

CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



June / July 2020 Monthly Newsletter

From the Pastors

Interpreting the Times

³⁶ "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. . . ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. (Matthew 24:36, 44).

Questions, questions, questions! These days abound with questions. When will I be able to go to the store without fear? When will things return to normal? When will I be able to return to the office? When will a vaccine be discovered? What long-term effects will these events have on our community and country? There are many things that we wish to know right now, but many answers are slow in coming. Jesus counseled us rightly when he said in Matthew 6:34, "*Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*" For many people, today has enough troubles of its own and yet we naturally wonder and worry about the future. We anxiously reflect on the many possible scenarios of what might happen with an insufficient ability to control what will happen.

During these uncertain times, we reflect upon the deeper questions of life, as we seek the meaning of it all (Why is this happening? What does it mean for me, my family, my church, my community, my country, etc.? What is God trying to tell us? What is God doing through this?). Over the past several weeks, I have been asked on several occasions questions of "meaning," especially about the biblical passages on the End Times. Questions continue to surface along these lines:

"Are these signs that the end is coming?"

"Are these signs of God's judgment upon the world?"

Again, there are many questions, but precise answers can be slow in coming. I personally hesitate to speak definitively on these kinds of questions that "interpret the times." When it comes to this topic, too many people are quick to speak for God, rather than listen to God. When we listen to the Scriptures, they remind us again and again that we will not know the day or the hour that the end will come. Jesus reminds us repeatedly in Matthew chapters 24-25 that the end will come at an unexpected time and yet he calls us to be ready for it. Some may ask, "How can both be true? How can we not know when the end will come and yet also be expected to be ready for it when it comes?" I think this is the real crux of the matter. For Jesus has not given us a roadmap to the End Times. Although there are some who teach at great lengths about "biblical prophecy" for the End times, Jesus does not lay out the specifics in the Bible that we can clearly say, "Here is what is happening in the world, so this is where we are in God's plan." Instead, Jesus reminds us again and again to trust that even when things look dark and difficult, He is still in control. Even when times are tough and turbulent, He holds us in His care. We may not know when the end should come, but we know how we should meet it. In comparison to the vague descriptions of the End Times, the Scriptures speak at great length and in great detail about the topics of faith and trust. It is precisely in times like these that our faith in Jesus is tested.

In moments of fear, he invites us to "*Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you*" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

In moments of uncertainty, he invites us to "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths*" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

In moments of sadness and loss, he reminds us "*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted*" (Matt 5:4).

We may not have all the answers, we may not know what will happen next, but we know the One who does. Shortly after starting this article, I listened to a devotion that put it this way. "We may not have the map, but we have the mapmaker" (Tim and Kathy Keller). We may want to have the map of what the future holds, but instead we have something better, we have the One who holds our future. He has entered our lives in the person of Jesus Christ and He will not leave us until He brings us home in His appointed time. In these times of many questions, may you cling to Him who is the ultimate answer—Jesus Christ, who is "...the way and the truth and the life..." (John 14:6).

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

Staff Spotlight

Amy Hardiman

**What is your role at Calvary?**

Kindergarten Teacher

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

Being able to share my faith and love for Jesus with people that I get to interact with.

Who has been the biggest influence on your faith? Why?

My high school guidance counselor and my parents.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

"Trust in the Lord with all your Heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths" Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

Favorite Dessert?

I like all kinds of desserts...oatmeal scotches, strawberry cake, chocolate chip cookies and brownies.

What is the one thing that the people of Calvary can keep in their prayers for your area of ministry?

For my mind to stay focused on Jesus because He is the reason I teach.

General

Looking to serve? Someone you wish to nominate?

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 connections@clcs.org, or committee members Les Haman, Linda Bugher or Brenda Irwin.

Voters Meeting Postponed

Our Calvary Lutheran Church Constitution and bylaws requires an annual voters meeting where the budget is approved, ministry teams are slated, and other business is conducted as required. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the voters meeting has been postponed until such time as we can safely meet. In the interim, our Board of Directors, which is Parish Council, will approve items on an interim basis. We will post the items on our web that are normally presented at voters meetings such as budget, annual summary, etc. Please contact me with your questions or comments. Gene Jend (317-625-9591 or ejjend317@aol.com)



Voters Meeting

2020 Holiday Bazaar

The Planning Committee for the 2020 Holiday Bazaar has decided to cancel the bazaar this year. This decision was based on the uncertainty surrounding how large groups should be handled during the continuing coronavirus pandemic. Since a large number of the volunteers and vendors are in the over 60 population social distancing would definitely be a problem. Even though the county and state should be completely open in November, circumstances could change at a moments notice. The committee is not happy about the need to cancel but is looking forward to bigger and better in 2021.

Calvary Connect Contemporary Worship

The June Calvary Connect contemporary worship service will be offered **online only** on **Sunday, June 14th**. The service will be posted at [Facebook.com/CalvaryConnect](https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryConnect) and clcs.org.

Please visit the weekly announcement page for more up to date announcements regarding the July Connect worship service.

Community Garden Opens

Calvary Lutheran Church and School again opens up its Community Garden to all the members of the congregation and all residents of the south side. Applications for In-ground plots and Raised-bed plots are now available in the church office at 6111 Shelby Street, Indianapolis.

In-ground plots are for \$20 per plot and you determine the size of your plot. Raised-bed plots are 4x10 feet for \$20 per plot. Water is available on site for the raised-bed plots. Water is limited for the in-ground beds.

Questions? Contact the church office at 317-783-2000.



Vacation Bible School (June 21 – 28) – Register Now

Different times call for different plans. In order to provide the flexibility needed to respond to the changing situations within our community, we will be offering VBS in a different, family-focused format this year. This family VBS approach will include both onsite and online experiences, which will consist of three components:

- 1) A take home packet filled with crafts, activities, and other goodies picked up at the beginning of the week.
- 2) A series of three onsite, family experiences offered from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Sun., June 21; Wed., June 24, and Sun., June 28. Join us for songs, skits, and other fun. *(The exact format will follow guidelines for social distancing and be adapted to recommendations at the time of the program.)*
- 3) Finally, pre-recorded online content and resources offered to fit your home or neighborhood situation (e.g. done as an individual family, a small group of families, or with some friends from the neighborhood).

This format will allow us to plan and prepare for the program while remaining adaptable to any last-minute changes in the guidelines. Most importantly, it will allow you to participate in a way that fits your comfort level and needs.

To register your child for VBS, please complete the online form at <https://www.clcs.org/event/2020-06-21-vacation-bible-school/>

Once you have completed your online registration, you will be added to our VBS mailing list and will receive updates as we get closer to the event. If you are interested in volunteering or providing donations, please contact Kara Hiatt at connections@clcs.org or 317-201-7268.

Got meds or medical supplies you can't use?

During the month of July Calvary will be collecting meds and medical supplies for Franklin's St. Thomas Free Clinic. If you have changed prescriptions and still own medications you can no longer use, St. Thomas clinic will distribute them to needy individuals. Please note:

1. Prescription medications need to be less than 1 year old
2. Please leave medication name and "use by" date on containers
3. Narcotic painkillers cannot be accepted
4. Over-the-counter unopened, valid date items are accepted:
antacids, ointments, vitamins, nutritional supplements, incontinence supplies
5. Used orthopedic braces and splints are also accepted.

For safety reasons, please drop these items off at Calvary's church office, NOT the donation bins. Thank you for helping others to be healthy.

Questions? Contact Nancy Brandt, 317-787-5950.

Google Meet Instructions for No Lunch, But Learn

If joining by computer, click on **Ask to Join** after clicking on the link from the email sent to you. The meeting leader will grant you access to the meeting.

Change the layout

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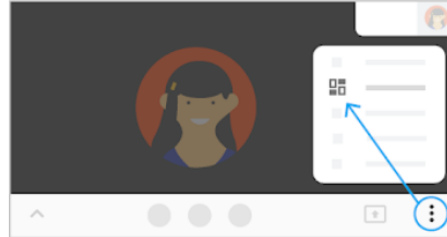
Ask to join



Present

1. Join a video meeting on a computer. [🔗](#)

2. In the lower-right corner of the Meet screen, click More  > Change layout.



3. In the Change layout box, select the layout that you want to use on your computer.

Tip: Click a participant's image to pin them to the screen.

Captions

You can make it easier to follow what's being said in meetings by turning on captions, which show text of the conversation. At the bottom of the Meet window,

click Turn on captions  or Turn off captions .

You might have to click More  first.

Send a chat message during a video meeting


Computer

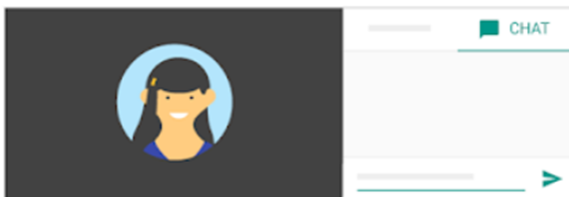
Android

iPhone & iPad

1. Join a Meet video call [🔗](#).

2. Click Chat  (upper right corner).

3. Enter a text message and click the Send  icon.



Mute

If joining by phone, press *6 to Mute, Unmute or increase the volume.

To mute or unmute yourself from a computer, click Mute  at the bottom of the video window.

Adult Ministry

No Lunch, Still Learn - Wednesday, June 17 via Video Conference 11:00 a.m.

We continue to shelter in place, but will be "meeting" through video conference using Google Meet. Similar to "ZOOM," this program is free and provides options to call in by phone if you don't use a computer, tablet, or smartphone equipped with a camera. After our May event Karen Wright put together instruction guidelines on how to use Google Meet. (see page 6 <—)

On June 17th plan to connect with us at 11:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be sharing information on the value of old pennies. Do you have a stash of "wheat" pennies? A piggy bank full of old coins?



Plan to join us to visit, and to learn about some rare pennies, values and info about selling, too.

Stay tuned for July Lunch & Learn details.

Women in Mission

BLANKETS FOR BABIES

The summer dates for Blankets for Babies are **Thursday, June 4th** and **Thursday, July 2nd** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the café area. *(Dates are subject to change)* Thank you to all the ladies who continue to knit / crochet our baby blankets. We are looking forward to seeing your beautiful creations. Questions? Call Susan Daniels 317-882- 3691.

Ladies' Saturday Bible Study Sat., July 4 8:30 a.m.

We will not have a Ladies' bible study in June, but please join us on **Saturday, July 4** at 8:30 a.m. in the EPIC Library.

Extravagant Sharing

We are presently making a few adjustments to our Extravagant Sharing with Lutheran Child and Family Services' Sharing Place. The donations gathered over these past months have been delivered to our local food pantry, Hunger Inc. We are suspending the gathering of donations onsite at Calvary during the month of June. We aim to resume gathering donations for The Sharing Place again in July with **canned veggies and canned fruit**. As we seek a NEW normal, we will keep you informed of how Calvary can be supporting the needs of so many. As God blesses us, so we reach out to bless others. Thank you for your care and concern for others.

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Expectations

We all have expectations of others as well as the expectations that others place on us. Within a family an often complexed system of expectations are formulated. Many of the expectations are impacted and determined by events and circumstances beyond our control. This alters and mandates at times a swift change to what is expected.

Each night as I review the day's accomplishments and plan for tomorrow a list of expectations come to mind. Some are generated for Calvary and others pertain to home. One expectation last week was to cut the grass. That expectation was not fulfilled the next day because it was raining. Imagine the expectations that we all had back in August when this school year began. Much of what was expected did not come to fruition based on things beyond our control. How we respond to unmet expectations is then our only course of action.

So much of our daily lives and routines are determined by expectations. Time itself is consumed and ordered by expectations. Our final day of school was May 15. We have spent the past two months with remote continuous instruction altering expectations. Yet through every changed expectation we have a truly present God. He goes before us. Even though this school year and so many other personal expectations were radically changed we know that God is here with us. May the blessings of His love and grace go with you over these summer months. Thank you again for your partnership, commitment, and dedication during this time. We look forward to a new tomorrow as God leads and directs our coming and going.

Thank you TEACHERS

We are indeed blessed to have the dedicated, selfless, and caring faculty and staff of Calvary Lutheran Church and School. Thank you for the hours of preparation, the presentation of lessons, and the activities generated to help all stay connected as the curriculum as advanced. Thank you for sharing God's love and for being available to assist the needs of others.

Thank you PARENTS

Thank you for your patience and endurance during this continuous remote instruction period. Your sacrifice enabled this partnership to thrive. Many hardships and challenges were hurdled. Juggling home life, work, and school seemed at times insurmountable, yet you persevered. God's peace.

Thank you STUDENTS

Thank you to each of our students for continuing to work through the lessons and assignments that were taught completing the responsibilities set before you. Thank you for your excitement to see your teachers and classmates renewing those friendships. Much has been invested for your Christian education. May you find God's peace in your work and learning.

Year in Review

As another year is completed, a review of programs and activities is always part of the process. Each season of the school year has its own unique activities and challenges. This cycle is experienced year after year. Only one item is present throughout all seasons, months, weeks, and days of the school year. This common thread is the teaching and instruction of God's Word. This remains constant as the students enter the next grade level. It is present in every classroom as every subject is taught.

The witness of faith shared by members of our Calvary Community this year is indeed a blessing. God has and continues to bless us with a tremendous faculty and staff. He has given us facilities to meet and exceed our needs for programs and services. God has blessed us with a group of students eager to learn and to use the gifts of God to their fullest. We are blessed by supportive parents. Yet above all these blessings is the gift of faith. We celebrate the joy that is ours as we proclaim and share the Word of the Lord to one another.

School Registration 2020-2021

Registrations for the upcoming school term are still being accepted. Many classes are reaching capacity. Most preschool classes still have openings. Please stop by the school office for more information. We ask the Lord to send His little ones to our open doors so that they too might hear His Word each day. Please share this information with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and other family members.

Report Card Distribution

Kindergarten – 2nd grade report cards may be pick-up from the school office beginning Wednesday, May 26. This pick-up procedure will continue through Friday, May 29. The school office will be opened from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. during this week. Summer office hours will begin on Monday, June 1. Report cards may be picked up throughout the summer. 3rd-8th grade report cards will be emailed beginning the week of May 26.

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Final Account Statements

All family school accounts must be addressed with payment plans established through our Calvary Bookkeeper, Mrs. Camin prior to release of school records. Please contact Mrs. Camin with questions regarding current statement balances. Thank you for your expedience in this matter.

School Office Summer Hours

Summer hours will begin the week of June 1 and continue through July 31. The school office will be open from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Monday – Friday and by appointment. Please call prior to stopping by the office. Attending professional growth workshops, errands, and supply trips are also part of the summer preparation. Much business continues throughout the summer months as we review our current year and plan and prepare for next year. Thank you!

Are You Ready- July 1?

The Indiana State fiscal year begins on July 1. Scholarship grants will be accepting donations. Be sure to contribute early ensuring your tax credit. A gift to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana will provide the donor a 50% tax credit. Donate \$1000.00 and receive a \$500.00 tax credit off of your 2020 tax liability. Donations must be received by December 31. Our anticipated need for the 2020-21 school year is \$48,000 in scholarship grants.

God's Blessings to Mrs. Judy Morrison

We praise and thank God for the work and ministry of Mrs. Morrison to our entire Calvary Lutheran Church and School community. Mrs. Morrison has announced that she will not be returning for the 2020-21 school year. Mrs. Morrison has shared God's love with so many students through art and music. She will be greatly missed. We ask the Lord to be with her as she joins her husband in their family business. Please be sure to extend your thanks to her for her years of dedicated teaching.

Mrs. Alexander Farewell

We thank Mrs. Alexander for her years sharing God's love with our PS 3-4 students and our Jesus and Me (J.A.M.) activities. She will not be returning in this capacity. We ask the Lord to continue to bless her and her family. We are blessed to report that Mrs. Heather Alexander will be remaining as our band director.

Preschool 3-4's Teacher announced

We are pleased to report that Ms. Laura Wilkes will be our Preschool 3-4's teacher for the 2020-21 school year. Ms. Wilkes has directed and taught our PS Extended Care program for the past 13 years. Laura has extended our early childhood curriculum for hundreds of preschool students over this time. We look forward to having her teaching our youngest students.

God's Blessings to Miss Faith Korte

We send Miss Korte with God's blessings as she completes her student teaching and looks forward to beginning her teaching vocation in the fall at Emmaus Lutheran Church and School in Fort Wayne. We thank Miss Korte for her loving and caring instruction with our 3rd grade class. What an experience for Faith as she continued her walk through remote instruction. Job well done!!

Positions Available for the 2020-2021 School Year

- Calvary is seeking an individual to teach music to our K-5 students. This is a part-time position. This position will include working with combined grades for our school choirs (K-2 & 3-5). Please contact the school office if interested and for additional information.
- Cafeteria Monitors/ Supervisors: Two individuals are sought to work each day from 10:30 AM-1:00 PM in our school cafeteria supervising the students, cleaning the tables between service times, and confirming lunches served on the computer system. Please apply through the school office.

THANK YOU

We thank God for the commitment and dedication of this congregation for 70 years as we are afforded the opportunity each day to share the Gospel message with His children through the Christian Day School. It is indeed a thankful time as we are urgent about the Lord's business in this place. We ask God to continue to bless this ministry with His grace and love. Thank you again for the privilege to serve as partners in this ministry and mission. We commend all who teach and all who learn into the Lord's hands.

NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

Golf Outing – August 8

28th Annual LHS Golf Outing to benefit the Lutheran High School's financial aid fund, is on **Saturday, August 8** at Southern Dunes Golf Course. Check-in is at 7:00 a.m. The \$100 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, prize entries, and buffet lunch (if possible). Register at lhsi.org. Questions? Contact Julie at jpflog@lhsi.org or 317-224-1108 (please leave a message).

Saints Alumni Gathering – Celebrate & Connect, September 11 & 12

Saints Alumni! Please join us for a special gathering during Homecoming weekend on **Friday and Saturday, September 11 and 12**. We'll **Celebrate & Connect** with our fellow Saints – participate in Saints Games, attend the Homecoming football game, play some games on the new athletic field, and tour the school. Best of all, renew friendships, meet new friends, and mingle with LHS faculty and staff! Please pass along this invitation to other Saints. We'd love to have some class captains and other helpers; if you're interested, please contact Julie at 317-224-1108 (please leave a message).

Compassion Ministry

Joseph was taken to Egypt as a slave to save the lives of many during the famine. Esther became queen to speak up for the saving of her people. Job suffered great tragedy only to proclaim the praises of his Redeemer to the encouragement of future generations. Where has God placed each of us *"for such a time as this?"*

As we ponder our unique situation regarding the current pandemic, how is God calling us to respond – to trust – to grow in our faith – to reach out – to share God's love and compassion?

We thank our Calvary members for the many ways you have reached out during this time to love and support our fellow members, your neighbors, and your communities. We are thankful for your calls to check on others, for your monetary support, and for the countless others ways you are sharing the love of Christ.

We have learned of another avenue to which we can lend our support during this time. Compassion Ministry has chosen to partner with Franciscan Health during this time in support of the Chin Community. They have faced considerable discrimination during this time. Since we have many connections to the Chin community through our school, church, and neighborhood, we thought it would be a good opportunity to support them over the summer.

They are asking for donations of BREAKFAST items for the children and HYGIENE items for the families. Can you help support them with a donation of some of the following items:

Breakfast items:

Cereal
Oatmeal
Noodles
Breakfast bars, muffins, etc.
Raisins or dried fruit

Hygiene items:

Dish soap
Laundry detergent
Shampoo
Body wash
Toothpaste

Please begin gathering those items and adding them to your grocery list. **Donations can be brought to the church office beginning the week of June 15.** We hope you'll join us in this avenue of reaching out.

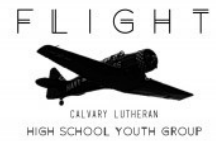
"Be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land" says the Lord. Deuteronomy 15:11

Youth Ministry

FLIGHT—High School Youth Group

FLIGHT will begin meeting in person for outside events on **Sunday, May 31st from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Those attending should plan to follow all safety guidelines. Please meet in the North lot.

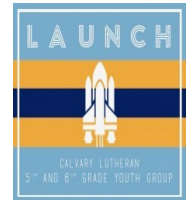
Please visit the weekly announcement page for more up to date announcements regarding youth events.



LAUNCH (5th & 6th)

Summer LAUNCH events are tentatively scheduled for **Wednesdays, June 17th and July 29th**. Both events will take place from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and are subject to change as restrictions tighten or loosen.

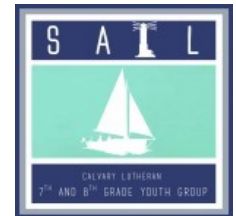
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SAIL (7th & 8th)

Summer SAIL events are tentatively scheduled for **Wednesdays, June 10th and July 15th**. Both events will take place from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and are subject to change as restrictions tighten or loosen.

Please visit the weekly announcement page for more up to date announcements regarding youth events.



Parish Ed

Coming this Summer! Calvary Women's Bible Study

June 9—July 21, 2020 (This is a virtual bible study)

Book—*Gideon: Your Weakness, God's Strength* by Priscilla Shirer
6:00 p.m. only

When we hear the name Gideon, most of us think about his 300 soldiers or the fleece he laid out under the evening sky. But Gideon's story is so much bigger than that—bigger than any one man and his mark on Israel's history. Like everything else in the Bible, this is a story about God and His people. His love for them, as well as His strength operating in spite of their weakness—even through their weakness. And because God's people includes you and me,

Gideon's story is also about us—our lives, our doubts, our struggles, and our possibilities as believers. From a state of fear, weakness, and insecurity, Gideon emerged as Israel's hero, filled with God's presence and His passion for deliverance. This study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key that the Lord gives you to unlock the full experience of His strength in your life. In what ways do you feel insufficient? Those places create the greatest opportunity to experience the sufficiency of God. Instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, see them as the gifts that they are, given specifically and strategically by God to unlock the door of God's strength.

Stewardship Emphasis

Stewardship Update *By Rachel Daeger, Chair, Stewardship Ministry Team*

Until we meet again...

The Stewardship Ministry Team was not able to distribute the Jan-March statements so the Jan-June contribution statements will be put into mailboxes the first week of July.

Calvary Support of Seminary Students

The Stewardship Team is pleased to introduce Aaron Levenhagen, the latest recipient of the Calvary scholarship for individuals studying to serve in full-time vocational ministry in the LCMS. While relatively new to Calvary, Aaron, his wife Jill, and children Nathan and Faith, have enjoyed the opportunity to serve, with Aaron teaching the high school Sunday school class and Jill involved in Adult Bible study and the Fellowship Team. While previously working in a variety of roles in a corporate finance setting for many years, Aaron has felt a continuous "pull" to serve God as a pastor, but it always seemed like an impossible step to take. Over the last couple of years, Aaron and his wife Jill began to pray in earnest about attending the seminary. "Looking back, we can really see how the Holy Spirit used a variety of circumstances—some exceedingly difficult—to relentlessly pursue us and call us to follow Him in this specific way. As a family, we believe that God was calling us to respond in faith." Aaron is now enrolled in Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in the four-year Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program in preparation to become a LCMS pastor. The family will be moving to St. Louis soon, with classes tentatively scheduled to begin in July.



Aaron wrote, "While we have been at Calvary a short time, it has been such a blessing to our family. It will be difficult to leave and we will miss joining with this congregation for Sunday morning worship and Bible study. Calvary has played such an integral role during the ups and downs of this time of discerning God's internal call to the ministry. We are so thankful for Pastors Ebert and Reifsteck for their support and counsel. We are especially grateful for the generous financial support from Calvary. It is an honor to know that the people of Calvary will be behind us and praying for us as we take this step of faith.

The fund is also supporting Calvary's Youth & Family Director Sam Troemel who is attending Concordia Seminary's Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program. This is a four-year state of the art distance education program that prepares men for specific pastoral ministries in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Support for these students is possible through contributions made during Lenten and Advent services. Calvary members generously contributed over \$4,000 during Lenten services this year. Calvary has a long-standing history of assisting members who are studying for full-time ministry in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The Stewardship Ministry Team's scholarship fund will continue to support students until such time as the Wessler Scholarship Endowment Fund for Education of LCMS Church Workers has an interest balance sufficient to fully support Calvary scholars. The fund was established in 2018 through the generosity of Mel Wessler.

Stewardship Emphasis (cont'd)

Thank you to Stewardship Ministry Team

As the 2019-2020 Ministry Team year drew to the close, meetings were forced to go online. I want to personally thank all of the members of the ministry team for their service.

Jay Bolden, Julia Coppi, Pastor Kurt Ebert, Jeff Evans, Pete Joseph, Kevin Kehlbeck, Pastor Josh Reifsteck, Pastor Art Wehrmeister



What the CARES Act Means for Calvary Members

Whether you give in support of Calvary, Calvary Lutheran School, any of the Concordia universities and seminaries, missions, human care (mercy work), etc., the following benefits are immediately available:

- 1) A partial above-the-line deduction for up to \$300 in charitable contributions:

This deduction permits is available to everyone regardless of whether you itemize contributions or takes the new, higher standard deduction. This is applicable for tax years beginning after 2019 and does not sunset after 2020.

- 2) Modification of certain limitations on charitable contributions during 2020:

This provision increases the limitations on for charitable contributions made in cash by individuals who itemize, as well as corporations. For individuals, the 60 percent of adjusted gross income limitation is removed for cash contributions made in 2020. Consult with an attorney, financial advisor or qualified accountant before acting on this provision to ensure you are safely maximizing your charitable gifts.

Mark D. Hofman, CFRE, MBA Executive Director,
LCMS Mission Advancement The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Note: This communication is for informational purposes only; individuals should seek legal counsel or advice for their own unique situation.

EPIC Library News

News from the EPIC Center Library

Thank You Les Brandt. A big shout out in thanks to Les Brandt!! Les used his COVID-19 social distancing time to build the last installment of new bookshelves for the library. They look wonderful and we so appreciate the workmanship that Les puts into these projects. The Library is full up now. No more expansions but lots of room for all the great books in our inventory.

No More Book Sales. We are no longer accepting boxes of donations for book sales. For several reasons we are no longer having the book sale. We still love to receive individual books, new or like new best sellers, or a favorite book you would like to share. We want to continue with the outreach into the community that the book sale achieved and we are working on a special project that will do that. More exciting details to come.

Book Discussion. We are working on an on-line book discussion of Southernmost (that was postponed because of the virus) and will post details when we are ready to proceed. There are still a few books available, if you want one please ask one of the Shari's to get one from the library for you.

Thanks as always for your support of the EPIC Center Library. *Dan and Sandy Kendall*

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June 7, 2020 – The Holy Trinity

Psalm 9; Genesis 1:1-3, 26-28; Matthew 28:16-20

"I Believe in God!" - Sermon Text: Matthew 28:19 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Who is God? What has God done for and through me? What does God continue to accomplish for and through me? Today we consider the true nature of our God and what it means to say, "I Believe in God."

June 14, 2020 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 100; Romans 5:6-9; Matthew 9:35-10:4

"Christ's Death is Amazing" - Sermon Text: Romans 5:6-9 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Christ's death is amazing! It is amazing that He would even die for us. Also, His death is amazing in what it accomplishes.

June 21, 2020 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 91:1-10; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

"A Bold Faith" - Sermon Text: Matthew 10:27 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

God's call is a life-giving and active Word that changes the heart and empowers us from the outside. Through His forgiving Word, God calls us to a bold faith and a changed life, and He also provides the power to do it.

June 28, 2020 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119:153-160; Jeremiah 28:5-9; Matthew 10:34-42

"Sword of Peace" - Sermon Text: Matthew 10:34 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

Jesus Christ, His salvation, and heaven and hell are the most important things that there are. Next to Jesus, His holy life, His death, and resurrection, nothing else is significant. Not the weather, sports, terrorist attacks, not even our own lives. All of that's meaningless when compared to the eternal reality of God's love for man in the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. That's what matters, and that's worth fighting for.



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