

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



May 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 a look at the third theme of our ministry year focus, as we contemplate what it looks like to "Connecting with our Community – Stirring up one another to love & good works" (#3 above). Do you from your reading of the Bible the person of Joseph the Levite from Cyprus? Joseph also had a nickname. Have you heard of Barnabas? Would you be able to tell me who Barnabas was and for what he is known?

Well let me back up some and try it from a different angle. Do you know who the Apostle Paul is? Hopefully, there is a little bit of a larger positive response from our readership. Have you ever heard of a writer by the name of Mark? He wrote a little book about Jesus entitled the Gospel of Mark in the Bible? You may be more familiar with Paul and Mark, but did you know that if there wasn't a Barnabas you probably wouldn't have heard of a Paul or a Mark? Joseph's nickname of Barnabas was significant because it told you what kind of persons he was. Barnabas means "Son of Encouragement." You see at all the opportune times in the book of Acts, Barnabas was present encouraging others. Barnabas first shows up in Acts 4:36-37. "*Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.*" He is encouraging the apostles and the early church with a generous gift to benefit others through the mission and the compassion of the early church. Next, he shows up in Acts 9:26-27. When no one else in Jerusalem wanted to believe this recently converted man name Saul, it was Barnabas who came alongside him and spoke up for him. Next, Barnabas appears in Antioch in Acts 11:22-23, as the word has now spread to the Gentiles there. Barnabas not only encouraged these Christians who were young in their faith, but he also saw a "job" that would be perfect for Saul who had returned home to Asia Minor. Barnabas brought him back and started Saul, soon to be Paul, on his first long term, permanent missionary responsibility. Throughout the next several chapters Barnabas and Paul work side by side, but in Acts 15:36-41 they part ways over an argument. An argument? But I thought Barnabas was a son of encouragement. Once again Barnabas proves true to his nickname. Paul doesn't want to take Mark on their latest missionary journey because he had unexpectedly left them on their last one. Barnabas, however, is so intent on encouraging Mark through his past failures that Barnabas and Paul go their separate ways. Yet, what is the result? More mission work! More preaching by two teams of preachers—Paul & Silas and Barnabas & Mark.

So, why am I telling you this? A nice lesson in biblical trivia? A nice walk down memory lane? By no means! This is the very image of the type of believers that we are called to be. This is the very picture of what our reading from Hebrews 10:24 is trying to express. "*Let us consider how to stir up (i.e., encourage) one another to love and good works.*" We do it not by manipulation or strongarming. We do it not by badgering or belittling. We stir up one another by faithfully inviting, encouraging, and celebrating those around us, just like Barnabas. Who have you been encouraging through this time of the pandemic? Who have you been encouraging within their Christian faith? Who have you been encouraging that is outside the church? Who has been encouraging you?

I think in these difficult days we all could use a little encouragement.

*May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 15:5-6).*

*— Pastor Kurt Ebert*

## Staff Spotlight

### Gary Bugher



#### What is your role at Calvary?

*I am Calvary's Congregation Business Manager. I serve the church and school by directing, controlling, and administering the day-to-day operations of the congregation to better utilize the assets of the church in fulfillment of the mission and vision of the congregation.*

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

*The encouragement I have received from the congregation to put my spiritual gifts to use in various past volunteer roles, and now in my role as Business Manager. That started with a casual conversation with Bob Fort during a Calvary bowling league night. He asked, "How would you like to join the Stewardship team? All we do is count money." Simple conversations can have large impacts.*

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

*My wife, Linda. She is such a great example of Christian caring and discipleship.*

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

*My favorite Bible verse is the one that fits the situation of the day, but I am always a fan of Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."*

#### Favorite Dessert?

*Cherry Cheesecake*

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

*For God to impart just a fraction of His wisdom on me, so I can provide the proper stewardship to our congregation.*

### Laura Wilkes



#### What is your role at Calvary?

*I teach preschool in the 3-4 year old classroom and Kindergarten-8th grade art classes.*

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

*Working with preschoolers and teaching art classes has been a blessing. I feel lucky to be able to serve families and children while also doing something I truly love. Serving at Calvary is like having a second home and a second family. The environment is supportive and positive. It is wonderful to work in an atmosphere driven by Christian principles like grace and forgiveness.*

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

*My mother has had the biggest influence on my faith. She was a Lutheran school teacher as well and raised me in the Lutheran school system. She is a strong Christian and role model.*

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

*1 Corinthians 13:4-8*

#### Favorite Dessert?

*I do not eat a lot of desserts, but we do like ice cream in my household!*

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

*Continue to pray for the growth and health of the children in the school.*

## General

### Give us Your Feedback: Daily Devotions Survey

*If you haven't already done so, would you take a few minutes to share with us your impressions of the daily devotions email?*

Click here (<https://forms.gle/okWTHub9s8AvPjtM6>) to complete a brief survey. As always, thank you for your input. It is truly appreciated. Thanks for being a trusted advisor within our ministries.

### Community Garden Opens

Calvary Lutheran Church and School again opens up its Community Garden to the residents of the south side. Applications for In-ground plots and Raised-bed plots are now available in the church office. In-ground plots are 10x10 feet for \$20 per plot. Raised-bed plots are 4x10 feet for \$20 per plot. Questions? Contact the church office at 317-783-2000.

### Fellowship Drive-Thru Event, Sat., May 15

The Parish Fellowship Ministry Team will be sponsoring a May drive-thru event. It is currently planned for **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and look for more details to follow.

### Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 21—Friday, June 25 from **9:00-11:30 a.m.**

Registration is going on now. See the registration form on page 10 of this newsletter or stop by the church or school office to register!!



### Thank You to Our Confirmation Mentors & Prayer Angels

We thank all who made this year's confirmation ministry a success. We recognize our small group mentors (Laura Bolden, Jen Frick, Angel Gaskins, Beckie Hudson, Ben Langhammer, and Kristi Pulliam) and our prayer angels (Rosie Blazek, Cindy Brock, Brenda Irwin, Stacey Faubion, Joy Wehrmeister, Molly Troemel, Ellwyn Parks) for their dedicated care and support for our confirmands this year. We also thank our prayer angel coordinator, Diana Blazek. The staff and families of Calvary appreciate your hard work and your great love for the Lord and the youth of our congregation.

### Calvary's CrossWalk, Run, Ride is back!

COVID won't hold us back again. Calvary's students will be walking or running and participating in other healthy exercise on **Fri., May**

**7.** Students and staff have a goal of raising \$10,000 this year. ALL money raised will be used to benefit our students by providing needed programs, technology and equipment. Students will also earn prizes as they reach different levels of pledges. Please consider making a pledge to a Calvary student or making a donation to be used for prizes.

Questions can be directed to Dawn Schultz ([schultz@thecalvaryschool.org](mailto:schultz@thecalvaryschool.org)) or Jennifer Skojac ([admissions@thecalvaryschool.org](mailto:admissions@thecalvaryschool.org)). Thank you for your continued support of Calvary Lutheran School.



## General (cont'd)

### Annual Petunia Sale to Support the Community Garden

The Calvary Community Garden Committee is once again selling petunia baskets for the benefit of the Community Garden. These beautiful baskets will be available at the Calvary drive thru event on Saturday, May 15 (11 am - 1 pm). The baskets are priced at \$20 each and will likely sell out at or before the vent. Please reserve your flowers by sending a note to Jake Allen ([alle1lh@comcast.net](mailto:alle1lh@comcast.net)) or by calling or texting him at 317-997-0443.

If you are not able to attend the drive thru on Saturday, you may pick up your flowers at church on Sunday, May 16. If there are any unsold flowers on Saturday there will be flowers available for purchase on Sunday May 16 as well.

### Indianapolis Area Day of Pentecost Mission Festival, Sun. May 23, 2021

On Sun., May 23, many Indianapolis area congregations are celebrating a Pentecost mission festival. The day begins with worship at each church along with a guest presenter from the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society who will talk about the effort to save the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia.

The mission festival continues with an afternoon party at The Barn at Kennedy Farm in Lizton, IN (525 N. State Street, Lizton, IN 46149) from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Our event will take place in the beautiful property and barn. Come and enjoy an afternoon with family, friends, fellow Lutherans, live music and **complimentary** food and beverage including beer and wine. For more info call Rev. Seth Mierow at (317) 730-6769 (cell) or Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill at (260)580-0812 (cell).

### Sunday School Attendance Awards Winter 2020-21

#### Faithful

Damon Honebrink	Leyla Honebrink
Tyson Honebrink	Paisley Langhammer



## Memorials

### May Memorials

***In Memory of Patti Gonterman:***

*Brian & Tracy Welsh*

***In Memory of Dave Estell:***

*Pauline Miller*

## Compassion Ministry

### Appreciation Breakfast for Calvary Staff

The Compassion Ministry hosted a breakfast for the Calvary School and Church staff to show how much we appreciate all they've done for the Calvary children and congregation during this last year. We are blessed by their devotion to their Lord and for their willingness to go above and beyond.

## Parish Education

### Coming this Summer! Mark Your Calendars! Calvary Women's Bible Study

*Now That Faith Has Come, A Study of Galatians*

by Beth Moore and Melissa Moore

Dates: **June 8—July 19, 2021**

9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. sessions

Kristen Schwark & Jen Eisberg - Facilitators

About this Study:

This will be a 6-week dive into Paul's captivating letter to the Galatians!

Come to know the letter's original recipients.

Study its original context and embrace its timeless relevance.

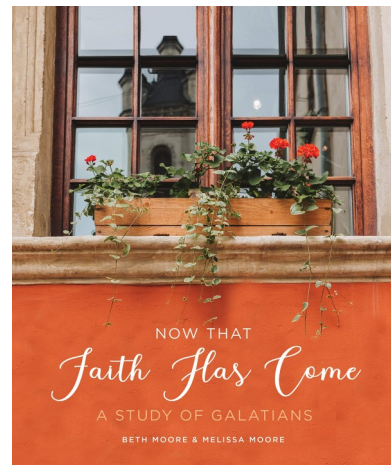
Discover—or perhaps rediscover—what makes the gospel of Jesus Christ revolutionary to those who choose to believe.

Find out how everything has changed, now that faith has come.

We hope you will be able to join us for this wildly interesting and astonishingly relevant to our present world study!

More information about book ordering, etc. will be forthcoming. Mark your calendars!

Questions? Call or text Kristen Schwark, 317-947-8112



### Sunday School is 100% In-person!

All grades, preschool through 8th grade, now meet every Sunday. Students are divided into age-appropriate groups for fun and meaningful activities that not only teach what's in God's Word, but also how to apply it in everyday situations. Please join our growing numbers!

PS-4th grade will complete the current curriculum, then end the regular Sunday School year with two special sessions:

- May 16 - Praising Hands Puppet Ministry will lead us in songs and a skit
- May 23 - Sunday School Summer Send Off Event



5th - 8th grade meets in the gym for Bible studies designed specifically for youth, plus time to socialize and play fun games

**View all upcoming children's events for PS - 8th grade and access our extensive collection of children's ministry videos at [www.clcs.org/children](http://www.clcs.org/children)**



# Stewardship Emphasis

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

## Tax Deductions for Charitable Contributions Made in 2021

For the 2021 tax year, people who take the standard deduction can deduct up to \$300 of cash (ie financial) donations to a charity. Note the emphasis on the word "cash" – this deduction isn't available if you donate a car, clothing, food, furniture, or any other property. The \$300 amount is per person. So, if you're married and filing a joint return, you can deduct a total of \$600 on your 2021 tax return (which you'll file in 2022). This new deduction was originally allowed for 2020 returns only. However, the recent COVID-relief and government spending bill extended the \$300 charitable deduction for non-itemizers for another year. As you consider your response to God's provision and your personal budget, keep in mind these changes to the tax laws maybe temporary opportunities to decrease your tax liability while benefitting Calvary Church and School.

## Calvary's Cross Walk, Run, Ride is back!

Calvary Lutheran School is planning a walk-a-thon on May 7 to raise funds for equipment and IT requirements as our school meets needs of students as they recover from missed educational opportunities. We will also use raised funds to allow us to provide special programs to support students' educational, emotional, and social needs. Students and staff have a goal of raising \$10,000 this year. Students will be walking a 5k, as well as, participating in other physical fitness activities throughout the walk.

Support the Cross Walk, Run, Ride by:

- Make a pledge to support a student or staff member
- Give an online donation at: <https://thrivent.cotribute.co/events/500366/detail>
- Are you a business that wants to be recognized as a sponsor of the event? Contact the school office at 317-783-2305 or [admissions@thecalvaryschool.org](mailto:admissions@thecalvaryschool.org).
- Make a donation that can be used for prizes to the children. Contact the school office to make that contribution.



## Calvary Yard Sale to benefit Emmaus Food Pantry

Calvary Women in Mission are looking for donations of your gently-used but no longer needed items for a Saturday, June 19 yard sale in the north parking lot. Items of interest include toys, tools, sports gear, small appliances, dishes, games, towels, sheets, home furnishings, etc. What a great way to make sure the usable things you uncover during spring cleaning find new homes. Share the news of this sales with your friends and family. Items will not be priced since shoppers will be asked to make a free will donations.

We are asking for all items to be dropped off on Friday, June 18 from 3pm – 7pm at the gym. Please, NO CLOTHING.

Proceeds will benefit Emmaus Food Pantry with a portion reserved by Women in Mission for future mission needs. Contact Paula Fisk at [paulajimc@aol.com](mailto:paulajimc@aol.com) or (317) 439-8135.



## Giving Best Practices – Managing Online Giving

When giving online you can make a one-time contribution or set up reoccurring transactions timed to every week or every month. You can adjust any of these settings at any time.

# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## **8th Grade Graduation**

We are proud to announce the 71<sup>st</sup> graduating class of Calvary Lutheran Church and School. Graduation will take place at a special worship service on Thursday, May 27. 18 graduates will be conferred their diplomas. We are honored to present Teagan Tingley as this year's class valedictorian and Rose Chin and Lilli Robinson as co-salutatorians. We commend these students and celebrate with their families on this academic accomplishment. Due to COVID-19 protocols we ask that only the families of our graduates attend the worship service. Families will be assigned areas of the sanctuary to be seated in. An outdoor reception will immediately follow the service.

The 71<sup>st</sup> graduating class of Calvary Lutheran School includes: Rose Chin, Jimmy Davis, Preston Dills, Joshua Hensley, Alayna Homan, DeVuan Jones, Peter Ling, Van Mawi, Alexis McQueary, Ryan Redding, Lilli Robinson, Reagan Sherfick, Drew Skeens, Addison Skojac, Teagan Tingley, Briar Van Camp, Lysie Wheat, and Rhianon Wilson.

We ask the Lord to bless these graduates as they continue to glorify their Savior as they pursue higher academic challenges and other adventures

## **A NEW Perspective**

In the novel, "To Kill a Mockingbird", Atticus tells his daughter, Scout, that to gain a new perspective into another person's reality, we must walk around in their moccasins. We are to get to know them prior to making judgments.

The disciples gained a new and different perspective on that first Easter. Jesus was alive. Their grief was first changed to more fear and wonderment. Then when Jesus revealed Himself to them, they were filled with joy. As God's Called people we too have a new and different perspective from that of the world. We live each day abundantly blessed through faith. We are fully committed to share this Good News with others.

This is our joy and privilege each day to share with the students of Calvary. Our prayer is that these students continue to grow in their faith walk ever rejoicing in the Resurrection. We live each day as Easter people proclaiming Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!! Alleluia!!!

## **IREAD 3 Testing Results**

We commend our students and teachers for a 95% pass rate on our recent IREAD 3 testing. The IREAD 3 test is given to all third grade students. This is indeed a team effort consisting of students, parents, and teachers. The instruction begins in our Preschool sessions. We thank God for a student body eager to learn, parents supporting and partnering with the church and school, and teachers giving excellence each day.

## **National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 6**

We share an awesome privilege – PRAYER. God invites us to draw near to Him through prayer. We are also privileged to share the freedom of prayer in this great country. To mark May 6th as a National Day of Prayer provides a clear picture of the freedoms that we enjoy. The students of Calvary Lutheran School will be joining for our chapel service in the sanctuary and streamed into the classrooms. We take it to the Lord in prayer.

## **2020-21 School Registration**

Registration for the 2021-22 school year continues. Classes are filling up very quickly. Openings are still found in one Preschool class and most grade levels. We invite you to share this news with colleagues, friends, and neighbors. Please contact the school office for additional information.





# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be visiting Virginia landmarks for their class trip Mon-Thurs, May 10-13. The class will be going to Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Monticello. Included in the itinerary is a rafting trip on the Shenandoah River and hiking in the mountains. The emphasis for this trip will be outdoor activities. No usual visits to museums more confined and not being able to social distance. Dawn Schultz, Stephen Rensner, and parent chaperones will be accompanying the class. We ask the Lord to keep all safe and that this trip may serve not only as an educational adventure but an opportunity to strengthen relationships together. 8<sup>th</sup> grade will not be in session on Friday, May 14.

## The 2020-21 School Year Concludes

The year-end celebrations have been limited for this school year. Our May Chronicle articles are usually filled with information about scheduled award assemblies, year-end musicals, concerts, Fine Arts Fair, and Calvary's culminating closing chapel service.

This year we are planning two closing chapel services continuing our social distancing protocols. Our year end award assembly will be video streamed into the classrooms. Students receiving awards will be recognized while in the classroom. No parents will be allowed to be onsite for the closing chapel service and award assembly. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be held on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM as we follow our church worship precautionary measures.

Yet whether we are joined together or isolated, we are still united in God's love, grace, mercy, and peace. We are never forsaken or alone. God reaches out to each of us as He Calls us to trust in Him. We continually celebrate the gifts of our heavenly Father granted to each of our Calvary students, families, faculty, and staff. We rejoice in His eternal love.

Final Day—Friday, May 28—school dismissed at Noon.

## Summer Tutoring

Our summer tutoring program is yet to be determined. More information as June approaches.

## Youth Ministry

### FLIGHT (High School Youth Group)

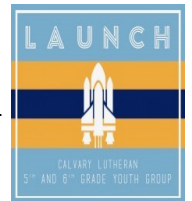
FLIGHT will meet in May on **Sunday, May 2 & May 16 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

We have split our time to connect with more kids. "Talk Time," a time for faith based discussion, takes place from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and is followed by open gym from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Your child is welcome to attend one or the other, or both.



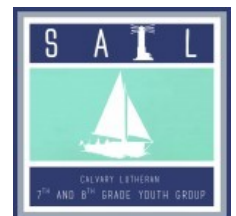
### LAUNCH (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>)

LAUNCH will meet again on **Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** This event will include snack and a Bible study. Youth are encouraged to bring a mask and water bottle.



### SAIL (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)

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



# Vacation Bible School Registration Form

June 21-25, 2021

9 - 11:30am

Age 3 to 4th Grade  
(One Form Per Child)



6111 S. Shelby Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home church? \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

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Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

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Return forms to the church office or Kara Hiatt's mailbox in the church narthex.

Please turn in registration forms by June 14th, but the earlier the better.  
Help us have time to plan for everyone who will join us this year.

You are also welcome to submit your registration online at [clcs.org/registerforvbs](http://clcs.org/registerforvbs)

## Adult Ministry

### No Lunch, Still Learn

*"Billions of Bugs! Coping with the Cicadas"*

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021 11:00 am – 12 Noon**

May "No Lunch, Still Learn" virtual program we'll learn some buggy fun facts and suggestions for coping.

Join us and meet Brooke Alford, Urban Agriculture Educator with Marion County's Purdue Extension for an hour of learning & 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, call Emily Spelde

[espelde@clcs.org](mailto:espelde@clcs.org) 317-695-9366

### Come Try Metal Detecting and Search for Lost Treasures

Our April presenter Rich Creason and his wife, Susie, have offered to bring detecting equipment and let us try treasure hunting! Over the years they have gained a collection of detectors and enjoy teaching others about this unique hobby.

**Our "Plan A" is to meet Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, with rain date of Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm** at Calvary, in the south lot. Please park in the visitor spaces along the fence and the south edge of the lot. The Creasons will provide metal detectors; you may want to bring a lawn chair.

For anyone who is interested in meeting with the Creasons for lunch first, plan to gather at 11:00am at Metro Diner, 7225 US 31 South, (near Walmart.) Outdoor and indoor seating is available.

If you plan to participate in the metal detecting lesson, please help us plan – contact let Emily Spelde or the church office.



### Collecting Meds & Medical Supplies St. Thomas Free Clinic

**Saturday, May 15 11:00 – 1:00 pm South Parking Lot**

If you have changed prescriptions and still own medications you can no longer use, St. Thomas clinic in Franklin will distribute them to individuals in need.



Items to be collected: Prescription medications need to be less than 1 year old

Please leave medication name and "use by" date on containers

Over-the-counter unopened, valid date items:

Antacids, ointments, vitamins, nutritional supplements, Incontinence supplies, Used orthopedic braces and splints

Need more info? Call Nancy Brandt, 317-787-5950

## Women in Mission

### **Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, May 1 8:30 a.m.**

This month's study will be "Rejoice Always" from the Lutheran Women's Spring 2021 Quarterly and will be shared by everyone. Join us in the North Narthex on **Saturday, May 1** at 8:30 a.m.

### **BLANKETS FOR BABIES**

Our regular scheduled meeting date is on **Thurs., May 6** (6:00-8:00 p.m.) in the mailbox area. Please wear a mask. Newcomers are always welcome. Patient instruction is available for knitting or crocheting. Questions? Call Susan Daniels 317-882-3691

### **Extravagant Sharing**

We blessed Lutheran Child and Family Services Sharing Place with breakfast or quick snacks by donating many boxes of breakfast cereal in April. Thank you! So many families needing a quick meal will so appreciate the **SOUP AND SOUP MIXES** we will make available for them, through the Sharing Place, when the kids are home from school again (or still) during May. Support those in need by placing your donations of **SOUP AND SOUP MIXES** during the month of May on the Extravagant Sharing shelves. Our ordinary gifts express the love of Jesus to many who have the need of support in providing for their families. Thank you!

### **LCMS Needs School Administrators**

There are not enough Mr. Rensner's in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. There is a critical shortage of school administrators to lead our LCMS schools in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. An \$80,000 LWML mission grant provides training to equip 30 qualified candidates for placement as administrators in LCMS schools. This training of administrators will directly affect thousands of students to grow as disciples of Christ. The change from your LWML Mite boxes and checks you write to LWML is the support needed for this training. Continue bringing your Mite boxes with the change you've collected to the box on the table in the south narthex to fund the many Mission Grants of the LWML.



### **LWML Convention Workers Needed**

Workers are needed for the 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML Convention in Lexington, KY on June 24-27. The Indiana, Michigan and Ohio Districts are hosting this national convention! During the convention, LWML'ers from across the country are coming to Lexington to hear inspiring speakers, participate in Bible studies, and attend business sessions (which include the selection of mission grants). They will also worship and have fellowship with their fellow LWML sisters. You are needed to help make the convention run smoothly and assist those attending. See the *Call for Workers* form at the LWML Indiana District website, [www.lwmlindiana.org](http://www.lwmlindiana.org), complete online or download the completed form and send to the address on the form. By working a minimum of eight hours, a worker will receive a **discount on the registration fee (\$100)**. If you have questions, contact Bev McIntosh (Calvary member), [LWMLeditor@comcast.net](mailto:LWMLeditor@comcast.net), Photo Op Booth Director for the convention. Pray for God's blessings as together we are "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."

## Women in Mission (cont'd)

# Church-wide Yard Sale

Calvary Women in Mission are hosting a churchwide yard sale on June 19, 2021. Proceeds will benefit Emmaus Food Pantry on 1209 Linden Street in Indianapolis.



We need donations of your gently-used but no longer needed items. NO CLOTHES. Please price your items and bring them to the north parking lot 3pm – 8pm on Friday, June 18. We need you to hold onto your items until June 18 because we don't have enough space at church to store everything. Thank you!

Here are some of the types of items we're looking for:

Books	Toys	Crafts
Tools	Sports Gear	Sheets and Blankets
Dishes, glassware	Garden Items	Games
Kitchen Appliances	Antiques	Jewelry
Towels	Home Furnishing Items	Pet Supplies

Contact Paula Fisk by email at paulaiimc@aol.com or phone (317) 439-8135



<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Job</i>	<i>Description</i>
June 18	2pm – 4pm	Set up tables	Set up tables in the north parking lot
	4pm – 6pm	Receive donations	Unload donations and separate into categories
	6pm – 8pm	Set out donations	Arrange donations on tables by category
June 19	7am – 9am	Parking Attendant	Direct traffic flow to ensure cars enter and exit the parking lot safely
	8am – 10am 10am – 12pm 12pm – 2pm 2pm – 4pm	Worker	Answer shopper's questions, rearrange items as needed, accept payments and help bag purchased items
	3pm – 4pm	Clean up	Pack up leftover items and deliver to Habitat for Humanity, Chin Community Center or Goodwill

There are sign-up sheets on the Women in Mission table in the cafe area of the narthex. You may also sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A44A4A923A3F94-yard> or email Karen Wright at [kwright210@comcast.net](mailto:kwright210@comcast.net)



# Communications

## Calvary Video Ministry

What a year 2020 was! — What a year 2021 is starting out to be! The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the lives of most people and has had a dramatic impact on churches. From closing sanctuaries to limiting attendance, churches have had to react to continue ministering to their members. For Calvary Lutheran Church & School, this meant quickly moving forward with a video ministry program.

Calvary had been discussing video ministry for many years, but the pandemic changed this from something we *should* do to something we *must* do now. In less than a week, some “techies” in the congregation threw together a system to live stream worship services on March 13/14, 2020. This entailed a camcorder and a laptop; not a professional setup by any means, but effective none the less.

Soon after this, congregations were instructed to close their sanctuaries. We no longer had live services to stream, so we started pre-recording worship services during the week, making them available on the weekends. Pre-recorded services continued to be offered every weekend throughout much of the year. But this was still being done with a single camcorder.

We soon realized that the pandemic was not going away anytime soon, and that this new way of offering worship would be beneficial long-term. In the summer of 2020, Calvary began working on a permanent, professional solution to video ministry. Engaging a local AV firm, Calvary created a video production environment that featured three remote controlled cameras, a video switcher, a video recorder, and software to live stream to the internet. This was a major investment for the congregation, but necessary and very effective. Our first pre-recorded worship service with this equipment was for the weekend of November 1, 2020, and the first live stream was on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25, 2020.



Calvary live streams on our website ([clcs.org/live](http://clcs.org/live)), our Facebook page (“Calvary Lutheran Church and School Indianapolis IN”), and our YouTube channel (“CLCS Indy”). Following the live streams, recordings are available on demand on our website ([clcs.org/videos](http://clcs.org/videos)), Facebook and YouTube.

Video ministry has been a great blessing to Calvary! It has allowed us to continue to reach out to our members and the community, keep our members engaged and active, and reach out to previous members and others throughout the country. God used the pandemic to open a new door of ministry at Calvary — God is good!

If you have a knack for technology, an interest in videography, and a willingness to volunteer in our video ministry, please contact Bud Pflug at [avdirector@clcs.org](mailto:avdirector@clcs.org).

## 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**

### May 2021

#### May 2, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 150; 1 John 4:1-11; John 15:1-8

"Connected to the Vine" - Sermon Text: John 15:1-8 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

A dormant vineyard looks so bleak, so lifeless. But at the harvest, it is lush and green and filled with ripe grapes. Just as the grapes receive their nourishment from the vine, we Christians receive our spiritual life and nourishment from the Vine, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### May 9, 2021 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 98; Acts 10:34-48; John 15:9-17

"Jesus is for You!" - Sermon Text: Acts 10:34-48 - Rev. William Mueller

We often struggle with issues of favoritism or partiality. Is one group of people better than another? Is one nation favored more by God? In an eye-opening, opinion-changing, and heart-rendering account in Acts 10, we discover the powerful, eternal truth of "God shows no partiality."

#### May 16, 2021 – The Ascension of Our Lord

Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

"Jesus Reigns Through Us" - Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:22-23 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Jesus Christ's ascension is nicknamed "the forgotten festival." And yet, we experience it daily. Where is Jesus now? What is He up to? God be praised, Jesus reigns through us!

#### May 23, 2021 – Pentecost

Psalm 139:1-10; Acts 2:1-18; John 16:5-15

"The Almighty Spirit" - Sermon Text: Acts 2:1-18 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

The Holy Spirit is almighty God. The Spirit has acted on your behalf in the past, the Spirit does so now, and will continue to work for your benefit in the future. Why? The Spirit loves you and wants your salvation.

#### May 30, 2021 – The Holy Trinity

Psalm 29; Isaiah 6:1-8; John 3:1-17

"Who Will Go?" - Sermon Text: Isaiah 6:8 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

Standing on our own, the sight of the Lord is a terrifying vision of judgment, but in the purifying blood of Christ, we can sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy." Through the blood of Christ we can speak the good news of the Gospel, and along with Isaiah, through the purifying and atoning blood of Christ we can stand in the presence of the Lord and say with a clean heart and clean lips, "Here am I, Lord. Send me."



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