

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



November 2021 Monthly Newsletter

## *From the Pastors*

### **"Sent...with a Purpose" (2021-22 Ministry Year Theme)**

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

**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)

The word "sent" appears repeatedly within the Gospel of John—not only on the lips of the author, but on the lips of Jesus as well. It emphasizes the theme throughout the Gospel of the intentionality and purposefulness of Jesus' ministry. The arrival of Jesus at this time and in this place was no mistake. It indeed was an act of grace. At just the right time, the Father sent his Son to fulfill the long-awaited hopes not just of Israel but of all humanity. As Jesus was sent into this world at the word and the will of the Father, so also were Jesus' disciples sent into the world with purpose and intent. Jesus does this even to this day, sending us out with a purpose in mind. The question is, "Do we live within that purpose?" Many dream big dreams for themselves and thereby overlook the everyday opportunities that lie right in front of them because God must be calling them to something greater. Others, however, allow themselves to buy into a lie that they will never amount to much and thereby miss the exciting opportunities that God is calling them to. How do we gain both a God-sized vision and a Jesus-sized humility? Jesus did not send us to gain glory and attention for ourselves nor did he send us to let life pass us by as if we have nothing to offer. Too often we convince ourselves that pastors and missionaries and church workers are the only Christians who are sent with the purpose and intention of God. The truth, however, is that God has sent you with purpose into your own unique vocation and set of relationships and responsibilities. For it is within those day-to-day callings that he has sent you to do "BIG" things. Only you can love and serve your family and friends the way that you can. Only you can give yourself to your job or hobbies or volunteer opportunities in the way that you can. Too often we are searching and questioning and asking, "God, what do you want me to do with my life?" Sometimes the answers are much closer to home than you realize.

When I think about what it means for Jesus to have sent us into the world with a purpose, I can't help but think of this old story that I heard many years ago:

*"When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world. I found it was difficult to change the world, so I tried to change my nation. When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town. I couldn't change the town and as an older man, I tried to change my family. Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself, and suddenly I realize that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I could have made an impact on our town. Their impact could have changed the nation and I could indeed have changed the world."*

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

## Sam Troemel



### What is your role at Calvary?

*Youth and Family Pastor*

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

*The opportunity to help Calvary's youth and families experience the full love of Jesus.*

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

*The junior high social studies teacher!*

### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*Ephesians 6:4*

### Favorite Dessert?

*Coffee ice cream*

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

*That the youth of Calvary would continue to be supported in their faith by their family and friends.*

## Dennie Morrison



### What is your role at Calvary?

*Parish Education Director*

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

*My motivation is the love of Jesus. I want others to know about this awesome love that comes only from Him.*

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

*My favorite part is getting to know people. I get to know new people as well as long-time members of Calvary.*

### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*Jeremiah 29:11...this is my favorite verse because I am reminded that God is always working in my life, and that HIS plans are always better than mine.*

### Favorite Dessert?

*PIE!! (anything but coconut)*

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

*Please pray that God will give me the wisdom to be a good leader in my family, church family, and my business.*

# General News



## **2021 Holiday Worship Schedule**

### **WEEKLY WORSHIP**

Saturdays at 6:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

### **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Wednesday, November 24, 7:00 p.m.

### **MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES**

Wednesdays, December 1, 8, & 15 @ 3:45 p.m.

### **CALVARY LUTHERAN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS**

Wednesday, December 1 @ 7:00 p.m. (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Wednesday, December 8 @ 7:00 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Wednesday, December 15 @ 7:00 p.m. (PS-1<sup>st</sup> Grade)

*Please see the December / January newsletter for the remainder of the Holiday worship services schedule.*



## **Daylight Savings Time Ends (November 7 at 2:00 a.m.)**

Remember to "fall back" otherwise you will be really early to church. Set your clocks back one hour the night before **Sunday, November 7.**

## **The Lutheran Witness**

LCMS news and updates

Articles on how God is working in lives

Bible study topics

Current issues and events

Letters from the LCMS president

A Q&A section about Scripture and life

### **SUBSCRIBE TODAY! – Cost: \$19.00**

**Your renewal or new subscription** request and payment are due **Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** to ensure receipt of the January issue. We will not be able to take any orders after this date. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with your payment. Thank You. (Please make checks payable to **Calvary Lutheran Church**)

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

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## General News

### Masked Worship Service (Sun., Nov 14 at 5:30 p.m.)

Calvary will be offering an opportunity to gather onsite for worship with communion for those who are currently reluctant to join us for one of our regularly scheduled services during the ongoing pandemic. Depending upon the response, we may make this opportunity available in coming months as well.

### Young Adult Board Game Night

Stop by Calvary's North Narthex on **Wednesday, November 17th** any time between 6:00—8:30 p.m. for our board game night. Whether you prefer Monopoly, Catan, Dominion, or something else entirely, we'd love to have you join us. Bring your favorite game to play or play ours. No experience required. Bring friends!



### Christmas Card Sorting

Beginning November 24, you can bring your Christmas cards that you have for Calvary members and drop them in the bins by both sets of doors. Christmas cards must be dropped off by **Friday, December 17** to be sorted and distributed.



### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

6.5" Pots (Red Poinsettias with 5 -7 blooms) \$10 each

Order deadline is **November 14**

Leave order with payment in the church office. (Checks payable to Calvary Lutheran Church and "Poinsettias" in the memo)

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

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

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

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

Thank you for beautifying our Sanctuary during this Christmas Season! Poinsettias will decorate the altar for Christmas and can be taken home Christmas Day after service.



# Stewardship Emphasis

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

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

This month the Stewardship Ministry is making the second of three reports 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 the Schwark School Endowment Fund.

### **AUGUST C. SCHWARK ENDOWMENT AND ANNUAL FUND**

The market value of the Schwark Endowment fund is \$242,301 (as of August 31, 2021). Since its inception, this fund has disbursed over \$40,000 for scholarships. Each year the distribution from the Endowment Fund is added to the Annual Fund to provide scholarships to a Calvary family that would not otherwise be able to afford a Christian education in our School. We thank God for the generous gifts that provide more families with the opportunity to experience the blessings of a Christian education. Scholarship recipients are supported each school year.

To give to this fund using your offering envelope, mark "Schwark Annual Fund" or "Schwark Endowment Fund" on your envelope. Funds given to the Annual Fund may be used in full immediately for financial assistance of Calvary students. Alternatively, funds given to the Endowment Fund are for the long-term ministry of Calvary with a distribution of 5% each year for scholarships. You may contribute to this or any of the other endowment funds through a gift of cash or stock, naming the endowment in your will or as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy, pension plan (401k) or IRA. For questions about Calvary's Endowment Fund, contact Kyle Allen: [endowments@clcs.org](mailto:endowments@clcs.org).

### **Mission Update from El Salvador**

Calvary supports many mission initiatives through our giving. These projects include local outreach (Lutheran High School and the Hispanic Ministry for example) as well as international efforts (examples include Mission India and the El Salvador Mission).

With regard to recent updates from our El Salvador friends and partners, work continues on the new church in Citala. Calvary sponsorship helped Pastor Mejia and the Citala congregation complete the installation of the church flooring. The remaining two items of importance are the banos and windows. Calvary will be sponsoring the banos. Calvary is sending a small team in early November to assist in the banos construction. As part of this trip Calvary will also be participating in a medical mission. Rebeca Carow and Suresh Reddy will be assisting Dr. Rebecca in conducting a clinic at the church on Friday and Saturday. The small team will be carrying down school supplies for the kindergarten school in Citala and for the elementary school in Las Tunas. The Calvary team will visit each school early in the morning before starting work at the clinic and church. The team will hand out supplies, share a Bible story, and do a craft. For questions about the El Salvador Mission, please contact Ken Robinson.

### **Reduce Your State Taxes – 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 October, approximately \$55,000 has been donated to provide scholarship dollars to Calvary students. An additional \$69,000 is still needed to get to our SGO funds target 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. For questions about SGO giving, please contact Jennifer Skojac.

# Memorials

## October Memorials



### ***In Memory of Rayma O'Shaughnessy:***

*Ruth Schaeffer Family, Steve & Laura Currier*



### ***In Memory of Wilma Rasdall:***

*Jupin Family*

### ***In Memory of Chris Hiatt:***

*Elise Wolf, Gary & Linda Bugher, Rachel Daeger, Jim & Phyllis Birdwell, John & Donna Happersberger, Contemporary Service Collection, Melina Kennedy, Mel Wessler, Jill Radcliffe, Steve & Pattie Bardonner, Stephen & Connie Hiatt, Margie Leive, Jake & Kyle Allen, Ann Arnold, Al & Chris Royer, Bob & Rosie Blazek, Jeff & Jennifer Dettmer, Bob & Sandra Wilson*

### ***In Memory of Bob Fort:***

*Larry & Judy Stanford, Rich Wilson, Bill Wittlief, Jim & Jan Dunaway, Antoinette Layer, Gerald Kiesling, Grace Wolf, Dale & Judy Onken, Jim & Kristen Schwark, Jerry & Diane Gibson, Steve & Pattie Bardonner, Jim & Phyllis Birdwell, Al & Chris Royer, Bob & Rosie Blazek, Marv & Rhonda Hansen, Madeline Finke & Gretchen Finke Levenluger, Karen Meyer, Mel Wessler, Gary & Linda Bugher, Dennis & Kathy Meyer, Jake & Kyle Allen, Denise Fix, Marilyn Rothkopf*

### ***In Memory of Margie Mason:***

*Jim & Judy Glenday*

## Compassion Ministry

### **Thanksgiving Food Collection**

Compassion Ministry is still collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets this year. Grocery bags with suggested food items are available in the church narthex. Contributions can be placed in the donation bin located in the narthex. Sorting and distribution will take place on **November 14**.



# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## **Opening Doors**

God has blessed families of Indiana with the choice of sending their children to the school that they feel best meets their needs. The LUTHERAN SGO of Indiana has changed the boundaries of the local school and greatly broadened them. You have the opportunity to open even more doors allowing students to enter the hallways of Calvary Lutheran Church and School. This opportunity will provide scholarship grants to students and their families. Contributions made by you for this purpose will be used to offer a Christian education so that children may not only receive a quality education, but to hear God's Word.

*How do I help open these doors?* Contribution forms for Lutheran SGO are available in the church and school offices or online at [www.LutheranSGO.org](http://www.LutheranSGO.org). The state of Indiana will give to you a tax credit of 50% of your donation. Example: If you give a gift of \$1000.00 you will receive an Indiana state tax credit of \$500.00. This is a unique opportunity. Funding for all of these scholarship grants for current students enrolled at Calvary is \$125,500.00. We have currently gathered approximately \$55,000.00. Those desiring to contribute to this fund may do so through December 31 to receive the tax credit for this 2021 calendar year. Even better still, students under a Scholarship Granting Organization are eligible for a CHOICE Indiana state voucher the following school year. Any additional funds gathered will remain in our account with the Lutheran SGO of Indiana to be used during the 2022-23 school year. We ask the Lord to provide for the needs of others through the gifts of our hands.

## **Free Samples- Holiday Season Goodies**

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic stores would often freely distribute samples to patrons. The Taste of Sam's at Sam's Club and Costco's holiday blitz were suppliers of these free samples. There were often enough samples to have a catered lunch. So many items to sample during that holiday preview. The question is - Did the free sample entice you enough to actually purchase the advertised item?

Free samples consist of a small investment in hopes of obtaining a much larger return. After sampling the clerk would direct you to the product's location and cost. The true evaluation would be if the sample kept you wanting to come back for more and more and more.

We experience a sampling of life each day. We take a bite, taste it and see.

- That new job excites me. I use my gifts more fully and I can't wait for another day to work there.
- A young child samples skateboarding and I really likes it asking for more pads and equipment.
- The music student tried the trombone, but preferred the baritone.
- In this world we only receive a sampling of God's presence and love. In our sinful condition we are not able to come to our Holy God and live. Yet, even that sampling of love that we receive each day sent His One and Only Son to suffer and die for our sins. That sampling now assures us of Eternal Life. The full glory of God will be revealed to us when we stand in His presence. God indeed freely shares His love with us each day. There is ABSOLUTELY NOTHING for us to buy. Our prayer is that as we receive His love, we thirst and seek more and more. This is accomplished through the gift of His Spirit, the Sacraments, His Word, and prayer. We are privileged to share God's love each day with the students, staff, and families of CLCS. We ask that this sampling in turn grows in our hearts multiplying this love to others.

Sometimes the stores would run out of samples. The Good News is that God's love never runs out. He shares that love with us each day as we See the Good.

## **E Learning Days**

The students of Calvary will have two E Learning Days on Monday-Tuesday, November 22-23. The faculty will be attending the *Connections Conference* in Fort Wayne on those days. This conference is extended to Lutheran Schools in the Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana Districts of the LCMS. We celebrate the opportunity to gather with nearly 1000 fellow Lutheran Educators.



# Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

## **School will be closed on Wednesday through Friday**

November 24-26 in observation of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Calvary will be closed on Wednesday as families prepare for Thanksgiving. We ask the Lord to be with all those traveling. We rejoice in the opportunity to share this time with family and friends. School will resume on Monday, November 29. We give thanks to our God with a grateful heart.

## **Fall Back**

We set our clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 a.m. Fall back for an extra hour of sleep. The mornings will be lighter with the afternoons darker earlier.

## **Trivia Night Is BACK!!!**

Do you like trivia? Is Friday evening, January 14 circled in red on your calendar? This is the evening for our Trivia Night once again. The trivial fun begins at 7:00 p.m. Begin gathering your 8-10 person teams together now. Each team entry fee is \$100.00. No team - yet you would like to participate? Individuals may contact the school office and we will get you all set up on a team. Cost per individual is \$10.00. Refreshments will be provided. The day is fast approaching. Now is the time to assemble your team.

**\*\*Trivia question to get the juices flowing:** In a deck of cards each of the 4 kings represents a real king in history. Do you know which king is represented on the hearts, clubs, spades, and diamonds cards? Answer: Will be printed in the December-January Chronicle. Much more trivia fun awaits you!! See you there!!!

## **Basketball Season Begins**

We invite you to attend the Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball tournaments which will be held at the Lutheran High School of Indianapolis this month. The Varsity girls tournament is on Friday-Sunday, November 5-6. Exact times of our games will be determined later. The Varsity boys basketball team will participate the following weekend, November 12-14. These events tip off the season of basketball. We ask the Lord to bless all our winter sport teams and participants with His love and grace.



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

### **SugarPlum Holiday Fair, October 30**

The **SugarPlum Holiday Fair** at LHS features quality handmade crafts, local small businesses, direct sale representatives, and more, including a Gingerbread House contest. Concessions available all day. Admission: \$1 or two canned goods (to be donated to Emmaus Food Pantry) per patron. All proceeds benefit LHS Fine Arts Booster Club.

### **Preview Night – November 10, 6:30 pm**

Interested in being a part of a school who cares for you and your family, helps develop your spiritual life, and prepares you for excellence outside of high school? Consider LHS! Join us at Preview Night – November 10, starting at 6:30 pm in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium. For more info, please contact Deidre Barnett or visit [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org).



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD It's Shoebox time!

Shoeboxes will be available again this year at Calvary. There are several ways you can support Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project, which provide gifts and the Gospel to children around the world:

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, and return to the collection bin.
2. Donate gift items by Nov. 14 and volunteers will fill shoeboxes.
3. Sort donations and pack shoeboxes on Thursday, Nov. 18, 9:30 – Noon.
4. Help deliver filled boxes to the local drop site.

Please bring gift items or filled shoeboxes to the church **by Sunday, November 14** and leave them in the donation bin in the south narthex. Questions? Call Phyllis Birdwell, Judy Stanford, or the church office, (317) 783-2000.

### **Gift suggestions - Remember: Items must fit in a shoebox!**

TOYS – small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, “travel size” Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc. SCHOOL SUPPLIES – pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. NON – LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS – toothbrush, comb, washcloth, bar soap. OTHER – T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, and flashlights (with extra batteries.) These items cannot be included due to safety and shipping issues: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items, glass containers or aerosol cans.



## Adult Ministry

### **Lunch OUT! Wed, Nov 3, 11:00 AM**

Adults of all ages are invited to join us for our food and fellowship outing this month at **Olympia Greek Cuisine**, 715 Terrace Avenue, 46225 (On Madison Avenue, north of Manual High School.) Olympia's menu includes Greek and American entrees. Tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran. **Opa!**



### **Lunch & Learn Wed, Nov 17 11:00 AM**

We'll gather together in the south narthex on Wednesday, November 17 at 11:00 AM for a special program plus count blessings and give thanks! Turkey dinners, prepared and individually packaged by **Cracker Barrel** restaurant will include roast turkey and cornbread dressing, cranberry relish, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and a roll. We'll make sure there's a piece of pumpkin pie for you, too! Suggested donation: \$10. NOTE: Meals need to be pre-ordered. Whether you plan to eat here, take home, or would like to donate a meal to a shut-in, please contact Emily Spelde or the church office to reserve ahead.



## Outreach Ministry

### **THANK YOU...from SENSE Charter School**

*"My name is Kate Voss. I am the Community Coordinator at SENSE Charter School, a K-8 school located in the Bates Hendricks neighborhood. In partnership with the good people at Southeast Community Services Center I help to run a food box distribution twice a week through their Center. We have been operating this program since the beginning of the pandemic. It is open to anyone in the community. No questions asked. Many of the families of our school use this service towards helping to keep their families fed and their well-being secured. Many are struggling just to provide the basic needs, including food.*

*...When Mark Jung contacted me about the interest in receiving some of your fresh tomatoes I did not hesitate to say YES! You should have seen the faces of our families when we offered them some of your harvest. They were thrilled to receive fresh produce to supplement the usual food boxes. One of our Latino gentlemen raised his hands in praise and prayer to receive your tomatoes. The tomatoes provide a nutritious and healthy offering. And many might agree a garden-fresh tomato, ripe and juicy, is an epitome of summer. And goodness. Bonus. Mark delivered the produce to our distribution site. Mark Jung is the father of Hannah Jung, one of our best and most respected teachers at SENSE Charter School. So, from the bottom of our hearts we want to thank you for your generously sharing your bounty. May your gardens bloom, grow and thrive. As with you. Best regards, Kate Voss."*

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Community Garden. The garden produce also benefits Hunger, Inc. of Perry Township. Funds also support Emmaus Food Pantry in Fountain Square. In 2022, we anticipate adding SENSE Charter School to our support list.  
(The Community Garden Community functions under Calvary's Outreach Ministry Team, Marv Hansen, Director)

## Comfort Care Quilting

For many people, quilts are synonymous with comfort. They may serve as a reminder of a parent or grandparent who gave them one as a child. Or perhaps, they simply are a colorful source of warmth. Sometimes, that warmth and colors are exactly what's needed in the sterile white of a hospital room.

Stitching together layers of fabric embedded with compassion does much more than bring physical comfort to patients at IU Health adult academic health center. The Mental Health Counseling quilting program provides hand-sewn quilts to patients who have transitioned to comfort care at IU Health Methodist Hospital, to also serve as an heirloom for the families to remember their loved ones after they have passed away.

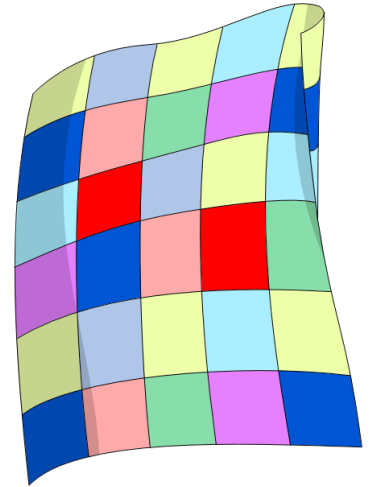
One of the major supporters of the MHC quilting program is the Calvary Quilters. This group has had a long-standing history with volunteer work in healthcare. Originally, the Calvary Quilters partnered with the White Cross Guild-a Methodist Hospital volunteer group-to volunteer at the hospital by wrapping bandages during World War II. From there, the group decided to do additional volunteer work and begin working at their church as off-site volunteers. For the past 35 plus years, they have made puppy pillows for pediatric patients, lung pillows for lung transplant patients, and comfort quilts for trauma patients.

Judy Kirkland, a long-term member of the organization says, "We just hope it brings comfort and that the families can appreciate it."

Together, the groups have been able to make over 250 quilts and give about 20 quilts per month to patients. After the quilts are made, care teams and chaplains handpick each quilt to match the patient.

Susie Christian-Hodgson, IU Health adult academic health center patient and visitor services project coordinator, works closely with the quilting group and has personally experienced the impact of a compassion quilt. She lost a loved one to cancer, and the staff at the hospital her relative stayed at in Florida gave her a quilt they made. She expressed that she was able to find comfort in receiving the quilt, and this is an item that she, like many families, cherish.

Renetta Sargent shares why she is a member of Calvary's Quilters. "The way I look at it it's a win-win situation. I have the privilege of working with my hands which I thoroughly enjoy, alongside of some of the master quilters on the south side, while developing new brain cells as I try to figure out some challenging quilt patterns. It's truly a blessing that Jesus has given to me. I mostly enjoy making baby quilts. Calvary quilters has a tremendous ministry of making quilts for hospitals and patients. This, to me, is just one beautiful way of being Gods hands."



## Women in Mission (cont'd)

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

This month's study will be from page 22 of the Lutheran Women's Fall 2021 Quarterly "Merciful Care" and shared by everyone. Join us in the EPIC Library on **Saturday, November 6** at 8:30 a.m.



### LWML—Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Have you become involved in supporting the LWML mission outreaches throughout the world? \$2,150,000 is needed to meet those needs. Yes, that does say over 2 million dollars. Yes, our Mite boxes and checks to LWML, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, do that major work of sharing Jesus love by meeting needs throughout the world. As Martin Luther is quoted as saying, "God doesn't need your good works, but your neighbor does." In 2020 Calvary supported LWML's mission outreaches with over \$1300 through Mite Boxes and checks. So far this year over \$600 has been collected. Could we stretch our support to \$2000 in 2021? Fill and return your Mite Boxes or if you prefer write a check made out to LWML and mail it directly in the envelope provided in the "Lutheran Women's Quarterly." If you put a check in the Mite Box or offering box at Calvary, be sure to still make check out to LWML.



### Extravagant Sharing

Calvary responds to so many needs in our community! Through Extravagant Sharing in 2021, many have had their need for easily prepared food and paper products met. In Colossians 3:17 we read, "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, *giving thanks to God the Father through him.*" Your generous donations of paper towels and toilet paper in October filled Blazek's trunk and back seat as they took them to the Sharing Place of Lutheran Child and Family Services.

There will be NO Extravagant Sharing in November or December as Calvary makes many special efforts to meet the needs of others at holiday time.

In January, we'll request filling the Extravagant Sharing Shelves for the Sharing Place with boxes of pasta and sauce, canned pork and beans.



## Fellowship Ministry

### Outdoor Family Night at Calvary—THANK YOU!

What fun we had at our Outdoor Family Night on October 23rd! We sang along with those clever characters of the Puppet Ministry. We roasted hot dogs and made s'mores. We decorated pumpkins and enjoyed the bounce house and giant slide. It was plain AWESOME! Thank you so much to ALL who supported the event, the Outreach & Fellowship Ministry Teams, the Puppet Ministry Puppeteers & their families, the Youth volunteers & many other Calvary members who simply joined in to supervise and encourage the fun! We thank you and look forward to more food, fun & fellowship with you soon!



## Youth Ministry

### FLIGHT—High School Youth Group

The high school youth group meets weekly on **Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Check the church bulletin for weekly updates regarding specific events.

Calvary currently has 27 8-12 grade youth registered for the National Youth Gathering! Although the deadline to register has passed, we are still able to register youth to attend the gathering with our group! If your child is interested in attending this amazing event, contact Youth and Family Pastor, Sam Troemel.

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

LAUNCH will meet again on **Wednesday, November 10th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** All youth in grades 5 and 6 are invited to attend!

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

SAIL will meet again on **Wednesday, November 17th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** All youth in grades 7 and 8 are invited to attend!



### Calvary Youth Car Wash Event, Sunday, October 31st (Both Services)

Calvary's Youth will once again be sponsoring a car wash in the south parking lot on **Sunday, October 31st** 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.



## Worship Anew

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.

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

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

### November 2021

#### **November 7, 2021 – All Saints' Day**

Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

"What Is and What Will Be!" - Sermon Text: 1 John 3:1-3 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

God, in His amazing love, adopts us as His children *right now* in Jesus Christ. And He doesn't stop there. He continues to mold and shape us so that more and more we reflect His image. Children of God live in two realities—*what is* our status *now* as His children (warts and all) and *what will be* in an eternity where we serve and celebrate in "everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness."

#### **November 14, 2021 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14; Mark 13:1-13

"The Sacrifice, the Reign" - Sermon Text: Hebrews 10:11-14 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Christ offered up a single sacrifice for the sins of the world, and then he sat down at the right hand of God the Father. Both of these truths are good news for us and mean much for our life each day.

#### **November 21, 2021 – The Last Sunday of the Church Year**

Psalm 93; Isaiah 51:4-6; Mark 13:24-37

"Watch Friends" - Sermon Text: Mark 13:35-37 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

Jesus came to make us ready, and he did it by taking on human flesh and, with it, He took on our selfishness, and He took on our doubt, and He took on our impatience. He took these sins and with them He went to the Cross, and He did all of this so that we would be prepared for what comes next. In the death of Jesus Christ, God punished the sins that separated us from Him, and in His resurrection, He made us ready!

#### **November 28, 2021 – The First Sunday in Advent**

Psalm 89:6, 14-16, 18, Antiphon: Zechariah 9:9; Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 19:28-40

"Your Coming King" - Sermon Text: Zechariah 9:9 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

Your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation. He came once in humility to die and rise. He comes now to bless, to forgive, to make you His own, and give you a share in His life and royalty. He comes to establish His reign, not on earth, but in the hearts of men, turning hearts in faith toward Him and to the Father.



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