

Commitment weekend - January 19/20

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:7, 11

One weekend each year Calvary focuses on our response to God's generosity. We invite you to take the time to do as God suggests and give generously to the work we do together as a family at Calvary and the many missions and agencies that we support. To help you do this as you have "decided in your heart," we encourage you to answer the following questions.

Where are you now on the generosity ladder?

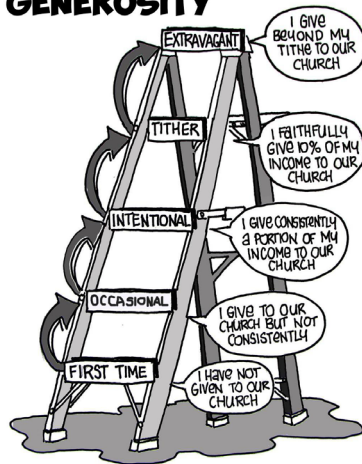
- If you have not yet given financially to the ministry here at Calvary, is God calling you to take that step of faith? Calvary is making a difference in our community and in the lives of those who call Calvary their church home. Please help to make even a greater impact in 2019!
- If you have only given occasionally here at Calvary, is God calling you to take a step of faith and become a consistent giver? This could be quarterly, monthly, biweekly, or weekly. It could be a set amount that you decide in advance or a percentage of what God has provided for you at the time.
- If you have given consistently to the ministry at Calvary but have never taken the step to give a full tithe (10%) of all God has provided for you, is God calling you to become a tither? Are you willing to listen to God's challenge to "test me in this?" Malachi 3:10
- If you are already experiencing the blessings of tithing, or if you are already giving to God beyond the tithe, is God calling you to take a step of faith

and to increase the percentage you are already giving to the ministry of Calvary?

When it is time for the offering to be gathered, you will be invited to bring your Commitment Card forward and present it before the Lord.

If you are unable to be with us on Commitment Weekend, you are invited to return your card either in the offering plate at one of our weekly services or in the church office Monday through Friday (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.).

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2019 Giving Envelopes

Each Calvary member family is provided a packet of giving envelopes with a unique number unless you've indicated you give electronically. Please use those envelopes when giving your offering in worship. Online giving can be done safely and securely

at <http://www.clcs.org/give>. The system asks you to set up an account. Online giving can be set to reoccur on a schedule and with amounts you determine.

If you plan to give exclusively online and will no longer need the use of offering envelopes, please contact stewardship@clcs.org to make this request. Note to online givers - if you have an occasion to write a check for a contribution, please use your giving number so that is correctly attributed to you. If you do not know your number, contact stewardship@clcs.org.

Sunday School Classes Model Stewardship

On Sunday, December 16 the Sunday School classes shared information between services on various organizations and missions they researched. Members of the congregation responded by contributing \$206. The students sent \$50 each to Riley Childrens Hospital, the Humane Society, Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries, and Save the Frogs with the balance do-

nated to Calvary. Additionally, the kids donated items and made gifts to fill 21 baskets for the homebound members of Calvary plus several toys were given to the United Way Toy Drive. The students say, "Thank you for your support of our projects."

Calvary's 51st Annual Holiday Bazaar raises over \$12,000 for three charities

In addition to being an outreach to the community, the annual Holiday Bazaar, organized by LWML - Women in Mission, supports a national, local and Calvary charitable effort. Funds are raised through cost of vendor tables, sales of donated items to the country kitchen and attic in addition bids on items donated to the silent auction. Thrivent Action Team grants supported the bazaar expenses plus Meyer Financial Strategies sponsored the event.

Proceeds from all of these sources totaled \$12,373 which was evenly divided between Calvary handbell refurbishment, Hope Center of Indy, and Lutheran Military Veterans and Family Ministries

.Thank you to everyone who contributed items, volunteered their time or invited friends to attend the Bazaar. All of these efforts are vital to the success of this important event. Mark your calendar for next year's Bazaar.

India Mission Student Update

Mission funds contributed for the 1st quarter (August - October) will continue the congregation's support of four students being assisted by the India Mission team. Keep Shekar and Srimanthi from Thazhaiyatham plus Epsi and Gopi from T.T. Mottur in your prayers and thank you to Marv and Rhonda Hansen for sharing these photos from their trip this fall.

Calvary members interested in supporting an India Mission student should speak to Marv or Rhonda.

Advent Envelopes supported Calvary scholars

Calvary has a long-standing history of assisting members who are studying for full-time ministry in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The funds to make these scholarship awards were collected from donation envelopes especially designated for Wednesday Advent services. Calvary has supported member Jessica Wilson who is in her senior year. Stewardship has also begun to support staff member Sam Troemel who entered the Specific Ministry Pastor Program this fall. Our goal is to raise \$6,500 during Advent to meet our commitment to both students. If you did not attend an Advent service but would like to support the Student Assistance Fund, please make that note on your contribution envelope or when making an online contribution.

Thank you to Stewardship Ministry Team members

Rachel Daeger, Chair

Jay Bolden

Dr. Phil Borst

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Julia Coppi

Pastor Kurt Ebert

Jeff Evans

Pete Joseph

Kevin Kehlbeck

Pastor Josh Reifsteck

Greg Simons, Treasurer

Pastor Art Wehrmeister



*Srimanthi in photo on the left. Epsi pictured above.
Gopi on the right.*

