



CALVARY LUTHERAN

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January 2023 Monthly Newsletter

From the Pastors

This January, we're starting something new! With the help of many, we're excited to offer TOPICS, a new yearly Bible study initiative from January through February.

TOPICS Studies — like the name suggests, are topical Bible studies. Where the Fall Congregational Study goes broad, these studies either go deep in a topic or they explore a topic of more specialized, personal interest. All members are encouraged to join a TOPICS study of their choice this January, whether rejoining their Congregational study group or starting an entirely new group around an area of shared interest. How many topics might we cover in one session? As many as we can find interested groups and willing leaders!

Each year, Parish Education will provide suggested resources for groups and leaders to consider, but leaders can always ask Pastor Reifsteck for help in selecting a resource, or bring their own. We have a whole slew of great Bible studies available. Come check them out!

For our busy families, long-term commitments can be hard, so to meet families where they are, we now offer short-term study opportunities throughout the year. TOPICS in the Winter, Men's and Women's Bible studies in Summer, and the Congregational Study in Fall. If a person only participates in these short-term studies, they'll still be in regular Bible study throughout the year.

We already have a slew of great studies planned. Keep an eye out for studies of such diverse topics as Islam, personal finance, sexual identity, doubt, creation and evolution, and parenting. Got a topic on your heart that you don't see above? Reach out to Pastor Reifsteck to explore how you and your small group can join in this month.

January is already a time when people are starting or recommitting themselves to good habits. This year, include small group Bible study in your New Year's resolutions! Join a TOPICS study!

God's Peace, *Pastor Josh Reifsteck*

Staff Spotlight / Volunteer Focus

Marv Hansen

What is your role at Calvary?

Outreach Ministry Team Director and Calvary India Mission Director

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

The Outreach Team connects members of the church with the community, learns about the community, cares for lost people, and shares the love of Christ Jesus. We collaborate with the Fellowship team and other Calvary groups to provide fun fellowship activities. It is inspiring to see what God is doing to grow His Kingdom and to get to know our new members as they join. Calvary India Mission has been a big part of my life the past few years. God sent Pr. Raji to Calvary and I felt the call to join the 2011 India mission trip. Since then I have wanted to be a part of what God is doing in India and I am blessed to have many friends there.



What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

Being a part of the Calvary family and supporting the ministry here. I am inspired by seeing the bigger picture of how God is impacting people's lives through Calvary, both locally and around the world.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Jeremiah 29:11—"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." This was the theme verse for one of my first mission trips and it has stuck with me over the years. In addition to surprises in my own life, I am amazed by the way God uses the people (mission team members and those we serve) I have met over several mission trips. God does have a unique plan for each of us and I have great hope for the future.

Favorite Dessert?

"Blueberry" - this is a unique style of cheesecake with a blueberry topping that my mom made growing up. More close to home I would go for the rhubarb crunch that my wife, Rhonda, makes.

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

The Outreach team is looking to make people aware of what Calvary has to offer, and to engage the community through events like the Easter Egg hunt and the Community Garden. We also want to help welcome our visitors and new members. Please pray for us to find more creative ways to reach out to the community. Please be praying for the 2023 India Mission Team and consider joining the team! Pray for the Tailoring and Tuition Centers in India, that God would use them to add new believers and support the Christian church in India.

Jennifer Beach

What is your role at Calvary?

Teacher—Literature, Library, and Computers

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

I want to motivate students to truly enjoy reading. I love to see children excited about "getting it!"

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

Families at Calvary take their children's Christian education seriously.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Colossians 3:15—"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

Favorite Dessert?

Cherry pie

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

Wisdom and continued patience.



General News



2022 Holiday Worship Schedule

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 WEEKEND SERVICES

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

Sunday, January 1 at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

No Adult Bible Study or Children's Sunday School.

Classes resume on Sun., January 8.



Weekly Contemporary Worship Beginning Jan 8

Starting Jan 8, 2023, we will transition to offering a weekly contemporary worship experience at our 10:45 a.m. service. This change will provide consistency and clarity for members and guests, as they select their preferred worship expression. If you have questions, please speak with one of the pastors or Spiritual Care members. We pray for God's blessing and guidance for our congregation and its people as we continue to support one another and reach out to our community as we Engage People in Christ leading them to our Lord and Savior.

Max Lucado Help is Here

Small Group Bible Study Opportunity

Thurs, Jan 19- Feb 16 1:00-2:30 p.m. (Rm 125)

Join us as Pastor Ebert leads us through a five-week study of Max Lucado's *Help Is Here: Face the Challenge of Today with the Strength and Hope of the Spirit*. Are you drowning in questions you can't answer and problems you can't solve? Grab on to the life-saving strength of the Holy Spirit, as He guides us down the winding roads of life. **Stop by the signup table or email churchsecretary@clcs.org**. Study guides available for \$12. An optional full-length book is also available online or in stores.

General News

Interested in becoming a part of Calvary?

Our next Adult Foundations of Faith Class starts **Sun., Jan 29**.

This class provides practical answers about faith, the Lutheran Church, and Calvary's ministries. It also gives the opportunity to become part of the Calvary family at the end of class. If you have any questions or are interested in this class, please email, call or text Kara Hiatt.



In Christ Alone Sermon Series (Jan 14/15-Feb 11/12)

Join us for a special sermon series on 1 Corinthians 1-3. In a world divided by so many things, we celebrate that in Christ alone we are held together as one. Paul reminds us that Jesus alone is our source of strength, wisdom, and hope.

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.



Winter Weather Cancellation Reminder

Should winter weather cause us to cancel an event, we will ...

- 1) Post to our website (clcs.org) & Facebook (clcs.org/fb).
- 2) Send out a mass e-mail to our e-mail lists.
- 3) Change our phone greeting for the church (if possible).

Join our e-mail list by contacting churchsecretary@clcs.org. Above all, use your best judgment during this time of year.

Charitable Giving in 2022 Has a Dec 31 Deadline

If you choose to make a tax-deductible charitable contribution to Calvary for 2022 please plan accordingly.

On Sat., Dec 31: Mailed contributions to Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 S. Shelby Street, Indianapolis, IN 46227 must be postmarked Online contribution **must be made by 11:59 p.m. ET** at <https://www.clcs.org/giving/>

General News



December Memorials

In Memory of Grace Wolf:

Phil & Jill Borst, Catherine Woempner



In Memory of Judy Glenday:

*Charles & Betty Bardonner, Phil & Jill Borst, Ray & Jan Main, Harvey & Carol Lange,
Scott & Heather Glenday, Margie Leive, Elise Wolf, Pauline Miller*

In Memory of Kenneth Kehlbeck:

*Phil & Jill Borst, Margie Leive, Ann Arnold, Melvin Wessler, Susan Daniels, Elise Wolf,
Robert & Janet Polk*

Calvary India Mission Giving Tree

The Calvary India Mission Board would like to thank all those who purchased tags from the giving tree this past December. Through your gifts, the children of the tuition centers received new outfits for Christmas and the tailoring students received new scissors. In addition, the other monies donated go to support the ongoing work of the tailoring and tuition centers so that the children and women, comprised of Hindus, Christians, and Muslims, are enabled to hear the word of God every day through prayer, hymns, and Bible reading. We are thankful for your generosity.

The CIM Board of Directors

Rev. Udhayanesan Raji, Rev. Jeff Alexander, Marvin Hansen, Rhonda Hansen, Janine Owen, and Alwyn Udhayanesan

Compassion Ministry

Thank You All for Your Generosity!

First for your gifts to Lutherwood --

Your showering of gifts and support was amazing! The children of Lutherwood were truly blessed by your donations of gifts at Christmas. As these young people live among uncertainty and separation from their families, your gifts imparted seeds of hope and encouragement at a time of need. Thank you, Calvary members!

And for your gifts and support toward the baby shower --

A young teen girl, Anniya, was overwhelmed with the outpouring of love and gifts she received from us at the baby shower. She was truly encouraged at a difficult time. Thank you to all who attended and supported her. The love and hope of Jesus was shared and well received. We are so thankful she chose life for her baby and pray that God will be her hope and encouragement as the days proceed.

Executive Director

From Your Executive Director

“According to the calendar, it's a new year. According to the church calendar, we as Christians are still in the Christmas season, but the world around us has already moved on. One doesn't see as many Christmas trees in front windows as a month ago. The outdoor lights have largely been turned off (but probably will still be up on some houses until May!), the holiday music is no longer playing on SiriusXM radio. I'm always somewhat surprised and saddened at how many households pull the plug, so to speak, on Christmas on December 26th. No wonder so many suffer from post-holiday depression. But as our society, even our local community, becomes more secular and less Christian, I suppose one should not be that surprised. For so many, Christmas ends on the 26th, and they are ready to move on to the next event: perhaps a New Year's Eve party, or more likely, the Superbowl game and parties. Our collective attention span shrinks, and we are ready to be emotionally stimulated by something new.

Custom and tradition holds that one should make resolutions for the New Year. Of course, we all know how those turn out: I've read studies and surveys that 80% of all made resolutions fail by the end of February. In 2021, the organization Statista conducted a survey of what the top 10 resolutions were, and they were: Exercise more, lose weight, get organized, learn a new skill or hobby, live life to the fullest, save more money / spend less money, quit smoking, spend more time with family and friends, travel more, and read more. Notice anything missing from this list? I notice things that we, as members of Christ's Church at Calvary, might resolve for the new year. Be more faithful in our worship. Read the Bible more. Become a more active member of the congregation. Join a small group. Volunteer our time both at Calvary and in our community. And hopefully these resolutions won't fade out of existence by the end of February, like so many others do. We can and should carry these resolutions throughout the year, in a way sounding like a pealing bell to the world around us.

About 1849 the English poet, Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892), wrote a poem celebrating the new year, titled “Ring Out, Wild Bells”: “. . . Ring out the old, ring in the new/Ring, happy bells, across the snow/The year is going, let him go/Ring out the false, ring in the true. . . . Ring in the love of truth and right/Ring in the common love of good/Ring out old shapes of foul disease/Ring out the narrowing lust of gold/Ring out the thousand wars of old/Ring in the thousand years of peace/Ring in the valiant man and free/The larger heart, the kindlier hand/Ring out the darkness of the land/**Ring in the Christ that is to be.**”

This new year, let us take that last line to heart: let us ring in the Christ that is to be. In our hearts, in our homes, in our church, and in our community, bringing the lost the good news of Jesus Christ, taking His message of grace to our neighbors, as we Engage People in Christ at Calvary.

In His and your service,

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!

End of second quarter

Our second quarter is now completed. 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

Christmas Vacation has begun. 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

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 very close to completing our goal. Help us complete the final stretch. 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, January 4 11:00 a.m.

Our "First Wednesday" outing this month is at

Lotus Garden Chinese Restaurant

7327 N U.S. 31, Indianapolis, IN 46227

A popular southside restaurant in a new location. Formerly in Greenwood, Lotus Garden has moved to the Walmart Supercenter strip mall on US 31, south of Southport Road. Their large menu includes a long list of lunch specials.

Tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran.

Adults of all ages are welcome - come join us!



Lunch & Learn Wednesday, January 18 11:00 a.m.

Program: Is it a Scam? Medicare and Consumer Fraud Awareness

Presenter: Barb Miller, Education and Outreach Associate with Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging, which oversees the 15 area agencies including CICOA.

Lunch: Breakfast Bonanza! Egg & bacon scramble casserole, biscuit with sausage gravy, and fruit. Suggested donation: \$5.

The third Wednesday of each month Calvary hosts Lunch & Learn: interesting speakers on a variety of program topics, good food and Christian fellowship. We hope you'll join us - guests are always welcome!

Questions? Contact Emily Spelde.



Nothing paralyzes our lives like the attitude that things can never change. We need to remind ourselves that God can change things. – Warren Wiersbe

God specializes in giving people a fresh start. - Rick Warren

Stewardship Emphasis

Financial Peace University - Class to start Sunday, January 22

Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! There's a better way! Calvary's Stewardship Ministry Team is excited to announce another session of Financial Peace University classes will be held Sunday morning during the family education hour. Calvary members Gene Jend, Kara Hiatt, and Jake and Kyle Allen are co-leaders for the nine-weeks of classes. Through life-changing videos, online tools and resources, and group accountability, we will learn how to create and stick to a budget, save for emergencies, pay off debt, and plan for the future—all rooted in biblical wisdom and common sense. Cost for the class is \$100 which includes all material plus one-year of Financial Peace Membership an online resource with access to EveryDollar Plus budgeting app, Ask a Coach Q&A, bonus courses and more digital tools. If the cost of course material is keeping you from participation, scholarships are available.

LuFest Gift Gathering Event at MashCraft on January 8

The Annual LuFest celebration, for the benefit of Lutheran High School, is February 10, 2023 at the Biltwell Center. Tickets for this great event are still available. See more info at lhsi.org.

There will be a gift gathering event for the collection of Silent Auction Items on Sunday January 8 at MashCraft Brewing (County Line & Meridian (1140 IN-135) between 2:00-4:00 p.m.. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Gifts with a value of at least \$30 are suggested. Gifts may also be dropped off at the LHS office during school hours (7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) Questions? Please contact Jake Allen (alle11h@comcast.com).

Thrivent members - don't let your Action Team grants go unused

All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. Thrivent Action Teams make it easy to live generously. It starts with a simple question: "Who can I help and how?" Calvary Ministry Teams have several projects that could use the financial support Thrivent provides through these grants. For Example, recent Thrivent Action Team Grants have been used to purchase medicine for the El Salvador Mission Team and the Financial Planning Workshop in September.. Have questions about connecting your Thrivent membership to a project? Contact Stewardship at stewardship@clcs.org.

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

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. Invite a friend and make your reservations securely online at LuFest.org.

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.

LHS Applications and Enrollment

Applications for Lutheran High School opened 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!

Re-enrollment for our current Saints families begins on January 1. We encourage you to re-enroll early to take advantage of a significant discount.

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 for more information.



Youth Ministry

FLIGHT—High School Youth Group

We are excited to announce that the high school youth will be serving for a week this summer in Savannah, Georgia! Mark your calendars for July 9-14th. This trip is for all students currently in grades 8-12. More information about this trip will be shared as it takes form.



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

LAUNCH (5th-6th grades)

All 5th and 6th grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Wednesday, January 18th from 5:30-7:00 pm**.



SAIL (7th-8th grades)

All 5th and 6th grade youth are invited to the next LAUNCH event on **Wednesday, January 25th from 5:30-7:00 pm**.



Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction

Get your recipe books out because the Calvary Youth Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction is back! This event will take place in the gym on **Sunday, February 5th** following the late service. Entry forms will be made available in the church office. All money raised by this event will benefit youth fundraising for their summer mission trip to Savannah, Georgia.

Women in Mission

Ladies' Bible Study, Saturday, January 7th 8:30 a.m.

This month's study will be from the Lutheran Women's Winter 2022 Quarterly and shared by everyone. Join us in the Church Library on **Saturday, January 7th** at 8:30 a.m.

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 **January 9th**. Please join us.

Questions? Contact Sandra Wilson, sandrasoneavon@comcast.net



Extravagant Sharing

Our congregation so Extravagantly Shares with each other and our community. Thank you! As we look to 2023 we continue to reach out with Jesus' love to meet the needs of our fellow church members and community. In January begin filling the Extravagant Sharing shelves in the narthex (lobby) **with boxes of pasta and sauce, and canned pork and beans**. These donations will be taken to The Sharing Place of Lutheran Child and Family Services to help many hungry families. God bless your giving hearts!

TOPICS Studies

Here's the current list of TOPICS studies in January & February. We've got a great variety of different topics to explore at many different times, and we may even have more to announce in the coming weeks!

A signup table will be available in the narthex starting January 8th! Looking for something else? Consider leading a group! We have lots more resources available to offer leaders.

Respectable Sins, by Jerry Bridges

Confronting the Sins We Tolerate

Tuesday nights at 7 p.m., over Zoom. January 3–February 28. Led by Rhonda Hansen.

Strange New World, by Carl Trueman

How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution

Tuesdays, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. January 10–March 7. Led by Pastor Reifsteck.

Islam Study

Want to learn more about Islam and its relationship to Christianity? Join us!

Tuesday nights, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. January 10–February 14. Led by Alie Fiorello. No book required.

Help is Here, by Max Lucado

Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Thursdays, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. January 19–February 16. Led by Pastor Ebert.

Financial Peace University, by Dave Ramsey

Learn the Proven Plan to Pay Off Debt Fast and Build Wealth

Sunday mornings during the Bible study hour. January 22–April 16. Team-taught.

Creation & Science

A selection of videos and discussion questions to help navigate this complex topic

Sunday mornings during the Bible study hour, February 5, 12, & 26. Led by Stacey Faubion. No book required.

Intentional Parenting, by Doug & Cathy Fields

10 Ways to Be an Exceptional Parent in a Quick Fix World

Tuesdays, from 6-7:30 p.m, an in-home study. Dates TBA soon. Led by Heather Marrero.

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January 2023

January 1, 2023 – Epiphany Observed

Psalm 31:1-5; Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

“New Year’s Comfort” - Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12—Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Whenever you stand at the beginning of a new year, you have concerns. What events will take place in the world? What will happen in your own life? The good news is that the Triune God rules the universe and controls world history. This God also knows you, loves you, and will save you. You are in his hands, and that is the best place to be.

January 8, 2023 – The Baptism of Our Lord

Psalm 29; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 3:13-17

“Newness of Life” - Sermon Text: Romans 6:2-4—Rev. Thomas Eggold

One of the most important things the Bible teaches us about Baptism is death. In fact, Paul’s words in Romans 6 tell us that Baptism is first about death. As odd as this may sound, it is only when we understand the death that occurs in our Baptism, that we can fully live as God’s people.

January 15, 2023 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 49:1-7; John 1:29-42a

“Lamb of God” - Sermon Text: John 1:29—Rev. Shayne Jonker

Once again, John the Baptist is our preacher, pointing the way, the only way to the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. But don’t look to John, he’s not much to look at anyway, look to where he’s pointing. Look to Jesus. “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

January 22, 2023 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 27:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25

“A Divided Family” - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18—Rev. Paul Shoemaker

It is always tragic when families are divided. The hurts and resentments can last for a lifetime and even be passed on to the next generation. The Apostle Paul encourages all families, including our church family, to look to Jesus and His love for us to resolve all quarrels and divisions.

January 29, 2023 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 15; Micah 6:8; Matthew 5:1-12

“Walk Humbly with God” - Sermon Text: Micah 6:8—Rev. William Mueller

Through the prophet Micah our Lord gives a great charge: walk humbly with Him. In good fashion we ask the question, what does this mean? How do we walk humbly with God? And why does it matter?



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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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

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