

CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



December 2020 / January 2021 Monthly Newsletter

From the Pastors

2020-21 Ministry Year Focus: "Connected in Faith"

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).

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).

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).

This month we take another look at the first theme of our ministry year focus, as we contemplate what it looks like to "Connect with God by drawing near with a true heart" (see #1 above).

Are we shocked when we hear the invitation to draw near to God? Are we scandalized at all by this invitation? I don't think any of us are. It sounds like something that we have come to expect. It is what we hear from our pastors, our parents, and our fellow Christians, as they encourage us to "Go to church," "Get into Bible study," "Go to the Lord in prayer." Yet, for the Israelites in the Old Testament and the Jewish people of Jesus' day the idea that we could "draw near" to God in the way that we think of as Christians was scandalous.

The holy presence of God was not something to be messed with and, as a part of worship in the temple, there was always a real sense of the separation between God and the people. God's awesome purity was not something that could be taken lightly. Again and again when angelic messengers came to God's people of old, their immediate reaction was one of fear. It wasn't that they were somehow surprised by the messenger, as if someone jumped out from behind a door. Their experience was one of holy terror, for they knew immediately that they were unworthy for this kind of overwhelming experience. When Isaiah had a vision in the temple of coming before God (6:1-6), he cried out, "Woe is me for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips." It's not that Isaiah was foul-mouthed, for it wasn't just his mouth that made him unclean. Isaiah 64:6 says, "All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags."

The Old Testament people had a very real sense of how their actions and choices separated them from the pure and holy God they worshipped. And this wasn't just the people, it included the priests too. Each time he served in the temple a priest had to undergo various washings to not only remove the dirt of this world, but as a symbolic reminder of the need for God's cleansing. Even the high priest was only allowed into the temple's holiest place just once a year, as he made atonement for the people. The priests developed a practice of tying a rope to the ankle of the high priest when he entered the holiest place so that if anything might happen to him they were able to drag him out rather than them having to go in. That is how seriously they took the presence of God. But what does the author of Hebrews come proclaiming for us today? He declares, "Let us draw near!" But, how? How is this possible?

Because in Jesus Christ we have been made holy. Because in Jesus Christ "our hearts have been sprinkled clean" (Heb 10:22). Because in Jesus Christ the curtain of the temple that separated God from His people has been torn wide open. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are now **free** and **able** to draw near to the Father. What we consider mundane, people of Jesus' time stood in awe of. What we consider to be an everyday reality, is something at which others once marveled. Let us never take for granted the very gift of coming into God's presence. Let us never take for granted our opportunity to worship. Let us give thanks each day for all of God's gifts, as we draw near to Him. For Jesus has given us the gift of a true fellowship the divine and a relationship with the Father.

— *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

Staff Spotlight / Volunteer Focus

Sandra Wilson



What is your role at Calvary?

Compassion Ministry Director

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

My parents taught me to know and love my Lord. They led by example in the way they supported the church all of their lives. Being active in my church has always been a part of my life, and I love my church family.

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

I enjoy spending time with people of faith who want to use the time, talents and treasures God has given them to serve others.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Matthew 6:21—"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Favorite Dessert?

German chocolate cake

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

Please pray for the Compassion Ministry team members to seek God's direction so we will know how to serve and support others in need.

Dustin Smith



What is your role at Calvary?

5th Grade Teacher

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

I love working with the students and staff each day. Every day is different.

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

My grandmother has had the biggest influence on my faith. Everything she did centered around God.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

It changes all the time. Today, it is Jeremiah 29:11—"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".

Favorite Dessert?

Hot fudge sundae

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

The health and safety of all the students, staff and everyone in the community.

General



2020 Holiday Worship Schedule

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday, December 2nd, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16th, 7:00 p.m.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Monday, December 21st, 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS WEEK SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE—Thursday, December 24th

3:00 p.m.—Candlelight Service

4:30 p.m.—Candlelight Service

6:00 p.m.—Candlelight Service

7:30 p.m.—Candlelight Service

CHRISTMAS DAY—Friday, December 25th

10:00 a.m. with Communion

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

NEW YEAR'S EVE—Thursday, December 31st

7:00 pm with Communion

"Who is Jesus?" — Midweek Advent Series

Since the dawn of time, about 60 billion people have walked on Planet Earth. Of those 60 billion people, only a handful have made any real, lasting impression. In that handful of people, one stands far above all of the others. His name is Jesus.

In this sermon series for Advent and Christmas, noted preacher and biblical scholar R. Reed Lessing explores the answer to the question "Who is Jesus?" by focusing on the genealogy of Mary's son as it is given to us in the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew 1:1-17.

Wed, Dec 2 (7:00 p.m.) - "Jesus is the Son of David" *Matthew 1:1, 6, 17*

Wed, Dec 9 (7:00 p.m.) - "Jesus is the Son of Mary" *Matthew 1:18-25*

Wed, Dec 16 (7:00 p.m.) - "Jesus is the Son of Solomon" *Matthew 1:6*

Calvary Connect Worship Service

The Connect service will be offered **Sunday, December 13th in the sanctuary beginning at 6:00 pm.** This will be a more complete service, with an order of service similar to Connect services prior to the pandemic. All are invited to dress comfortably and come as you are to hear God's word! Since this event is inside, masks will be required while inside the building.

General (cont'd)

"Blue Christmas" Worship Service – Mon, Dec 21 at 7:00pm

It can be hard to embrace the joy of the Christmas season when we are going through tough times—and we have all been going through some tough times. If you are dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce, coping with the loss of a job, living with illness or another difficult life situation, or experiencing a case of COVID fatigue, we invite you to a service of hope, peace, & comfort. This is a 30 to 35-minute service of readings, songs, and candle lighting. Invite a friend or family member.

Winter Weather Cancellation Reminder

In the event of a cancellation of worship services or ministry events, we will... 1) *Post information to Calvary's website and Facebook Page.* 2) *Send out a mass e-mail to our e-mail lists.* 3) *Post closings on area news channels.* 4) *Change phone greeting for the church (if possible).* If you would like to be added to our e-mail list, please send a note to churchsecretary@clcs.org. Above all, please use your best judgment during this time of year.

Attention Thrivent Members—"Choice Dollars" Designation

If you have not directed your 2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars, please consider directing them to "Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church" or "Calvary Lutheran School." Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 to find out if you have Choice Dollars to direct.

Christmas Card Sorting

Beginning November 25, you can bring your Christmas cards that you have for Calvary members and drop them in the bins by both sets of doors. Christmas cards must be dropped off by **Friday, December 18** to be sorted and distributed.

Operation Christmas Child

THANK YOU to everyone who filled shoeboxes, provided gift items and donated shipping costs for this Samaritan's Purse Ministry project. 90 shoeboxes were filled and are on their way for distribution overseas by Samaritan's Purse Ministry. Special thanks to volunteers Phyllis and Jim Birdwell, Paula Fisk and Judy Stanford.

Mites Box Collections Reach Out Around the Word

We know how important WATER and the WORD are to us as Christians. For rural schools in Kenya it has very special significance also. Your Mites, collected in your LWML Mite boxes and brought to church, have enabled raising \$80,000 for this project. Following the installation of water-harvesting equipment, filters, handwashing stations, and clean water storage at schools in Kenya, a team of LCMS members from Nebraska took over the management of this project. Nebraska teams travel to schools in Kenya to assess water needs. Mites, through the LWML mission grant, helps the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya extend their ministry of Word and Sacrament by expanding the clean water project for more schools and orphanages in Kenya.

Financial Page

Women in Mission

Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, December 5 8:30 a.m.

This month's study will be "The Power of Words" from page 18 of the Lutheran Women's Fall 2020 Quarterly and led by Joy Wehrmeister. Join us in the EPIC Library on **Saturday, December 5** at 8:30 a.m.

BLANKETS FOR BABIES

Thank you, thank you for all of the pretty baby yarn donated during the September appreciation drive thru event. We're all set to create our blankets this winter! We meet the first Thursday of each month-**Dec. 3rd and Jan. 7th** (6:00-8:00 p.m.) in the mailbox area (north narthex). It's fine to come late and/or leave early. Along with these blankets, we send prayers with God's blessings for the baby and his/her family. All ages and skill levels welcome. We're happy to teach as well. Questions? Call Susan Daniels 317-882-3691.

Extravagant Sharing

Your generous donations of paper towels and toilet paper in October filled Blazek's trunk and back seat as they took them to the Sharing Place of Lutheran Child and Family Services. The generosity of Calvary is so appreciated at the Sharing Place as they meet the needs of so many on the east side of Indianapolis. In December there will be many ways to give thanks to God through word and deed. There will be no Extravagant Sharing collections until January. In January please fill the Extravagant Sharing shelves in the church narthex with boxes **of pasta and sauce and canned pork and beans**. The needs are many and thanks be to God we can serve others by helping meet those needs.

Calvary India Mission

Calvary India Mission Giving Tree 2020

Are you looking for the perfect gift for that hard to buy friend or family member? We have a gift that will meet spiritual and physical needs. Stop by the narthex and select a tag from the Calvary India Mission giving tree. The items on the tags will be distributed in Ambur, India. The gifts will support the ongoing work of free, Christ-based education in the tailoring and tuition centers or will be given as Christmas gifts for the students. The tailoring center trains young women, giving them the ability to support their families thereby also raising up entire communities. Children in the tuition centers are given a meal, help with their homework, and shown Jesus' love. Most importantly, these centers daily teach the students God's word through devotions, prayer, and worship.

Make your checks to the order of Calvary Lutheran Church and designate, 'Calvary India Mission Projects' on the memo line.

For questions, please contact Marv Hansen at 317.368.7733 / marvin.m.hansen@gmail.com or Rhonda Hansen at 317.946.3301 / hansenmrma@gmail.com

Notes of Encouragement for our Missionaries in West Asia

Marv and Rhonda Hansen plan to visit our missionaries in West Asia in January. If you would like to send a Christmas card or a note of encouragement, please place it in the Hansen's church mailbox by December 31.

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

What will you remember about 2020?

Every year has its own personality which defines notable attributes occurring within its boundaries. We have all experienced 2020 with a variety of memories that we will hold. Answers will vary, but some events will be included on everyone's list of memories. The COVID-19 pandemic would probably be included on all lists. Election 2020 would be another significant memory. Individual memories would include the birth of a child or grandchild, weddings, and the death of a loved one. Any employment change or home purchase would also be included in your own personal memory bank. I have heard more than once in conversation with others how the desire is to turn the page quickly on 2020 and get to a new year with a fresh start.

So, what tops your list of memories for 2020? Mine would be the faithfulness of God. Even with all the unrest that has been experienced in 2020 God is faithful. He provides for our needs and walks before us. He never leaves us nor forsakes us. We stand FULLY COMMITTED on His faithfulness. 2020 will soon pass, but God remains faithful. We do not know what 2021 will bring, but we are sure that God will carry us through the trials and challenges, the joys and celebrations, and all that goes before us. To Him be the glory!

End of second quarter

Our second quarter will be completed on Friday, December 18. Report cards will be delayed due to virtual instruction until Friday, January 15th. We commend our learning into the Lord's Hands asking Him to bless those who teach and those who learn in this place.

Christmas Vacation

Our final day prior to Christmas vacation is **Friday, December 18**. School will dismiss at 3:00PM on that day. School will resume virtually on **Monday, January 4th**. We ask the Lord to be with all traveling during this Christmas break. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

COVID-19 Public Order 35

Marion County has issued Public Order 35 restricting all K-12 schools from assembling onsite. Calvary will conduct online instruction beginning on Mon., Nov. 30 – Fri., Jan. 15. Our Preschool & Kindergarten sessions will remain open onsite. Breakfast and lunches are also available for every student to pick-up at school. Pick-up days are Mondays and Wednesdays each week of our virtual instruction period. All PS-8 grade Calvary students are invited to order these FREE meals each day.

2021-22 Preschool Kindergarten & First –Eighth Grade Registration Information

Preschool, Kindergarten, First – Eighth Grade registration for Calvary members, returning students and their siblings, and new registrations from the community will begin on February 1st. Our Early enrollment period will continue through March 15th. Families are invited to call and schedule an appointment for a tour during the school day.

We are excited as we prepare and plan for the upcoming school year. Help spread the word to coworkers, neighbors, friends, and family. God has blessed us enabling us to be a blessing to others.

National Lutheran Schools Week

Calvary will join with thousands of other Lutheran School students and teachers during the week of January 24-30 as we celebrate NLSW!! Many exciting activities are planned during this week-long celebration while following our protocols and social distancing precautionary measures. A calendar of events will be distributed following our Christmas Vacation.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No school

Calvary Lutheran School will be closed on Monday January 18 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We ask the Lord to eliminate the sin of prejudice that still exists in our world today. We ask God to reveal "the Dream" of Dr. King to all people.

We excitedly anticipate returning to onsite learning on Tuesday, January 19.



Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

State Tax Credit Information

Too Good To Be True?! 50% TAX CREDIT for Indiana tax liabilities!

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 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.

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 -8th 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.

Creative donations

Put your donation on a credit card that offers special incentives. Reward points, airline miles, etc. in addition to the tax savings. Reap the rewards while assisting others to hear God's Word.

How may I help? \$72,500 needed to fully fund all applications

We are currently about \$18,000 short of this goal. Donations are currently being accepted. Please submit your donation to the church or school office or send directly to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana online by December 31. Please note: You must include the donor form with your donation. Forms are available in the church and school offices and online at www.LutheranSGO.org.

What happens in the future?

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

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

NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

Virtual Christmas Concert

The Music Department of Lutheran High School invites you to celebrate the season of Christmas at its **Virtual Christmas Concert**. The Choirs and Bands will perform Christmas favorites that focus on the coming of Jesus. This pre-recorded concert will be posted on the LHS YouTube channel (**YouTube @ LHSI**, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG324Oj92ZMmtXbBLpPstMQ>) no later than December 19, 2020.

LuFest – April 16, 2021

Plans are being made for LuFest 2021. There will be an **online auction** and a combination virtual and live event on the evening of **Friday, April 16, 2021**. Please watch for more details in the coming weeks.



Sunday School Ministry

December Sunday School We will continue in-person and online Sunday School sessions through December 20 and return January 3. On Sunday mornings, children enjoy a snack, interactive lessons, songs, and activities to help them learn more about God's plan for them! Online lessons are posted Saturday evenings, with extra links to view related material, songs, and downloadable activities.

Access all Sunday School videos, children's messages, and Praising Hands puppet ministry sing-alongs anytime at clcs.org/children.

Schedule for December

Dec 6 - God provides the Israelites water from a rock (Exodus 17:1-7) and us with all we need (John 7:37)

Dec 13 - Special Christmas Lesson & Activities

Dec 20 - Movie & Snack



Join our Sunday School Team! Can you cut, glue, and use tape? Do you like to sing? Can you read the Bible out loud? Do you know how to take a video of yourself on any device? If you answered yes to just one of these questions, we'd love to have your help with the Sunday School program. Whether you are comfortable in person or need to keep your distance, God can use you to reach our kiddos. Please prayerfully consider donating your time to our Children's Ministry; even if it is only once a month (or even less) we want you! If interested or would like more specific details, contact Paula Honebrink: (317)445-7366 or childrensministry@clcs.org.

Youth Ministry

FLIGHT (High School Youth Group)

FLIGHT is changing things up! We have now begun meeting on **Sunday afternoons from 2:00-3:30 p.m.** Additionally, we have split our time to connect with more kids. "Talk Time," a time for faith based discussion, takes place from 2:00-2:30 p.m. and is followed by open gym from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Your child is welcome to attend one or the other or both.



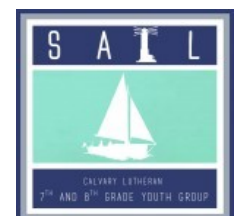
LAUNCH (5th & 6th)

LAUNCH will meet again on **Wednesday, December 9th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** where we will join together for our Christmas party. Please keep an eye on your email for further information as the event gets closer.



SAIL (7th & 8th)

SAIL will meet again on **Wednesday, December 16th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** where we will join together for our Christmas party. Please keep an eye on your email for further information as the event gets closer.



Adult Ministry

No Lunch, Still Learn

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:00 am

Christmas Treasures

Do you have a treasured vintage Christmas ornament, nativity set, or decoration?

We'll be connecting virtually on **December 16th** at 11:00 am for "No Lunch, Still Learn" with antiques enthusiast Steve Clark from the Southport Antique Mall. He will show some of his Christmas collection favorites and highly sought items. You will also have an opportunity to show a cherished Christmas item and learn about its scarcity and value.



Join this video conference using a computer, tablet, smart phone, or just call in.

To join with video:

<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# (Note: don't forget the # at the end!)

If you are new to video conferencing, a "cheat sheet" is available – contact Emily Spelde, 317-695-9366.

No Lunch, Still Learn

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 11:00 am

How to Stay Active and Strong During a Covid Winter

For our January "No Lunch, Still Learn" physical therapist Ken Johnson from Indiana Physical Therapy Clinic will connect with us virtually. His presentation will include several short videos to demonstrate exercises you can do with items you have at home.

You can join the video conference or just call in and listen.

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Need More Info? Contact Emily Spelde, espelde@clcs.org, 317-695-9366



Stewardship Emphasis

Stewardship Update *By Rachel Daeger, Stewardship Ministry Team Acting Dir.*

Advent Envelopes will support Calvary scholars

Calvary has a long-standing history of assisting members who are studying for full-time ministry in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The funds to make these scholarship awards will be collected from donation envelopes especially designated for Wednesday Advent services. Calvary supports staff member Sam Troemel who is enrolled in the Specific Ministry Pastor Program and Aaron Levenhagen at Concordia Seminary--St. Louis. Our goal is to raise \$4,000 during Advent to meet our commitments. The Stewardship Ministry Team's scholarship fund will continue to support students alongside the Wessler Scholarship Endowment Fund for Education of LCMS Church Workers has an interest balance sufficient to fully support Calvary scholars.

When your Holiday Shopping Benefits Calvary

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. You can also let Amazon know to remind you to switch to the correct browser when you are making a purchase. The correct "Calvary" is **Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Inc.** To date Calvary has earned almost \$400 from your efforts!

Commitment weekend - January 16/17

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness." -

2 Corinthians 9:10

One weekend each year Calvary focuses on our response to God's generosity. We invite you to take the time to do as God suggests and give generously to the work we do together as a family at Calvary and the many missions and agencies that we support. To help you do this as you have "decided in your heart," we encourage you to answer the following questions.

Where are you now on the generosity ladder?

If you have not yet given financially to the ministry at Calvary, is God calling you to take that step of faith? Calvary is making a difference in our community and in the lives of those who call Calvary their church home. Please help to make even a greater impact in 2021!

If you have only given occasionally at Calvary, is God calling you to take a step of faith and become a consistent giver? This could be quarterly, monthly, biweekly, or weekly. It could be a set amount that you decide in advance or a percentage of what God has provided for you at the time.

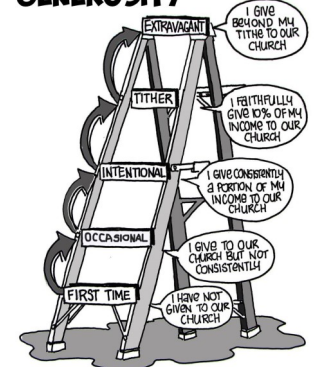
If you have given consistently to the ministry at Calvary but have never taken the step to give a full tithe (10%) of all God has provided for you, is God calling you to become a tither? Are you willing to listen to God's challenge to "test me in this?" Malachi 3:10

If you are already experiencing the blessings of tithing, or if you are already giving to God beyond the tithe, is God calling you to take a step of faith and to increase the percentage you are already giving to the ministry of Calvary?

Watch your mailbox in early January for a commitment card or pick one up that weekend. When it is time for the offering to be gathered, you will be invited to bring your Commitment Card forward and present it before the Lord. If you are unable to be with us on Commitment Weekend, you are invited to return your card either in the offering plate at one of our weekly services or in the church office Monday through Friday (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.).

You may also mail to: 6111 S. Shelby Street, Indianapolis, IN 46227

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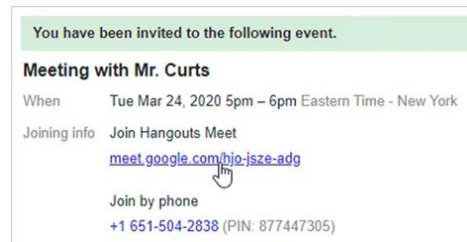
Communications

GOOGLE MEET

Last month, we shared some basic guidelines for participating in **Zoom** meetings. Here are some basic guidelines for using **Google Meet**.

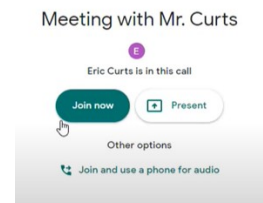
The Google Meet organizer will send you a meeting invite with a URL (website address that begins with meet.google.com) and possibly a phone number with a PIN. If you have not received an invite, contact your meeting organizer.

- 1) Click on the URL from your computer for full video and audio or call into the meeting on your phone using the PIN (for example, 877447305) for audio only.

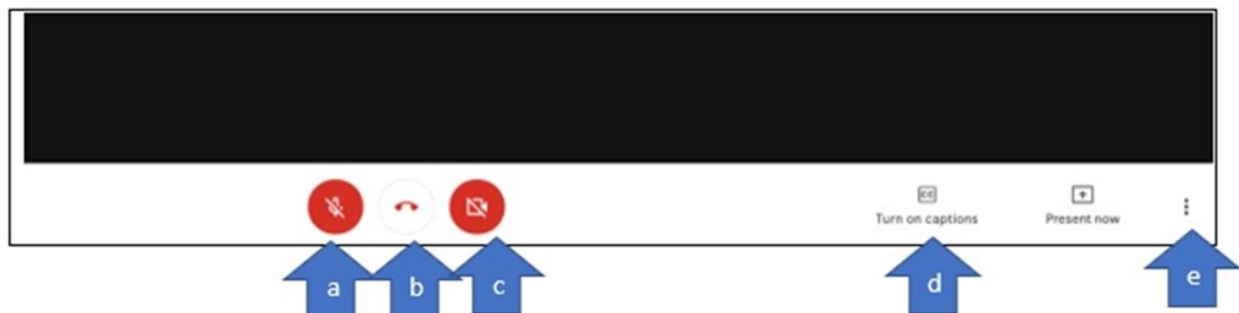


NOTE: Only G Suite users (using Meet with a work or school account) can create a meeting with a call-in number. Personal accounts can create a meeting with only a URL.

- 2) Click on the 'Join now' button to join the meeting.



There are several important buttons at the bottom of the screen to use during a meeting.

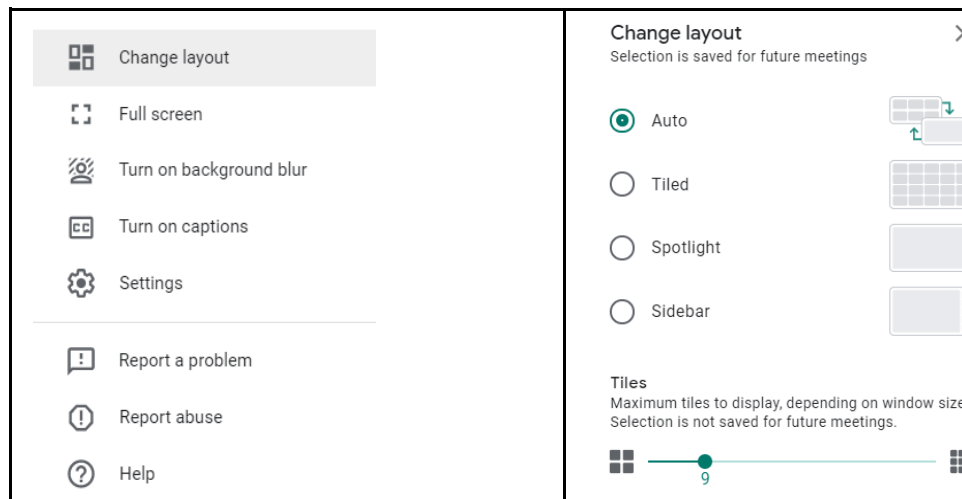


◇ You may need to move your mouse over the bottom of the screen for these buttons to appear.

- a) Microphone** – If you see a line through the microphone and the circle is red, you are muted and no one can hear you. Click on this button to toggle between Unmute and Mute. Please consider remaining muted unless you are speaking. This eliminates any disruptive background noises that prevent the speaker from being clearly heard.
- b) Telephone** – Click here when the meeting is over or you have to leave.

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- c) **Camera**– When there is a line through the camera and the circle is red, no one can see you. The screen will show your Google icon if you have a Google Account. Click on this button to toggle between displaying your face or your icon.
- d) **Captions** – Turning on Captions will use Closed Captioning to display everything being spoken in a text box at the bottom of the screen. This is very helpful if you are having trouble understanding what people are saying.
- e) **More Options** - Click on the 3 vertical dots in the lower right-hand screen to display additional features.
- Click on 'Change Layout' from the pop-up menu to change how people are displayed on your screen. Select Tiled to see everyone, Spotlight to only show the speaker, or Sidebar to see the speaker in the center and everyone else to the right.



- 4) The Chat option in the upper right-hand corner is useful for asking questions without interrupting the speaker. A text messaging window will open up on the right side of the screen where typed messages can be shared. This can be used to communicate with the group while someone else is speaking.



Watch this YouTube video for more detailed instructions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZMGOOrOBMY0> or visit

<https://www.controlaltachieve.com/2020/03/meet-videos.html> for all of Eric Curts helpful Google Meet videos.

Compassion Ministry

Christmas Gift Cards to Those in Need—Good Sam Fund

Once again Calvary will be giving gift cards to members of our church and school who struggle to make ends meet over the holidays. Your contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund make this possible. Thank you for your generosity during this season!

Christmas Gifts for the Children of Lutherwood—Giving Tree

The Compassion Ministry Team invites you to join us in providing Christmas gifts for the children of Lutherwood. Lutherwood is part of the ministry of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Indiana/Kentucky.

It is a residential treatment center that serves boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 21 who are recovering from the effects of abuse, neglect, abandonment, and/or are experiencing chronic behavior and emotional problems. Individual treatment plans are created for each resident's specific emotional issues, with the ultimate goal of reunification with the community and/or family. Kindergarten through 12th grade education is also provided through Indianapolis Public Schools.

Your gift will gladden the hearts of children ages 6-11 who find themselves away from home during the holidays. We invite you to take a gift tag off the tree in the narthex, purchase the item suggested, and return to church UNWRAPPED by December 13.

Gift suggestions include:

- Blanket throw for a boy or girl
- Winter hat & gloves for a boy or girl
- Toiletry items: toothbrush, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo
- Lego building set or other toy
- Coloring/activity/puzzle book with colored pencils

Thank you for helping us support these children!! Your gifts to the Good Samaritan Fund also help us support Calvary families during the Christmas season. Your giving exemplifies the gift God gave to us in Jesus at Christmas. Thank you!

Bottles for Babies

Compassion Ministry thanks all who took baby bottles to fill for Life Centers. They appreciate your generous contributions. Please return them to the church office by the end of December. Thank you for sharing God's love with others.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thank you for your generous donations of canned goods for our Thanksgiving Food Drive! We were able to support 22 families of Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

College Care Packages Update

44 care packages were mailed to college students in November with snack items, Kleenex, a "Pass It On" card from Isaiah 41:10 or Ephesians 3:20, and a written note to encourage them during these challenging times. May the Lord continue to guide and bless them this school year!

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

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