



CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



December 2022 Monthly Newsletter

From the Pastors

United in Mission

⁴“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.” ... ¹¹“[Jesus] gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-16).

I love how the Apostle Paul is able to hold the truths of Scripture in such beautiful tension. So often we feel life trying to pull us in one direction or the other. So often we hear of the polarization taking place within our society today. Paul doesn't want us veering one direction or the other. Instead, Paul yearns that we might live in the sweet spot of God's beautiful will for his church. In Ephesians 4, he celebrates many different tensions that are at the heart of our identity as the church. Here are just a few of these beautiful tensions to consider:

- 1) **First, there is the unity and the diversity within the church (4:4-7).** There are many different gifts, skills, desires, and backgrounds of the people of God and yet we are graciously united through our one and only Savior, Jesus Christ. None of us are more saved or less saved than others. We all stand as recipients of “grace [that] was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift” (4:7). And it is through that grace and salvation that we are united also in our mission to those outside the church. We are united in our calling to be a light to the world.
- 2) **Second, there is the unique callings for both the leaders and the people of the church.** We are all equally called to our unique roles and places within God's kingdom, but we are also all a part of the same team, working to build one another up and to build up the body of Christ. The pastors and teachers of the church equip the saints (4:11), so that they in turn may build up the body. It is a mutual mission and a collective calling. We are all in this working together.
- 3) **Third, there is the reality of the now and the not yet.** Paul uses several images of growth and maturity to express the truth that we are not yet who God will shape us to be. The tension then is that we are just as loved and just as saved today as we will ever be, but we have not yet grown to be the saints that we will become. We celebrate all that God has done for us in our past and present. He alone deserves all glory and praise for the gift of salvation that is ours now to enjoy. But he is not yet finished in fulfilling his promised work among us. He gives us a promise of a future that is drawing nearer each and every day.
- 4) **Fourth, there is the tension between being firm and steady and yet also growing and in motion.** Paul uses first an image of a storm on the sea to describe our stability on God's Word of promise. Though the waves might threaten to toss us here and there, we find ourselves deeply anchored in the rock-solid confession of Jesus Christ (4:13-14). And yet he goes on to use an image of a growing body in motion that is ever changing and becoming who God wants it to be (4:15-17).

May God continue to guide us as Calvary Lutheran Church and School, as we seek to live out these beautiful tensions within our lives together. May we be equally committed and connected to that mission of “Engaging People in Christ,” as we celebrate all of God's gifts and benefits to us, as well as all the opportunities that we have to reach out in service to others.

May God bless our Advent and Christmas opportunities to connect with our community, as well as new opportunities for us to serve our church, our school, and our community in the year ahead.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

Staff Spotlight / Volunteer Focus

Mariah McIntyre



What is your role at Calvary?

City Connects Site Coordinator providing social work support to Calvary School students.

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

I love being of service to others and helping those in need. Being of service to others is a daily reminder for me to be grateful for my life and circumstances.

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

The Calvary community is welcoming and truly cares for one another. I do not take this work environment for granted.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

2 Corinthians 12:9

Favorite Dessert?

Marble cake / cupcakes...really, any cake

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

Continue prayers for my family.

Kristina Davis



What is your role at Calvary?

Director of the Christian School Ministry Team

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

I am a teacher and really care about students. I also attended Calvary and have two children that currently attend the school as well.

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

I like how our team is continually bringing new ideas/classes to help grow both the teacher and students. Also, thinking of ways we can continue to serve God through our school.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken.— Psalm 55:22

Favorite Dessert?

Anything with dark chocolate.

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

Please pray for our students and their families. We have students that come to school with more needs now more than ever. Also, pray for our school staff. They continue to give so much of themselves to their students.

General News



2022 Holiday Worship Schedule

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Saturdays at 6:30 p.m.

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

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

Wednesdays, November 30, December 7 & 14 @ 3:45 p.m.

A service of hymns, reading, prayer, and a thematic sermon by the pastor.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP PROGRAMS

Wednesday, November 30 @ 6:30 p.m. (5th-8th Grade)

Wednesday, December 7 @ 6:30 p.m. (2nd-4th Grade)

Wednesday, December 14 @ 6:30 p.m. (PS-1st Grade)

A service of special music, readings, and message presented by Calvary Lutheran School students.

ADVENT SERVICE OF HOPE, PEACE, AND CANDLES

Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS WEEK SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE—Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m.—Candlelight Service

7:00 p.m.—Candlelight Service

CHRISTMAS DAY—Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m. with Communion

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Saturday, December 31 @ 6:30 p.m.



Calvary India Mission Giving Tree

Are you looking for a gift for that hard-to-buy-for friend or family member that will have spiritual value? Stop by the narthex and select a tag from the Calvary India Mission giving tree. The items on the tags will be distributed to the tailoring and tuition students in India in support of Christ-based education. For questions, please contact Rhonda Hansen.

Christmas Card Sorting

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 **Sunday, December 18** to be sorted and distributed.



General News

An Advent Service of Hope, Peace, and Candles

Join us **Wed, Dec 21 at 6:30 p.m.** for a service of readings, songs, and candle lighting, as we reflect upon the year that has gone by, as well as the hope, peace, & comfort that comes at Christmas to shine in the midst of the darkness of sin. Whether it has been a tough year of loss, a busy year that leaves you feeling exhausted, or simply an opportunity to enjoy the peace of Christ, join us for a service of prayer and reflection. **A time of cookies and fellowship will follow.**

Breakfast for Jesus

Sat., Dec. 10th from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Calvary Lutheran School gymnasium

Join our **Praising Hands Puppet Ministry** for a morning of food, puppets, and crafts to celebrate the birth of our Savior. This is a free family event open to all ages. Parking is available in the North Lot for access through door #2.

Contact Sarah Ebert with any questions

College Care Packages

34 college students will receive a care package in early December as they prepare for finals. The package contains snack items, post it notes, an encouraging postcard, and a "Pass It On" card from Colossians 3:12, Colossians 3:17, or Jeremiah 29:11. May the Lord continue to guide and bless them as they continue their education.

"Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17

November Memorials

In Memory of Grace Wolf:

Ted & Gretchen Levenberger, Madelyn Finke, James & Judy Glenday, Denise Fix, Larry & Sara Jupin, Claudia Benyon, Jenie Garrett, Bob & Sandra Wilson, Patricia O'Connor, Jim & Phyllis Birdwell, Karen Meyer, Jill Radcliffe, Margie Leive, Ellwyn Parks, Philip & Judy Spray, Robert & Janet Polk, Ann Arnold, Jim & Connie Myers, Art & Joy Wehrmeister, John & Margaret Mowery, Kenneth & Suzanne Geller, Randal & Zoe Ann Bergstedt, Eunice Strietelmeier Family, Janet Grube, Tom & Anita Oyer, Jake & Kyle Allen, Paula Fisk, Laura Good, Emil & Cindy DeJulio, Gerald Kiesling, Ethel Nichols, Charles & Betty Bardonner, Susan Daniels, Dale & Judy Onken, Mel Wessler



In Memory of Gil Mascher:

Tim & Susan James



General News

Attention Thrivent Members—"Choice Dollars" Designation

If you have not directed your 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars, please consider directing them to "Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church" or "Calvary Lutheran School". Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 to find out if you have Choice Dollars to direct.



Operation Christmas Child

THANK YOU to everyone who filled shoeboxes, provided gift items, and donated shipping costs for this Samaritan's Purse Ministry project. 189 shoeboxes were filled and are on their way for distribution overseas by Samaritan's Purse Ministry.



Compassion Ministry

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thank you for your generous donations for the Thanksgiving food baskets! We packed 22 Thanksgiving baskets to support our Calvary church and school families. Each family received 2-3 boxes of food and a gift card. Thank you so much for your overwhelming support of this important ministry. You've touched the lives of many families this Thanksgiving season!

Christmas Gift Cards to Those in Need – Good Samaritan Fund

Calvary will be giving gift cards to members of our church and school who struggle to make ends meet over the holidays. Your contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund make this possible. Thank you for your generosity during this season.

Christmas Gifts for the Children of Lutherwood – Giving Tree

The Compassion Team is providing Christmas gifts for children of Lutherwood, a ministry of Lutheran Child & Family Services, a residential treatment center that serves boys & girls ages 6-21 who are recovering from abuse, neglect, abandonment, and/or are experiencing chronic behavior and emotional problems. Your gift will gladden the hearts of children ages 14-18 who find themselves away from home during the holidays. *Please take a tag off the tree, purchase the item, and return to church UNWRAPPED by **Dec 11**. Bigger tag items support the facility. Thank you for your support!*

We invite you to take a gift tag off the tree in the narthex, purchase the item suggested, and return it to church UNWRAPPED by December 11. Thank you for helping us support these children!!

Executive Director

From Your Executive Director

"Ding-Dong"

"Who is it?"

"A visitor."

"Oh."

If this happens at your home, what do you do? If it's a friend, do you invite them in? If it's a stranger, do you invite them in? If it's someone bearing a badge of authority – i.e., a police officer – do you invite them in? If it's one of our pastors, do you invite him in?

And if you invite them in, what's your next step? Worry about the clutter in the house? Is the house clean? Is the dog barking at them? Are there things sitting about that you might be embarrassed or worried for the visitor to see? ("Oh, just ignore those empty beer bottles.") Are these people you want in your house, or do you confine them to the foyer? How do you handle guests and visitors to your home? Do you welcome them, or treat them as interruptions and annoyances to your routine? Those darn visitors.

News flash: your residence is not your only home. Your church, Calvary, is your home as well.

We have been talking at Calvary about our neighbors and our guests. How do we welcome them? Do we eagerly greet them and make them feel welcome, or are we more concerned they might sit in our normal chair/pew? Or might they dress, speak, or look differently than others in our congregation, and we treat them as "Außenseiter" as our Lutheran German ancestors treated those not of German origin?

Hezekiah was the king of Israel/Judah and reigned from about 721-687 BC. He was from the house of David and succeeded his father King Ahaz, who by all accounts was an ungodly man. His mother was Abijah, daughter of the prophet Zechariah, and his name means "God has strengthened." We read of his life not only in 2 Kings, but also in 2 Chronicles, specifically in chapter 29:3 where it is recorded "In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the Lord and repaired them," restoring worship in the Temple.

At Calvary, we have some work to do. We need to open our doors like Hezekiah and be like the men of whom Jesus spoke in Luke 12:36: ". . . so that they may open the door to him (their master) at once when he comes and knocks." We need to throw our doors open, welcome our guests, exposing them to the Light of the World whose birth we celebrate this Christmas. These are the very people we sing about in our hymn #748, our strangers here!

This Advent and Christmas season, look for our visitors and guests. Get out of your comfort zone and greet them. Get to know them. Let them experience the warmth, kindness, and graciousness we all experience at our church home, and most importantly, engage them as we constantly work to Engage People In Christ at Calvary!

Christmas blessings,

Your Executive Director,

Bill Laut

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Cold and Flu Remedies

Now that we have entered the cold and flu season companies advertise their precautionary products as well as ones that ease the effects of symptoms and potential longevity of the illness. We look for remedies for our ailments. Flu vaccines are available to hopefully create antibodies ready to fight off germs if the body is invaded. Doctor office visits are difficult to schedule due to the increase in cases as well as Urgent and Immediate Care facilities with lengthy wait times. Families may pass viruses back and forth having illness in the home for a week or more. All due to tiny germs. We all suffer from another illness. We suffer from the illness of sin. All are impacted by sin and its dreadful wallop on all of creation. People try to ignore it or excuse its punch. No matter how sin is acknowledged there is only one remedy. That remedy does not come for a vaccine, an over-the-counter pill, or visit to the doctor's office. The only remedy for sin is Jesus Christ. Jesus provides eternal healing from sin. Jesus suffered and died for each of us. His blood cleanses us before our heavenly Father. We are made holy and heirs with Him for life eternal in heaven. We are indeed part of His Story.

Sniffles and coughs, fevers and aches are all symptoms of illness. We recognize how we feel and seek remedies. Sin enters our lives. We see its tragic effects. We fall on our knees asking God in prayer to forgive our sins and restore us to health in Him. We thank and praise God for His love and grace as we reach out in faith and grasp His Word of Promise. God's Word of Promise brought Jesus in flesh born in a manger. This Christmas we see God's hand of salvation as the shepherds came and worshipped Him after hearing the Herald Angel's message. A very blessed Christmas and New Year 2023 to you and to your families!

Advent Services

Students at Calvary Lutheran School will be leading our Advent services this year. All services are at 6:30 p.m. as we proclaim the Lord's birth with scripture, music, and narration.

Wednesday, November 30 5th-8th grade students

Wednesday, December 7 2nd-4th grade students

Wednesday, December 14 PS4-5 year old's, Kindergarten, & 1st grade students

End of second quarter

Our second quarter will be completed on Friday, December 16. Report cards will be emailed on Friday, January 6. We commend our work into the Lord's Hands asking Him to bless those who teach and those who learn in this place.

Christmas Vacation

Our final day prior to Christmas vacation is **Friday, December 16**. School will dismiss at 3:00 p.m. on that day. School will resume on **Tuesday, January 3rd**. With New Year's Day on Sunday, the official holiday is Monday, January 2. We ask the Lord to be with all traveling during this Christmas break. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

2023-24 Preschool Kindergarten & First –Eighth Grade Registration Information

Preschool, Kindergarten, First – Eighth Grade registration for Calvary members, returning students and their siblings, and new registrations from the community will begin on January 9th. Our Early enrollment period will continue through February 15th. Families are invited to call and schedule an appointment for a tour during the school day.

We are excited as we prepare and plan for the upcoming school year. Help spread the word to coworkers, neighbors, friends, and family. God has blessed us enabling us to be a blessing to others.

National Lutheran Schools Week

Calvary will join with thousands of other Lutheran School students and teachers during the week of January 22-29 as we celebrate NLSW!! Many exciting activities are planned during this week-long celebration. A calendar of events will be distributed following our Christmas Vacation.

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Mark your Calendars NOVEMBER 29 Calvary will be participating in #GivingTuesday.

What is #GivingTuesday? GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past nine years, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

GivingTuesday strives to build a world in which the catalytic power of generosity is at the heart of the society we build together, unlocking dignity, opportunity, and equity around the globe.

Would you prayerfully consider participating by making a donation to help support our school? God has richly blessed the Ministry of Calvary Lutheran Church and School through your continued support and prayers. We have several ways that you or others can help support our Calvary mission. Please share this information with others.

Ways to Give:

State Tax Credit Information

Too Good To Be True?! 50% TAX CREDIT for Indiana tax liabilities!

God has provided a unique opportunity to help fund the Christian education of our Calvary students. The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana has been identified as a 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.

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. A Federal charitable deduction may also be realized.

Creative donations

Put your donation on a credit card that offers special incentives. Reward points, airline miles, etc. in addition to the tax savings. Reap the rewards while assisting others to hear God's Word.

How may I help? \$82,500.00 is needed to fully fund all applications

We are currently about \$35,000.00 short of this goal. Donations are currently being accepted. Please submit your donation directly to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana online by December 31. Please note: Be sure to clearly mark Calvary Lutheran School as the recipient of your donation. The entire process is found online 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 an Indiana State CHOICE voucher. This again significantly reduces 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 restrictions. Your assistance in this program is so greatly appreciated! Your gift is multiplied in so many ways.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No school

Calvary Lutheran School will be closed on Monday January 16 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We ask the Lord to eliminate the sin of prejudice that still exists in our world today. We ask God to reveal "the Dream" of Dr. King to all people.



Adult Ministry

Lunch OUT! Wednesday, December 7 11:00 a.m.

Take a little time out for some good food, Christian fellowship and holiday cheer! We'll meet at McAlister's Deli at 1011 N. State Road 135, Greenwood (just north of Bonefish Grill.) Their party room is reserved for Calvary.



LUNCH & LEARN Wednesday, December 21 11:00 a.m.

Program: Eggs in a Basket, Pigs in the Pen, Over the Fence: Let's Play Again! Since she retired from teaching 10+ years ago, Perry Township's Rosie Bishop has been sharing her enthusiasm and inspiring adults to strengthen cognitive and fine motor skills with simple games. This program is sure to bring back some memories and will provide a gift you can share.

Lunch: "Party Plate" lunch will include fried chicken strips, potato salad, veggies & dips and some Christmas treats. Suggested donation: \$5

A return visit from Saint Nicholas is also anticipated. Come join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth. Joy to the World!

Outreach Ministry

Advent Church Service Visitor Mugs

The Outreach team is partnering with the Seniors group and the school to provide special Christmas coffee mugs and hot cocoa mix for our Advent service visitors. We always have extra visitors at our advent services when the school children are singing, and we want to have something nice to share with them. Each visiting family will be offered a Christmas themed mug packed with cocoa mix and a list of our Christmas season church service times. Many thanks to the Seniors and school children who do most of the work preparing these gifts and the Outreach team members who distribute the mugs!

New Member Reception

The Outreach team hosted a breakfast to welcome our new members on Sunday, October 30th. Thanks to everyone who brought food and took time to meet and greet our new members! After receiving our new members at the 10:45 service on October 30 we also had a cake reception to celebrate and welcome our new members and their families! A special thanks to Kara Hiatt for coordinating the new member classes and assisting the Outreach team and other church members in getting to know them better.

Outreach Partnerships at Calvary

The past few months the Outreach team has been busy assisting other groups in their efforts to connect with our church and school members as well as the community. This included providing food and a gift bag to students at our UIndy workday on September 24, assisting the Fellowship team with the outdoor family cookout/party on October 22, participating in the PTL Trunk-or-Treat on October 28th, hosting a table at the Calvary Bazaar on November 12, and helping the Seniors group prepare visitor gifts to distribute at our Advent services. We thank these groups for their own outreach efforts and for working with the Outreach team to share God's blessings!

Parish Ed

Congregational Study Feedback & Next Steps

Thank you to everyone who made the BEING Challenge a success! How are your habits going? How about your relationship with God?

If you haven't already, please fill out an evaluation form to help guide our selection of future studies. Want a specific topic? Let us know!

<https://forms.gle/SL9YqW3HwgzeSbVs8>

Be on the lookout in January for some short, 4–6-week small group studies. We hope to equip existing small groups to continue. Maybe we'll even start some new ones! (More on this next month)



Stewardship Emphasis

Giving in Advent Envelopes is designated for funding of SGO Scholarships

Gifts received in the Advent Envelopes (or on-line giving that donors designate as "Advent") this Advent season will be used to fund Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) Scholarships for Calvary Students for the coming school year. The SGO Scholarship need is particularly great this year with over \$80,000 required to fully fund scholarships for all eligible recipients.

Of course, you may also donate directly to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana online by December 31 to receive tax benefits for the current year. The donor form and steps are located online at www.LutheranSGO.org. Be sure to identify CALVARY LUTHERAN, INDIANAPOLIS as the recipient of your gift.

Scholarships available for those pursuing an education in church work

Scholarships are available for Calvary members studying to be church workers from both the Wessler Family Endowment and the Student Assistance Fund. Most recently Scholarships have been provided from both of these funds for Pastor Sam Troemel (who has completed his studies) and Aaron Levenhagen (who is currently a third-year seminary student at Concordia St. Louis). Anyone who is considering pursuing an education in church work and would like more information on scholarship opportunities please reach out to the Stewardship Ministry Team.

Mission Support Focus – Donations to Local Food Banks

The Community Garden Committee recently chose to make \$500 donations to both Perry Township Hunger Inc. and the Emmaus Food Bank. The gifts were made possible by funds received through garden plot rentals and the generosity of Calvary members who purchased flowers at the spring and fall fundraising events. In addition to the cash donations, the Community Garden Committee provided significant amounts of fresh produce to Hunger Inc. throughout the harvest season from the garden plots the Committee tended.

LuFest 2023 - February 10, 2023

We would love to have you join us this year for **LuFest 2023**! Our focus is to put love into action based on 1 John 3:18. For a bit of extra fun, we are asking that guests incorporate the color red into their apparel for the evening.

What is **LuFest**? **LuFest** stands for the Lutheran Festival and began in 1981. It is our largest fundraiser of the year and is an evening of celebration and fun for our Lutheran High community.

LuFest will take place on Friday, February 10 downtown at the beautiful Biltwell Event Center. Each guest will enjoy a plated meal and our auction, including both silent and live auction items.

Reserve now for the Early Bird price - table of 10 for \$1,000 or individual for \$100 each. Make your reservations securely online at [LuFest.org](https://www.lufest.org) for Early Bird pricing through December 15, 2022.

We also seek donations of new, high-quality items, services, or experiences to include in the live and silent auctions. These may be dropped off at the LHS office weekdays between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm. Please call the Development Office with any questions.

Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech, but with action and in truth—1 John 3:18

LHS Applications and Enrollment

Applications for Lutheran High School open on December 1, 2022 www.lhsi.org. We encourage you to apply early to help with scholarships! If you have any questions, please contact Deidre Barnett. We can't wait to welcome your family to the Saints!

The Together Project

Have you heard about our **together project**? Our LHS community is coming **together** as we **PURSUE** More Lives for Christ, **MOVE** to Increase Financial Security, and **CHAMPION** Our Campus. We would love to share more information with you.

Will you accept the invitation to be part of together?

Email Kathy Anderson for more information.



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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 & SAIL (5th-8th grades)

The all youth camp-in is back! Youth in grades 5-8 are invited for an overnight event at Calvary from **Sat., Dec 10 to Sun., Dec 11**. Youth should bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and anything else that they want to use to make their camp. This can include a tent, air mattress, fort supplies, or whatever else! We have no shortage of space, so get creative and have fun with it!



A pizza dinner will be offered on Saturday night and breakfast provided by our high school youth will be served early Sunday morning. Snacks will be available throughout the event. At the event youth can enjoy video games in the youth room, active games in the gym, or hang out in the cafeteria. The cost of this event is \$20 per youth. This event is open to youth in 5th-8th grades no matter where they attend church or school. All are welcome!

Women in Mission

Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, December 3rd 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, December 3rd** at 8:30 a.m.

Women in Mission Christmas Luncheon

The annual luncheon is at Bynum's Steakhouse at **on Wednesday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m.** The cost of the luncheon this year will be \$20 due to the increase in cost of several menu items. Invitations will be sent out soon. Reservations are due by December 7, along with \$20 (cash or check) and your menu choice. Please put your RSVP in Pat Struss' church mailbox.

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 **December 12th**. Please join us. Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson.



Extravagant Sharing

During December continue your EXTRAVAGANT sharing through the special Holiday Ministry Team outreaches to meet needs within our church and community.

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December 2022

December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday in Advent

Psalm 105:4-8 and Isaiah 40:3b; Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

"Repent!" - Sermon Text: Matthew 3:2 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

You know it just wouldn't be Advent without this strange preacher of the Judean wilderness, John the Baptist. His message is quite simple and can be summarized in a single word: Repent! And the reason why we should repent is simple as well: the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

December 11, 2022 – Third Sunday in Advent

Psalm 146; Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-15

"Confused About Jesus?" - Sermon Text: Matthew 11:2-11 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

During Jesus' life, there was confusion about who He was and what His mission was. Clarity comes from Isaiah's prophecies and from Jesus Himself. Those same words clarify for us the identity and purpose of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

December 18, 2022 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

Psalm 24; Isaiah 7:10-17; Matthew 1:18-25

"A Sign of the Times" - Sermon Text: Isaiah 7:10-17 - Rev. William Mueller

We are almost to the joyous celebration of Christmas! Isaiah 7:14 gives us one of the most celebrated prophecies about the birth of Jesus – the prophecy of a miraculous virgin birth of our Lord. Jesus is, as Isaiah prophesied, Immanuel – "God with us." The context of this prophecy gives us even more reasons to rejoice and celebrate!

December 25, 2022 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

Psalm 98; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

"How Will You Return?" - Sermon Text: Luke 2:20 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Want to make Christmas last longer than a day? Consider how the shepherds returned to their everyday lives after seeing the newborn Savior, Jesus Christ, in Bethlehem's manger. How will you return?



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Family Education Hour (Bible Study & Sunday School) 9:25 AM

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