

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



March 2021 Monthly Newsletter

## *From the Pastors*

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

#### **1) Connecting with God - Drawing 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 - Holding 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 - Stirring 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 second theme of our ministry year focus, as we contemplate what it looks like to "Connect with our Church Family – Holding fast the confession of our hope" (see #2 above).

There are many things that try to pull us apart as a church. We face external and internal forces that in subtle and not-so-subtle ways try to drive divisions into our midst. We face external forces that range from the busyness of modern life to the ease of our mobility through technology and travel, from the pressures of life in a politicized world to the preferences of an increasingly individualistic society. But we also face internal forces as well. Divisions can arise from our differing worship preferences to our opposing opinions in our responses to the current pandemic realities to our personal perspective of how our faith informs our vocation in the world.

These trials are nothing new. The church has always wrestled with the struggles of life within a sinful world. The author of Hebrews, however, directs our focus not to what may divide us but to the essence of what draws the church together—our confession of hope (Hebrews 10:23). It is our confession of who Jesus is that draws us as the church together from various backgrounds, diverse perspectives, differing political parties, and a variety of personal life stories. It is the unified confession of who Jesus is that draws us to one another. More and more we hear the concern that many in our time are withdrawing from wider community engagement into fewer and fewer personal connections only with people who look like them, act like them, and think like them. The church, on the other hand, is meant to be a place of unity, not uniformity. The church is meant to be a place where we learn and grow from our collective experience, not just our individual perspective.

In C.S. Lewis' book *The Screwtape Letters* two evil tempters converse with one another about how to lead a recently converted man away from his newfound faith. The following words are insightful, "In the first place the parochial organization [of the church] should always be attacked, because, being a unity of place and not of likings, it brings people of different classes and psychology together in the kind of unity the Enemy desires. The congregational principle, on the other hand, makes each church into a kind of club..." The church, however, is more than a club, we are a people united in our shared faith in Jesus. We are a part of a community that has transcended time and space and culture, for Christ alone is the one who draws us together in His forgiving love and gracious sacrifice on our behalf. As we hold fast together, on our confession of this faith, we reflect upon what it means to be "His" church.

*"The faith that connects Christians together in the community is always personal but never private."* – Tim Mackie

*"A church community can only be changed in degree to the proximity in which its members are drawn into relationship with God. It is only as we are changed by the unconditional love and acceptance of the Lord that we can begin to love and accept those around us."* – Unknown

*"I want to be a part of a community with the habits and practices that will make me do what I would otherwise not choose to do and then learn to like what I have been forced to do."* – Stanley Hauerwas

— *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

## Staff Spotlight / Volunteer Focus

### Paul Brakke



#### What is your role at Calvary?

*Congregational Secretary*

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

*Calvary has an active ministry that I want to support, and my past experience with non-profits gives me some background that can contribute in this role.*

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

*The great people that I get to work with.*

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

*Philippians*

#### Favorite Dessert?

*A crust of crushed Oreos and butter, then a good layer of softened mint chocolate chip ice cream (so it can be spread evenly) topped with a layer of fudge, and back in the freezer for several hours.*

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

*Wisdom for each member of leadership and ministry teams so that we manage the business of Calvary in the best way to support the ministry of spreading the Gospel.*

### Dawn Schultz



#### What is your role at Calvary?

*I am the 8th grade homeroom teacher and teach Language Arts, Health and PE to 6th-8th graders. I also serve as Athletic Director and Asst. Principal.*

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

*I enjoy being able to teach the students in and out of the classroom. In the classroom, I can watch them grow academically and spiritually. As AD, I am always excited to watch them use the athletic gifts God gave them on the field/court.*

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

*My mom has been the biggest influence on my faith. She made sure that Christ was always the center of our lives. She is a model of how having faith and trust in Jesus gives us a firm foundation in all things.*

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

*God's Word never ceases to amaze me by giving what I need when I need it. I have learned how important it is to stay in the Word because that is how God speaks to me, always giving the words I need to hear on any given day. Right now, I am studying the book of Revelation with my 8th graders. God gives us the assurance of hope even in times of a pandemic.*

#### Favorite Dessert?

*Chocolate Cream Pie or Turtle Cheesecake*

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

*Continued prayers for health for all students and teachers. For teachers, who are continuously learning new ways to teach and reach out to students. For students, who continue to miss out on special milestones and face many struggles from not being in school.*

## General

### **"Places of the Passion" Midweek Lent Series**

Join us as we visit the Places of the Passion. Our focus will not be on the physical locations of our Lord's passion, but on the spiritual wonders of His work: the places where He demonstrates His strength in the midst of our weakness. Join us onsite or online.

**Wed, Mar 3 (7:00 p.m.)** - "Gethsemane: A Place of Strength"  
(Luke 22:39-46)

**Wed, Mar 10 (7:00 p.m.)** - "The Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love"  
(Luke 22:47-53)

**Wed, Mar 17 (7:00 p.m.)** - "The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal"  
(Luke 22:54-62)

**Wed, Mar 24 (7:00 p.m.)** - "The Trial: A Place of God's Will"  
(Luke 22:63-23:25)

### **2021 Holy Week Worship Schedule**

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Thursday, April 1st, 3:45 & 7:00 p.m. w/communion

#### **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

Friday, April 2nd, 3:45 & 7:00 p.m.

#### **EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES**

Easter Vigil — Saturday, April 3rd, 6:30 p.m. w/communion

Easter Day — Sunday, April 4th, 8:00 a.m. Traditional

Sunday, April 4th, 9:30 a.m. Traditional

Sunday, April 4th, 11:00 a.m. Contemporary

### **"Onsite" Easter Weekend Service Planning Survey**

***Please take the time to complete a brief survey, so that we can be as well prepared as possible for Easter weekend services.*** The survey asks two simple questions, "What service or services does your family most likely plan on attending for Easter Weekend?" and "How many family members would you estimate will be in attendance?"

You may complete the survey in any of the following ways.

- Submit an online survey at [www.clcs.org/eastersurvey/](http://www.clcs.org/eastersurvey/).
- Submit a hardcopy survey in the church narthex.
- Email or call the church office ([churchsecretary@clcs.org](mailto:churchsecretary@clcs.org) or 317-783-2000).

## General (cont'd)

### Daylight Savings Time (March 14 at 2:00 a.m.)

"Spring forward you must or late to church you will be." Set your clocks forward one hour the night before Sunday, March 14.

### Zoom Bible Study, Mondays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Faith Talks Online: Discussing the way our culture interacts with our faith.** We will examine a Christian song and how it relates to scripture as well as our relationship with others. To join, contact Rhonda Hansen [hansenmrma@gmail.com](mailto:hansenmrma@gmail.com).

### Recognition of Service - Thank you, Rhonda Hansen

Rhonda is celebrating twenty-five years of service this month within our music ministry at Calvary. She has served in several roles over the years, such as organist piano accompanist, and as Choir Director. Thank you, Rhonda, for sharing your God-given gifts and enriching our worship together. We truly appreciate all that you do.

### Attention Thrivent Members—"2020 Choice Dollars"

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](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 to find out if you have Choice Dollars to direct. The deadline for 2020 Choice dollars is Mar 31.



### Easter Lily Order Form

\$12.00 each **Order deadline is Sunday, March 14th**

Leave order with payment in the church office. (Checks payable to Calvary)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Attached: \_\_\_\_\_



*Easter is marked by many beautiful signs of life. If you want to add a personal touch to our Day of Resurrection, please order a lily to decorate the altar on Easter. Flowers can be picked up following our Easter services.*



## Women in Mission

### **Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, March 6 8:30 a.m.**

This month's study will be "Live a Sparking Life" from the Lutheran Women's Winter 2020 Quarterly and will be shared by everyone. Join us in the North Narthex on **Saturday, March 6** at 8:30 a.m.

### **BLANKETS FOR BABIES**

Spring is just around the corner and everything begins anew, including high hopes for a healthy 2021. Thank you to the ladies who have worked from home since November. We were able to deliver 27 handmade blankets to the new, spacious Life Center, in Southern Plaza. Our regular scheduled meeting date is the first Thursday of the month. We'll meet on **Thurs., Mar 4** (6:00-8:00 p.m.) in the mailbox area. Newcomers are welcome—teachers and supplies are available. All skill levels welcome. Questions?? Susan Daniels, 317-882-3691.

### **Extravagant Sharing**

Generous givers at Calvary provided many warm meals for those in need by bringing **Canned and instant potatoes and/or ramen noodles** to share with the Lutheran Child and Family Services Sharing Place in the month of February. Many of those in need will greatly appreciate the facial tissues and /or paper towels that you will bring to the Extravagant Sharing shelves throughout the month of March. The paper products gathered will be taken to the Sharing Place at the end of March. Thanks to all who support this outreach in support of those in need within our community.

### **LWML Mite Box Donations**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, LWML, continues to reach many in our world through their Mission Grants funded by your Mite Box donations. In Zacapa, Guatemala children living in the Zacapa garbage dump have received scholarships to attend Divine Savior Lutheran School. This \$95,000 grant provides support for the children and families living there to also have their needs for food and clothing, and sanitation care met.

## Outreach Ministry

### **Calvary's Community Garden to Open**

Calvary Lutheran Church and School opens up its Community Garden to all the members of the congregation and residents of the south side. 12 Raised-bed plots are currently available and measure 4x10 feet. Garden plots cost \$20.00 each. Applications will be available March 1 in the church office. Water is available on site for the raised-bed plots. Sites are accessed from the south parking lot of the church. Gardening for recreational fun is available with all garden produce designated for Hunger, Inc., who received hundreds of pounds of produce from Calvary's Community Garden in 2020. The Garden Committee stands ready to teach you how to begin if you think that would help you get started. Questions? Contact the church office, 317-783-2000 or a member of the Garden Committee. (Jake Allen, Mark Jung, Wayne Mayo, Joe Pluckebaum, Jim Richert, Pastor Art Wehrmeister)

# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## **Mindfulness**

What is your earliest memory? How far back does that take you? When was the last time that this memory came to mind? I would imagine that we all have different ages when we first remembered something. Our memories come to us at times triggered by perhaps a song, a photograph, or some words printed or spoken.

February 2nd came and went like every other day. Yet for my family February 2, 2018 was not a normal day. February 2nd marked the third anniversary of my father's funeral. Yet that did not come to mind for me until February 3<sup>rd</sup>. I began feeling guilty for not being mindful of that day. Did that diminish my Father's memory? Would time continue to lessen his life's journey and impact on me?

Being mindful brings the needs of the day to light. Time does indeed take our finite abilities and absorb and lessen the magnitude of our memories. As emotionally saturated 2/2/18 was for our family, 2/2/21 was not.

God is mindful of the needs of His People. In Jeremiah 1:5, God tells us that before we were in our mother's womb, He knew us. Luke acknowledges that God is so ever mindful that He knows the very number of hairs on our heads.

Take your own earliest memory and know that God was there. He never forgets or becomes distracted from His loving care and touch in all of our lives. We are to be mindful as well to the needs of others as God equips us to do. During this season of Lent, we see even more clearly God's mindfulness to all eternity as He sent Jesus to suffer and to die on the cross for our salvation granting to those through faith new life. To Him be the glory!

## **Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Registration- 2021-22**

Early registration for the 2021-22 school year has begun and will take place through March 15<sup>th</sup>. Early registration will allow us to better prepare for the new school year. Staffing needs, equipment, and classroom assignments will be determined and finalized based on the enrollment numbers through this registration process.

Families re-enrolling for the new school year may do so through FACTS. Please be aware that registration fees must also be received to complete your registration process.

The registration fee for the 2021-22 school year for students in Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade is \$100.00 per student. You are asked to meet with Mrs. Camin, our Bookkeeper, in the school office to complete all financial paperwork. Your re-enrollment is not complete until BOTH the online and financial portion are done. If you do not complete the re-enrollment by March 15<sup>th</sup>, then a "late" enrollment fee of \$100/student is assessed. There is a computer available for use in the school office lobby to complete the online portion. Please contact the school office with any questions. We would be happy to help!

Please contact the school office with the names of neighbors, co-workers, and friends that may be interested in sending their children to Calvary Lutheran School. Jennifer Skojac, our Director of Admissions, will be happy to share the blessings of a quality, Christian education with all interested families. We share and extend this ministry to our Indianapolis Community as well.

We have a goal of separating our current 6<sup>th</sup> grade into two 7<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms for next year. Please let others know of this goal.

## **Third quarter completed**

The third quarter will be completed on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be emailed on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. We commend all to the Lord who teach and learn in this place for their tremendous efforts.



# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## Spring Vacation

Calvary Lutheran School will be closed for spring vacation beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Our first day off is Monday, March 22<sup>th</sup>. School will resume on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. We ask the Lord to be with all those who travel during this vacation period.

## IREAD3 Testing

Students in our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will take the IREAD 3 test the week of March 15<sup>th</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup>. This test will be administered online. We desire the students to do their best on these tests. Please assist them by providing early bedtimes and nutritious breakfasts. Studies have also shown that limiting video games for one-two weeks prior to the testing will improve scores. Thank you.

## Daylight Saving Time

Get ready to spring forward at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. That's right! We push our clocks forward one hour. Rest up!



## NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

### Winter Preview Night, March 4

We are pleased to welcome students and families who are interested in learning more about LHS to our **Preview Night on Thursday, March 4 at 6:30 pm**. This event is perfect for 7th and 8th graders, as well as any transfer students. If you have a friend, family member, neighbor or co-worker who might want to visit LHS, please encourage them to attend this event! RSVP at [LHSI.org](http://LHSI.org). Help us fill the seats this Fall!

### LuFest 2021 – April 16

**LuFest 2021** will be held on **Friday, April 16** at Lutheran High School. This will be a hybrid event consisting of up to 100 VIP guests including meal, dessert, and beverage at Lutheran High School and a virtual live online event for all Saints and Saints supporters. All may bid on auction items, but you must be registered to bid. Visit [LuFest.org](http://LuFest.org) and click on "SIGN IN" at the top to register.

**VIP tickets are now on sale at [LuFest.org](http://LuFest.org)** for \$100 per person, while they last. (As of February 17, only 52 seats remain.) Six-foot round tables, properly socially distanced, will seat 4 people.

**\*\* We are seeking donations of new, high-quality items, services, or experiences** to include in the premier/live and silent auctions. Drop them off before April 2 at the LHS office weekdays 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. Visit [LuFest.org](http://LuFest.org) to see info about how to donate an auction item on our **LuFest 2021**

**Amazon Wish List**. Please contact Julie, 317-224-1108 or [jpflug@lhsi.org](mailto:jpflug@lhsi.org), with any questions.

### Metal Recycling and Document Shredding – July 31

**Start saving your unwanted metal, electronics, and documents/paper now!** Bring all to the LHS parking lot on **Saturday, July 31, 9:00 am – noon** to be recycled (any kind of metal or electronics — anything with a cord) or securely shredded (documents). A \$20 hazardous waste fee must be paid for each screen (TV, monitor, laptop) and a suggested donation of \$5 is asked for each box or bag of documents to be shredded. Many thanks to our business partners — Hanna's Wrecker, Parts & Recycling; Technology Recyclers; and Bee Environmental Management.



# Sunday School Ministry

## **Sunday School - "God Leads His Nation"**

In March we will explore the details of Saul becoming King and the all-time favorite story of David and Goliath, make Easter baskets to share with Calvary's homebound members, and have a special session dedicated to Holy Week before taking a break Easter weekend. We have many fun activities in store and are excited to share this time with children in all grades! Join us Sundays from 9:25-10:25 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Online Sunday School - We are dedicated to meeting the Faith education needs of our youngest members, even while at home. Please follow Calvary's Facebook page to stay connected with our online lessons!

## **5/6th Grade SS - "Your Unshakable Identity in Christ"**

March 7 is the next date for our special Bible study and time for fellowship and games, designed just for 5th and 6th graders in Room 127 during the regular Sunday School hour. Our first session in February was a hit!

**Middle School SS** - Changes and additions are coming! Watch for updates in the weekly bulletin announcements; great plans are in the works!

[WWW.CLCS.ORG/CHILDREN](http://WWW.CLCS.ORG/CHILDREN) is where to go to see everything Children's Ministry!

**High School and College Students** - Looking for community service hours, or need to add volunteer experience to a resume? Helping with Sunday School is the perfect opportunity, and you get to have fun serving the Lord while you're at it! If interested or for questions, contact Paula: [childrensministry@clcs.org](mailto:childrensministry@clcs.org) or (317)445.7366.

## Youth Ministry

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

FLIGHT will continue meeting on **Sunday afternoons from 2:00-3:30 p.m.** 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.



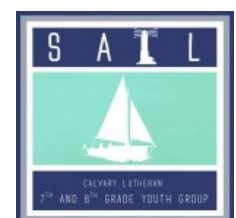
### **LAUNCH** (5th & 6th)

LAUNCH will meet again on **Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm.** 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, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm.** 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

#### *"Plants of a Biblical Garden"*

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021 11:00 am – 12 Noon**

Our program speaker, Mr. Pardee Gunter, serves as gardener and a guide at the Warsaw Biblical Gardens in northern Indiana. Mr. Gunter will connect with us virtually to share his knowledge about plants of the Bible and his experience and efforts as a gardener and DNR Master Naturalist. The Warsaw gardens feature plants mentioned in both the Old and New Testaments; we will learn about their historical and botanical significance and values.

Come join us for an hour of learning and connecting, by video or by phone.

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#

For more information on connecting, contact Emily Spelde,  
[espelde@clcs.org](mailto:espelde@clcs.org), 317-695-9366



## Stewardship Emphasis

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



#### **Giving Best Practices – By Check**

When giving by personal check, please use your individually numbered giving envelopes and write your name and the amount on the front of the envelope. If you don't have your giving envelopes handy, any envelope will do with that information added.

#### **Giving Best Practices – Online**

Online giving can be done by credit card or withdrawal from a checking or savings account. A credit card transaction triggers a small fee for the church, but the online system gives you an option to cover that fee. Withdrawal from a checking or savings account does not carry a fee. More details online at <http://www.clcs.org/giving>.

#### **Update from Pastor Ruiz and “Luterano Indy” mission**

Luterano Indy is led by Rev. Samuel Ruiz, Pastor and Missionary at Large of Indiana District. This mission is connecting with the Spanish-speaking population of Indianapolis by offering support and relief in times of need, especially during this COVID-19 pandemic. Services are held Saturdays at 6:30 PM at Our Shepherd, Avon and Sundays 1:00 PM at Trinity on the Eastside. Calvary has financially supported this mission for several years. Pastor Ruiz recently shared the news of several baptisms.



Pastor Ruiz also mentioned his work at the Food Pantry in Our Shepherd. He is also preparing classes for new membership and confirmation. Follow the work of this mission on the Facebook page Mision Hispana Jesus de Galilea.

#### **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](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 to find out if you have Choice Dollars to direct. The deadline for 2020 Choice Dollars is **Mar 31**. Thrivent clients become eligible to direct Choice Dollars based on their insurance premiums and contract values.

#### **Lent 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 Lenten services. Calvary supports Pastor 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 Lent 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.



# Communications

## Postcard Landing Page and CLCS Virtual Tour ([clcs.org/intro-to-clcs](http://clcs.org/intro-to-clcs))

In recent months, the Communications Team worked with Outreach and Calvary Lutheran School on a postcard campaign, the goal of which was to reach out to area families with children to introduce them to Calvary: our church, our school, and the opportunity to enroll their children for the next school year. Besides the actual postcard, a new landing page was created on our [clcs.org](http://clcs.org) website to supplement the postcard with additional information about us.

## Virtual Tour Video

This landing page includes a new Virtual Tour video for introducing visitors to Calvary, its staff, and its ministries. In this video, each staff member introduces themselves and briefly describes their area of ministry. In the background are images and short video segments that allow the visitor to see our facilities and opportunities.



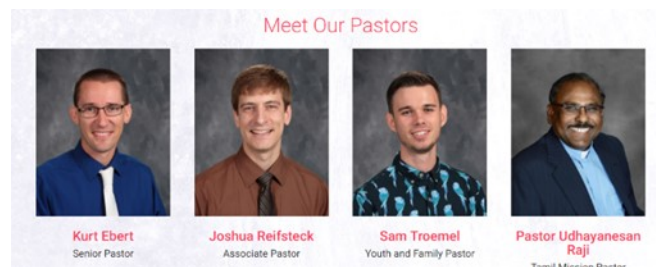
## Areas of Ministry

This website page also includes a grid highlighting nine areas of ministry at Calvary: Worship, Bible Studies, Missions, Children, Youth, Adults, Calvary Lutheran School (CLS), CLS Academics, and CLS Athletics. Clicking on a box in this grid gives you a summary of the ministry and a *Learn More* link to detailed information.



## Meet Our Pastors

Another section on this page highlights our Pastoral staff including pictures and biographies of our pastors.



Additional features of this page include a Welcome Video, a Contact Us form, and links to the church homepage, the school homepage, and information on membership.

This campaign was a great example of collaboration between groups at Calvary toward a common goal of spreading the good news of Jesus. We pray that it is effective in reaching out to our community. We invite all Calvary members to check out this page and the virtual tour video at [clcs.org/intro-to-clcs](http://clcs.org/intro-to-clcs).

## Postcard Promoting Our Church and School

Please see the newsletter article from the Communications team highlighting a recent postcard campaign to share information about Calvary with our local community. This campaign and the associated "Introduction to Calvary" webpage and virtual tour are the culmination of several weeks of collaborative effort by the Communications and Outreach ministry teams and Calvary Lutheran School. In order to reach the most people in an economical way, we were able to pool funding from Communications, Outreach and the school. This allowed us to send a postcard to 11,500 families! One side of the postcard featured the school with a particular highlight on school registration starting in February, and the other side featured the church with a message of starting a new beginning in 2021. Both sides featured Christ at the center! Because of the school registration timing, we targeted this mailing to families with school age children. We anticipate sending other direct mail promotions in the future to target different demographic groups and to promote other activities such as Christmas or Easter. Many thanks to Don Fisher (church side) and Jennifer Skojac (school side) for designing the postcard. Also, thanks to the other members of our "postcard team" for their input and edits on the card: Marv Hansen, Wade Jackson, Bud Pflug, Pastor Reifsteck and Sarah Ward. Special thanks to Bud Pflug for creating a special church landing page and a virtual tour video of the church.

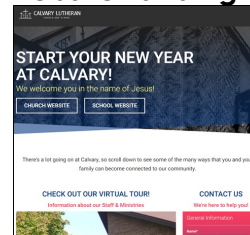
**Postcard (Church Side)**



**Postcard (School Side)**



**Website Landing Page**



## An Update from Calvary's 1<sup>st</sup> Year Seminarian, Aaron Levenhagen

As I write this, we're already a couple of weeks into the second semester and have returned to In-person instruction. Here's a quick update on my current coursework and field work.

*The Pastor and the Church in Mission* – this is a half-semester course taught by Dr. William Schumacher focusing on the dynamics of missional outreach, cross-cultural communication, and bringing the message of the gospel into different contexts.

*Homiletics* – here we learn the theology and practice of preaching. I'll be writing several sermons and will be receiving both instructor and peer feedback. A definite mix of anticipation and terror! For this course, I'm studying with Dr. Peter Nafzger.

*Synoptic Gospels* – this half-semester course introduces the first three Gospels. My section will be doing an in- depth exegetical study of the Gospel of Luke. I'm privileged to be taught by Dr. Jeffrey Oswald.

*Creeds and Confessions* – this course is the second systematics course in the curriculum. We're studying the Ecumenical Creeds and the Lutheran Confessions in the Book of Concord. I'm very excited to be studying with Dr. Robert Kolb, who is one of, if not THE foremost translator and scholar of the Lutheran Confessions.

*Formation Group* – once a week, I have the opportunity to meet with a small group of fellow first-year seminarians to not only learn about various topics in preparation for ministry but also to support and pray for each other. This group will stay together throughout my time at the seminary and is mentored by Dr. Dale Meyer.

*Field Work* – I continue to have the opportunity to lead liturgy and teach adult Bible classes. This semester I'm also giving the occasional children's sermon and helping with worship at a local senior center. I'll also be preaching my first homily during one of the midweek Lenten services next month.

## Worship Anew

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.

Toll-Free: (888) 286-8002 [www.worshipanew.org](http://www.worshipanew.org)

**Sunday 10:00 AM - WHMB-TV 40 Sunday 11:30 a.m. - Direct TV Channel 377**

### March 2021

#### **March 7, 2021 – Third Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-22

"The Power of the Cross" - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

The cross destroys our excuses and is the end of our sin. And as we die to sin, the cross is the beginning of a faith that saves.

#### **March 14, 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 107:1-9, 19; Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

"Look on Jesus" - Sermon Text: John 3:14 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

*"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life."* Jesus foretells His own death on the cross and its benefits. He is the *serpent* on the wood, lifted up for the life of the world. All who look on Him through the eyes of faith have eternal life.

#### **March 21, 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 119:9-16; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Mark 10:35-45

"What God Doesn't Remember" - Sermon Text: Jeremiah 31:34b - Rev. Shoemaker

We love to remember stories about fun times, joyous occasions. God also remembers how we are His beloved children, forgiven because of Jesus' sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. The prophet Jeremiah reminds us that God chooses to not remember our sins. Join us as we talk about what God doesn't remember.

#### **March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday**

Psalm 118:19-29; Zechariah 9:9-12; Mark 15:1-47

"Crucify the King" - Sermon Text: Mark 15:6-20 - Rev. William Mueller

Palm Sunday brings such a day of emotion: the triumphal entry, the rejoicing crowd, the humble King – all this will be poured into the anguish of Good Friday. Yet what was Jesus' driving theme behind all of this? Why does Scripture give us such detail? It's because He has done this for us!

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