

CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



October 2022 Monthly Newsletter

From the Pastors

Here for a Purpose

Why are we here?

This isn't simply a question that a forgetful person asks when entering a room for something. This is a question of intention and purpose. Life has a way of sweeping us up with the "who" and the "what" and the "when" and the "where." Too often though we don't slow down to contemplate the "why." Too often we are so busy "doing" that we forget to ask questions about our deeper "being."

So, why are we, Calvary Lutheran Church & School, here? What is God's intention and purpose for placing us here?

- 1) We are here to grow in our faith.
- 2) We are here to grow in our service.
- 3) We are here for the sake of our community!

Many times we clearly remember reasons #1 and #2, but there are times that we can forget #3. We are here not simply for those who are a part of our church or school. We are here for the good of our wider community. The church is to be a "light in the darkness" and a "city set on a hill." We are called to something greater because God is greater than this world. He created us with intention, purpose, and with a mission in mind.

If we then have this calling, we cannot half-heartedly pursue it. When it comes to our service to the Lord, I don't think we can declare that we did the job "good enough." God both desires and deserves our best. And so as a church of the Reformation, we are always committing ourselves to live in line with the Scriptures, especially as they call us to... ²⁴ *consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,* ²⁵ *not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another...* (Hebrews 10:24-25a).

It is for these reasons that we are in the midst of two important sermon and study series within our congregation. We have already started our "For the Sake of Others" series based upon our ministry year theme. But we also will soon launch our congregational study, "The Being Challenge," as we contemplate our relationship with God. Each of these series go to the core of who we are and what we are to be about. We are not simply a service organization seeking to "do good," for we have the life-changing good news of the Gospel that comes along with every act of love that we share with our community and world. Nor are we simply a place that people come to worship and learn, for we are sent with specific callings and vocations as we carry the good news of Christ with us in our everyday lives.

May God bless our church and its unity as we live together in his mission and as we serve, "For the Sake of Others."

May God open your eyes to his calling in your life.

Pastor Kart Ebert

2022-23 Ministry Year Theme:

"For the Sake of Others" What are we doing to...

- 1) Welcome the guest? 2) Challenge the connected? 3) Serve our community?
- 2) *For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ... I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings"*
(1 Corinthians 9:19, 22b-23).

Staff Spotlight / Volunteer Focus

Jason Scheidt



What is your role at Calvary?

K-5th Grade STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Teacher

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

It's all about the KIDS! STEM is extremely important in today's work environment and I want to help explore this topic more with the students. I believe STEM concepts are crucial for students to understand and demonstrate moving forward in their education.

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

Being able to share Christ through learning is one of my favorite things about serving here. A close second is the teachers and staff that make this such a special place for the kids.

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

St. Peters Lutheran School really had a profound impact on my faith and the many leaders and teachers there shaped who I am today. Hence why, I believe schools like Calvary are so important to kids being raised in Christ. Kids who may one day be leaders in the faith as well.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Philippians 4:6-7

Favorite Dessert?

Banana Cream Pie

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

Prayers of patience and understanding while teaching students and the clarity to help guide them in their Christian faith.

Paul Brakke



What is your role at Calvary?

Corporate Secretary

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

It is a role that has fit into the time I have had available, and I am familiar with non-profit law, which is very helpful in this role.

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

Clearly it is the people I get to serve with.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Philippians

Favorite Dessert?

I don't know that there is a standard name— crust of crushed Hydrox or Oreo cookies, then a layer of mint chocolate chip ice cream, topped with a layer of fudge.

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

That the leadership stays open to the guidance of the Spirit and that the membership is inspired to actively share in the ministry of sharing the Gospel in our community.

General News

Congregational Study Series & Sign-Ups

A special sermon series and bible study opportunity from **Oct 15/16 through Nov 19/20**. This year's study is another 40-day challenge from the Red Letter Challenge, this time on the topic of "Being." If you like, you can do the study entirely on your own, but joining a group can help you process what you learn and give you an opportunity to encourage and be encouraged by fellow Christians.

Signups: Small group signups will take place through Oct 15/16. We have a variety of small groups at many different times and days of the week: some are onsite, some in homes, and still others online. To see all our small group opportunities, check out the table onsite or the online sign-up at clcs.org/being. Adult and Kid workbooks will be available for purchase at the start of signups.

If you are interested in serving as a small group leader or host home, please contact: Pastor Josh Reifsteck, jreifsteck@clcs.org.

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), **Sam (Molly) Troemel** (Associate Pastor), **Emily (Tony) Spelde** (Deaconess), and **Udhay (Kalai) Raji** (Tamil pastor and hospital chaplain).

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**.

We also lift up in prayer seminary student and Calvary member, **Aaron (Jill) Levenhagen** (vicar at Our Savior Lutheran Church St Charles, Missouri), who has just under two years left in his pastoral education.

GriefShare Surviving the Holidays

The holidays are often painful for adults grieving the loss of a loved one. Compassion Ministry is hosting a GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" seminar **Wed, Nov. 16**, 6:00 p.m. in Room 125. There is no cost to attend; a light supper and book will be provided. Please help us plan by contacting Mike Loudon or Roxanne Deardurff if you plan to attend.



General News

Reformation Services Oct 29 & 30

Join us as we celebrate the legacy of the Lutheran Reformation and its influence upon the church today. Several special musical offerings will enhance our worship.

The 8:00 a.m. traditional service will feature the White River Brass Ensemble, along with the Calvary Chorale and other instrumental and organ contributions that will make this an exceptional service for all who cherish our musical heritage.

The 10:45 a.m. contemporary service will feature several Lutheran classics along with other songs that celebrate God's abundant grace. The Calvary Chorale will provide special music. We will also welcome those new to our congregation as we stand together in our common confession of faith. A cake reception will follow.

Save the date!!! 53rd Annual Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 12, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. You can find details at clcs.org/bazaar.

Save Vendor Space

Are you crafty or know someone who is? Applications now being accepted for vendors for Calvary's 53rd annual bazaar on **Nov 12th**. Details and application can be found in the cafe area near the south entrance of the church. You may contact Angie Ransdell or put the paperwork in her church mailbox. Vendor Booth Space order form is <https://calvary-women-in-mission.square.site/>. Space is limited.

Save Your Time

The Holiday Bazaar needs a lot of volunteers. Helpers needed before, during and after Nov 12. Time commitments vary and some tasks can be as simple as making phone calls. Contact Karen Hand or visit the Sign-Up Genius, <https://signupgenius.com/go/4090C4AADA92DA4F49-2022>.

Save (& Share) Your Treasures

Do you have an auction item?

Are you willing to donate a service? Can you ask the company you work for to donate items and/or services? You can help make this year's SILENT AUCTION a great success! Pick up a donation form at the Women in Mission table in the south narthex and return to the church office. **We must have the items by Sunday, Oct 23.**

Save things to be sold in The Attic.

Since space to store attic items is limited at Calvary, PLEASE bring your PRICED donations **Friday, Nov 11th from 3:30-7:00 p.m. or Saturday, Nov 12 from 7:30-9:00 a.m.** If that is not convenient for you, please ask someone to bring them to Calvary at that time. (Please no clothing, large appliances or building materials.)

Support These Worthy Causes

Proceeds from this year's bazaar will benefit the local food pantry, Hunger Inc, contribute to the updating of the lighting in our sanctuary, and replace the tables and chairs in the school science lab.

From Your Executive Director

Happy Reformation!

It seems we were just celebrating the 500th anniversary of Luther's posting of the 95 Theses in Wittenberg, Germany – but already five years have passed since that centennial event. How time flies! If we look back to 2017, it almost seems ancient: no COVID-19, no lockdowns, and a robust economy with little inflation. One significant issue that year was the horrible hurricane season the southeast experienced, including Hurricane Maria which caused massive devastation to Puerto Rico, Saint Croix, and Dominica.

In 2017, would any of us have guessed what the next five years would bring?

Yet here we are, five years later, celebrating another anniversary of the Reformation, another year to give thanks for Luther, Melancthon, and the others who dared to look the Rome church squarely in the face and declare that reform was needed. It wasn't an easy struggle, but one that put lives and reputations at stake, all in the name of change.

The Swiss Calvinist theologian Karl Barth popularized the phrase "*Ecclesia semper reformanda est*" ("the church must always be reformed") in 1947, 430 years after the first salvo of the Reformation battle took place in Wittenberg. And while we do not agree with the Calvinist dogma to which Barth preached, we can find common ground with his statement.

Look at how the Lutheran church, and Calvary, has changed. From the beginning of the LCMS in Missouri in 1847 when services were conducted in German, to the first German-Lutheran churches in Indianapolis (notably St. Paul's and St. John's), to Calvary's humble beginnings in the depth of the Great Depression, and today a major LCMS congregation in Central Indiana. Can you imagine what our forefathers, who left Saxony for religious freedom, would think about worship life at Calvary in 2022 – which includes live/streaming services to those unable to physically join us on Sundays?

So much has changed in the past five years, much less the last 505 years. And changes will continue to take place: our community is changing, our neighborhoods are changing, and certainly the world around us is changing.

The good news is no matter how much things around us change, Calvary's mission will not change: to Engage People In Christ! How this is done will probably look different in the future, just as how the things we do today are different to the way our ancestors celebrated and worshipped – but thank God that no matter how these things change, our message, like our mission, is unchanged. As Lutheran Hour speaker (1955 – 1988) Rev. Oswald Hoffmann used to say, we preach Christ crucified. Or as the author writes in Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (ESV)

Thanks be to God that the message of the Reformation still resounds today!

In His service,

Bill Laut

The together Project

Lutheran High School is excited to introduce **The together Project**. **Together** is three projects: **Pursue**, **Move**, and **Champion**. Each is a distinctive project yet **together** interconnected as one centered on Lutheran High School's Vision Statement. Contact Kathy Anderson for more information.

LuFest - February 10, 2023

Save the date and join us at the 41st Annual **LuFest** Dinner Auction held at the Biltwell Event Center on **Friday, February 10, 2023**. Tickets are available NOW at www.lufest.org.

Metal Recycling

Lutheran High School is hosting a **Metal Recycling Event** in the parking lot **Saturday, Oct 1, 9:00 a.m. – noon**. Many thanks to our business partner — Hanna's Wrecker, Parts & Recycling for sponsoring this event.

Saints on Stage to Present "HOLES"

Join Stanley Yelnats on an adventurous journey to clear the name of his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather as he discovers clues to a mystery four generations in the making! **HOLES** is based on the novel and film of the same name, and will be presented on **September 29 and October 1 at 7:00 p.m. and October 2 at 3:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Purchase tickets in advance at www.LHSI.org

Annual SugarPlum Holiday Fair

The **SugarPlum Holiday Fair** will be held at LHS on **Saturday, October 29 from 9am-3pm**. Admission is \$1 or two canned goods, which will be donated to the Emmaus food pantry. Over 100 vendors plus concessions served all day and performances from LHS will be sure to put you in the holiday spirit! The SugarPlum Holiday Fair benefits the LHS Fine Arts Booster Club. See you there!

International Students - Host Families

The **International Student Program** at LHS offers the opportunity for our students to learn from other cultures as internationals learn from ours. It is a privilege for us to share the Word of God with students from all over the globe, but we can only do it if we have host families. Don't delay and contact Joseph Taylor to find out about this awesome opportunity.



Monthly Memories Tabulated

What months hold the most memories for you? Probably birthday months would be included on your list. For me it is the "...BER" months. These four months hold the most memories for me for a variety of reasons. All the first days of school as a child and then the holidays contained within those months have created a wealth of memories. So much is packed into these BER months.

Our school theme for this 2022-23 school year is "Part of HIS Story." God holds us close no matter the day, month, or year. As Part of His Story, we have been granted a fullness of life. God knows us. He authors our story. Through this we are connected to fellow believers.

Many stories come out of our memories. "Remember the time...." It is a great comfort knowing that as Part of His Story we are covered through the blood of Christ Jesus and redeemed before the Father's throne. Our sins are not part of God's memory. He has separated them as far as the east is from the west. We pray that as forgiven people we too might forget forgiving the sins of others and our own wrong doings being refreshed through the waters of Baptism and the Lord's supper.

Each day is a new page in God's story. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

First Quarter Completed

Our first quarter will be completed on Friday, September 30. Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, October 5. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 6 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. for kindergarten through 5th grade. Our 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students had their conferences earlier in September. Students in Preschool, Kindergarten through 8th grade will be dismissed on Friday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. **Please note:** No PS-K; 1-8 afternoon school Extended Care on October 7.

Fall Break

School will not be in session on Monday, October 10 through Friday, October 14. This fall break matches the week of Perry Township's fall break. School will resume on Monday, October 17.

Bible Quiz

Our Bible Quiz Team will be competing in this academic competition on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. at LHSI. The team has been studying the New Testament Book of Mark. 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.

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. A copy will be emailed to you each Thursday communicating the events and activities of Calvary Lutheran Church and School.



Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

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 2021-2022 School Year:

- 28 families/individuals contributed over \$125,000.00 towards this Scholarship Tax Credit
- This funded the need for 52 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

- Nearly \$700,000.00 has been gathered through the state tax credit initiative over the past 10 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 is to 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 \$85,000.00 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 \$18.5 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.

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 at www.lutheranSGO.org.

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, October 5, 11:00 a.m.

Bubba's 33, located at 7799 S. US Hwy 31 Indianapolis, IN

Just 5 minutes from Calvary, Bubba's menu includes burgers, sandwiches, salads, pizza, beers and lots more.

Adults of all ages are invited to our 1st Wednesday restaurant outings for some good food and fellowship. Tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran. Please join us!



LUNCH & LEARN Wednesday, October 19, 2022 11:00 a.m.

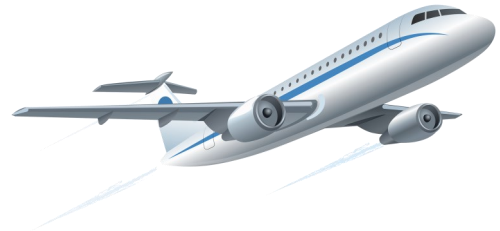
Program: Ups, Downs, Smooth Landings: Air Traffic Control

Presenter: Rachel Gilmore, Air Traffic Control Specialist, has worked for the Federal Aviation Administration for 14 years and in Indianapolis for 7 years.

Lunch: Grilled Chicken Alfredo, Lettuce Salad, Yeast Roll and Assorted Desserts

Time: Program begins at 11:00 a.m. Lunch afterward is optional.

Suggested lunch donation: \$5



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.

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.

Compassion Ministry

Help Support a New Life

What a great time to support life! Life Centers of Indiana provides Christian support to pregnant women and new moms. With a goal of encouragement, guidance, and support, pregnant women are encouraged to keep their babies and new mothers are provided with the supplies and tools necessary to sustain that life. We can also support them by providing any of the following items throughout October: **Books, toys, socks (6 mo-2T), onesies (2T), sleepers (2T-5T), boys pants and long-sleeved shirts (5T), and boys' shoes for 3-5 yrs. old.** Place your donations in the bin in the narthex.

Stewardship Emphasis

Mission Support

The Stewardship Ministry Team administers funds that Calvary has designated for missions and projects that are external to our church community. This past year Calvary has provided funds to two missionary families serving in West Africa – the Schulte family and the Wolf family.

Reverend Gary Schulte and his wife Stephanie are the first missionaries that the LCMS has placed in the Congo. Pastor Schulte is teaching and training pastors in 3 different locations and Steph is a registered nurse calling on villages where we have never been before.

(<https://missioncentral.us/schulte/>)

John and Jenn Wolf and their family are planted in Kenya. John is a mechanical engineer and he is providing project oversight and support for various projects in the region that result in improvements in living conditions for local people. (<https://missioncentral.us/wolf/>)

Please continue to pray for continued blessings on each of their missions.

Financial Planning Workshop

The Stewardship Team hosted a Financial Planning Workshop on Sept 21. Many thanks to Dennis Meyer, Elizabeth Timme and Collin Lynch who made presentations on retirement, estate planning and Medicare options. Dinner was provided by a Thrivent Action Grant.

Thrivent Action Grants

Please remember that **All** Thrivent members are eligible to receive up to two Thrivent Action Grants a year. Action grants in an amount of up to \$250 are available for many projects at Calvary. Recent projects that have been partially funded with Thrivent Action Grants include the Financial Workshop, El Salvador Mission and the Fall Mum Sale. Questions about connecting your Thrivent membership to a project? Contact the Stewardship Team.

AmazonSmile Participation Opportunity

AmazonSmile is a way for Calvary members to support Calvary every time you shop with Amazon, at no additional cost. If you register for AmazonSmile when you shop at Amazon and designate Calvary as your charity, Calvary receives a portion of the eligible purchase. Last year over 75 people specified Calvary as the recipient of their AmazonSmile dollars.

Fall Mum Sale

The Fall Mum Sale was a success. The project is expected to net nearly \$1,000 which will be used to fund Community Garden improvements and contributions to local food banks (including Hunger, Inc.)

Fellowship Ministry

Outdoor Family Night on Saturday October 22

Our Fellowship and Outreach teams will sponsor a family outdoor event from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Activities include a bonfire, pumpkin decorating, several competitive games and BOUNCE house fun! 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. Our awesome Puppet Ministry will perform, sharing their special message of Jesus' love! Mark your calendar for the Oct 22nd family fun outdoor event! If you're worshipping that evening, of course come and join us afterwards!



Church Picnic Thank You

Thank you to all who attended, served and supported this year's *Calvary Outdoor Worship & Picnic* at German Park. We pray you had a wonderful time catching up with your Calvary family, enjoying good food and games! Ministry Teams and many other volunteers made this event a success! Your serving hands and hearts make all the difference. *Picnic patrons*, your financial support is greatly appreciated! God is so good and He blesses us through all of you!

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 weekly events.



LAUNCH (5th-6th grades)

Our next Launch meeting is on **Wed., Oct 19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** This event is open to youth in 5th & 6th grades.



SAIL (7th & 8th grades)

Our next Sail meeting is on **Wed., Oct 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** This event is open to youth in 7th & 8th grades.



Calvary Youth Car Wash Event, Sunday, October 2 (Both Services)

Calvary's Youth will be sponsoring a car wash in the south parking lot on **Sun., Oct 2** 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 2023 Summer Missions Trip. We thank you for your support.

Women in Mission

Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, October 1 8:30 a.m.

This month's study will be from the Lutheran Women's Fall 2022 Quarterly and shared by everyone. Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, September 3rd** at 8:30 a.m.

Lutheran World Relief Promise Project—School Kits

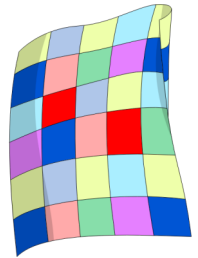
Plan to help pack school kits for LWR on Oct 5. Shop now for school supplies when prices are low. Items needed are 70-sheet notebooks (wide or college-ruled), 12" rulers, pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, unsharpened #2 pencils w/ erasers, black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink), box of 16 or 24 crayons, 2-1/2" erasers. Please bring your donations to the collection bin in the narthex by **Mon., Oct 3**. Questions? Contact Karen Hand.



Blankets for Babies

We will meet from 6:00- 7:30 in the mailbox area on Thursdays Oct. 6 and Nov. 3rd. We will be working on our blankets at home during the winter months of Dec., Jan., and Feb.

Newcomers of any age are welcome- we can get you started with practice yarn. Our ladies are patient instructors. For questions contact Susan Daniels.



Ladies' Pinochle Club

Whether it's your first time or you're an old pro, join us for Pinochle! We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Pinochle will meet **Monday, October 10th**. Please join us.

Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



Extravagant Sharing

Many families had one of their favorite meals of macaroni and cheese thanks to Calvary's many donations in September. Lutheran Child and Family Services' Sharing Place appreciates the help of these donations. In October, please bless the Sharing Place with your donations of **toilet paper**. Just as Jesus freely cares for us, may we freely support the needs of our communities here in Indianapolis. Thank you!

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. 17, 9:30 – Noon.
4. Help deliver filled boxes to the local drop site.

Please bring gift items or filled shoeboxes to the church **by Monday, November 14** and leave them in the donation bin in the narthex. Questions? Call 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.



Worship Anew

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.

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

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

October 2022

October 2, 2022 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 62; Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Luke 17:1-10 "Live by Faith" - Sermon Text: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 - Rev. William Mueller

In a world, culture, and society that is going haywire in an exponential fashion, the cry of Habakkuk is very relevant: "How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?" The Lord answers in a very unique way, with an even more unique message. We live by faith!

October 9, 2022 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19 "Going GOD'S Way?" - Sermon Text: Luke 17:19 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

God cares for all, yet all do not acknowledge that it is GOD'S care. Such is the case with Jesus' healing of the 10 lepers. We learn from this miracle that there is healing and then there is HEALING. Are you GOING GOD'S WAY?

October 16, 2022 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 121; Genesis 32:22-30; Luke 18:1-8 "God: My Adversary?" - Sermon Text: Genesis 32:22-30 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

God, in human form, wrestled with Jacob. He seemed to be Jacob's adversary or opponent. At times God may seem to be our adversary – for example, when we receive bad news or are going through difficulties. But was God really Jacob's, and is he really our, opponent?

October 23, 2022 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 5; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-17 "Let Them Come" - Sermon Text: Luke 18:15-17 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

Despite what our culture may teach, sin remains a reality in the world. Every single person has been born into a broken relationship with God, separated by nature, and in dire need of forgiveness. And to this desperate need Jesus said, "Let them come!"

October 30, 2022 – Reformation Sunday

Psalm 46; Revelation 14:6-7; John 8:31-36 "God Doesn't Change" - Sermon Text: Revelation 14:6 - Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast, Jr.

Today we celebrate the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation and we remember the founding of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod. Both events were all about the proclamation of the unchanging Gospel of Christ, which is the unshakable and immovable foundation of our faith. Both the Reformation and the LCMS emphasized the comforting reality that, while everything around is constantly changing, God doesn't change.



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