

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



October 2021 Monthly Newsletter

## *From the Pastors*

With many visiting family over Fall Break, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, I thought it would be a good time to think about *those* conversations, the ones you dread having with family members: morality discussions. You start talking about the weather, and the next thing you know you're bringing up the 10 commandments, and they're saying, "I don't care. I don't agree!" These conversations can quickly become heated! If this kind of conversation sounds familiar, then before you blow your top, take a deep breath and recognize that it's not that they don't know God's law; they don't accept it. Surprise! There's no biblical basis for their morality.

If you find yourself in this *increasingly common* situation over the next couple months, first, ask yourself, "Do I have a biblical basis for what *I'm* saying?" If your answer is, "Yes, the Bible says so," then be prepared to tell them where. If you know where to find that passage, its context, and its interpretation, then congratulations! You're probably part of the solution, not the problem. But if your answer is, "It's in there somewhere, I'm sure of it," then you might just be part of the problem. Your worldview is probably more cultural or political or logical or emotional or even more religious than it is biblical. This is an uncomfortable and confrontational thing for me to say, but it's important for all Christians to realize that a biblical worldview and biblical morality can only emerge in our lives one way: from reading and knowing *and living* the Bible. There are no shortcuts, and when it comes to biblical morality, we all have work to do. And knowing is only half the battle if we want to *communicate* our Bible knowledge to others.

So back to our friends and family members. Note that if they don't value the commands of God, then even saying, "The Bible says so," is not going to change their mind (obviously, neither is telling them how wrong they are!). They'll simply deflect, because they don't care what the Bible says. Maybe they'll say, "but your commandments don't sound loving." Or maybe they'll respond, "Sure, it might be nice as an ideal, but that expectation isn't practical for the real world." Or maybe they will say, "The Bible is a flawed document written by flawed people. Why would we obey those flawed human commandments?" Or maybe they will simply say, "Well, the Bible is wrong." The devil has many ways to lead us astray.

Whatever the case, arguing with someone who doesn't value God's law about God's law is like trying to solve the symptoms of disease, without curing the underlying disease first. If we want to change their mind on any subject of morality, we have to first change their heart's relationship to God. After all, this is what we confess when we recite the small catechism. The first commandment means "We should fear, love, and trust God above all things," and every other commandment starts with, "We should fear and love God such that we..." All morality flows from the 1st Commandment. Every commandment assumes the fear and love of God. When they fear and love God above all else, then we can meaningfully discuss divorce or homosexuality or abortion or anything else... But until that time, arguing morality is wasting your breath on the wrong conversations.

So what should we start with instead? Consider starting with the love of God, or forgiveness, or the goodness of God. Talk about the parables of Jesus and their interpretation. None of these conversations are easy, but they may just invigorate your own Bible reading. If we're to be winsome in these conversations, we need to know the Bible ourselves. We need our own biblical morality and biblical worldview.

God's Peace,

*Pastor Josh Reifsteck*

# Staff Spotlight / Volunteer Focus

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### What is your role at Calvary?

*Bookkeeper / Cafeteria Manager*

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

*Being around the children and serving with a wonderful staff*

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

*My family is my biggest influence. They have always encouraged me to pray about things out of my control and to treat others the way God would want me to treat them.*

### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-9*

### Favorite Dessert?

*Cheesecake*

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

*My family as we cope with the loss of my father. He was a tremendous influence in my life and my boys' lives.*



## Diane Robinson

### What is your role at Calvary?

*I am the Fellowship Ministry Team Director. What that means is I am a member who volunteers with others to help organize events to share God's love through celebrations, worshiping together, and having fun!*

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

*It has to be Jesus' love for me. He fills me up with His joy to serve. Now some days, I don't always feel like serving, yet all I have to do is take a few moments to remember the life, the work, and the sacrifice of my Savior to re-energize and encourage me to reach out and say "How can I help?" Thank the Lord, He's always there, walking beside me, and yes, carrying me sometimes!*

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

*I have a number of "favorite things" about serving at Calvary. One is working with others & getting to know them better. This interaction is not just 'great', it is a way God teaches me that I am not alone and there are others who struggle with the same things I do...as well as laugh at the goofy things I laugh at! Also serving to promote activities for our families is a definite favorite. It brings a smile to my face as I get to see our families laugh and enjoy time together.*

### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*It depends on the day! The Psalms can bring me peace. The story of Joseph in Genesis amazes me at how God directs our lives through the good and the bad. Love to read about the virgin Mary accepting God's will to carry the baby Jesus and how God provided support for her through her cousin, Elizabeth, and soon to be husband, Joseph. Two verses that refresh me are Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight".*

### Favorite Dessert?

*Favorite dessert to eat? Apple pie, raspberry pie, rhubarb pie, peach pie which have to be homemade.  
Favorite dessert to make? Chocolate chip cookies*

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

*Please pray for God to provide the hands needed to serve, the inspiration, creativity and open-mindedness to plan and put on great people gathering events, the energy to sustain us as we work and play, and finally that we do what Jesus wants us to do to bring His people (back ) to Him!*



## General News

### Congregational Study (Red Letter Challenge)

**October 16/17 - November 20/21**

This year's study is unlike any we've done before. Red Letter Challenge offers 40 days of individual devotions, focused on bringing the words of Jesus into our daily lives through practical, meaningful challenges. Combine that with small group opportunities and two excellent workbooks for adults AND kids, and we are extremely excited for this study!

For the first time ever, you can participate in the study entirely independently. (Although we highly recommend everyone join a small group.) Through 40 days of individual devotions and challenges, you have the opportunity to grow in your faith. Each day's reading is short enough to fit into any schedule, but challenging enough to fill your day with prayer.

Small groups will begin forming September 25/26 through October 16/17. Joining a group can help you to process what you learn, and give you an opportunity to encourage and be encouraged by fellow Christians.



We have a variety of small groups meeting: some are Online, some are here Onsite, and still others meet In-homes, at many different times and days of the week. To see all small group opportunities, check out our table onsite or the online sign-up page at the link below. For

### Sunday School Attendance Awards Summer 2020-21

#### Faithful

Damon Honebrink  
Paisley Langhammer

Leyla Honebrink  
Theo Reifsteck

Tyson Honebrink  
Cindy Shen

Hayden Langhammer

### OCTOBER IS PASTOR / CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH

October is when we take time to recognize the faithful service of our church ministry staff. Please say a prayer, share a word of thanks, or send a card to show your appreciation. A box will be provided in the narthex to drop a card or note.

**Kurt (Sarah) Ebert** (Senior Pastor), **Josh (Laura) Reifsteck** (Associate Pastor), **Udhay (Kalai) Raji** (Tamil pastor and hospital chaplain), and **Sam (Molly) Troemel** (Youth & Family Pastor), and **Emily (Tony) Spelde** (Adult Ministry).

Calvary members serving elsewhere, **Bob (Ruth) Armao** (Lutheran High teacher/pastor). Retired pastors at Calvary, **Howard (Bev) Fabricius**, **Harvey (Carol) Lange**, **Gene (Betty) Lauterbach**, **Ray (Jan) Main**, **Jim (Connie) Myers**, and **Art (Joy) Wehrmeister**.

## General News

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

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!**

### Coming in November: Operation Christmas Child

Adult Ministry will have shoeboxes available in late October. You can help support this international service project of Samaritan's Purse Ministries.

Adult Ministry is coordinating the shoebox project at Calvary; please consider how you can help. Samaritan's Purse touches the lives of children and families around the world, bringing hope through the Good News of Jesus Christ in the form of a simple gift. If you would like to help, there are several ways you can support this project:

1. Pick up a red & green shoebox at the narthex display, fill with gift items for girl or boy, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14
2. Donate gift items and place in the donation bin by Nov. 15
3. Volunteer to help sort donations and pack shoeboxes
4. Help deliver filled boxes to a local drop site



Shoebox Week is November 15 – 21, 2021

Questions or suggestions? Call Phyllis Birdwell, Judy Stanford, or the church office, 317-783-2000.

### Collecting for St. Thomas Clinic—Meds and Medical Supplies

In October, we will again be gathering unused prescriptions, medical supplies, and devices. Items not used by St. Thomas are passed on to foreign missions, Indy Red Cross, and Johnson County Senior Services. The next collection month will be February 2022.

Please note:

1. Prescription medications need to be less than 1 year old
2. Please leave medication name and "use by" date on containers
3. Narcotic painkillers cannot be accepted
4. Over-the-counter unopened, valid date items are accepted:  
antacids, ointments, vitamins, nutritional supplements, incontinence supplies
5. Used orthopedic braces and splints are also accepted.

For safety reasons, please drop these items off at Calvary's church office, not the donation bins. Thank you for helping others to be healthy.

Questions? Contact Nancy Brandt for more info.





# Stewardship Emphasis

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

### **Calvary Endowment Funds Update – Church Endowment Fund**

Over the next few months the Stewardship Ministry Team will present an update on each of Calvary's three endowment funds: 1) The Church Endowment Fund; 2) The Schwark Endowment Fund; and 3) The Wessler Endowment Fund. Each of these funds serve a distinct purpose in our Ministry. This month we will discuss the status of Calvary's largest fund – the Church Endowment Fund. The market value of this fund is \$887,027 (August 31, 2021).

Earnings from the Church Endowment Fund are used to help fund new and expanding ministries. Each year the church receives 5% of the fund balance for expanding ministries. This year the endowment fund contributed \$ 38,036 to support the Facilities Manager and the Video and Digital Media Ministry.

Since its inception in 1987, the endowment fund has provided additional support for Youth and Education Ministry, Music Ministry, Business Manager, Ministry of Assimilation, Admissions Director, Technology support, our Deaconess, our Facilities Manager and our new Video and Digital Media Ministry.

Contributions to any of the endowment fund may be made at any time by designating "Calvary Church Endowment Fund" and the specific fund on your contribution envelope or your on-line contributions as well. Also, when preparing your will or beneficiaries to your retirement accounts, prayerfully consider designating a tithe to the Church or Synod. Funds can be designated to a specific purpose, given to the general fund or given to one of Calvary's Endowment Fund.

### **Mission Update from the Fiorello's**

Chris and Alie Fiorello, Calvary's Wycliffe missionaries to West Asia, are in a time of transition. The political situation in the country where they serve has become too unstable for them to live and work there during this time. For now, they are working remotely from the US as they seek the Lord about how to best serve the Bibleless peoples of West Asia. Please pray for patience and discernment during this season.

Because of this temporary relocation and the higher costs of living in the US, they are experiencing a large budget shortfall. Those who would like to contribute to their ministry can do so at [wycliffe.org/partnerteam](http://wycliffe.org/partnerteam). Enter #242586 to designate your gift to our Wycliffe missionary family. You can also mail a check to Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO Box 628200, Orlando FL, 32862-8200. Attach a separate note saying "For the preference of Wycliffe missionary family #242586."

### **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](mailto:stewardship@clcs.org) so we do not order envelopes that won't be used. Notification by November 1 appreciated.

### **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 September, approximately \$50,000 has been donated to provide scholarship dollars to Calvary students. More funds are still needed to get to our target of \$113,000 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.

## **Lutheran High School C.D.O. announces retirement**

**Well done, good and faithful servant!** Lutheran High School's Chief Development Officer, William Ayres is announcing his retirement. On January 1, 2022, Bill Ayres will bring in the new year with more time to enjoy his grandkids, travel, and complete some projects around the home. Bill has served Lutheran High School as a Board of Director member (2011–2015) and Board of Director president (2015–2016) before his current role in leading the development team as Chief Development Officer (2016–present). Bill has greatly impacted Lutheran High School by connecting the time, talent, and treasures that live in the heart of our community to the driving mission of LHS and its students. Bill Ayres is bold in his Christianity, the first to talk about Lutheran High School to a stranger, never afraid to lay down a challenge, and always happy to share with anyone how to achieve THE JOY OF GENEROSITY. Lutheran High School will begin to search for candidates wanting to lead in the advancement of its mission to prepare students for a Christian life by providing for academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment. Contact Bev McIntosh for more information.

## **Hurricane Relief – Fill the Semi**

The Lutheran High School Saints are working to **Fill the Semi!** We are collecting food and supplies to send to many people in Louisiana who have been adversely affected by Hurricane Ida. Visit [lhsi.org](https://lhsi.org) to see more information about items being sought, as well as a link to donate money (through October 3) to purchase additional items. You may also **text “ida” to 50155** to donate. Items may be dropped off in the LHS office between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm. The semi will head to Louisiana on October 8. Many thanks to Guardian Relocation, Wilco Supply, and Suburban Products, Inc.

## **Murder on the Orient Express, October 1–3**

**Saints on Stage** will present their fall production, **Murder on the Orient Express** on **October 1 and 2 at 7:00 pm and October 3 at 3:00** in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium at Lutheran High School.

The riveting Agatha Christie classic will transport audiences on a journey into Eastern Europe in 1934. Famous Detective Hercule Poirot is faced with one of the most challenging cases of his career, who sought revenge against an American tycoon from their past? A host of colorful, international characters make up the suspect list. Who took the law into their own hands? Is the perpetrator still on board the stranded luxury stranded locomotive? Join us for an evening of suspense and international intrigue! Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students; tickets at the door are \$12 adult, \$8 seniors/students. Visit [lhsi.org](https://lhsi.org) to purchase tickets.

Adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig. Murder on the Orient Express is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals, New York, NY. The 2021-2022 Saints on Stage Season is generously presented by Meyer Financial Strategies, Dennis and Kathy Meyer.

## **Volleyball Pink Night, October 5**

Please join LHS in raising awareness and funds for breast cancer research. **Pink Night** is **Tuesday, October 5** during the volleyball matches (JV at 6:00 pm, Varsity follows). All cancer fighters and survivors receive free admission to the matches. We will honor them between matches and will host a hospitality room throughout the evening. Money raised by t-shirt sales and donations will go to **Pink Ribbon Connection**, which provides emotional support, local resources, and education to those touched by breast cancer across Indiana.

## **SugarPlum Holiday Fair, October 30, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

The **SugarPlum Holiday Fair** is the marquee fundraising event for the Lutheran High School Fine Arts Booster Club. More than 100 vendors will be on the LHS campus. Quality handmade crafts and products, crafted by artisans from all over Indiana, will be available for sale. Check out local small businesses, direct sale representatives, and more. There's always something new! Admission is \$1 or two canned goods (to be donated to the Emmaus Food Pantry) per patron.

In addition to all the great vendors, the event features:

- Concessions will be served all day.
- The First Annual SugarPlum Holiday Fair **Gingerbread House Contest** is open to all ([click here](#) for info and entry form).
- Area Elementary School coloring contest.
- Student musicians will perform throughout the day.

Health guidelines set forth by Lutheran High School and local officials will be followed.

**SugarPlum Vendor applications** may be downloaded at [lhsi.org](https://lhsi.org). Applications are due by October 15. All proceeds will benefit the Fine Arts Booster Club.

# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## **Soon the Leaves will Fall**

September 22 was the autumnal equinox which marked the first day of fall. The season of fall is rightly named since we all know the joys that come with the transforming beauty of the brilliant colors and yes the raking, bagging, and mulching of leaves. Not to mention the cleaning of the gutters. Each year we undergo certain tasks that require our attention. Isn't it funny how those tasks change perspectives from childhood to adult life? Fall meant a pile of leaves for jumping and fun years ago. One fall we even brought leaves over from our surrounding neighbors' yards to create an enormous pile. We didn't consider that all those leaves would need to be bagged and cleared away.

Another school year has welcomed students to open doors hearing God's Word, learning the academic standards presented, and growing physically, spiritually, and emotionally. The school year contains evaluation periods and grade assessments. Projects are assigned at certain times as well. Each day we celebrate the gifts of our Lord during every season no matter which one may be your favorite. We SEE the GOOD for through faith we know that God works everything for our good according to His plan and purpose.

**Thought for Autumn** When was the last time that you enjoyed a big leap into a pile of leaves?

## **First Quarter Completed**

Our first quarter will be completed on Friday, October 1. Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, October 6. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00PM. Students in Preschool, Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed on Friday, 10/8 at 1:00PM.

**Please note:** No PS-K; 1-8 afternoon school Extended Care on 10/8.

## **Fall Break**

School will not be in session on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. This fall break matches the week of Perry Township's fall break. School will resume on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Bible Quiz**

Our Bible Quiz Team will be competing in this academic competition on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at LHSI. The team has been studying the Old Testament Book of 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel. They will answer questions on this book as they compete with the other Lutheran elementary schools in the Indianapolis area. We thank Mrs. Faubion for her efforts as Bible Quiz coach. We thank the Lutheran High School of Indianapolis for sponsoring this event.

## **SMILE SMILE SMILE**

The students of Calvary Lutheran School will have their school photographs taken on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 scheduled in November.



## **Would you like a copy of our weekly school newsletter?**

The Gazette is distributed on Thursdays during the school year. To receive a copy of the Gazette, please send your request to: [admissions@thecalvaryschool.org](mailto:admissions@thecalvaryschool.org). A copy will be emailed to you each Thursday communicating the events and activities of Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

## **TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?!**

God has opened the doors to families who would not have considered Christian education opportunities within their financial abilities. How are these doors being opened?

## **Scholarship Grant Organization Program [SGO]**

Private and corporate funded mechanisms are in place providing tuition scholarships to qualified families. All students are eligible for these scholarship grants. The same household income levels are used for the Indiana vouchers and the scholarship tax credit program. Calvary Lutheran Church and School has established our own Scholarship Tax Credit fund through The Lutheran SGO of Indiana, Inc.

Why should I consider donating to the Scholarship Grant fund?

**Benefit #1:** Each year Calvary Lutheran Church and School provided over \$30,000.00 in scholarship money to families unable to pay the entire tuition costs. Donating to the SGO fund has eliminated these budgeted scholarships.

**Benefit #2:** All of your donated money comes right back to Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

**Benefit #3:** Students granted an SGO scholarship in 2021 will have it converted to an CHOICE Scholarship Indiana voucher for the 2022/23 school year.

**Benefit #4:** 50% of your corporate or private donation is an Indiana state tax CREDIT. If your state tax liability is less than your CREDIT, that CREDIT is extended for up to 9 years.

Currently, \$125,500 is needed to fully fund the 44 scholarship grant applications. Please send in your donation by December 31 to the Lutheran SGO.

Please call the school office for further information. You are invited to visit [www.lutheranSGO.org](http://www.lutheranSGO.org) for additional information. Donor forms are available in the school and church offices and on line.

Be sure to identify Calvary Lutheran Church and School, Indianapolis as the recipient of your donation.



## Compassion Ministry

### Thanksgiving Food Collection

Compassion Ministry will be collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets again this year. Grocery bags with suggested food items will be available in the church narthex beginning the weekend of **October 9 & 10**. Contributions can be placed in the donation bin located in the narthex. Sorting and distribution will take place on November 14.

### Hurricane Ida Relief

Lutheran High School (LHS) is collecting items for victims of Hurricane Ida, a Category 4 Atlantic hurricane that was the second-most intense hurricane to ever strike Louisiana. LHS wants to fill an entire semi-trailer with much-needed new supplies such as:

Water / Gatorade, Canned / dry food, Beef Jerky / Canned Meats/Spam, Nonperishable Food & Snacks, Toilet Paper, Diapers - Newborn Size 7 / Baby Wipes, Pads / Tampons, New Socks / Underwear (all sizes), Flashlights / Batteries, Coolers, Large Buckets / Containers, Large plastic totes, Heavy Duty Trash Bags, N95/N100/P100 Masks, Work Gloves, Sunscreen, Dog Food / Cat Food, Bug Spray, Pump Sprayers, Blue Tarps, Gas Cans, Rakes/Shovels, Mold Killer, Pinesol for Mopping

## Adult Ministry

### Lunch OUT!

**Wednesday, October 6 11:00 am**

Join us at **Shakers Good Eats and Ale House, 8142 East Southport Road, Indianapolis for lunch and fellowship.** Shakers offers traditional American fare, pizza and more. Tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran. For more info email, call or text Emily Spelde.



### Lunch & Learn LITE!

**Wednesday, October 20 11:00 am**

**Program: Afghan Refugee Resettlement Efforts: Camp Atterbury and Beyond**

Our guest speaker will be a representative of Team Rubicon. The relocation of Afghan families into communities across the US is creating many opportunities to assist people in need. Team Rubicon, a humanitarian organization that strives to alleviate human suffering, is in coordination with the Department of Defense and other organizations, and is committed to serving people in times of emergency. Program will begin at 11:00am. After the presentation we will have a light lunch – “box” lunches will be provided; suggested donation: \$6. Please join us – adults of all ages are welcome to attend.

## Adult Ministry (cont'd)

### GriefShare

Grieving is complicated and hard work! **GriefShare** is a faith-based grief support program for adults that provides help and encouragement after the death of a family member or friend. Weekly seminars are currently being offered Thursday evenings at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 5171 Smokey Row Road, Greenwood, by trained facilitator JoAnn Heasley, and include videos by grief experts, group discussion, and supportive scriptural and personal reflections. There is no cost to attend. For more information call, email or text JoAnn Heasley or Emily Spelde.

## Communications

### 90 Years of Serving in our Community

Did you know that Calvary is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021? Borrowing text from Calvary's website (<https://www.clcs.org/who-we-are/>) I want to share:

In November 1929, a canvas was conducted on the southside of Indianapolis with the purpose of establishing a new mission church. Services were held throughout 1930 in a store building near Madison and Epler Avenues. On January 21, 1931 Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church was officially organized. Services were conducted in a portable chapel, which was moved from Fort Wayne, Indiana and still stands, at 1531 East Epler Avenue.



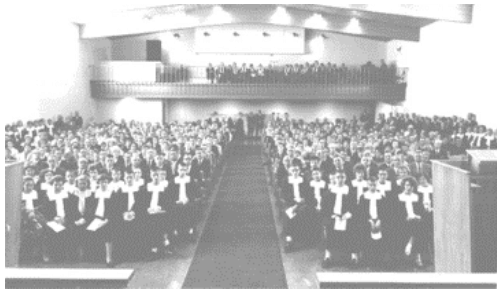
Because of a growing ministry, land was purchased at Dudley and Shelby Street and a new church was dedicated at that site on March 15, 1942.



In the mid-1940s, Calvary arranged with St. Paul's congregation for the Christian Education of its children. In 1948, Calvary called its first teacher, Mr. August Schwark, who served at St. Paul's school until Calvary built its own school with two new classrooms constructed in 1950. Every year Mr. Schwark "rung in the school year" with his brass teacher's bell. In 2009, his wife, Mabel, and his son, Jim, took over that tradition as Mr. August Schwark was called home in September, 2008.

## Communications (cont'd)

The original purchase of land at 6111 Shelby Street included six acres. We now have 14 acres. In January, 1963 Calvary dedicated two new classrooms, a kitchen, dining area and worship center at our current location. That worship center now serves as our auditorium/ gymnasium.



To accommodate an ever-expanding ministry Calvary added more space to its Christian Day School through building programs in 1985, 1990, and 1996 and began the new millennium with additional construction under a special Lilly Foundation matching grant. Calvary's current sanctuary has been expanded and remodeled from the 1982 building and was rededicated on Easter 1997.

Praise God for His calling, His provision and faithfulness to the people of Calvary!

## Women in Mission

### Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, October 2 8:30 a.m.

This month's study will be "MISSION: COMPASSION" from the Lutheran Women's Fall 2021 Quarterly shared by everyone. Join us in the EPIC Library on **Saturday, October 2** at 8:30 a.m.

### LWML—Lutheran Women's Missionary League

How can I, from my own little corner of this world, be part of an International Organization, with no dues, which offers me spiritual support and opportunities to minister in the name of Jesus? In October of each year we celebrate LWML, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, ([www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)), which provides just those opportunities.

- ⇒ Pick up a copy of the "Lutheran Woman's Quarterly" from the table near the doors in the south narthex. It has inspiration and information for each of us. It also lists all the Mission Grants LWML supports.
- ⇒ Pick up a Mite Box from the same table, fill it with your gifts in support of the many mission grants LWML supports, and return your filled Mite Box to the big Mite Box on that table.
- ⇒ Attend a Bible class with other women at 8:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the church library.
- ⇒ Seek ways to be involved with Women in Mission here at Calvary through service opportunities. Information regarding these opportunities is published in the weekly bulletin, emailed weekly notes and news and the monthly newsletter.
- ⇒ Pray for support of your needs and the needs of others through LWML.



## Women in Mission (cont'd)

### Extravagant Sharing

The Sharing Place of Lutheran Child and Family Services continues to appreciate the sharing of Calvary members and friends. The macaroni and cheese you brought in September provided for many needs. We love because Jesus first loved us. Our love meets so many needs. In October, please bring **toilet paper and paper towels**. Please continue to support those in Indianapolis with their needs through EXTRAVAGANT SHARING! Put your donations of **toilet paper and paper towels** during October on the Extravagant Sharing shelves in our church narthex. God asks us to be cheerful givers!

### Another Successful Lutheran World Relief Project Promise—School Kits!

On September 16, 2021, Calvary generously responded, again, to provide school kits for Lutheran World Relief Project Promise.

In places where education is not affordable or accessible to all, many families are forced by their economic realities to choose which of their children go to school. Most often, though the decision is difficult, the oldest male child is the one who has the opportunity. That means that essentially half of that community's or country's population does not have the means to explore and reach their potential as productive and active members of society. Providing simple tools such as those found in LWR School Kits helps those families have one less difficult decision to make.

Calvary's generosity provided over\*:

165 Homemade Cloth Backpacks	165 Rulers	825 Pens
660 Notebooks	165 Safety Scissors	165 Pencil Sharpeners
165 Boxes of Crayons	825 Pencils	165 Erasers

\*Extra supplies will be used for Operation Christmas Child and by our Calvary School.

MANY THANKS to the following:

- Sew Blessed and Quilt Group for donating fabric.
- Karen Hand for sewing 165 backpacks.
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## Fellowship Ministry

### Outdoor Family Night at Calvary

Our Fellowship and Outreach teams will sponsor a family outdoor event on **Saturday, October 23rd** from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Activities include a bonfire, pumpkin decorating, and several competitive games. There will be hot dogs for roasting, delicious chili, other snacks and beverages available.

Calvary's Youth will be offering yummy S'more kits to be enjoyed! They request a free will offering to help with future activities. Last year our Puppet Ministry performed and were a big hit! They will again be sharing a special message & singing for us.



Mark your calendar for this family fun outdoor event! If you're worshipping that evening, of course, come and join us afterwards!

## Youth Ministry

### FLIGHT—High School Youth Group

FLIGHT continues to meet on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm in the youth room for food, fun, and Bible study. All school students are welcome!

It is time to start preparing for the National Youth Gathering! All youth in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend. Financial assistance is available to all who need it. There will also be many fundraising opportunities over this year for this cause. Contact the church office for information and registration information!



### LAUNCH (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades)

Youth in grades 5-6 are invited for some fun on **Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:00 pm.** We will have Bible study, snack, and watch Disney's The Legend of Sleepy Hollow!



### SAIL (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

Youth in grades 7-8 are invited for some fun on **Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:00 pm.** We will have Bible study, snack, and watch Disney's The Legend of Sleepy Hollow!



### Calvary Youth Car Wash Event, Sunday, October 24th (Both Services)

Calvary's Youth will once again be sponsoring a car wash in the south parking lot on **Sunday, October 24th** between 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.. Drop your car off on the way to worship service and pick it up at the end of service. Free will donations will go towards the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX in 2022. We thank you for your support.



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### October 2021

#### **October 3, 2021 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 128; Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 10:2-16

"What God Has Joined" - Sermon Text: Mark 10:9 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

Christ's blood covers all our sins. And no matter what you have done to damage your family, and even if you have experienced the tragedy of divorce, in Christ you are a new creation, and in Him there is always a good future. God's forgiveness is life. It is hope. It is everything.

#### **October 10, 2021 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 90: 1, 12-17; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Mark 10:17-22

"Follow Me" - Sermon Text: Mark 10:17 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

Jesus' words "follow me" were spoken to you in Baptism with the water and the Word by the Spirit of God. And every day, Jesus repeats those words to you through your Baptism. To follow Jesus means to die and rise with Jesus, to lose your life in order to gain it.

#### **October 17, 2021 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 119:9-16; Ecclesiastes 5:10-20; Mark 10:23-31

"Live Long and Prosper?" - Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

For Star Trek fans, the Vulcan greeting of "Live long and prosper" is well known. But what is true prosperity? Is it a long life? Is it the accumulation of wealth? For the Christian it is all about our life in Christ.

#### **October 24, 2021 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 126; Jeremiah 31:7-9; Mark 10:46-52

"Let Me See" - Sermon Text: Mark 10:46-52 - Rev. William Mueller

In this brief episode of blind Bartimaeus receiving his sight, we ourselves are led to the dramatic conclusion: we, too, are blind. We have been blinded from seeing who Jesus really is. And, truly "seeing" our condition we are led to pray the same prayer as old blind Bartimaeus – "Let me see!"

#### **October 31, 2021 – Reformation Day**

Psalm 46; Revelation 14:6-7; Matthew 11:12-19

"Jesus Changes Everything" - Sermon Text: Matthew 11:12-19 - Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast, Jr.

The people of Jesus' time expected change, but when it came, they didn't like it. The Reformation was all about change—and we struggle with change, too. But the presence of Jesus in our lives truly changes everything.



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