

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



October 2020 Monthly Newsletter

## *From the Pastors*

### **Connected in Faith**

What is the nature of the church? What brings us together and connects us as a part of the wider whole? As our society becomes more and more individualistic and more and more separated by technology, mobility, and just sheer busyness, what is it that draws us together? Are we just individuals that happen to worship together—whether onsite or online—or is there something deeper that connects us? A few months ago, I came across this thought-provoking question, ***"Is the church more like a bag of marbles or more like a cluster of grapes?"*** When you begin to think about the similarities and differences of a bag of marbles and a cluster of grapes, you can come up with all sorts of comparisons on a surface level. Both are spherical. Both are groupings of similar items. Both can be roughly the same size as one another. And yet with marbles there is a lot of movement within a bag. If the bag rips or develops a tear you can quite easily lose a marble or two without missing it at all or simply the whole thing can come apart, fulfilling the proverb of "losing your marbles." Is the same thing true with a cluster of grapes? When you look beneath the surface of the cluster of grapes there is a deeper connection and network that joins them together. They are living and growing together, depending upon one life source to supply for them. If one grape goes bad in the cluster, it's going to have an effect on the rest. There is something truly shared within this interconnected web of life and growth and being. Isn't that the very picture of what the church should be? The church at its core is a group of individuals united together for the wider good of its community and world that is completely dependent and sustained by the very life-giving source of Jesus Christ. We are not just a collection of individuals. We are a "congregation" of believers, concerned not only for our own welfare but for the good of others. When one of us goes missing, it affects us. When one of us is experiencing difficulty, it affects us. When one of us has reason to celebrate, we all have a reason to celebration.

During this ministry year, we desire to emphasize this special connection that we have as the family of God called Calvary Lutheran Church and School. For this reason, we have developed the theme of **"Connected in Faith,"** which we will be referencing and developing throughout the year ahead. Even though we might be separated from one another in this time of pandemic, we are still joined together by Jesus. Even though some of our ministries, events, and activities might look a little different this year, we still have the same mission of engaging people in Christ, wherever we find ourselves. Here is a layout of the three key emphases of our ministry theme developed around God's invitation and instruction to us through the words of Hebrews 10:22-24.

### **2020-21 Ministry Year Focus**

#### **"Connected in Faith"**

#### **1) Connecting with God - Draw near with a true heart**

*Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water (Hebrews 10:22).*

#### **2) Connecting with our Church Family - Hold fast the confession of our hope**

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10:23).*

#### **3) Connecting with our Community - Stir up one another to love & good works**

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24).*

May God's peace go with you this month, as you abide in the love of Jesus (see John 15:5).

*- Pastor Kurt Ebert*

## Staff Spotlight/Volunteer Focus

### Rosie Blazek



#### What is your role at Calvary?

*I am currently serving as Parish Education Ministry Team Director and with the core group of Women in Mission. I so treasure my years of serving as a first grade teacher at Calvary and all the love students and families have shared with me.*

#### What motivates you to give of your time and talent in this way?

*As a child of God, I am called to serve. One of the ways He enables me to do this is through volunteering at Calvary in those areas that He equips me to serve.*

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

*I have the opportunity to connect with my Calvary family. I not only can give, but I receive so many blessings in this way.*

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

*It all depends on the day and circumstances in my life. When I see God, He meets me in His Word every day. A verse that motivates me is Ephesians 4:32. "Be ye kind, one unto another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven you."*

#### Favorite Dessert?

*Coconut Cream Pie, or anything with coconut.*

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

*That I would listen to God for His wisdom and direction in leading ALL at Calvary to study scripture and as a result grow in their daily connection to our loving God.*

### Steve Rensner



#### What is your role at Calvary?

*I currently serve as the Principal of the Christian Day School.*

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

*Not considering coming to Calvary each day as "work". It is a joy entering this place and gathering with fellow faculty and staff each morning. It is a joy to welcome the students as they enter these doors. It is a joy to partner with our families as together we are equipping these children through God's Word as they grow and learn. The freedom to share the Gospel message encompasses every aspect of the day.*

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

*The answer to this question has changed over the years. My Father and Mother are the biggest influence on my faith walk. Their example of a trusting faith and the manner they followed the Lord's command are still living with me and my siblings each day. I continue to hear their voices and the lessons taught.*

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

*My favorite Bible verse is my Confirmation verse—Joshua 1:9—"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage. Be neither frightened nor dismayed for I, the Lord your God, will be with you wherever you go."*

#### Favorite Dessert?

*I am not a big dessert person. I do like the special Jell-O cake for my birthday, the pies at Thanksgiving, and the assortment of cookies at Christmas.*

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

*I would ask that the people of Calvary remember the students, faculty and staff in their prayers asking the Lord to place His protective hand upon this place that health and safety are present each day. And that those entering these doors might feel His presence as a place equipping all for His Calling. That we as His people would be open to the challenges and opportunities while following His guiding and will.*

## General

### OCTOBER IS PASTOR / CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH

October is when we take time to recognize the love and care that our church ministry staff show to each of us. Please share with them kind words of thanks, say a prayer, or send a card. A box will be provided in the narthex to drop a card or note.

**Pastor Kurt (& Sarah) Ebert** (Senior Pastor), **Pastor Josh (& Laura) Reifsteck** (Associate Pastor), **Pastor Udhayanesan (& Kalai) Raji** (Tamil Indian Church and hospital chaplain), **Sam (& Molly) Troemel** (Director of Youth & Family) who is currently going through pastoral education, and **Deaconess Emily (& Tony) Spelde** (Adult Ministry).

Members of Calvary **Pastor Bob (& Ruth) Armao** (Lutheran High teacher and campus pastor) and **Pastor Bill (& Debbie) Yates** (Director, Air National Guard Chaplain Corps).

We are also blessed to have **Pastor Howard (& Bev) Fabricius** (retired), **Pastor Harvey (& Carol) Lange** (retired), **Pastor Gene (& Betty) Lauterbach** (retired), **Pastor Ray (& Jan) Main** (retired), **Pastor Jim (& Connie) Myers**, (retired) and **Pastor Art (& Joy) Wehrmeister** (retired) as members of Calvary.

### Calvary Connect Contemporary Worship - Outdoor Prayer & Praise

The Connect service will be offered as an outdoor prayer and praise service on **Sun, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the fenced area near the kindergarten playground. Please park in the south parking lot. You are invited but not required to wear a mask, as we will be outdoors and socially distanced. All who attend are invited to bring your own lawn chair or you may use one of Calvary's folding chairs. An optional time of fellowship will follow the service. You may bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy a socially-distanced picnic.

### Congregational Study (The Gospel of John: Finding Identity and Purpose)

**October 17/18 - November 21/22**

*This 12-week video/workbook series will be broken down to 6 weeks, giving each small group the opportunity to continue on with the other 6 lessons, end with the original 6 lessons, or finish up as time allows.*

Please consider being a group leader, a host/facilitator for an onsite or online small group, or a participant.

If you are interested in finding out more about leading a small group or helping be a host/facilitator for one of our small groups, please email Rosie Blazek at [parished@clcs.org](mailto:parished@clcs.org).

Participants - Sign-up in the church narthex or online at [clcs.org/studysignup](https://clcs.org/studysignup). Books are on sale for \$5.00.

### A Seminary Update from Aaron Levenhagen

Since departing from Calvary in July for Concordia Seminary--St. Louis, Aaron has completed the summer Greek program and is now several weeks into his fall semester classes. He has been assigned a fieldwork church, where he is in the rotation of assisting with liturgy, an adult Bible class, and calling on church members. It has already been a busy start to his first year. Please pray for Aaron, his wife Jill, and his two children as they continue to settle in at the seminary.



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September 10, 2020

*To Whom It May Concern:*

As you read this letter, I would hope and pray that this salutation applies to all of us. Providing for the needs of others is a concern that as God's People we seek to remedy as we are gifted, willing, and able.

We are blessed at Calvary Lutheran Church and School to have many avenues to provide financial assist to enrolling students within the Christian Day School. The Indiana CHOICE Scholarship voucher, the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization, and the August Schwark Endowment Fund are three sources that we utilize. These sources make it possible for a student to come each morning to be taught reading, writing, and arithmetic, but most importantly to hear the Word of God. This in fact answers the call of the Great Commission.

This year has created a greater financial need for families to enroll due to the COVID-19 impact on the economy. Families that would not qualify for the CHOICE or SGO grants based on household income are now facing hardships when employment hours were greatly reduced, placed on furlough, and even businesses closed. Retaining these students at Calvary is one of our chief challenges and opportunities.

One family impacted was ready to enroll their second child at Calvary when their business was closed as non-essential. Their household income was dramatically cut and the thought of enrollment at Calvary was impossible. The Schwark Endowment made their continued enrollment at Calvary possible.

We are asking for you to prayerfully consider participating in a special appeal as we are in need of \$6,000.00 towards the August Schwark Annual Fund to cover the financial need that exceeds our yearly endowment fund distribution. Your assistance will help provide for the continued enrollment of 15 Calvary students.

Please mark your contribution as **August Schwark Annual Fund 2020-21**. Your assistance is indeed a blessing to others and is greatly appreciated.

I am happy to answer any questions or to provide greater clarification as to how our Schwark Endowment and Annual Funds are utilized each year.

In His Service,

Mr. Stephen Rensner  
Principal



## Outreach Ministry

### Calvary Magnets

Following up on the successful yard signs promoting the Calvary church and school, we are providing small car magnets to promote Calvary. If you were not able to pick up a magnet at the Women in Mission drive thru, please look for magnets at Calvary when you attend church or stop by the church office. Please see the example photo included, and take one for each of your cars! Special thanks to Don Fisher for designing both the yard signs and the car magnets!

We hope that the magnets and signs will lead to a good conversation with your friends and neighbors. Please take the opportunity to share more information with them about your faith, the church and the school. Thanks for your help connecting people with Calvary during these difficult pandemic times!



## Women in Mission

### Foster and provide opportunities for Christian fellowship, service, and growth for the women of Calvary Lutheran

This is the purpose of *Women in Mission* for all women of Calvary's congregation, whether they are confirmed members or active non-members. *Women in Mission* support and participate in the programs and missions of the Zone, District, & National LWML such as the collection of mites, distribution of LWML Quarterlies, and LWML Sunday. An Executive Team of *Women in Mission* includes a director, a treasurer, and at least three additional team members who serve as coordinators for a period of at least two years. Some team members, appointed by the director, function as coordinators of areas such as public relations, program, Christian growth, and service/mission. The director and treasurer are approved for leadership by pastoral staff. Responsibilities of Executive Team members include meeting at least twice a year, approving projects and expenditures, keeping simplified records for reference to pass along to successors, planning at least one yearly gathering where all *Women in Mission* participants are encouraged to attend, appointing a qualified individual, other than a *Women in Mission* participant, to review semiannually the financial records of the treasurer, and provide simplified guidelines to pass on to successors, and encourage active participation of all women of the congregation in *Women in Mission* activities.

Karen Wright is the current treasurer for *Women in Mission*. A dedicated group of women have been providing leadership for *Women in Mission* activities but a formal director is needed to ensure all needs of the *Women in Mission* are met. **Could you be the next director for Women in Mission?** Please prayerfully consider this service opportunity and direct any questions to one of the pastors or Karen Wright at [kwright210@comcast.net](mailto:kwright210@comcast.net).

## Women in Mission (cont'd)

### Mites Box Collection

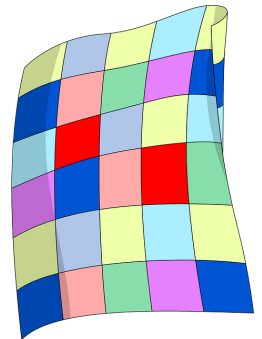
Coin shortage? A penny, nickel, dime and quarter are very valuable! Coins, as well as paper money and checks, have spread the love of Jesus by supporting the mission outreaches of Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) for years. Fill your Mite Boxes or make out a check payable to LWML and place them in the big MITE BOX on the table in the south narthex at church. Take a new box and continue filling it in support of Missions throughout the world. This money is sent on to LWML headquarters to support the \$2,100,000 goal of funding the LWML mission grants to spread Jesus' love in many ways. Yes, that really is a goal of over 2 million dollars. One of the outreaches supported through mites was Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya with \$80,000. Another project funded with \$100,000 was Touching the Living Word: Lutheran Braille Workers. All of the projects to be funded through LWML Mission Grants are listed in the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. If you haven't seen one of these magazines, they are also available on the table in the south narthex. Women in Mission at Calvary support the work of LWML. Through mites women, men and children all over the world join together in supporting the outreach of Jesus to the world.



### BLANKETS FOR BABIES

Our October date is **Thursday, October 1** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the cafe area. Our mission is to share God's love and care by knitting/crocheting blankets for newborn babies whose parents are in need of emotional, spiritual and financial support. Our blankets are donated to the Life Center on Hanna Ave. Fall is a terrific time to start a project or learn a new skill. We have teachers and free yarn to get you started. All ages and skill levels welcome. Questions? Call Susan Daniels 317-882-3691.

Our November date will be **Thursday, November 5** from 6:00-8:00 p.m.



### Extravagant Sharing

The Sharing Place of Lutheran Child and Family Services continues to appreciate the sharing of Calvary members and friends. The macaroni and cheese you brought in September provided for many needs. We love because Jesus first loved us. Our love meets so many needs. In October please bring **toilet paper and paper towels**. Please continue to support those in Indianapolis with their needs through EXTRAVAGANT SHARING! Put your donations of toilet paper and paper towels in October on the Extravagant Sharing shelves in our church narthex. God asks us to be cheerful givers!

There will be NO Extravagant Sharing collections made in November or December as Calvary makes many special efforts to meet the needs of others at holiday time.

**Under Caution**

On Sunday, August 23 was the 104th running of the Indianapolis 500. No, it's not May. The race was rescheduled and postponed until August in hopes of being able to run the race like it was May. As you all know the stands were virtually empty. No roar of the crowds. The race had a very fitting conclusion indicative of 2020 - - the final 5 laps were completed under caution. No passing. No race to the bricks. The leader won before the checkered flag was waved and presented.

Under caution is very much a part of our lives this year. We live in a state of caution. The news is full of precautionary statements. Daily reports are provided as we all walk in caution. Will the green flag wave again or will we need to simply follow the pace car? When God is our pace car then we are ready and eager to let Him take hold of the wheel guiding and leading us for a time such as this. We find our hope, solace, and rest in Him. Jesus tells His disciples that in this world you will have troubles, but take heart- I have overcome the world. I am sure that the disciples lived in a state of caution immediately following the events of Maundy Thursday. Yet on Pentecost receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they boldly proclaimed the message of salvation. They lived trusting in the promises of God. Life at times demands caution, but we know that our eternal home is secure as Jesus Himself prepares a place for believers.

We look forward to Sunday, May 30, 2021. Let the green flag fly!

**Thought for Autumn-** Is prayer your steering wheel or is prayer your spare tire?

**First Quarter Completed**

Our first quarter will be completed on Friday, October 2. Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, October 7. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 7 and Thursday, October 8 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Students in Preschool, Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed on Friday, October 9 at 1:00 p.m. **Please note:** No PS-K; 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade afternoon school Extended Care on October 9.

**Fall Break**

School will not be in session on Monday, October 12 through Friday, October 16. This fall break matches the 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 **virtually** on Monday, October 26. The team has been studying the New Testament Book of Luke. They will answer questions on this book as they compete with the other Lutheran elementary schools in the Indianapolis area. We thank Mrs. Faubion for her efforts as Bible Quiz coach. We thank the Lutheran High School of Indianapolis for sponsoring this event. Our team will gather in the sanctuary. Guests are invited as all follow the same protocol for social distancing as implemented for our onsite worship. Please enter the building through door #1 off of the north parking lot.

**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: [admissions@thecalvaryschool.org](mailto:admissions@thecalvaryschool.org). A copy will be emailed to you each Thursday communicating the events and activities of Calvary Lutheran Church and School.



## Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

### **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:** Each year Calvary Lutheran Church and School provided over \$30,000.00 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 of your donated money comes right back to Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

**Benefit #3:** Students granted an SGO scholarship in 2020 will have it converted to an CHOICE Scholarship Indiana voucher for the 2021/22 school year.

**Benefit #4:** 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, \$72,000 is needed to fully fund the 54 scholarship grant applications. Please send in your donation by December 31.

Please call the school office for further information. You are invited to visit [www.lutheranSGO.org](http://www.lutheranSGO.org) for additional information. Donor forms are available in the school and church offices and on line.

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

## NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

### **Saints on Stage present *Charlotte's Web***

The **LHS Saints on Stage** present ***Charlotte's Web*** on **Thursday and Saturday, October 1 & 3, 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 4, 3:00 p.m.** Tickets must be purchased in advance through [LHSI.org](http://LHSI.org) to ensure safe capacity restrictions for the Ruth Lilly Auditorium. Questions? Email [drama@lhsi.org](mailto:drama@lhsi.org).

The 2020-2021 Saints on Stage season is presented by Meyer Financial Strategies, Dennis and Kathy Meyer.

### **SugarPlum Holiday Fair – October 24**

Vendors — reserve a booth today for the **SugarPlum Holiday Fair** on **Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** at Lutheran High School. Booth space price: \$55 for 10' x 10' in the gym or 5' x 20' in the hallway; \$45 for 5' x 10' in the hallway. Limited number with electrical access for additional \$5. **Booth reservation**

**deadline October 9.** To reserve, contact Lori (219-895-1543 or [finearts@lhsi.org](mailto:finearts@lhsi.org)) or visit [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org). Proceeds benefit band, choir, theatre, and art at LHS.



## Parish Ed Ministry

### **On-site Sunday School (Sundays 9:25 - 10:25 a.m. in the school cafeteria)**

We are so excited to be back! Our unit, "God Calls A Nation," relates major Old Testament events to children's lives today. Kids engage in a variety of activities that emphasize one specific way God blesses us each week, and every lesson reinforces the ultimate blessing of being called into God's family through Jesus' death and resurrection. A snack is provided.

### **Online Sunday School (Available for viewing each Saturday by 6:30 p.m.)**

The same lessons and activities as on-site, but delivered straight to your screen! Videos can be accessed via [clcs.org/children](https://clcs.org/children). We will continue to provide online sessions as long as there is a need.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Even if only once a month, your assistance would be greatly appreciated! From hands-on opportunities like contributing to online sessions or assisting younger children with activities on-site, to behind-the-scenes contributions such as providing snacks for Sunday morning, there are so many ways you can help! We would love for you to share your time and gifts with the kids.

Contact Paula Honebrink for questions about attending Sunday School, or to get more details about volunteering. e-mail: [childrensministry@clcs.org](mailto:childrensministry@clcs.org) or call/text: 317-445-7366

## Youth Ministry

### **FLIGHT (High School Youth Group)**

FLIGHT will continue to meet weekly on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:00 p.m. with events consisting of Bible study and an activity or game. Youth should come to weekly events with a mask and Bible.



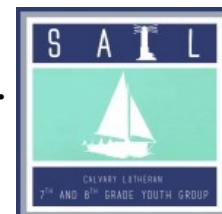
### **LAUNCH (5th & 6th)**

LAUNCH will meet again on **Wednesday, October 11<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, October 18<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, October 21 from 11:00 a.m.—Noon

**Presenter:** Dr. Audrey Ruple, Epidemiologist & Veterinary Professor,  
Purdue College of Health and Human Sciences - Dept. of Public Health

**Topic:** The Dog Aging Project, the first major longitudinal study involving dogs from all breeds and mixes across the nation, to learn about different aspects of dogs' lives that affect their health and longevity. "Dogs are good models for humans," Ruple says. "They have similar genetics, share our environment, and they also have similar diseases and health issues. We will be asking, 'How do dogs age healthfully?' in order to help better understand how we can age healthfully, too."

You can join the video conference using a computer, tablet, smart phone, or just call in.

To join with video: [https://meet.google.com/enb-mbyz-swo\\_](https://meet.google.com/enb-mbyz-swo_)  
and then click on the green "Ask to Join" box.

To join by phone only: dial 302-505-1227 and enter this PIN: 683 443 795#

**Need More Info?** Contact Emily Spelde, [espelde@clcs.org](mailto:espelde@clcs.org), 317-695-9366

### Calvary is Collecting Supplies for St. Thomas Free Clinic

During the month of October Calvary will be collecting items for Franklin's St. Thomas Free Clinic, which distributes them to persons in need. If you have non-narcotic prescription meds or medical equipment you can no longer use, please drop items off at the church office, NOT the donation bins. For more information about the clinic or items they need or accept, call Nancy Brandt, 317-787-5950.

## Fellowship Ministry

### Outdoor Family Night at Calvary

The Parish Fellowship and Youth Ministry teams will be pairing up to sponsor a family outdoor event on **Saturday, October 24th** from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Activities include a bonfire, games, and several competitive activities. There will be hot dogs for roasting along with other food and beverages available. As a fundraiser, Calvary's Youth will be taking orders for S'more kits to be enjoyed at the event. Sam Troemel will be leading camp songs and Calvary's Puppet Ministry will be sharing their talents for everyone to enjoy. Mark your calendar for this family fun outdoor event.

## Compassion Ministry

### Thanksgiving Food Collection

Compassion Ministry will be collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets again this year. Grocery bags with suggested food items will be available in the church narthex beginning the weekend of October 10 & 11. Contributions can be placed in the donation bin located in the narthex. Sorting and distribution will take place on November 15. Thank you for being a blessing to others this Thanksgiving.



## Stewardship Emphasis

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

#### **Stewards of the Gift of Peace**

*An excerpt from "Simple Gifts: a series of devotions on stewardship" published by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.*

*Download at <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/stewardship-ministry>*

"The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace!" (Ps. 29:10–11).

Peace! That is sure something that is in short supply these days. Watch the news? You see that peace doesn't exist in faraway lands. But then again, it doesn't exist in our community either. Violence is all around us. Bodies, lives, homes and spirits are broken all around us. Families feel the lack of peace that comes in divorce, indebtedness and over-scheduling. Kids feel the lack of peace that comes from not wanting to be in school, not wanting to be kind to classmates and respectful to teachers. There isn't peace in our workplaces. At times, there isn't even peace in our churches.

Can we be stewards of something we don't have? In a word, YES! We are called to be stewards of peace because we most certainly do have peace. While there isn't an absence of hostility in so many sectors of our life, there is an absence of hostility in one very critical section: our life with God. God, in Christ, has reconciled the world to Himself. He has blessed us with a peace that passes all understanding. We are declared right with Him. Death no longer assaults us. God has given us peace in the forgiveness of sins and the new life that goes with it! And we are to be stewards of this peace. That means we are created and called to share this peace with others who seemingly go out of their way to wreck our peace.

How are we stewards of this peace? We give it freely. As we are forgiven in Christ, so we also forgive! And this isn't limited to those who we may beg and grovel for it. We are called to be as radically generous with the forgiveness and peace that we offer as God is with us. Yes, that means you offer forgiveness to those who haven't sought it or deserved it!

This doesn't seem fair! But then again, God's forgiveness of your sins isn't fair either. It is grace. God has called you to be the same kind of peace to others as Jesus is to you. In stewarding this peace, you are spreading it around, just like the Lord wants! Give it freely. It will be a blessing to others and to you!

#### **Prayer**

King of peace, You have authored peace with us in Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us Your grace that we be free and generous stewards of this peace with others. Grant that as they receive the peace You have given through us, they too might be at peace with You. Amen.

# Communications

## Connecting with Calvary through Facebook

One way to keep up-to-date with prayers, sermons, and events is to follow the Calvary Lutheran Church and School Facebook page. So, log into your Facebook account and let's get started!

## Find Calvary's Facebook Page

To find the Calvary Lutheran Church and School Facebook page, you will want to type 'Calvary Lutheran Church and School' or 'CLCS.ORG' into **Search Facebook** which is usually found in the upper left-hand corner of your Facebook page. It looks like this:

After pressing the Enter key, you may see a list that match your search text. Click on the one that looks like this:



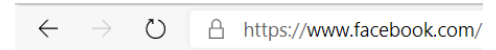
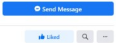
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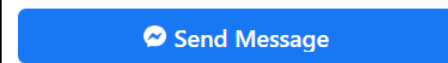
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**October 2020**

**October 4, 2020 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

"Garbage and the Cross" - Sermon Text: Philippians 3:4b-14 - Rev. William Mueller

When push comes to shove, what are you going to trust? Will you put your trust and hope in what you can accomplish or in what Jesus Christ has already done for us and graciously gives to us?

**October 11, 2020 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 23; Isaiah 25:6-9; Matthew 22:1-14

"Don't Give Up!" - Sermon Text: Psalm 23:6 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

As you consider your sin and struggle with the burden of guilt that we all bear, today's reading will bring you the promise that, because of the atoning work of Jesus Christ, the Master has canceled your debt and welcomed you into His kingdom. And now, because of this unfathomable gift of grace you and I can forgive our brother or sister from the heart.

**October 18, 2020 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 96:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

"Heaven and Earth" - Sermon Text: Matthew 22:15-22- Rev. Paul Shoemaker

The kingdom of this world will always be tainted by sin. But the kingdom of God will only know perfection. We are not to confuse the two kingdoms as we look forward to the day when we will live forever in God's eternal kingdom.

**October 25, 2020 – Reformation Sunday**

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

"Gospel Certainty" - Sermon Text: Romans 3:19-28 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

We are completely certain about very little in life. But we can and do have total certainty about the most important matter – our salvation. This is Gospel certainty.



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