Benjamin Lalthakima, Juju Lashi, Tlai Li, William Lian, Ezralian Mar, Ngun Men, Jackson Rutledge, Joel Sa, Evangeline Scheidt, Cindy Shen, Bryn Skeens, Tial Sung, Cora Taylor, Alex Thang, Gabriel Thang, John Thang, Landon Waterman, Gets Win, Anna Winter, and Shannon Yao.

We ask the Lord to bless these graduates as they continue to glorify their Savior as they pursue higher academic challenges and future adventures.

The Dirtiest Job

What has been the dirtiest job that you have ever done? For many years Mike Rowe hosted Dirty Jobs and Somebody's Gotta Do It television shows. A variety of adventures aired. Each episode contained two-three adventures for Mike Rowe to document vial, disgusting, putrid, and most definitely dirty jobs. Owl vomit collector, wastewater sewage plant worker, and maggot farmer are only a small sampling of these dirty jobs that he performed. Mike Rowe was even on Sesame Street to find the dirtiest job which happened to belong to Oscar. So what has been your dirtiest job?

I assisted my uncle in cleaning out his calf nursery pens. We wheelbarrowed eight inches of straw packed manure out of four pens through numerous trips. Pockets of methane gas would escape as we cleaned the pens. These enclosed areas were the home for what seemed like millions of flies. Then we shoveled the content of the wheelbarrow into a manure spreader. It was disgusting. Taking a nice long shower to clean up was more refreshing than any other remembered. The clothing that I wore had to be washed twice before all the odor was eliminated.

Soap and water removes most of our surface filth. It is easy for us to see when we are clean. But what needs to remove and cleanse our sinful filth? God has provided the answer to this dirtiest of all jobs. Jesus performed this dirty job as He suffered and died on Good Friday. Through His triumphant Resurrection on Easter, He completed the redemption for all people. We are made clean through the blood of our Lord and Savior. Through faith we are restored to purity.

We continue to become physically dirty which requires daily washing. The same is said for our sinful nature. Each day we confess our sins and God cleanses us through His forgiveness through Christ's sacrifice. Each day we are made clean. This is the Good News for us to share with others.

Mrs. Stacey Fabion Recognition Celebration

Mrs. Stacey Fabion has announced that she will not be returning for the 2026-27 school year. We praise and thank God for the gifts of His love showered upon Stacey as she nurtured and taught hundreds of children while at Calvary for over 20 years. We ask the Lord to bless Stacey in this new adventure of her life as He further guides and leads her.

We gather in celebration with Stacey on Sunday, May 17. Stacey will be recognized during the 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. service with a reception following to be held in the Café. Come and share your thanks to her for all that she has provided during her years of teaching and serving.

National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 7

We share an awesome privilege – PRAYER. God invites us to draw near to Him through prayer. We are also privileged to share the freedom of prayer in this great country. Marking May 7th as a National Day of Prayer provides a clear picture of the freedoms that we enjoy. The students at Calvary Lutheran School will be joining our Calvary Prayer Team for our chapel service in the sanctuary at 8:15 a.m. We take it to the Lord in prayer.

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

IREAD 3 Testing Results

We commend our students and teachers for an 80% pass rate on our recent IREAD 3 testing. The IREAD 3 test is given to third grade students that did not reach the pass cut line as a second grader. Only 7 students in our 3rd grade were required to take the test. This is indeed a team effort consisting of students, parents, and teachers. The instruction begins in our preschool sessions. We thank God for a student body eager to learn, parents supporting and partnering with the church and school, and teachers giving excellence each day.

Second graders were also given the IREAD 3 test during the 2026 spring testing window. 82% of these students passed the IREAD 3 test. Job Well Done!!

School Walk-a-thon – Friday, May 1

The students have received pledges for the Walk-a-thon. Our goal is \$40,000. The students will begin walking outside around our Calvary grounds at 1:00 p.m. Stations along the walking route have activities and games for the students to play. Funds raised will go to supporting needs within our gymnasium and classrooms. Plans are to enhance our Calvary experience through adding 60 chrome books to be used by our lower grades, athletic and playground equipment, and other items. Funds will be also used to enhance our STEM classroom. We ask the Lord to bless this day with great weather. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Open Position 2026-27 – Middle School Science Teacher

With our enrollment needs an additional Middle School Science teacher will be needed for the 2026-27 school year. We are seeking a teacher with a science background. Please submit the names of candidates that would be interested in this position to the school office.

Open Position 2026-27 – Teacher Aides

We are currently seeking part-time teacher aides beginning with the 2026-27 school year. A variety of grade-level aides are needed. Please submit names of candidates to the school office.

The 2025-26 School Year Concludes

We celebrate our Calvary Lutheran Knights' Time Picnic and Kickball beginning at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 28. The 2025-26 school year at Calvary Lutheran School will conclude on Friday, May 29. An end of year awards ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The first part of the ceremony will involve the entire student body of Kindergarten-8th grade. At 11:00 a.m., 5th-8th grade students will remain in the church for the conclusion of the awards. A closing chapel service will follow the awards ceremony. We anticipate this service beginning at 11:30 a.m. School will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. [No lunch service or afternoon Extended Care services provided on this day.]

We invite parents, grandparents, and friends of Calvary to attend this exciting conclusion to the school year. God has indeed richly blessed our year together. We commend all into His care.

2026-27 School Registration

Registration for the 2026-27 school year continues. Classes are filling up very quickly. Openings are currently only available in our first grade and 6th-8th grade levels. We invite you to share this news with colleagues, friends, and neighbors. Please contact the school office for additional information.

8th Grade Class Trip

The 8th grade class will be visiting Washington, D. C. for their class trip Monday-Thursday May 4th-7th. The class will be traveling by motor coach. Numerous sites in D.C. will be included on their itinerary. Dawn Schultz, Stacey Faubion, David Honebrink, and parent chaperones will be accompanying the class. We ask the Lord to keep all safe and that this trip may serve not only as an educational adventure but an opportunity to strengthen relationships together. 8th grade will not be in session on Friday, May 8th.

Summer Tutoring

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

Women in Mission

Ladies' Pinochle Club (Monday, May 11th)

Whether it's your first time or you're an old pro, join us for Pinochle! We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Pinochle will meet **May 11th**. Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.

Ladies' Bible Study (Saturday, May 2nd, 8:30 a.m.)

The March Ladies' Bible study will be on **Saturday, May 2nd** and will be from the Lutheran Women's Spring 2026 Quarterly and shared by everyone.

Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, May 2nd** 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

A box or individual serving size of MACARONI AND CHEESE tastes so good any day. Please EXTRAVAGANTLY SHARE with those coming to Emmaus Lutheran Food Pantry, in the month of May, boxes and individual servings of MACARONI AND CHEESE. Fill the shelves in Calvary's narthex/lobby with your donations. Thanks to Pat O'Conner from the Emmaus Food Pantry, they will be taken to the pantry and will be so appreciated by so many who count on the food they receive there. Just as Jesus meets all our needs, thank you for showing our community he works through you to help meet their needs.

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 **Tuesday, 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, May 6th, 11:00 a.m.)

For our "First Wednesday" in May outing, we're meeting at Olive Garden, located at 1274 US 31 North, Greenwood.

Adults of all ages are welcome – come join us for good food and some fun Christian fellowship.

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



Lunch & Learn (Wednesday, May 20th, 11:00 a.m.)

Presenter: Rick Shaffer, Member of Calvary

Program: Information about the Indy 500 and discussion of his book "Autocourse Official History of the Indianapolis 500" that he co-authored with Donald Davidson.

Lunch: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, 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. Stay tuned for our end of school year event date!



SAIL (7th-8th grades)

All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to the next SAIL event. Stay tuned for our end of school year event date!



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

LHS 50th Celebration – May 9, 2026

Join us for our 50th Celebration taking place at Lutheran High School on May 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. This will be a free event that will include a program and dinner. **RSVP TODAY!** Visit LHSI.org.

Commencement – Sunday, May 17

Lutheran High School's 48th Baccalaureate and Commencement for the Class of 2026 will be held on Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Indiana Farm Bureau Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend; doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

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.

Registration is OPEN! – LHS Golf Outing – June 7

The LHS Golf Outing will return to Martinsville Golf Club on June 7 (12:30 p.m. check in with lunch and 2:00 pm tee off). Sponsorship and Golfer Registration at lhsi.org.



Stewardship Ministry

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) have been completed. The upgrade of the men's restroom is slated to be the next phase for this project. While we are still getting pricing for subsequent project phases, it is expected that all the phases of the project to have a total cost of at least \$1,250,000. Calvary's leadership initially designated \$500,000 from our reserves as a challenge match to encourage participation in the capital campaign.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we are pleased to report that as of April 2026, we have met the initial Calvary Connects goal of \$750,000 in pledges. Praise and thanks to God who has provided us with generous members who have pledged the funds needed to continue with these facility improvements.

Please note, that while the initial goal for Calvary Connects pledges has been meant, there are additional capital funding needs beyond the updates to our worship areas discussed above. As you have likely heard, Calvary's school was the recipient of a generous gift from Lilly Endowment of approximately \$2.3 million to fund STEM initiatives. This grant will greatly enhance our capabilities for STEM related learning. But the grant does require Calvary to raise matching funds of 20%, funds that are incremental to the Calvary Connects capital needs. The approach on how to proceed with the STEM-related fundraising activities are being discussed by Calvary's leadership and additional details will follow as these plans are finalized.

Calvary's March Partners in Ministry – Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Ministries

Each month the Stewardship Ministry Team designates a different Calvary Partner in Ministry to highlight. Emphasizing the different ministries that Calvary supports is intended to provide a better understanding of the many ways your gifts are being used and to emphasize how extensive Calvary's reach is. This month's Ministry Partners are several affiliates of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. LCMS initiatives receiving support from Calvary include: the Disaster Relief Fund; the Rural and Small-Town Mission Fund; Concordia Seminary (St. Louis); and the Ministry to the Armed Forces. For a complete list of Calvary Partners in Ministry please visit the "Partners" page at our website. <https://www.clcs.org/partners/>

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

Thanks to our 85 volunteers who made the Calvary Easter Egg Hunt on March 28 a success!

- Praise God for a beautiful sunny today!
- 315 children participated in the egg hunts
- Over 700 people in attendance
- 5,565 Easter eggs
- Thanks to the K – 4th graders and Adult Ministry group for egg packing!



Community Garden

Community Garden Sign-Up

Spring is here, 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 6/5/26 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 and Paula Fisk

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

May 2026

You Are Chosen!

May 3, 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Rev. William Mueller

We live in a world where everyone wants to be special; everyone wants to receive a trophy. As the redeemed people of God in Jesus Christ, we are so much more than special. We receive so much more than a trophy! We are chosen and “mercied,” and Christ has given us a glorious mission!

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2:2-10 Readings: Psalm 146; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Featured Choirs: St. Paul Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: Emmaus Lutheran Church, Wauseon, Ohio

Keep on Keeping

May 10, 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Scott Zeckzer

Keepsakes – we all have them – those special things that remind us of special people, places, or events in our lives. God has given you keepsakes to remind you of what He’s done for you. He also has sent the Holy Spirit to help us to “Keep on Keeping.”

Sermon Text: John 14:21 Readings: Psalm 119:89-93, 105; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

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

Featured Art and Architecture: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Convoy, Ohio

Lifted to a Higher Reality

May 17, 2026 – Ascension of Our Lord (observed)

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Why celebrate Christ’s ascension? He visibly left this earth, and we cannot see Him! There are wonderful reasons to celebrate this event. Christ’s ascension lifts us to a higher reality.

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

Featured Choir: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: St. James Lutheran Church, Archbold, Ohio

Living Water

May 24, 2026 – Pentecost

Guest Pastor – Rev. Thomas Eggold

People who think they are healthy don’t go to the doctor, and those who are satisfied in themselves can’t accept a Savior. But to those whose sin has left them desolate — to the one whose life is dry and whose spirit is wilting; to the one who is cracked and broken by their sin; to the one who finds no fulfillment in this world; to the one who rightly despises his own skill and wisdom and sees the futility of his own efforts at salvation; to the one who hungers and thirsts for righteousness — these words mean everything!

Sermon Text: John 7:38 Readings: Psalm 25; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

Featured Choir: Indiana District LWML Choir

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

Let God Be God!

May 31, 2026 – The Holy Trinity

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Christians across the world gather today to worship the Triune God. In Jesus Christ, we encounter the true God — One who challenges our expectations, yet gracefully comes to us with purpose and promise. The invitation given to us is simple and profound: Let God Be God!

Sermon Text: Matthew 28:19 Readings: Psalm 8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matthew 28:16-20

Featured Choir: Holy Cross Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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

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