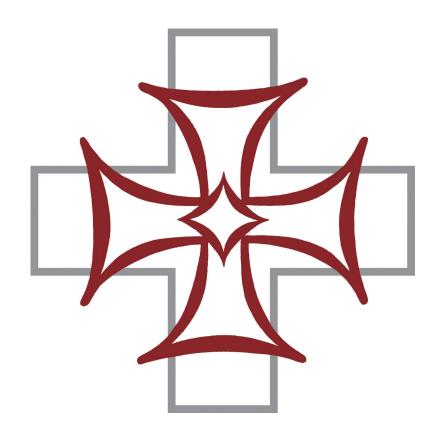


CHURCH AND SCHOOL



August 2021 Monthly Newsletter

# From the Pastors

Back in July, I led a number of Bible studies on the importance of reading God's word. I had a great time, and the participants in that particular study seemed to greatly appreciate many of its insights.

I love leading Bible studies like this, because Bible studies often serve me, too. I get to learn and grow and think through ideas, both those on my mind and those which are raised by our culture. And usually, when I walk away from a Bible study, I get to "close the book" on an idea for a while. I've explored it, learned what there is to learn, and, satisfied, I move on to the next topic... But not this study. This study has stuck with me. The book has not closed. I'm not satisfied. In fact, if anything, the topic seems more pressing than ever.

Why? Because of Hebrews 2:1. "Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it." This may be simple to say, but to internalize it and live it is so challenging!

Here's what I mean: We all know that Bible reading is important, just like proper exercise and diet are important, or car and home maintenance are important. But though I know this, I'm a month past due on an oil change. My exercise most days is my home maintenance! These things are important... but a lot of things are important, and my actions reveal that just because something is important doesn't mean I do it as often as I should or as well as I should.

We live in a culture which is rapidly secularizing. Our own kids are falling away from Bible study, from church attendance, and falling away from the Church altogether. Surveys show that year over year, the Church in America and in many other countries is declining rapidly.

"This is just the tragic reality of our modern world," we might think. But Hebrews 2:1 offers us an alternative. "Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it." Worried that our culture is drifting away from God? Or that your family is? That you are? Hebrews answer is simple: open your Bible, and pay close attention! As James says, be a doer of the word, not a hearer only.

If people we know are falling away, they need the word of God. And if they don't open their own Bible, where will they get it except from you? So open your Bible. Learn it. Memorize it, even. "You may be the only Bible they ever read!"

I don't say this often, but I hope this idea unsettles you. I hope it stirs you out of a rut. Gets you moving, reading, studying. In a letter about Bible reading, I think it's only appropriate to close with a Bible reading. So consider what Paul says in Romans 10:

<sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

# — Pastor Josh Reifsteck

# General

# Interested in becoming a part of Calvary?

We are developing plans for our next Adult Foundations of Faith Class that starts on **Sunday**, **August 22**. This class provides practical answers about faith, the Lutheran Church, and Calvary's mission. It also gives you the opportunity to become part of the Calvary family at the end of class. We are excited about getting the chance to talk with you. If you have any questions or are interested in this class, please email, call or text Kara Hiatt.

# 7th & 8th Grade Students – Confirmation Ministry Invite

Calvary's Head-to-Heart (H2H) Confirmation provides a chance for each youth to grow in his/her relationship with the Lord and others, as each youth prepares to receive the Lord's Supper and to affirm his/her faith in Jesus. Parents and youth are invited to a special informational meeting on Sun., Aug 22 at 4:45 p.m. A special All-Youth Kick Off will follow at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary for all youth and friends (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). Parents are also invited to join. Our confirmation year will formally begin Sun., Sept 12 during the Sunday morning education hour. Contact <a href="mailto:churchsecretary@clcs.org">churchsecretary@clcs.org</a> for more details.

## **Head-to-Heart Confirmation Prayer Angels**

Each year members of our congregation encourage our 2<sup>nd</sup> year confirmation students through prayer and little cards, notes, and gifts throughout the year. At the end of the year, we hold a special banquet when their secret prayer angel is revealed and assists them in their confirmation banner. If you are interested in serving as a prayer angel, please contact the church office (<a href="mailto:churchsecretary@clcs.org">churchsecretary@clcs.org</a>) or our Prayer Angel Coordinator, Diana Blazek.

## Community Garden Volunteers Needed

The Community Garden Committee oversees 15 raised garden beds off the south parking lot. This year Calvary school is managing 3 beds and the Garden Committee is managing 3-4 beds for the benefit of Hunger, Inc. located in Perry Township. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH WEEKLY WATERING OF 6-7 BEDS. The other beds will be cared for by individual gardeners who are responsible for their upkeep. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED **until September 12**. Once a week different volunteers will be asked to water the plots assigned to them. Most of the time watering will occur once a week. Occasionally twice might be necessary; sometimes not at all. Water is on site. Water jugs are on site. Filling of jugs and a short walk to the garden bed provides water.

SIGN UP with Pastor Art for the week or weeks of your choice, Any questions can be directed to him. Thank you for your service.

# General (cont'd)

#### **GriefShare**

This faith-based grief support program provides help and encouragement after the death of a family member or friend. Weekly seminars include videos by grief experts, group discussion, and supportive scriptural and personal reflections. There is no cost to attend. Thursday evening sessions led by facilitator, JoAnn Heasley of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, will start Sept. 9. Interested? Call, text or email Emily Spelde or JoAnn Heasley.

# Sunday School Attendance Awards Spring 2020-21 Faithful

Damon Honebrink
Paisley Langhammer

Leyla Honebrink Theo Reifsteck Tyson Honebrink



# Night of Song—St. Paul's Lutheran Church

We invite you to join us at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (3932 MiCasa Ave., Indpls.) **Friday, August 6** at 7:00 p.m. for a "Night of Song" featuring Pastor David Shadday. This event will be outside in our picnic shelter so bring your own chairs and refreshments. Invite your family and friends to join you for a fun musical evening!

# **Fellowship**

# Church Outdoor Worship & Picnic @ German Park on October 3rd

The Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic is back: 11:00 a.m. Sunday, October 3rd at German Park! It's a bit later in the year than usual, but we look forward to the whole church worshipping together again, then enjoying a good meal and playing games afterward...

Bring the family to enjoy this opportunity for fellowship. Also, we are looking for **Picnic Patrons** to help offset the costs. If you'd like to donate, please add "Picnic Patron" to the comment line of your donation (whether check, envelope or online giving). Thank you for your generosity. Be sure to mark October 3rd on your calendar! More details to come.



# **Compassion Ministry**

## Addresses needed for College Care Packages

Our Compassion Ministry Team desires to support our Calvary college students by sending them care packages throughout the year. If you have an undergrad college student in your family, please email or text Linda Bugher by Tuesday, September 7th the following information:

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



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

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

# Thank You for the School Supplies

The Compassion Ministry team would like to thank everyone for their generous contribution of school supplies. The donation bin was overflowing, and items were sorted and distributed to Perry Township and Calvary School.



# Military Service Cards

Hopefully you were able to write a thank you note to someone in the military or a veteran who has blessed us all with his or her service. If you didn't get a chance to use one of the patriotic cards in the narthex in July, we encourage you to continually remember and support these brave men and women throughout the year.

# **Stewardship Emphasis**

# **Stewardship Update** By Jake Allen, Stewardship Ministry Team Director **Need Giving Envelopes in 2022?**

As Calvary's services moved online many members changed from using weekly envelopes to online giving out of necessity. If you intend to continue your online giving and do not need a packet of envelopes printed for 2022, please contactstewardship@clcs.org so we do not order envelopes that won't be used. Notification by November 1 appreciated.

### Calvary Supports the Siberian Seminary

How interesting it was to learn about God's work in Siberiathrough the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society who is working to build an endowment capable of rendering the Russian Seminary financially self-sufficient. Calvary members responded to the need by contributing almost \$2.000 in door offerings to build on the \$1,152 designated by the Stewardship Ministry Team from Calvary's budget.

Reduce Your State Taxes—Consider a Gift to the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)? Reminder that gifts to the Scholarship Granting Organization may be eligible for a 50% credit on your Indiana State Income Taxes. Details at https://lutheransgo.org/

By now you've likely heard of the changes in the Indiana "School Choice" program, either from the schools that benefit or from those opposed to School Choice. Or maybe you have been following the news.

#### Below is a quick synopsis:

First of all, please remember that "School Choice" collectively refers to School Choice Scholarships (sometimes referred to as "vouchers"), Tax Credit Scholarships ("SGOs"), charter schools, movement between public school districts, and now Educational Savings Accounts ("ESAs"). For our needs, we will provide updates on the SGO program. You can see the changes for the Choice Scholarships and the ESA below.

What has changed for the SGO program: more students can now receive SGO scholarships! The maximum income that allows families to qualify for an SGO scholarship has been increased making more students eligible for assistance. The legislature also increased the amount of tax credits from \$16.5 million this year through June 30, to \$17.5 million starting July 1, and another \$1 million for year two of the budget.

#### What does this mean for Calvary?

Calvary estimates our funding needs will increase by \$25,000 to be over \$100,000 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is exciting news about the number of families that will now be able to experience the life-changing benefits of a Christian education.

#### What does this mean for you?

With \$17.5 million in tax credits are available for donors, both individuals and businesses can reduce their Indiana tax liability by supporting Calvary's SGO fund. Donors are eligible to take advantage of a 50% credit against their state tax liability for these contributions. There are no limits on the size of contributions eligible per company or individual; you or your business could donate \$5 or \$5,000,000, depending on the remaining tax credits availablestate wide.

#### Is there a limit to the amount of Tax Credit I could receive?

You can reduce or eliminate up to the full amount you havepaid or will owe the state in any given tax year. If already paid, you can receive a refund up to what you have already paid in state taxes. Should you be due more credit than you can use for the tax year, you may rollover the remaining credits for up to an additional nine years. Additionally, if you pay quarterly estimated taxes, you could couple an SGO donation with a reduced or eliminated quarterly payment to the state. Please consult your own tax advisers for your own, unique situation; we cannot provide tax or financial advice.

Full details are online at https://lutheransgo.org/ or contact the school office at 317-783-2305 who are happy to answer questions.

# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

#### Opening the Doors to the 72<sup>nd</sup> School Year

Our theme Bible verse for the 2021-22 school year is: "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Our theme for the school year - SEE THE GOOD

This has and continues to be our focus as we follow the Lord knowing that according to His purpose and will all works for our good. At times we may wonder what are the plans that God has for us when the times seem chaotic and perilous.

At times I used to question the plans that my mother and father had for me. If they loved me why would they make me go to the doctor and get shots? Why make me eat Brussel sprouts and liver? A bedtime of 7:30 PM and I'm in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade? They knew the plans for my well-being even if I could not see nor understand the results of them.

We walk by faith. We look to God for His goodness. We look past the pain and suffering of this life and direct our eyes on the cross and empty tomb. God has Called us to be His own. We look to the blessings of His Name marked with the seal of His promise. We See the Good through the power of the Holy Spirit. A new school year is upon us-let us rejoice and give thanks!

<u>Final Registration- 2021-22</u> Final registration for Preschool–8th grade is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, August 2-3. Families with last names beginning with A-M are asked to sign-up for Monday and families with last names beginning with N-Z on Tuesday. Times each day are 9 AM-Noon and 5-7:00 p.m. Registration will take place in the gym. Please enter through door #2. A Sign-up Genius has been created for you to schedule your registration time. Important business is accomplished during this process. Please alert the school office if you will be unable to attend so that arrangements can be made to accomplish these tasks prior to the first day of school.

Students may accompany you to visit their classrooms, organize lockers, and bring school supplies.

### **August calendar preview**

Mon & Tues	, Aug 2-3	Final Registration 9AM- Noon; 5-7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium Families with last names beginning with A-M August 2
Wed, 8/11	8:00 a.m.	Families with last names beginning with N-Z August 3 First Day of Preschool, Kindergarten-8th Grade
	8:15 a.m. 8:50 a.m.	Opening Chapel 4th—8th grades Opening Chapel K-3rd grades
Wed, 8/19	8:30 a.m.	First Wednesday delayed start



# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

#### Staff Anniversary Celebrations during the 2021-22 school year

We are blessed with many faculty and staff anniversary celebrations this year. Our 5 year incremental anniversaries include:

- 5 Years at Calvary: Mrs. Molly Troemel and Mrs. Karen Davis
- 10 Years at Calvary: Mrs. Christa Bell and Mrs. Jalana Rance
- 15 Years at Calvary: Mrs. Kirsten Springer, Ms. Laura Wilkes, Mrs. Cheryl Rensner, and Mr. David Honebrink
- 20 Years at Calvary: Mrs. Leslie Huntington

Our incremental 5 year anniversary celebration will be held in January during National Lutheran Schools Week.

A special celebration for Mrs. Huntington as she celebrates 25 years in the teaching ministry. Cheryl Rensner will celebrate her 35th year in the teaching ministry. Both of these faithful teachers will be recognized with a special celebration in the spring.

As you can see we are richly blessed with the gifts of God through these individuals as they serve in His Name and Love. We most definitely See the Good in God's providing.

### **Enrollments Still Being Accepted**

We are still accepting enrollments for the 2021-22 school year. Please let your friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers know about the quality Christian education opportunities at Calvary Lutheran School. We extend this ministry to all people desiring this Christian education.

### <u>Teacher Aide Staffing at Calvary Lutheran Church and School</u>

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

#### **SGO Information**

#### Too Good To Be True?!

God has provided a unique opportunity to help fund the Christian education of our Calvary students. The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana has been identified as a new Scholarship Granting Organization. Scholarships through private and corporate donations are granted to Calvary student families whose income is less than 300% of the Federal free or reduced hot lunch guidelines.

### How may I help?

Donations are currently being accepted. We are in need in excess of \$125,500.00 to fully fund these grants.

# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

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

- 1. Students and their families accepted in this program will receive a scholarship grant per child enrolled in Kindergarten -8<sup>th</sup> grade at Calvary.
- 2. The donor will receive a 50% Indiana State tax credit for every dollar donated. Example: A donation of \$1000.00 will result in a tax credit of \$500.00 towards your Indiana income tax liability. Private as well as corporate donations will receive this benefit.
- 3. The \$125,500.00 received will <u>eliminate</u> the amount of money granted to our students and their families through our own budgeted funds.

### Where Do I sign up?

Donor forms are available online at <a href="www.LutheranSGO.org">www.LutheranSGO.org</a>. Be sure to mark <a href="mailto:CALVARY">CALVARY</a> <a href="LUTHERAN SCHOOL">LUTHERAN SCHOOL</a> as the recipient of your donation.

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

Return the completed donor form along with your donation to the School Office or directly to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana by December 31, 2021. The Lutheran SGO of Indiana will issue your tax credit statement for your 2021 tax filing.

### What happens in the future?

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

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

### Have you participated in the SGO donation?

Over 65 families have participated in this process by donating over \$550,000.00 during the past nine years. We are asking those past donors to enlist two other families to become involved in this "Too Good to be True" adventure. By donating in the past you are fully aware of the unique benefits this SGO provides. Please help by talking to at least two other families and enlist their participation as well.

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

# **NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS**

There's still room! The 29th Annual Saints Golf Outing takes place Sunday, August 8 at Southern Dunes Golf Course, 8220 S Tibbs Ave, Indianapolis. Check-in at 1:30 pm; the Golf Scramble begins with a Shotgun Start at 2:00. Proceeds benefit student scholarships at LHS. Entry fee (\$100 per person) includes 18 holes of golf with cart, buffet dinner, and prize entries. Visit <a href="LHSI.org">LHSI.org</a> to become a sponsor or register today to enjoy the day with friends while supporting the students, mission, and ministry of Lutheran High School!

# **Communications**

## **Membership Directory**

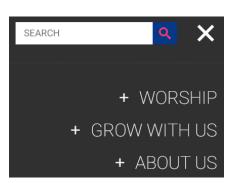
A church directory is meant to help members connect with one another. Have you ever heard a name at church but can't remember what that person looks like? What can you do if you want to reach out to someone at church but don't know their phone number or email address? There is a quick and easy online tool for you: the Calvary Membership Directory! To be truly valuable though, each of us needs to make sure our information is current.

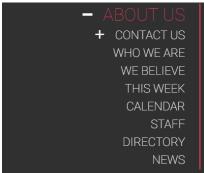
The following steps outline how to access the online directory and submit updates to your information.

From the <u>Calvary Lutheran Church and School (clcs.org)</u> website, click on the 'sandwich' in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.



Expand the ABOUT US group by clicking on the plus sign then select DIRECTORY.





If you have never accessed the online directory, you can set up an account by filling out the Account Sign Up window:



Once you have a password, you can login with your email address and password:

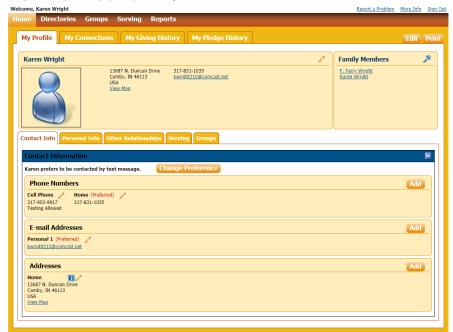


# Communications (cont'd)

To see your directory information, click on My Complete Profile



To make changes, click on the pencil icon next to whatever you need to update. You will submit your changes and the church office will make the updates for you (this is an extra layer of security for quality purposes).



You can manage what information is shared in the directory from the **Personal Preferences** screen.

From the **Account Settings** screen, you can change your email and password.



# **Women in Mission**

# Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, August 7 8:30 a.m.

This month's study will be "When I am Weak, He is Strong" from the Lutheran Women's Summer 2021 Quarterly shared by everyone. Join us in the North Narthex on **Sat., August 7** at 8:30 a.m.

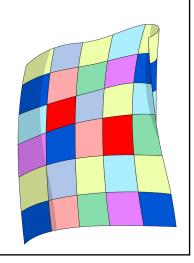
#### **BLANKETS FOR BABIES**

Many thanks to our ladies who continue to create such beautiful blankets for these precious infants. Our next meeting date is **Thursday**, **August 5th** from 6:00-8;00 p.m. in the café area.

Our September date will be Thursday, September 2nd.

There is a container on top of the brown cabinet in the café area marked "Blankets for Babies'. If you're not able to come to our meetings but would like to contribute to this ministry outreach, just put your blankets in the container.

Questions? Susan Daniels



# **Extravagant Sharing**

The Sharing Place of Lutheran Child and Family Services continues to appreciate our sharing with those who are in need of food through EXTRAVAGANT SHARING! The canned fruits and veggies being delivered to the Sharing Place from your sharing in July will be used quickly. Thanks to all of you who continue blessing so many in this way. In August please bring **peanut butter and jelly** to the



Extravagant Sharing shelves in the church narthex. God loves a cheerful giver!

## **LWML** Opportunity

Ready to take a day away to renew your spiritual life and learn of the wonderful opportunities offered through the LWML? Come join us on August 14, at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Avon, IN for the LWML Treatshop. Exciting lineup of activities include:

- Living with polarization and our Christian response.
- Stretching and connecting your faith to others.
- Exploring the ways God surrounds us with comfort.
- Using the Bible to teach spiritual skills.
- Learning to appreciate cultural differences.

Teaching the next generation about LWML. To register go to lwmlindiana.org



# Women in Mission (cont'd)

#### **LWML Mites in Action**

LWML held their 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Lexington, KY in June. Over 3000 attended this post-COVID gathering.

Mission Grants for 2021-2023 were voted on. Missionary speakers told of how Mites are being used to spread God's word. LWML will fund 28 grants for a total of \$2,221,176.15. Where does this money come from? Mites (small change or checks) collected make up for the majority of this total. There are new Mite Boxes located on the ladies table in the Narthex. Take a box for yourself and a box for your child! Collect loose change around the house. Then turn in the money gathered to Calvary. Families from around the country have been doing this since 1928. Throughout the decades,



Lutheran's have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel.

# **Youth Ministry**

### FLIGHT—High School Youth Group

It is officially time to start talking about the National Youth Gathering! This event takes places every three years when youth groups from all over the country join together for a week of worship, learning, and fun. The 2022 National Youth Gathering will take place in Houston, Texas from July 9<sup>th</sup> through July 14<sup>th</sup>. All youth currently entering grades 8-12 are eligible to attend.



If you are interested in attending the National Youth Gathering, join us for an information meeting on **Sunday**, **August 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-7:30 pm**.

#### LAUNCH (5th and 6th grades)

Youth in grades 5-8 are invited for some fun to the all youth kick-off on **Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm.** Parents are encouraged to attend and join in on the fun. This event will include a brief parent meeting.



#### SAIL (7th and 8th grades)

Youth in grades 5-8 are invited for some fun to the all youth kick-off on **Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm.** Parents are encouraged to attend and join in on the fun. This event will include a brief parent meeting.



# **Adult Ministry**

### **Lunch OUT!**

Wednesday, August 4, 11:00 am

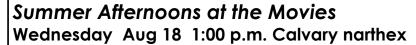
#### Southern Comfort Café

200 W Pearl St, Trafalgar, IN 46181

This restaurant, located in a former school building, serves down-

home cooking, brick oven pizzas and hand dipped ice creams. Have you been to Trafalgar recently? Let's take a drive for some good food and fellowship! Heading south on St.Rd.135 in Johnson County, pass through Bargersville; turn left at the flashing yellow light at Pearl Street (county road 400 South.) Southern Comfort Café is about 2 blocks away, on the left, in the former Indian Creek School building.

Tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran. Please join us!



Inspirational films dealing with social and spiritual issues, and discussions led by Pastor Jim Myers.

### August 18th War Room

A seemingly perfect family and their struggles with temptations, bitterness and failings. A compelling drama with heart, humor and wit about the power that prayer can have on every aspect of our lives. Starring: Alex Kendrick, Priscilla Shirer, T.C. Stallings. For info, contact Emily Spelde.



# **Outreach Ministry**

# Join us for a Free Family Movie Night!

Calvary is hosting an outdoor Movie Night on **Saturday**, **August 14**! Bring your lawn chairs or blanket to the grass behind the gym and we will project the movie onto the

gym wall. Park in the north lot and pick up your food under the gym canopy before finding your movie seats. The Outreach and Fellowship teams will provide free hotdogs, chips, cookies, popcorn and water. All church and school families are encouraged to join us, and please invite neighbors and friends. We are showing the Disney movie "Onward" starting at 7:30 pm. Bring your family to the 6:30 p.m. church service and stay for the movie! Note: The movie will be inside the gym in case of rain.





#### **Worship Anew**

#### Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.

Toll-Free: (888) 286-8002 www.worshipanew.org

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

### August 2021

#### August 1, 2021 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 145:10-21; Exodus 16:2-15; John 6:22-35

"Full Faith" - Sermon Text: John 6:22-35 - Rev. William Mueller

In John 6 we read the amazing truth about Jesus: He is the Bread of Life! This discussion comes the day after He had miraculously fed the 5,000. The crowd ate until they were full. Now Jesus gets to the heart of the matter. He is the Bread of Life so that we can have FULL FAITH in Him!

#### August 8, 2021 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 34:1-8; 1 Kings 19:1-8; John 6:35, 41-51

"It's A Wonderful Life!" - Sermon Text: John 6:35, 41-51 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Have you lost your sense of wonder for this life? For eternal life? Jesus accomplishes extraordinary things in seemingly ordinary ways. Indeed, for the Christ-follower, It's A Wonderful Life!

#### August 15, 2021 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 34:12-22; Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; **John 6:51-59** 

"Our Rededication Pledge" - Sermon Text: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

It is always a good time to rededicate ourselves – to serving the Lord. Because of God's gracious, saving activity in our lives we can indeed serve Him. Therefore we will pledge ourselves with renewed fervor to His service.

#### August 22, 2021 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 14; Isaiah 29:11-19; Mark 7:1-13

"Inspecting the House" - Sermon Text: Mark 7:6 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

God's Word doesn't exist to help us cover up our sins with good works and holy living. Its purpose is to expose our sins and break our hearts so that we can be built into a new house; one that is not based on keeping the Law, but on Christ who kept the Law for us so we can live with Him.

#### August 29, 2021 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 51:2, 7, 10-12; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Mark 7:14-23

"Hearts Made Clean" - Sermon Text: Mark 7:14-15 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

It is not what goes into us that makes us unclean, but it is what goes into us that makes us clean. Spiritual purity comes from outside of ourselves. It is found in the undeserved kindness and mercy of God in the death of His only begotten Son Jesus. Baptismal water poured on us; forgiving Words spoken into us; Christ's Body and Blood fed to us. Those are what make the unclean clean. God alone can do it. God alone has done it.

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Worship: Saturdays 6:30 PM Sundays 8:00 & 10:45 AM Family Education Hour (Bible Study & Sunday School) 9:25 AM

**Senior Pastor:** Kurt Ebert **Associate Pastor:** Joshua Reifsteck

**Deaconess:** Emily Spelde

Youth & Family Pastor: Sam Troemel

Tamil Indian Ministry: Pastor Udhay Raji

Dir. Of Children's Ministry:
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