

CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



September 2021 Monthly Newsletter

From the Pastors

2021-22 Calvary Lutheran Church Ministry Theme - "Sent..."

*"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who **sent** me." (John 6:38).*

Are letters sent to nobody in particular? Are soldiers sent to nowhere specific? Are messengers sent with no idea of what to say?

I think we would give a resounding "no" to all of these hypothetical questions. When we talk about the idea of someone or something being sent, we take for granted that there is an intentionality and directedness to the sending. A letter is sent to someone important to us. A platoon of soldiers is sent to someplace strategic. A messenger is sent with something that needs to be heard.

Being 'sent' has a reason to it. It isn't something that kind of...sort of...you know... just happens. There is a purpose behind it. This idea is expressed over and over again within the Gospel of John—both in speaking of Jesus and in speaking of us. Jesus was 'sent' from his Father with a purpose. He had a mission to carry out and so Jesus set about this responsibility in an intentional way. Again and again, we hear Jesus speak of "the one who sent me." Why? Because Jesus did not simply represent himself. Instead, Jesus manifested the presence of God the Father into the lives of others who needed to come to know him. To succinctly sum up his mission, Jesus was sent to reveal the Father. As he says in John 12:45, *"And whoever sees me sees him who sent me."*

But in due course in the Gospel of John, after we have heard this repeated refrain that Jesus was sent by the Father, we hear an unexpected development: "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you" (17:18, 20:21). We too are 'sent'. As Jesus has completed his mission, so now he in turn gave us a mission. He sent us to reveal his forgiveness, truth, and compassion to a world who does not know him. We do not carry this message to nobody in particular, to nowhere specific, or having no idea of what to say. Instead, Jesus has equipped us with everything that we need to carry out his mission.

The ministry year theme for our congregation is "Sent..." This theme will help provide the direction, connection, and inspiration needed as a congregation to keep us working toward a common goal. Over the coming months, we will unpack and apply different aspects of this theme, but for now here is a brief overview:

As we look to the year ahead, we reflect upon the question, "What kind of church does Jesus want us to be?"

We are "Sent..." - Reflections from the Gospel of John

Sent with a purpose (John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; 9:4; 14:24)

Sent with forgiveness (John 20:21-23)

Sent into the world (John 17:15-18)

We look forward to the ways that God will lead us and guide us this year on our journey together. May he continue to remind us of the many ways that he has 'sent' each of us into our family, our work, and our relationship, as we bring the gift of Christ's life transforming Word.

Thanks for being a part of the people of God here at Calvary! May God bless our efforts together as we serve the southside of Indianapolis.

God's Peace,

Pastor Kurt Ebert

Staff Spotlight / Volunteer Focus

Jennifer Skojac



What is your role at Calvary?

Director of Development and Admissions

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

Being able to use my talents, creativity and knowledge for a bigger purpose.

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

My parents and grandparents. Through all the trials and tribulations in life, they always knew that God had a bigger plan for them. I strive every day to have that same kind of faith and trust in God.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Joshua 1:9—"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Favorite Dessert? *Brownies*

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

For me to listen to God as he directs my path with the new Director of Development position.

Andrew Brock



What is your role at Calvary?

I was recently elected as the Parish Treasurer. My wife, Amanda, and I have previously served as Sunday school teachers as well.

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

The church has been an integral part of my life ever since a young age for me. I grew up attending St. Paul's in Jonesville, IN and went to Immanuel Lutheran School in Seymour for my elementary education. My parents were always actively involved in the church, and as a result got me interested to be involved at a young age as well. As soon as I had surpassed the Sunday school age at St. Paul's, I immediately started teaching Sunday school throughout my high school years. Additionally, I served as the team chaplain on my high

school's varsity football team for 3 years. While in college, I too received a minor in Theology while primarily pursuing an Accounting degree. I have been so blessed throughout my life and have been afforded many opportunities, and it is through those blessings from God that I am so driven to serve a higher purpose in serving others and sharing my time and talents when the opportunities are presented.

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

My most favorite thing about Calvary is coincidentally my most favorite thing about Calvary all together, and that is the jovial and welcoming nature of the entire congregation and church. Since day one of stepping foot into the church, my wife and I have felt right at home. Transitioning into the Parish Treasurer role has been no different. The community and collective congregation of Calvary is just such a special group of individuals, and I am so honored to have been considered and accepted into serving this role.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible? *Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Favorite Dessert? *Coconut cream pie, which is highly unpopular in my family. Therefore, my more frequented ancillary favorite dessert is a double stuffed Oreo cookie.*

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

Prayers of financial prudence, stability, and preservation. Achievement of these key areas allow us to fully serve all of our missions and ministries of the church, as well as allow us to continue to serve these missions and ministries for generations to come.

General News

Head-to-Heart Confirmation Prayer Angels

Each year members of our congregation encourage our 2nd 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 (churchsecretary@clcs.org) or our Prayer Angel Coordinator, Diana Blazek.

REMINDER - All Ministry Team Meeting (Tues., Sept 14th at 6:30 p.m.)

All members of Calvary's 10 ministry teams are invited to join us in the Sanctuary on **Sept 14th** for an informational meeting. We will look forward to the year ahead of ministry together. Please pay attention to communication from your team's director for specific information of when and where your monthly team meeting will be taking place.

UIndy Work Day at Calvary, Sat., Sept 18th 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Calvary will soon host 15-30 UIndy students as a part of a special work day, which provides our church a great outreach opportunity to UIndy students and also a great benefit to our facilities. We are looking for additional volunteers from Calvary to help direct small teams of students on specific projects spread around our campus. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Ebert (kebert@clcs.org) or Tom Schultz (facilities@clcs.org).



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.

Mabel Schwark Turning 100!

On **September 7**, Mabel Schwark will turn 100 years old! We would love for anyone wanting to wish her a Happy 100th, to shower her with cards or notes. If anyone would desire to visit with her in person, please make arrangements with Jim or Kristen Schwark. Drop ins are not preferred at this time! Mabel will celebrate with all of her children, almost all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren! What a blessing to celebrate 100 birthdays!



Fellowship

October 3rd - Church Outdoor Worship & Picnic @ German Park

We are excited to be planning our outdoor worship & picnic! Jug's catering will be serving yummy fried chicken & pulled pork sandwiches with delicious sides including fried biscuits and apple butter!! We worship and praise the Lord first at 11:00 a.m., and then take time to enjoy a great meal and play games afterward. Bring the family to this awesome outdoor opportunity for fellowship on Sunday, October 3rd!



Picnic Patrons

We are looking for **Picnic Patrons** to help offset the costs of the amazing meal and event set-up on Oct 3rd. If you'd like to donate, please add "Picnic Patron" to the comment line of your donation (on check, & envelope) or select the option "Picnic Patron" for online contributions. Consider the following giving levels or choose your own.

- Picnic Patron (bronze) - \$25
- Picnic Patron (silver) - \$50
- Picnic Patron (gold) - \$100
- or Choose your own amount.

Donations are needed by Sunday, September 19th. The Fellowship Team sincerely thanks you for your generosity!!

Memorials

August Memorials

In Memory of Byron Batteiger:

Bud & Julie Pflug

In Memory of Mike Arnold:

Dale & Judy Onken; Bob & Sandra Wilson

In Memory of Chris Wilder:

Jeanne Rollins

In Memory of Jeanette Rensner:

Eunice Miller



Stewardship Emphasis

Stewardship Update *By Jake Allen, Stewardship Ministry Team Director*

Are you a Thrivent Member?

If you are a member of Thrivent – for example if you have investments or an insurance policy with Thrivent – there are a couple of ways you can leverage your membership for the benefit of Calvary.

One way is by forming a **Thrivent Action Team**. Through a simple on-line form you can apply to lead a group in a fundraiser, educational event or service activity. Then, gather a team of volunteers to make an impact together. Thrivent provides a customized kit of resources to get you started. The kit includes a monetary grant which can be up to \$250. A second way Thrivent members can benefit Calvary is by directing their Thrivent Choice dollars to Calvary. Depending on the amount of you have invested at Thrivent you may have funds available that allow you to determine where a portion of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds go. Simple log into your account and follow the link below to view these two excellent opportunities.

<https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/>

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 contact stewardship@clcs.org so we do not order envelopes that won't be used. Notification by November 1 appreciated.

Opportunity to Support Mission India in 2021

Did you know that Calvary India Mission has a goal of supporting 70 students in their tutoring centers? Each sponsorship is \$200 per year and includes tutoring, a meal each day after school, and Bible stories.

In addition to supporting school students, Calvary supports the Tailoring Center where valuable hand and machine stitching are taught. The cost for sponsoring a tailoring student is \$600 per year. For each sponsorship, you will be provided with the student's name and photo so you can keep them in your prayers.

Please contact Rhonda Hansen with questions and to start making a significant difference in a young person's life.

Reduce Your State Taxes – Please Consider a Gift to the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)?

This is a reminder that gifts to the Scholarship Granting Organization may be eligible for a 50% credit on your Indiana State Income Taxes. There may be federal tax benefits as well. Details can be found at <https://lutheransgo.org/>. There is also a more detailed explanation of the benefits of SGOs in Calvary's August newsletter.

Status of Calvary SGO giving year to date: Thanks to everyone who has already made a gift to the SGO for the benefit of Calvary. As of early August, \$44,000 has been donated to provide scholarship dollars to Calvary students. More funds are still needed to get to our target of \$130,000 by year end. Please be aware that the tax credits that the State of Indiana has set aside are limited and many other schools are also utilizing these funds. Therefore, it is important to consider making your gift sooner than later before the pool of available tax credits is all used up.

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 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

Produce Table in the Narthex

The Produce Table is up and ready for donations! If you want fresh produce grown by your fellow Calvary members, please feel free to take what you need from the Produce Table in the narthex. Free will donations are accepted and credited to the Good Samaritan (a.k.a. Good Sam) Fund that supports congregational members in need. Anyone is welcome to donate extra produce to the Produce Table. What a great way to share the wonderful harvest the Lord has given us with others!



Love Meals

Do you like to cook? Do you know how to order a meal online for delivery? How would you like to provide a meal for a new mother or for those with hospital/medical needs? The Compassion Team is looking for volunteers to provide this need. Please contact Meal Coordinator, Brenda Irwin or the church office if you would like to share in this ministry.

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

2021-22 Calvary Lutheran School Theme—SEE the GOOD

"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

A Dilemma- See the Good

Narrative 1: A nervous bride was preparing for her upcoming wedding. Only one week away. She had so much to do getting ready for her outdoor wedding and reception.

Narrative 2: In the same town a farmer continues to look to the sky hoping for rain clouds to form. It has been weeks since the last measureable rain fall.

Prayers: The bride is praying for a beautiful summer day while the farmer is praying for rain.

Whether it rains or shines God has Called us to See the Good. 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] The key component in this passage is "according to His purpose." God knows His plans and purpose for us as His Called and redeemed children. We may not understand nor comprehend the journey that is being walked at this moment, but through faith we know that God's purpose is for our good here on earth and eternally in Heaven with Him. It is often not until later that we may more clearly able to see the purpose and plans of God.

Please finish the narrative and prayer petitions above. Did it rain on the farmer's fields or did the sun shine brilliantly on the wedding celebration? No matter what we encounter each day, no matter the number of narratives, we trust in the Word of God. As we begin another school year we seek to **See the Good** in each and every situation. We look in faith to the Lord's leading and direction.

Many tasks and projects were accomplished over the summer months in preparation for the start of school. Classroom carpets were cleaned. Tiled floors stripped and waxed. Our Preschool 3-4 year old classroom, Room 205, 5th grade, 3rd grade, and 4th grade received new flooring. New LED lights were installed along with a fresh coat of paint in the Preschool, 3rd, and 4th grade classrooms. Many mechanical needs were also repaired. This highlights the majority of the projects. Many more items were accomplished as well. We thank all involved for their giving and assistance throughout this summer. We especially thank Mr. Steve Harrison, our Facilities Ministry Team, and our Technology Ministry Team for their effort and hours given for us to enjoy the facilities. We thank and praise God for the gift of helping hands and celebrate the wonderful facilities that we are blessed to have at Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

Delayed Start

School will begin at 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday that school is in session. The students will be released to their classrooms beginning at 8:15 a.m. This delayed start has been scheduled to permit additional professional growth opportunities for our faculty and staff.

School Chapel Services Moved to Thursdays

School chapel services will be held on THURSDAYS again this school year. The starting times for chapel will remain at 8:10 a.m. for all school grades worship times. Split graded chapel services will begin at a variety of times.

Labor Day

Calvary Lutheran School will be closed on **Monday, September 6** in observance of Labor Day. We thank God for the gift of work. We strive to use His gifts to our very best potential as His created beings.

SMILE SMILE SMILE

The students of Calvary Lutheran School will have their school photographs taken on **Tuesday, September 28**. Tuesday will be a non-uniform day allowing the students greater choices for their photographs. Any absentees from Tuesday will have their pictures taken on re-take day in November.



Outdoor Education

Our Sixth Grade class will be experiencing Outdoor Education on Wednesday-Friday, September 8-10. The class will travel to the wilds of Camp Lakeview. Mrs. Faubion and parent chaperones will lead this 3 day camp expedition. For further information please contact Mrs. Faubion. We ask the Lord to go with our 6th graders granting them safety in their travels. We ask the Lord to grant to them His Spirit as they grow together through this experience.

1st Quarter Mid Term

Our first quarter mid term is Friday, September 3. Students in second through eighth grade will receive their midterm reports on Wednesday, September 8 via FACTS/Renweb. We ask that our parents review these reports with their children. We strive to provide many evaluations throughout the school year.

Grandparents and Special Person's Day Postponed

As of this writing our Grandparents and Special Person's Day regularly scheduled for the last Friday in September has been postponed. We continue to examine the possibility for this event to occur perhaps later this spring. Information will be communicated when known.

Scholarship Tax Credit 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, Inc. has been identified as a Scholarship Granting Organization. Scholarships through private and corporate donations are granted to Calvary student families whose income is less than 300% of the Federal free or reduced hot lunch guidelines.

Updates from the 2020-21 School Year:

- 27 families/individuals contributed \$73,000.00 towards this Scholarship Tax Credit
- This funded the need for 54 Scholarship grants.
- Many grant recipients are now enjoying the benefit of a CHOICE State voucher.
- All Calvary Lutheran Church and School student aid from the General Fund has been eliminated.

New Information

- \$570,000.00 has been gathered through the state tax credit initiative over the past 9 years.
- The donor base has been virtually unchanged over these years.
- Donors are increasing their gifts. Why? The "Too Good to be True" aspects
- We are asking for previous year participants in this program to communicate all the benefits inviting two-three others to prayerfully consider involvement increasing our donor base.
- Personal tax credits that remain against your tax liability may be used for up to 9 years.
- All can now be accomplished online. www.lutheranSGO.org
- Be sure to identify **Calvary Lutheran School, Indianapolis** as the recipient of your donation.

How may I help?

Donations are currently being accepted. We are in need of \$125,000.00 to fully fund this year's grants. Please prayerfully consider your involvement and support in this most worthwhile program.

Urgency-

With the change in household income levels other schools are granting SGO's as well to give their students a track to a CHOICE scholarship. Only \$17.5 million in tax credits are available during the state fiscal year. Please make your donation prior to October 31 to ensure your Indiana state tax credit.

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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-8th grade at Calvary.
2. The donor will receive a 50% Indiana State tax credit for every dollar donated. Example: A donation of \$1000.00 will result in a tax credit of \$500.00 towards your Indiana income tax liability. Private, as well as corporate donations, will receive this benefit.
3. A student receiving a Scholarship grant in Kindergarten will then be eligible for a CHOICE State voucher through 12th grade. This could result in a total of over \$80,000.00 towards Christian Education.

Where Do I sign up?

Donor forms are available in the church and school offices or at www.lutheranSGO.org.

How Do I Proceed?

Return the completed donor form with your donation to the Church or School Office or send it directly to the Lutheran SGO. They will issue your tax credit statement. Be sure to identify **CALVARY LUTHERAN SCHOOL** as the recipient of your donation.

Checks payable to: The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana, Inc.

What happens in the future?

Children receiving a scholarship grant are eligible the following school year to convert this grant to a CHOICE State voucher. This again has eliminated the need for congregational funded scholarship dollars. Children will have the opportunity to hear God's Word through your giving. God continues to open doors to others once thought closed due to financial needs. Your assistance in this program is so greatly appreciated!

Adult Ministry

Lunch OUT!

Wednesday, September 1, 11:00 a.m.

Johnson's BBQ Shack

100 Byrd Way, Greenwood, IN 46143 (former Jonathon Byrd Center)

Indoor and outdoor seating available. Menu offers multiple meat choices, ribs, and sides. For more info call or text Emily Spelde.

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



Lunch & Learn LITE !

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Brain Health and Current Research on Aging and Dementia

Associate Director and Research Scientist, Dr. Nicole Fowler, IU School of Medicine and the IU Center for Aging Research at Regenstrief Institute, will be here to share information about current research studies and findings on brain health and dementia.

Note time change – program will begin at 11:00 a.m.

After the presentation we will have a light lunch. Box lunches will be provided; suggested donation: \$6.



Communications

Connection is a Click Away

By Communications Ministry

Calvary's website (www.ccls.org) is an extension of the church and an effective way to engage with your church community. Our hope is that you will utilize this tool to strengthen your relationship with your Calvary family and your Savior. We encourage you to give one of these 3 great clicks a try this month and see how this website can enrich your church life.



3 Great Clicks to Try:

1. Prayer Ministry (<https://www.clcs.org/prayer/>)

Click the Sandwich. Then click Ministries. Then click Prayer.

On this link, parishioners have the opportunity to not only share prayer requests but also let fellow Christians know that they have been lifted up in intercessory prayer. This page also has a link to the prayer list from the bulletin each week. This link allows you to express Christian charity for your church community, ask others for support in Christ and encourages you to spend time with God. It's a win-win-win click for all.

2. Get Involved (<https://www.clcs.org/communities/>)

Click the Sandwich. Then click Grow With Us. Then click Get Involved. Then click Our Communities.

Did you know that there are 15 communities posted on Calvary's website asking for your involvement. Calvary has groups for quilters, book enthusiasts, gamers and so much more. Peruse the opportunities and choose your next group of christian friends. This virtual click can be the beginning to real life connections.

3. Study God's Word (<https://www.clcs.org/bible-studies/>)

Click the Sandwich. Then click Grow With Us. Then Click Bible Studies.

This page is overflowing with resources to help you connect to God through His Word. Bible reading plans are available as well as links to the Bible Project that brings God's Word to life through videos. There is also a link to sign up for Daily Devotions to enrich your time with God. However, the biggest connection for this click is with our Pastors. You have the opportunity to ask them theological questions as well as listen to their Bible Studies series on a wide range of Biblical topics. Don't miss all the great clicks on this page!

Women in Mission

Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, September 4 8:30 a.m.

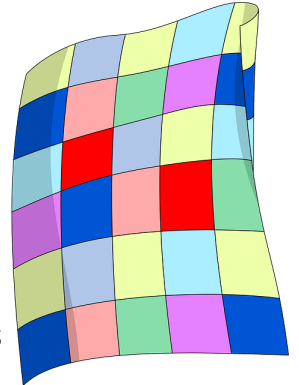
This month's study will be "When I am Weak, He is Strong" from the Lutheran Women's Summer 2021 Quarterly shared by everyone. Join us in the EPIC Library on **Saturday, September 4** at 8:30 a.m.

BLANKETS FOR BABIES

We will meet in person on **Thursday, September 2** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the mailbox area.

In August, we spent our time sewing labels on 21 beautiful blankets! Way to go ladies! Due to the early hours of darkness in the fall and winter evenings, this will be our final in person meeting until April 2022. Our ladies will be creating their blankets from home and placing them in the designated bin in the cafe area.

All Calvary ladies are welcome to contribute also. If you would like labels put in your church mailbox or mailed to your home, please contact Susan Daniels.



Extravagant Sharing

The Sharing Place of Lutheran Child and Family Services thanks each of you for sharing all those cans of fruits and vegetables to provide for the needs of others! Throughout September Calvary will continue supporting the needs of many through the Sharing Place by bringing **boxes or individual serving size macaroni and cheese**. Who doesn't love some comfort food! Put the macaroni and cheese on the Extravagant Sharing shelves in the narthex. Cheerfully bless others as you have been abundantly blessed by Jesus.

Outreach Ministry

Fall Mum Sale

Calvary's Fall Mum Sale is here again. Orders are being taken now. The last Sunday for ordering is September 4/5 as orders must be in to Schlegel's Greenhouse by September 7. Mums and purple asters cost \$10.00 with delivery of flowers coming on Saturday/Sunday, October 2/3. Order now and pay at time of delivery. Proceeds will benefit the Community Garden expansion, Hunger, Inc. of Perry Township, and Emmaus Food Pantry in Fountain Square. Various colors of mums are again available.

Order at Mum Sale table in church narthex or online by emailing Pastor Art. Volunteers are needed to take orders and help distribute mums. Please contact Pastor Art for volunteer opportunities. Sponsored by Outreach Ministry and the Community Garden Committee.

Outreach Ministry (cont'd)

Free CLCS Mugs!

Pick up your free Calvary coffee mug in the narthex at Calvary on the weekend of September 11/12 or September 18/19. The Outreach team is providing each adult member of Calvary a coffee mug printed with our logo and our CLCS goals for Engaging People in Christ. Please use your mug at home or at work and we hope it will provide an opportunity to share more about Calvary with your friends and coworkers. It may prompt a conversation or serve as a reminder for us all to pray for the church and school. Many thanks to Don Fisher for designing the graphics for us!

If you are not able to pick up your mug in person on one of those weekends, additional mugs will be available during the week in the church office.



Parish Ed

Saturday Evening Bible Study

The Saturday Night Bible Class will begin a new on "Prophecy," a LifeLight Foundation. It will begin September 11, in the Conference Room at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining this group, let Shari or Pastor Main know so enough materials can be purchased. It has 9 sessions but may take longer than 9 classes to finish the material. We would take a break for the Congregational Renewal Study.

Youth Ministry

FLIGHT—High School Youth Group

It is officially time to start talking about the National Youth Gathering! This event takes place 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 9th through July 14th. All youth currently entering grades 8-12 are eligible to attend. The information meeting will be on **Sunday, August 29th** at 7:00 p.m. Registration is due **Sunday, September 26th**.

LAUNCH (5th and 6th grades)

Our September LAUNCH event will be held on **Wednesday, September 22nd** from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

SAIL (7th and 8th grades)

Our September SAIL event will be held on **Wednesday, September 29th** from 5:30-7:00 p.m. We will be playing Shaving Cream Baseball.



Worship Anew

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

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

September 2021

September 5, 2021 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 146; Isaiah 35:4-7a; Mark 7:31-37

"All Things Well" - Sermon Text: Mark 7:31-37 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Isaiah foretold of the Messiah who would perform many miraculous signs and wonders. Those signs and wonders were performed by Jesus. These actions clearly identify Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

September 12, 2021 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 116:1-9; Isaiah 50:4-10; Mark 9:14-29

"I Believe...Help!" - Sermon Text: Mark 9:14-29 - Rev. William Mueller

How well prepared are we to handle the moments of crisis in faith? What are we going to do when prayers aren't answered? What are we going to do when we realize there is a depth requirement to our faith, and we appear to be coming up rather shallow? There is good news for us in this account of an exasperated Father and an ever-compassionate Savior!

September 19, 2021 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

"Driven by Fear or Faith?" - Sermon Text: Mark 9:35-37 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

What animates your life – fear or faith? Jesus' disciples attempt to overcome their fear by seeking temporal greatness. Jesus shows them a better way, His way, a way that leads to a life that never ends.

September 26, 2021 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 104:27-34; James 5:13-18; Mark 9:42-50

"Powerful Prayer" - Sermon Text: James 5:13-18 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier

Do you sometimes think that your praying is useless? Wrong! The prayer of a believer is powerful. God always hears and answers that prayer, and in the best possible way.



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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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

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