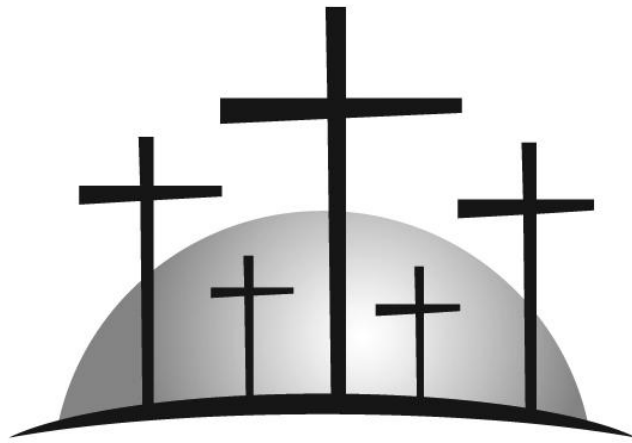




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Church Newsletter

October 2026

From the Pastors

Buy that Field!

"At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah. ... Jeremiah said, 'The word of the Lord came to me: Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.''" (Jeremiah 32:2, 6).

I bought my first home in 2007, a year before the housing market crash of 2008. It was a time of mass foreclosures and historic drops in home values. According to my "extensive" internet "research," nearly 10 million Americans either lost their home or were displaced because countless properties dropped in value, leaving owners OWING more than their homes were WORTH.

Living in Columbus, NE meant that the housing "bubble" wasn't that big, but I had friends from seminary who had just bought homes worth \$300,000 and in the space of a year their home was now valued for HALF that! I don't know if you knew this or not, but losing \$150,000 is kind of a big deal for a new pastor? For many people the situation was bleak and scary.

And yet, it was a situation that pales in comparison to the situation that Jeremiah and the people of Jerusalem faced in our reading above. They weren't simply facing "reduced home values." They were facing invading armies who weren't just going to take their homes but were going to burn them to the ground. They weren't simply facing "turbulent financial markets." They were facing very real armies with the very real possibility of death. And yet, what do we see happening in our reading today? JEREMIAH'S BUYING PROPERTY! More specifically, Jeremiah is buying property while he is jailed in the king's palace, in a city surrounded by the strongest army in the world, for a plot of land that is miles away on the OTHER SIDE of that ferocious army. What in the world is Jeremiah doing? Well, to be more precise, what in the world is God doing? After all, God was the one who told him to buy it. According to the Lutheran Self-Study Bible (p. 1260), Jeremiah was told to buy that field as...

- "...a visual demonstration of what it means to act on faith's conviction that nothing is too hard for the Lord"
- "...a visible promise that life would return to normal after the exile (which would last a long time)"
- "...God's [way] to illustrate, louder than his words [ever could], how certain it was that the land would again be occupied by the people seemingly doomed to extinction."

Which raises an interesting question for us to consider. Where is God inviting you to trust Him despite how things look? Where is God inviting you to act on faith's conviction that nothing is too hard for the Lord? Where is He inviting you to invest yourself and your energies in serving Him and others? The life of faith is not an easy one. You will be challenged & stretched. You will face difficulties and doubts. And you will be asked to trust that what is not seen is so much greater than what is seen.

And yet, we know the one who goes with us in this life. We know that in Jesus Christ our eternal home is already certain and secure. Therefore, we don't have to approach life afraid of what it might cost to follow him, for we already know what he was willing to pay to rescue us. Jesus has already paid the unlimited price with everything that He was and everything that He had, so "...that [we] may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness..." May God bless you this month as you boldly trust Him each day.

God's Peace,

Pastor Kurt Ebert

General News

OCTOBER IS PASTOR / CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH

October is when we take time to recognize the faithful service of our church ministry staff. Please say a prayer, share a word of thanks, or send a card to show your appreciation. A box will be provided in the narthex to drop a card or note.

Kurt (Sarah) Ebert (Senior Pastor), **Mark (Joan) Schumm** (Associate Pastor), **Sam (Molly) Troemel** (Associate Pastor), **Udhay (Kalai) Raji** (Tamil pastor & hospital chaplain), **Brian Krohmer** (Youth Director), and **Ryan Rosenau** (Music Director).

Pastors at Calvary serving other ministries, **Tim (April) Benzinger**, campus pastor at Lutheran High School.

Retired pastors at Calvary, **Howard (Bev) Fabricius**, **Ray Main**, **Jim (Connie) Myers**, **Art (Joy) Wehrmeister**, and **Dave (Jill) Bliss**.

Congregational Bible Study: Everyday Revolutionary

From October 17/18 through November 21/22, Calvary is hosting a congregational study, "Everyday Revolutionary" by J.D. Greear. In this study, Greear uses the lives of Daniel and Peter to show how Christians can live faithfully and boldly in a secular society hostile to our faith.

The goal of this study is to have the entire congregation focused on the same topic, running concurrently with a sermon series. Small groups and sermons will work together to encourage, edify, and enhance our personal understanding.

Small groups meet every day of the week, with options available at Calvary, in host homes, or online. If you are unable to find a group that suits your schedule, you are welcome to complete the study on your own.

Small group registration will take place in the lobby through October 17/18.

Outdoor Family Night (Saturday, October 17)

Our Fellowship and Outreach teams will sponsor a family outdoor event on **Saturday, October 17th from 5:30—8:00 p.m.**

Activities include a bonfire, competitive games, and BOUNCE house fun! There will be hot dogs for roasting, delicious chili, other snacks and beverages available. Calvary's Youth will be offering yummy S'more kits to be enjoyed! Your free will offering to help with future Youth activities.



Mark your calendar for the Family Fun outdoor event! If you're worshipping that evening, of course come and join us afterwards!

General News

Volunteering in Our Community

One of our goals as a congregation is to **CARE** for the world around us as we **SERVE** others in the name of Jesus.

Each month, we will recognize and thank a few members of our congregation who are sharing their time, talents, and hearts through volunteer service in our community. This month, we celebrate **Gary Bugher and Lisa Pluckebaum** for the ways they are serving others through these organizations:

Gary Bugher		Habitat for Humanity
Gary Bugher		Pack Away Hunger
Lisa Pluckebaum		Life Center
Lisa Pluckebaum		Lutheran World Relief

Thank you, Lisa and Gary, for giving your time and talents to serve others! Your service is a wonderful example of God's love in action and a reminder that ministry happens both inside and outside the walls of our church.

If your heart is calling you to serve or you would simply like to learn more about one of these opportunities, please reach out to the contact person listed below.

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

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

Let's celebrate how God is working through our congregation in our neighborhoods, our community, and beyond!

First Friday Coffee & Convo with Pastor Sam

Mark your calendars for the first Friday of the month. All are invited for coffee and conversation on Greg Finke's book, "Joining Jesus On His Mission: How to be an Everyday Missionary." This will be a discussion-based study where we consider what Jesus is already doing in our lives and where He is inviting us to join Him. Our first meeting will be **Friday, October 2**, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the church café.

Lutheran World Relief Promise Project—School Kits

The Women in Mission have 150 school backpacks to fill and send to Lutheran World Relief. The backpacks will support children around the world with school supplies. Plan to help pack backpacks on **Tuesday, October 6th at 8:30 a.m.** Questions? Contact Karen Hand.

General News

GriefShare

Faith-based grief support, help & encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, friend. Wednesdays, through November 11, 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.

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 18, 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.



October Memorials

In Memory of Bob Wurster:

Mel Wessler, Bill & Chrissi Laut, Robert & Mary Louzon, Margie Leive

In Memory of Ellen Vance:

Sara Jupin, John & Debra Shaw, Duane & Sherri Lytle, John & Margaret Mowery, Art & Joy Wehrmeister, Roger & Ruthanne Core, Jim & Jan Dunaway, Marv & Rhonda Hansen, Jeff & Rhonda Townsend, Jim & Carol Keenan, Elise Wolf, Madelyn Finke, Bill Wittlief, Richard Weiss, Karen Meyer, Karen Powers, Mel Wessler

In Memory of Harvey Lange:

Duane & Sherri Lytle, Pattie & Steve Bardonner, Bill & Sandra Bussell, Marv & Rhonda Hansen, Jeff & Rhonda Townsend, Phyllis Birdwell, Ann Arnold, Elise Wolf, Pauline Miller, Mel Wessler



Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Paths Over Time

St. Andrews Lutheran School in Park Ridge Illinois celebrated their 100th Anniversary back in 2011. I am proud to be called an alumnus of St. Andrews Lutheran School. The school's first class entered the doors in the fall of 1911. No, I wasn't in that class. Part of the 100th Anniversary celebration included a worship service involving the present and former students. Throughout the celebration it was evident that it also included students yet to enroll. My 8th grade graduating class was well represented. 9 out of 21 of us were in attendance. One of my fellow alumni traveled from Arizona to be there. It was great catching up on where God had directed our lives over these now past 48 years. As I sat and visited with my second, fourth, fifth, eighth grade teachers, and principal, I felt a very strong connection to Calvary Lutheran School. God is laying paths for the future through His Word and teachings here and now. During the 100th Anniversary celebration a slideshow presentation was shown that highlighted the decades. I noticed that my parents were in numerous past photographs and publications. I was blessed to have a mother and father willing to sacrifice to send me along with my three siblings to St. Andrews. They not only sent me they involved themselves. Again, this is the same gift that we experience each day at Calvary. We thank and praise God for His leading hand as together we join in this partnership so that when Calvary Lutheran Church and School celebrates our 100th anniversary others may look back on the paths in faith that God has led them on their life journey as His children and say with thanksgiving, "I am blessed to have had this opportunity." It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that this congregation has and continues to support and uplift this ministry. It is indeed a privilege to open the doors each day welcoming 286 students to hear God's Word. The partnership between CHURCH – HOME – and SCHOOL is enriched through God's grace and love. We are privileged each day to share this message with the students and families of Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

Parent Teacher Conferences & First Trimester

Our first trimester will be completed on Friday, November 13. Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, November 19. Parent Teacher conferences for Kindergarten 8th grades are scheduled for Wednesday, October 7. This is designated as an eLearning Day. Conferences will be scheduled throughout the day. A reminder that Preschool will still be in session on Wednesday, October 7.

Fall Break

Students in Preschool, Kindergarten through 8th grade will be dismissed on Friday, October 9 at 1:00 p.m. Please note: No PS-K, 1-8 afternoon school Extended Care on 10/9. School will not be in session on Monday, October 12 through Friday, October 16. This fall break matches a week of Perry Township's fall break. School will resume on Monday, October 19.

Bible Quiz

Our Bible Quiz Team will be competing in this academic competition on Monday, October 5 at 7:00 PM at Holy Cross. The team has been studying the New Testament Book of Mark. They will answer questions in this book as they compete with the other Lutheran elementary schools in the Indianapolis area. We thank Mrs. Strohm for her efforts as Bible Quiz coach. We thank the Lutheran High School of Indianapolis for sponsoring this event.

Would you like a copy of our weekly school newsletter? The Gazette is distributed on Thursdays during the school year. To receive a copy of the Gazette, please send your request to the school office. A copy will be emailed to you each Thursday communicating the events and activities of Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?!

God has opened the doors to families who would not have considered Christian education opportunities within their financial abilities. How are these doors being opened?

Scholarship Grant Organization Program [SGO]

Private and corporate funded mechanisms are in place providing tuition scholarships to qualified families. All students are eligible for these scholarship grants. The same household income levels are used for the Indiana vouchers and the scholarship tax credit program. Calvary Lutheran Church and School has established our own Scholarship Tax Credit fund through The Lutheran SGO of Indiana, Inc.

Why should I consider donating to the Scholarship Grant fund?

Benefit #1: Last year Calvary Lutheran Church and School provided over \$115,000.00 in scholarship money to families unable to pay the entire tuition costs. Donating to the SGO fund has eliminated these budgeted scholarships.

Benefit #2: All your donated money comes right back to Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

Benefit #3: 50% of your corporate or private donation is an Indiana state tax CREDIT. If your state tax liability is less than your CREDIT, that CREDIT is extended for up to 9 years.

Currently, \$125,000.00 is needed to fully fund the scholarship grant applications. Please send in your donation by December 31, 2026 to the Lutheran SGO.

Please call the school office for further information. You are invited to visit www.lutheranSGO.org for additional information. Donor forms are available online.

Be sure to identify Calvary Lutheran Church and School, Indianapolis as the recipient of your donation.



Annual Holiday Bazaar

Save the date for the Annual Holiday Bazaar!!!

The 57th Annual Holiday Bazaar will be **Sat., November 14, 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 or sign-up at clcs.org/bazaarvolunteer.

Proceeds from this year's bazaar will benefit replacement of the nursery school playground *perimeter timbers* for improved safety, support of the Compassion Ministry Team's *Memorial Cross* project, and support for *The Refuge* food pantry to provide assistance for Johnson and Marion County residents.

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

Do you have an auction item? Are you willing to donate a service? Can you ask the company you work for to donate items and/or services? You can help make this year's SILENT AUCTION a great success! Pick up a form at the Women in Mission table or table outside the church office and return to the church office or Karen Hand's church mailbox. Items must be received by Sunday, October 18.

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 13, between 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 14 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 13 to be sold in the Country Kitchen. Please sign-up at clcs.org/countrykitchen to help ensure we have a variety of goodies.



Women in Mission

Ladies' Pinochle Club (Monday, October 12th)

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 **October 12th**.

Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.

Ladies' Bible Study (Saturday, October 3rd, 8:30 a.m.)

The Ladies' Bible study will be on **Saturday, October 3rd** and will be from the Lutheran Women's Summer 2026 Quarterly and shared by everyone. Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, October 3rd** 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

How has our loving Lord moved you to help support the needs of our community? Through Calvary many of you have helped meet the needs of many at the Emmaus Food Pantry in Fountain Square. Through our Extravagant Sharing efforts over 1000 food, hygiene items, and paper goods have been donated in the past 4 months. Those distributing the items to those in need of help thank all who so faithfully support meeting those needs.

In the month of October, please fill Calvary's Extravagant Sharing shelves across from the center church doors with **PANCAKE MIXES and SYRUP, plus the always needed boxes of CEREAL**. Pancake mixes that only need water are usually most helpful. What a great way to help those needing daily support in our community. God bless!

Blankets for Babies Fall Dates

Blankets for Babies will meet again on **Tuesdays, October 6th and November 3rd from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

Come join us – learn how to crochet – we have ladies who are great Teachers – practice yarn is provided.

Our baby blankets are given to the Life Center at Southern Plaza.

Questions or interested in joining? Susan Daniels.



Adult Ministry

Lunch Out! (Wednesday, October 7th, 11:00 a.m.)

For our "First Wednesday" in October outing, we're meeting at Outback Steakhouse, 7525 US 31 South, Indianapolis, IN.

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

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



Lunch & Learn (Wednesday, October 21st, 11:00 a.m.)

Presenter: Michelle & Jay Miller

Program: Cornerstone Homeless Ministry

Lunch: Pork loin w/ dressing, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, & 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 12:00-1:30 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 **Saturday, October 24th, from 6:00-10:00 p.m.** for our Camp-In!



SAIL (7th-8th grades)

All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to the next SAIL event on **Saturday, October 24th, from 6:00 p.m. through Sunday, October 25th at 7:30 a.m.** for our Camp-In!



Compassion Ministry

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our annual Thanksgiving food drive is soon to begin. We look forward to supporting our church and school families as well as members of the community with boxes of canned goods in time for the holidays. Grocery bags with suggested donations will be available in the narthex beginning the weekend of October 24/25 with donations accepted for the first 3 weekends of November.

Thank you in advance for supporting this endeavor!



Adopt-a-Dorm at Lutheran Child and Family Services

Lutheran Child and Family Services (Lutherwood) is now housing teen girls who have been trafficked. The girls receive counseling, therapy, schooling, housing, and Christian support as they work through the traumas they have experienced. Calvary has a group of persons who have "adopted" one of the dorms. They will visit the girls once a month sharing devotions, crafts, games, and other activities to allow the girls a chance to have some encouragement and fun. If you are interested in taking part in this endeavor, please contact Emily Spelde, for further information.



Cancer Companions – Cancer Support

We are here to help you on your cancer journey! Daily devotionals, scripture, fellowship, prayer, and encouragement are part of this program. You may choose to only have a prayer partner, or you may want to be part of a support group. Either way, we want to support you!

This program is open to both Calvary and non-Calvary members. Contact Rosalie Behning or Denise Fix for further information.



Sunday School

Sunday School Attendance Awards Summer 2025-26

Faithful

Gracelyn Andrews	Madison Andrews	Reece Honebrink
Leyla Honebrink	Tyson Honebrink	Annabeth Jackson
Willard Jackson	Cing Kam	Trenton Kamp
Paisley Langhammer	Landon Madden	Kam En Mang
Logan Marrero	Lucas Marrero	Oliver Marrero
Nan Sian Piang	Grace Tellinghuisen	Hazel Tellinghuisen
Lucy Tellinghuisen		



Perfect

Eliana Marrero

Outreach Ministry

Calvary Touch-a-Truck Had Record Attendance!

Calvary's Touch-a-Truck on August 29th was attended by over 550 people! We were blessed with good weather and a great crowd. Many thanks to the Outreach and Fellowship ministry teams, Steve Bardonner, Dave Leim and more than 70 Calvary volunteers who made this day possible! We thank the first responders, companies, and Calvary members who brought 20 trucks and other vehicles for everyone to get hands-on experience. Thanks also to Judy Morrison and our school art teacher, Ms. Laura Wilkes, with her student volunteers for the face painting!



Lutheran High School of Indianapolis

BIG things are happening on the LHS Campus

On Friday, September 11, Lutheran High School officially broke ground on our new STEM classroom addition. The 3,000-square-foot addition will provide much-needed classroom space, expand our enrollment capacity, and create new opportunities for students in STEM education. Construction is expected to be completed in time for students to use the new space next fall! Follow our journey at LHSI.org.

Saints on Stage - Prepare to Step Through the Wardrobe...

Do you remember the first time you discovered Narnia? This fall, the Saints on Stage invite you to step through the wardrobe and rediscover the wonder, adventure, and timeless truths of C.S. Lewis's beloved *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Join Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy as they enter a magical world of talking animals, daring adventures, and a great battle between good and evil. Along the way, audiences will encounter themes of courage, sacrifice, forgiveness, and hope that have made this story a treasured classic for generations.

Come through the wardrobe. Rediscover Narnia. And remember that even in the darkest winter, spring is never far away.

Performances take place on October 2 and 3 at 7pm and October 4 at 3pm in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium at Lutheran High School. Tickets available online at LHSI.org or at the door.

Adapted by Joseph Robinette. *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* is presented through special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing, Woodstock, IL. www.dramaticpublishing.com

ACCEPTING VENDORS - SugarPlum Holiday Fair

The LHSI Fine Arts department is accepting vendor applications for the 2026 SugarPlum Holiday Fair! This fundraiser takes place on Saturday, October 24, and is a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season! Interested vendors may reach out to [Colin Thuringer](mailto:Colin.Thuringer@lhsi.org), email finearts@lhsi.org, or go to LHSI.org to find more information.

NOW Accepting Applications for the 2027-2028 School Year

Applications are now open to the general public for the 2027-2028 school year. Visit LHSI.org for more information and contact [Director of Admissions Lindsay Ruth](mailto:Lindsay.Ruth@lhsi.org) with any questions.

Preview Night - October 21

Attention all 7th and 8th grade families! We invite you and your student to join us for Lutheran High School Preview Night on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm. It is a great opportunity to learn more about academics, arts, sports, faith, and financial aid. Learn what it is like to be part of the Saints family! [RSVP at LHSI.org](http://LHSI.org).

Men's Ministry

Lutheran Laymen's League Men's Retreat Update

Thirteen men from Calvary attended the 80th annual Lutheran Laymen's League Men's Retreat, September 10-13, at Camp Arcadia in MI.

Retreat highlights: Stimulating messages led by Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler, current Lutheran Hour Speaker; Beautiful setting on the shore of Lake Michigan with magnificent weather; Renewing and making new acquaintances; Excellent meals; Various activities (corn hole, golf, euchre, archery, etc.); Cherry pie ala mode at the Cherry Hut; Talent night and sing-a-long; Culminating Sunday service. **Retreat attendees:** Rich Wilson, Gene Jend, Tim Finke, John Mowery, Marv Hansen, Glen McInnes, Sam Rogian, Ellwyn Parks, Bob Langhammer, Ben Langhammer, Philip Langhammer, Willie Williams, Paul McMichael.

Save the date: Next year's retreat is September 9-12, 2027. Registration begins in January 2027.



Stewardship Ministry

Christian Stewardship is Our Responsible Use of God's Gifts

Thanks to the Calvary family for your continuing generosity of time, talents and treasures for the benefit of His kingdom. A Christian steward is one who is called to responsibly use all of God's gifts for His purposes. Gifts include things like the Sacraments and the Word, and they also include our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to us was provided so that we may be blessed to use it for His kingdom. In Calvary's monthly newsletter we regularly report on the many examples of how we as a church community are putting this into practice sharing our blessings with our community and other ministries such as the LCMS Disaster Response Ministry profiled below.

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

For October, 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/>

"Calvary Connects" Campaign Update

October marks the one-year anniversary of the Calvary Connects Campaign launch. Calvary has been blessed with a generous response to the campaign. The initial goal of \$750,000 in pledges has been met and exceeded. As of September, \$910,000 in pledges have been made. Contributions made pursuant to those pledges total \$642,000. This generosity has allowed us to proceed with several phases of the project – most recently the remodeling of the men's restroom. The next project phase will be the installation of new carpeting in the sanctuary.

The Stewardship Ministry will continue to provide regular updates on the status of your pledges. The quarterly statements have a summary of your Calvary Connects pledges and giving. There will also be a letter sent at the beginning of each year indicating the pledge status as well.

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 a Calvary family serving overseas through Wycliffe Bible Translators. For several years, they 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.

Thrivent Action Grants

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 the July El Salvador Mission trip. Have questions about connecting your Thrivent membership to a project? Contact Stewardship.

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

October 2026

Whose Church Is It, Anyway?

October 4, 2026 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

The church belongs to Jesus Christ, not us! He alone builds, sustains, and blesses His church through the saving gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Because we are His people by grace, we are freed and empowered to joyfully serve as Christ's presence in the world.

Sermon Text: Matthew 21:33-46

Readings: Psalm 80:7-19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Featured Choirs: Holy Cross Angelis Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Holy Cross Adult Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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

The Feast Is Ready!

October 11, 2026 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Shayne Jonker

In Holy Baptism, God clothed you in the wedding garment of Christ's righteousness and gave you a seat at His table at the Great Wedding Feast. That table is set with His Word and His Supper. The feast is ready. Come to the table of the Lord and receive the free forgiveness, life, and salvation Christ has won for you.

Sermon Text: Matthew 22:2

Readings: Psalm 23 (KJV); Isaiah 25:6-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Featured Choirs: St. Paul Adult Choir, Decatur, Ind.; Valley Lutheran High School Choir, Saginaw, MI.

Featured Art and Architecture: Immanuel Lutheran Church (Frankentrost), Saginaw, Mich.

Faith, Love, Hope

October 18, 2026 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

The life of a Christian can be challenging. The apostle Paul encouraged the Thessalonian Christians with these words, "We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1:3 NIV). May Paul's words be an encouragement to us.

Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Readings: Psalm 96:1-9; 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Featured Choirs: Holy Cross Junior Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.; St. Michael Adult Choir, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Featured Art and Architecture: Zion Lutheran Church, Holland, Mich.

It's Still about Jesus

October 25, 2026 – Reformation Sunday

Rev. William Mueller

Nine years ago, at the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this phrase was used to accurately capture the essence of the Reformation: "It's still about Jesus." In the nine years since, this has not changed! Celebrating Reformation Sunday is not an invitation to brag about our heritage or ethnicity; it is a time to hear the clear Word of God and to rejoice. It is still about Jesus!

Sermon Text: Romans 3:19-28

Readings: Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Featured Choir: St. Paul Preble Adult Choir, Decatur, Ind.

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

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