

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



August 2020 Monthly Newsletter

## *From the Pastors*

### **Tough decisions**

This year has been a year of tough decisions for many people. Many have had to make decisions not knowing all the facts or all the situation or all the challenges that still lie ahead. This year has left many weighing the tough choices of life, asking, "Do I try this or do I try that? Do I turn here or do I turn there? Do I listen to this or do I listen to that? Do I trust the data or do I trust my gut? Do I turn to the experts or do I turn to the crowd?" Not only must we reckon with all the options between our decisions, we also have to face all the outcomes from our decisions, "what will happen if..." "how will things go if..." "what about..." Whether it's decisions involving family, work, church, or school, we are confronted with tough decisions. So, how do we deal with the stress, worry, and uncertainties of these decisions? How do we handle the strains of life that at times seem to press in on all sides?

**First, because of Jesus...our God calls us to trust.** He makes no promises that life will be easy, but He makes every promise that He is there with us through every difficulty and trial. Our God again and again comes in the Scriptures promising that He is with us, watching over us, walking alongside us through every joy and sorrow shared. From Matthew 28 ("behold I am with you to the end of the age") to Hebrews 13 ("I will never leave you nor forsake you..."), He pledges His promise to sustain us and strengthen us for each day. In the midst of the strains of tough decisions He invites us to turn to Him for our daily bread. We may not have all the answers or know all the outcomes, but we know the one who does. We may not know the reasons for our current circumstances, but we know His disposition toward us. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we see God's true feelings towards us. He loves us with an unconditional and unending love. It is for this reason that we can trust that He will remain faithful to his promises.

**Second, because of Jesus...our God calls us to confession.** In every decision our Heavenly Father invites us to confess that we believe both in His grace and in His care. We believe that He is able to cover over and forgive every bad decision whether it came from a sinful motive or simply a mistaken choice. We therefore can approach life and trust that He will love us no matter where we have gone wrong. And yet we also confess that God is at work in our lives that He is able to bring about growth in us and eternal good in every faithful endeavor. "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, [h] for those who are called according to His purpose...For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:28).

**Third, because of Jesus...our God calls us to prayer.** Too many people think of prayer as a desire for God to take care of our problems for us. Too many people see prayer as a request that God somehow and in some way will 'fix' things for us. God has done something about the problems and pains in our world. He created us and gave us faith in Him. Prayer is not just a last-ditch effort or something that we use to ask for God's miraculous intervention. Prayer is a way for us to thoughtfully reflect upon and wrestle with what is God showing me in my life and what is He strengthening me to do about it. Certainly we call upon God to be at work within our world and yet we must come to wrestle with the question, "What do we mean when we pray, 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven'?" In praying these things, we ask not only that God's will would be done but that it would be done among us, in us, and through us as well.

**Fourth, because of Jesus...our God calls us to praise.** Too often we see praise as something that comes when all is right or when we get the answer we desire. Praise however is the very thing that colors our lives as we pause in the midst of good and bad to count our blessings and turn to Him who is our ultimate good. Praise reorients our perspective and calls us to see things from God's point of view.

When it comes to making tough decisions, God invites us to approach life not for salvation but from salvation. We approach life not to prove ourselves but as a proof that God has already loved us in Jesus Christ. When we recall daily God's eternal love and unconditional grace promised to us, we are able to step out confidently knowing that whether we choose rightly or wrongly, we know that we can rest in His peace. May God's peace go with you this month, as you trust, confess, pray, and praise.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

## Volunteer Focus / Staff Spotlight

### Ken Robinson



#### What is your role at Calvary?

*Fellowship Ministry Director & coordinator of the El Salvador mission team/ministry*

#### What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

*Faith. Knowing that as a Christian we are called to serve. I believe fellowship and serving internationally are spiritual gifts that I have been given.*

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

*Being in community with fellow believers. Many are like family to me.*

#### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*Ephesians / Isaiah 6:8—Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

#### Favorite Dessert?

*I do not discriminate.*

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

*Right now, there is so much prayer needed. God made us social creatures. Many people are struggling because they are quarantined. Prayers that they may find ways to be in community and fellowship with one another until this pandemic passes. El Salvador is still under quarantine and non-essential businesses are still closed. The country is not equipped to provide food to all of those in need. Providing adequate medical care is a struggle. Please pray for El Salvador's leadership, medical personnel, and all the people who need God's comfort.*

### Pastor Kurt Ebert



#### What is your role at Calvary?

*Senior Pastor*

#### What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

*I enjoy the opportunity to serve in so many different ways within the ministry. I have the opportunity within the same day to interact with every age and stage. On any given day, my calendar may contain everything from adult Bible study to preschool chapel, personal hospital visits to an intergenerational worship service, Jr. High Confirmation to leading a service in a nursing home.*

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

*I have many key influences along the way. My parents played a key role in making church a part of my life. The pastoral interns at my home congregation growing up had a huge impact on my ministry trajectory. The most important influence on my faith over the past years has been the personal interactions with other Christians, especially the youth and young people of the congregations I have served.*

#### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*I've been into the book of Genesis lately. There is so much foundational truth for our Christian faith contained within its pages. It also provides to me a realistic picture of the human experience—beautiful and messy, hopeful and tragically darkened by sinful selfishness.*

#### Favorite Dessert?

*Cheesecake or Chocolate Éclair Cake*

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

*Prayers for God's guidance and direction as we continue to chart the course for our congregation through the many changes within our wider world and community.*

## General

### Calvary Welcomes Paula Honebrink

We are happy to introduce Paula Honebrink as Calvary's new Director of Children's Ministry. Paula and her husband, Dave (Calvary school teacher), are members of Calvary Lutheran Church. Paula has four children, Garrett, Damon, Tyson & Leyla. Please help us welcome Paula to the Calvary staff when you see her.



### 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 Connect service will be offered as an evening prayer and praise service on **Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m.** in the kindergarten playground. Masks will not be required in the service as we plan to social distance. All who attend are invited to bring a lawn chair and cooler for an optional post service picnic.

## Website Tour—Vacation Bible School

Calvary held a special VBS 2020 this year, as we used a hybrid approach that combined onsite and online activities. We also gave families the option of doing VBS entirely online and at home. One advantage of this approach is that we now continue to offer the online VBS program that families can do anytime during the summer, at their own pace and when it is convenient for them. Check it out and participate using the VBS page on our website at [clcs.org/vbs](http://clcs.org/vbs).



### The VBS Page

On our VBS page you will find welcome information and a welcome video, followed by a section for each of the five days of VBS.

Days 1 and 5 include a single video that contains our opening songs and prayer, a Bible Adventure, a closing skit, and a closing prayer.

Days 2, 3 and 4 include an opening video with songs, prayer and the Bible Adventure, videos for a fun craft and a family game, and a wrap-up video with a closing skit and prayer.

Finally, there are links to a VBS Song Library and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), a form to Contact Us, and a link to More Children's Ministry Resources.

Join Vicar Sam as he leads us in daily songs, Cam Track (Pastor Ebert) as he learns more about Jesus, a wild boat ride and other Bible Adventures with Pastor Reifsteck, and Crafts and Games with our leader Kara Hiatt.

**Welcome to Vacation Bible School 2020!**

We're so glad you're here to join us for Vacation Bible School. This page is your one-stop-shop for all of our VBS resources! Please bookmark it so that you can find it later.

**WELCOME ONLINE PARTICIPANTS!**

A special message from Pastor Kurt Ebert.

Have questions? Check out the information in the sidebar on the right? Prefer to dive right into our first lesson? Check out the **Opening** below!

**SIDEBAR LINK LIST**

- Schedule
- VBS Song Library
- FAQs
- Contact Us
- More Children's Ministry Resources

**DAY 1 IN PERSON OR ONLINE — SUNDAY JUNE 21**

**DAY 2 ONLINE — MONDAY JUNE 22**

**Meet Ava!**

Jesus' Power Gives Us Hope!

**DAILY ACTIVITIES**

- Opening Video
- Craft Video
- Family Game Video
- Rocky Railway Wrap-Up Video

**Bible Point:** Jesus' power gives us hope.

**Bible Story:** Paul encourages others in a storm and shipwreck. (Acts 27) Join a ship's crew, and find hope amid a windy, wavy, wild storm with prisoner Paul.

**Bible Verse:** "So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!" (Psalm 31:24)

**DAY 3 ONLINE — WEDNESDAY JUNE 24**

**DAY 4 ONLINE — FRIDAY JUNE 26**

**DAY 5 IN PERSON OR ONLINE — SUNDAY JUNE 28**

**It is not too late for you to participate in Calvary's VBS 2020!**

**Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!**

## Memorials

### July Memorials

#### ***In Memory of Ruth Fuhrmann:***

Janice Meiners, Nellie Delk, John & Ruth Remetta,  
John & Di Ginnell, Jim & Phyllis Birdwell, Dennis Meyer Financial,  
Mabel Schwark, Margie Leive, Mary Busher, Madelyn Finke,  
Carlton Nebel & Family, Arlene Roth, Jerry & Diane Gibson,  
Mike & Ann Arnold, Ray & Jan Main, James & Judy Glenday,  
Grace Wolf, Elise Wolf, Jake & Kyle Allen, Marilyn Rothkopf,  
Gary & Linda Bugher, Jim & Jan Dunaway, Art & Joy Wehrmeister,  
Judy Kirkland, Kenneth & Carol Kettler, Jason & Deidre Barnett,  
Steve & Gloria Vandivier, Don & Susan Daniels, Bud & Julie Pflug,  
Charles & Betty Bardonner, Kurt & Karen Kuehr, Bill & Chrissi Laut,  
Catherine Woempner, Sara & Larry Jupin, Eunice Dissen, Karen Meyer,  
Gerald Kiesling, Jim & Carol Keenan



#### ***In Memory of Sally McMichael:***

Kurt & Karen Kuehr

#### ***In Memory of Imogene Schweyer:***

Ray & Jan Main

#### ***In Memory of Jeanette Rensner:***

Eunice Miller

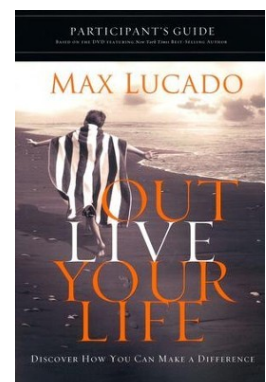
#### ***In Memory of Trish Peck:***

Janice Meiners, Gary & Linda Bugher, Diane & Jerry Gibson,  
Denise Fortner, Margie Leive, Karen Meyer, Jim & Carol Keenan

## Parish Ed

### **Saturday Evening Bible Study**

**Coming soon:** Pastor Main will lead a 4 DVD with study guide on "Out Live Your Life," by Max Lucado. The point of the study is to discover how you can make a difference. Please join us in the conference room at **5:00 p.m. August 9—30**. If you are new to this class, please let Pastor Main know of your intention to attend so we can get the lessons to you. Home #: 317-786-7583; email: rmain1938@gmail.com; or put a note in his church mail box.



## Women in Mission

### Appreciation and Service Drive-Thru

**Saturday, September 19, 2020, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., South Parking Lot**

Are you longing for ways to serve and to see one another after months of isolation?

This appreciation and service drive-thru event with booths or "stations" will provide you opportunities to interact with ministry team members at several stops from the safety of your car. You may anticipate the opportunity

- To reconnect with our Calvary community
- To support ministry missions and service projects
- To show appreciation to Calvary ministries and staff
- To receive caring encouragement and appreciation
- To learn about upcoming congregational Bible studies
- To greet current ministry team members



Watch for details next month in the newsletter, bulletins, Facebook, and website. Plan now to participate in this event that will allow the opportunity for serving and showing appreciation while remaining safe during the pandemic.

### BLANKETS FOR BABIES

Many thanks to our ladies who continue to create such beautiful blankets for these precious infants. Our next meeting date is **Thursday, August 6th** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the café area. There is now a container on top of the brown cabinet in the café area marked "Blankets for Babies". If you're not able to come to our meetings but would like to contribute to this ministry outreach, just put your blankets in the container. Questions? Susan Daniels 317-882-3691

### Ladies' Saturday Bible Study

The Ladies' Saturday morning Bible Study group will not meet again until further notice. Stay tuned to announcements and newsletters for more updates.

### Extravagant Sharing

It is with a thankful heart that many of us are able to continue supporting The Sharing Place of Lutheran Child and Family Services through Extravagant Sharing at Calvary. In the month of August those of you worshipping onsite are requested to bring **PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY**. Your donations can also be dropped off during the week and placed on the shelves in the narthex. Many in our community need our support. Thanks to those of you who were able to support in July with cans of fruits and vegetables.

### **Opening the Doors to the 71<sup>st</sup> School Year**

It will be 5 months since our hallways echoed the sounds of students. On March 12 our school facilities were closed. The doors will open on August 12. This is the longest time that the school was virtually empty. As we begin looking forward to another school year we know that many protocols and practices will be significantly altered. Many of our programs and activities will be suspended or postponed. Much energy was consumed during this spring and summer as preparations and plans are being formulated and reviewed. Our school re-entry plan was emailed to our families and staff on July 15. Our theme Bible verse for the 2020-21 school year is: "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans" Proverb 16:3

Our theme for the school year –

### **FULLY COMMITTED**

This has and continues to be our focus as God's guidance and leading are sought that we commit to the Lord whatever we do and He will establish our plans. Have you ever noticed that when times are uncertain with doubts and cares looming that we often seek the Lord more readily? God is an ever present help in trouble, but not only when times of unrest surround us, but God is ever present. Jesus told His disciples that He would be with us always and that nothing can separate us from the love of our Heavenly Father. This provides the peace that this world cannot give to us. We stand FULLY COMMITTED as we commend our plans and days into His hand. A new school year is upon us- let us rejoice and give thanks!

**Final Registration- 2020-21** Final registration for Preschool–8th grade is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, August 3-4. Families with last names beginning with A-M are asked to sign-up for Monday and families with last names beginning with N-Z on Tuesday. Times each day are 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 5:00-7:00p.m. Registration will take place in the gym. Please enter through door #2. A Sign-up Genius has been created for you to schedule your registration time. Only 1 adult is allowed to enter the facilities per family. These precautions and safeguards are put into place in response to the pandemic. Important business is accomplished during this process. Please alert the school office if you will be unable to attend so that arrangements can be made to accomplish these tasks prior to the first day of school.

### **August calendar preview:**

Mon & Tues, Aug 3-4 Final Registration 9-11:00AM; 5-7:00PM gymnasium

Families with last names beginning with A-M August 3

Families with last names beginning with N-Z August 4

Wed, 8/12 8:00 a.m. First Day of Preschool, Kindergarten-8th Grade

8:30 a.m. Streamed Opening Chapel Service – no gathering in the sanctuary

Wed, 8/19 8:30 a.m. First Wednesday delayed start

### **Enrollments Still Being Accepted**

We are still accepting enrollments for the 2020-21 school year. Please let your friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers know about the quality Christian education opportunities at Calvary Lutheran School. We extend this ministry to all people desiring this Christian education.

### **Staff Changes at Calvary Lutheran Church and School**

Mrs. Judy Morrison announced her retirement after recently serving as our Art and Music teacher. Mrs. Morrison served with a heart filled with God's love. We ask the Lord to walk with Judy as He opens new doors of service for her. Thank you for your loving service. You are missed!

With many classrooms filled we thank God for the giving heart and hands of our teacher aides. Mrs. Mary Catherine Miller, Ms. Jessica Gerstung-Harmon, Mrs. Kapri Briones, Mrs. Sheila Bolton, Mrs. Sarah Ebert, Mrs. Melanie Huene, Mrs. Allison Strohm, and Mrs. Jalana Rance are a tremendous blessing to students and staff. We applaud their efforts and care. Much is accomplished through their daily presence.

Laura Wilkes will be our 3-4 Preschool teacher and K-8 art teacher. We celebrate the gifts of God in Laura. She previously served for 13 years as our first and only Preschool Extended Care Director. We praise God for the opportunities that she now has to further use her gifts in His service. (cont'd)

## Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Our Resource room will be led by Mrs. Annie Means. Ms. Means will be at Calvary two days each week. Ms. Means will be serving as our Teacher of Record and is an employee of MSD Perry Township. We are blessed to have her serving the needs of our students. We extend a warm Calvary Lutheran welcome to Ms. Means.

Mrs. Karen Davis, Mrs. Lisa Green, and Mrs. Angela Gottlieb will be assisting Ms. Means in the Resource room. They will be serving part-time and will be on site 3 days each week. We are blessed to have Mrs. Green, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Gottlieb serve in this capacity again this school year. We ask the Lord to bless their work with our students and families. Mrs. Gottlieb and Mrs. Green are also employees of Perry Township.

### **SGO Information**

#### **Too Good To Be True?!**

God has provided a unique opportunity to help fund the Christian education of our Calvary students. The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana has been identified as a new Scholarship Granting Organization. Scholarships through private and corporate donations are granted to Calvary student families whose income is less than 200% of the Federal free or reduced hot lunch guidelines.

#### **How may I help?**

Donations are currently being accepted. We are in need of \$55,500.00 to fully fund these grants.

#### **Multiple Benefits for Calvary Lutheran School students, the private or corporate donor, and Calvary Lutheran Church**

1. Students and their families accepted in this program will receive a scholarship grant per child enrolled in Kindergarten -8<sup>th</sup> grade at Calvary.
2. The donor will receive a 50% Indiana State tax credit for every dollar donated. Example: A donation of \$1000.00 will result in a tax credit of \$500.00 towards your Indiana income tax liability. Private as well as corporate donations will receive this benefit.
3. The \$55,500.00 received will eliminate the amount of money granted to our students and their families through our own budgeted funds.

#### **Where Do I sign up?**

Donor forms are available online at [www.LutheranSGO.org](http://www.LutheranSGO.org). Be sure to mark **CALVARY LUTHERAN SCHOOL** as the recipient of your donation.

#### **How Do I Proceed?**

Return the completed donor form along with your donation to the School Office or directly to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana by December 31, 2020. The Lutheran SGO of Indiana will issue your tax credit statement for your 2020 tax filing.

#### **What happens in the future?**

Children receiving a scholarship grant are eligible the following school year to convert this grant to an Indiana CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP. This again significantly reduces the need for congregational funded scholarship dollars.

Children will have the opportunity to hear God's Word each day through your giving. God continues to open doors to others once thought closed due to financial needs. Your assistance in this program is so greatly appreciated!

#### **Have you participated in the SGO donation?**

Over 65 families have participated in this process by donating over \$495,000.00 during the past nine years. We are asking those past donors to enlist two other families to become involved in this "Too Good to be True" adventure. By donating in the past you are fully aware of the unique benefits this SGO provides. Please help by talking to at least two other families and enlist their participation as well.

This same opportunity is available to businesses. Take full advantage of this as you note your state tax liabilities. Please address any questions to Mr. Rensner.

## NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

### Golf Outing – August 8

**There's still time to register for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual LHS Golf Outing on Saturday, August 8** at Southern Dunes Golf Course. Check-in is at 7:00 a.m.; shotgun start of the scramble at 7:30 a.m.. The \$100 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, prize entries, and lunch. Register today at [lhsi.org](https://lhsi.org). Proceeds will be used to help fund student scholarships. Questions? Contact Julie at [jpfug@lhsi.org](mailto:jpfug@lhsi.org) or 317-224-1108.

### Saints Alumni Celebrate & Connect

Are you a LHS graduate? We want to **Celebrate & Connect** with you! Receive updates and special benefits by staying in touch. Update your contact information by filling out the form at [lhsi.org/giving/update-contact-info.cfm](https://lhsi.org/giving/update-contact-info.cfm) or emailing [alumni@lhsi.org](mailto:alumni@lhsi.org). Do this on or before August 21, 2020 and be entered to win Saints gear as well as a \$100 gift card! If you are among the first 100 alumni to update your information, you are eligible to sign up for free admission to the **Homecoming Football** game on **Friday night, September 11, 2020** for you and one guest. A number of special activities are being planned for Homecoming weekend. Please join the committee to help make it special.

Need more information or have questions, contact us at [alumni@lhsi.org](mailto:alumni@lhsi.org). Special thanks to Kathy Anderson, alum (1994), Volleyball coach, and former LHS teacher, for serving as Chairperson of the Celebrate & Connect event.



## Youth Ministry

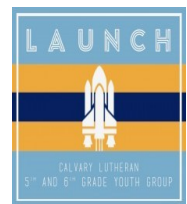
### FLIGHT (High School Youth Group)

FLIGHT will continue meeting for outside events on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:00 p.m.



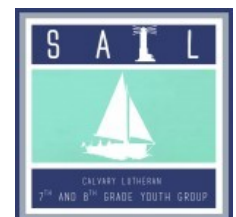
### LAUNCH (5th & 6th)

LAUNCH will meet again on **Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for an outdoor event. This event will include snack and a Bible study. Youth are encouraged to bring a mask and water bottle.



### SAIL (7th & 8th)

SAIL will meet again on **Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for an outdoor event. This event will include snack and a Bible study. Youth are encouraged to bring a mask and water bottle.



## Adult Ministry

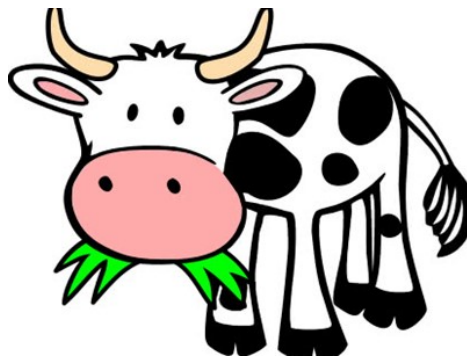
### No Lunch, Still Learn

**Wednesday, August 19 via Video Chat 12:00 p.m.**

**Program Topic: Meatless Meats and Plant-Based Foods**

Veggie burgers have been around for years, but there are so many new products on the market now. Come learn what they are made of and why their popularity is skyrocketing. We use the free Google Meet program to connect. If you are new to Google Meet, it is similar to Zoom, Skype, and Facetime. An instruction "cheat sheet" is available; connection can be done by phone if you do not have access to a camera-equipped device. For web link and instructions, see Calvary's website, [CLCS.ORG](http://CLCS.ORG) or contact Emily Spelde, [espelde@clcs.org](mailto:espelde@clcs.org) 317-695-9366

*I can't  
believe it's  
not beef!*



## Compassion Ministry

### Addresses needed for College Care Packages

It's going to be an interesting year and we want to encourage our Calvary college students by sending them care packages throughout the year. If you have a college student or you are a college student, please email Linda Bugher at [thebughers@att.net](mailto:thebughers@att.net) or text her at 317-432-1865 **by Tuesday, September 8th** the following information:

- Student Name
- College Attending
- Student Address
- Year (e.g., Junior)
- Major/Area of Study
- Student Email Address
- Student Cell Phone (optional)

To confirm our information is current, we need to hear from you even if you supplied information last year. **Please let Linda know any changes throughout the year.**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

## Stewardship Emphasis

**Stewardship Update**     *By Rachel Daeger, Chair, Stewardship Ministry Team*  
**Calvary's Mission Support a Blessing to Many**

### Hunger Inc.

Thank you for the \$1,200 donation to Hunger Inc. We appreciate the trust you have put in our organization. All of your volunteers are dedicated to this ministry as instructed in Matthew 25:35 to feed the hungry.

God Bless,

Kay Goldsberry, Treasurer



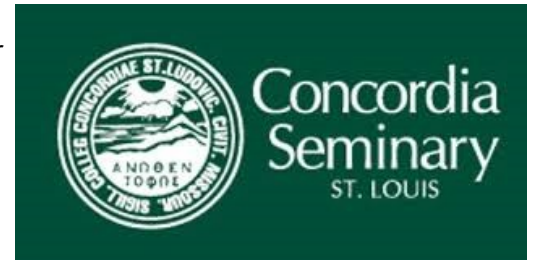
**Hunger Inc**  
Food Pantry

### Concordia Seminary

I hope you know how much you mean to our students. I want to extend my personal thank you for your financial support of Concordia's Adopt-A-Student program. Every dollar of your Adopt-A-Student gift goes directly to your seminarian.

Rev. Dale A Meyer, PhD, President

(Calvary is supporting member Aaron Levenhagen as he enters the seminary.)



### Lutheran Church Missouri Synod – Together in Mission

On behalf of the Lutheran Church-Mo Synod thank you for the support you have given to Rev. Steven and Cynthia Schumacher serving in Ghana. Please convey our thanks to your congregation. I pray you are all staying safe and healthy.

Blessing

Julie Loehring, Missionary Support Coordinator



## Website Tour — Our Communities

Each month we “tour” different areas of the Calvary website — [www.clcs.org](http://www.clcs.org). This month we take a look at *Our Communities*.

### Communities

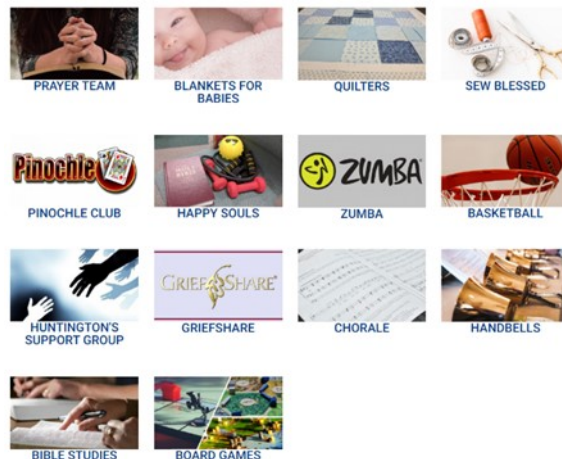
Besides the formal ministry teams and programs here at Calvary, there are less formal groups where people gather for fellowship, fun, service, and support.

These special interest groups, called *Communities*, cover a large range of topics and goals.

*Service* — there are communities for serving others, such as *Blankets for Babies*, *Quilters*, and *Sew Blessed*.

*Faith Life* — there are communities for growing and sharing your faith, such as the *Prayer Team* and *Bible Studies*.

*Health & Wellness* — there are communities for enhancing your physical and mental health and supporting others, such as *Zumba*, *Happy Souls*, *Huntington's Support Group*, *GriefShare*, and *Basketball*.



#### BLANKETS FOR BABIES



Our mission is to assure expectant parents of the love of God for them and their infants. We knit and crochet blankets for their newborns. Each blanket has a tag sewn in. The tag has a cross and says "God's Blessings from Calvary Lutheran Church". The majority of these are given to the Life Center on Harris Ave.



We meet once a month on Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the cafe area. All skill level and ages are welcome. Refreshments are available to you. Instructions to sign up.



Community leader is Susan Daniels.

#### Communities - Blankets for Babies

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**We hope you find a group that appeals to you, and please join us!**



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### August 2020

#### **August 2, 2020 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 136:1-9; Isaiah 55:1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21

"More Than Enough" - Sermon Text: Matthew 13:20 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

Our Savior has compassion on the needy and has provided for the poor in miraculous ways. He has called us out of our poverty, exhaustion, anxiety, and doubt and has forgiven our sins. In Him, we have more than enough and now we can share His life-giving, life-changing, life-saving gifts with the world.

#### **August 9, 2020 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 18:1-6, 46; Job 38:4-18; Matthew 14:22-33

"The Powerful Word" - Sermon Text: Matthew 14:27 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

Fear is the underlying issue of this morning's Gospel reading. Fear threatens to swallow up Peter and the disciples in their little boat out on the rough sea. Fear paralyzes, it wears us down, it erodes our faith, and it generates doubt. To the disciples' fear, and to ours, Jesus speaks His Word: "Take heart. It is I. Do not be afraid."

#### **August 16, 2020 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32; Matthew 15:21-28

"Perfect Healing" - Sermon Text: Matthew 13:15:21-28 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

We all pray for physical health to be restored when a loved one is ill. Our spiritual health has been restored by Jesus' death and resurrection. In Christ, whether in life or at death, we have perfect healing.

#### **August 23, 2020 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 138; Isaiah 51:1-6; Matthew 16:13-20

"Built on the Rock" - Sermon Text: Matthew 16:13-20 - Rev. William Mueller

The question Jesus asks His disciples is rather simple: Who do people say that He is? However, Jesus' purpose in asking the question was far more than taking a poll of public opinion – He was narrowing it down to each individual person. Who do you say that Jesus is? Is He just a moderately powered helper, enough to help us over the speedbumps in life, OR is He the Lord God Himself who is our Savior?

#### **August 30, 2020 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 26; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

"The Way God Thinks" - Sermon Text: Matthew 16:23 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Are you ever tempted to be God's "script-writer," to tell God how to be God? Life's greatest news is this . . . God does NOT meet our expectations, He EXCEEDS them! This good news changes our lives now and eternally.



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