



February 2018 Monthly Newsletter

From the Pastors Living in Community

How would you answer the following question?

Is it harder or easier to live in community with others in our day and age?

Sociologists, theologians, political commentators, as well as so many others seem to be contemplating this question as of late. I continue to hear many ponder the deep rifts and divisions between political groups and parties within America. I hear many wonder whether technology is uniting us or dividing us as a people. Are we being drawn into meaningful connections, conversations, and relationships or are we more and more being drawn into our own little worlds of entertainment and isolation? I hear many other studies and reports that less and less people today are joining civic, social, and religious groups and instead deciding to do life on their own.

So the question I really want to get to and contemplate today is this: How are we doing in connecting with one another as fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? How are we doing at building meaningful relationships around God's Word and an intentional prayer that He would be active in our lives together. The scriptures again and again call us not just to a personal relationship with Jesus, but with a communal connection with other believers in Christ. It is through that shared discussion, fellowship, prayer, and even confession that we grow to be the people God has called us to be. While we may grow through personal devotion, it is often in shared Bible study, discussion, and service that we are challenged in ways that we would not otherwise experience. So, where is God inviting you to grow in your life in community? Is He calling you to join a small group, attend a Bible study, find a prayer/accountability partner? Where ever it may be, my prayer is that we continue to take that bold step to share our lives with others and allow them to share their lives with us. Here are a few Bible passages and quotes for us to reflect upon this month.

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another (Proverbs 27:17).

- And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- Brothers and sisters, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:1-2).
- He who is alone with his sin is utterly alone. It may be that Christians, notwithstanding corporate worship, common prayer, and all their fellowship in service, may still be left to their loneliness. The final breakthrough to fellowship does not occur because, though they have fellowship with one another as believers and as devout people, they do not have fellowship as the undevout, as sinners. The pious fellowship permits no one to be a sinner. So everyone must conceal his sin from himself and from their fellowship. Many Christians are unthinkably horrified when a real sinner is suddenly discovered among the righteous. So we remain alone with our sin, living in lies and hypocrisy. The fact is we are sinners!" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *Life Together*).
- "I want to be a part of a community with the habits and practices that will make me do what I would otherwise not choose to do and then learn to like what I have been forced to do" (Stanley Hauerwas, In Good Company: The Church as Polis (1995) Notre Dame press).

God's blessings!

Pastor Kurt Ebert

Staff Spotlight

Shari Shaker



What do you do at Calvary? Church receptionist What is your favorite thing about Calvary? So many caring members Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible? Psalm 62:5—I wait quietly before God, for my hope is in Him. Favorite Hobby? Boating on Lake Cumberland Favorite Sport/Team(s)? Purdue Football / Basketball Favorite Food? All seafood Hidden Talent/Little Known Fact about You? My love of gardening and cooking

Alana Benner



What do you do at Calvary? Work in Extended Care What is your favorite thing about Calvary? Being able to work with children Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible? The book of Matthew Favorite Hobby? Knitting and scrapbooking Favorite Sport/Team(s)? Football—Colts Favorite Food? Sushi Hidden Talent/Little Known Fact about You? I am an Advanced Open Water Scuba Diver.

2018 Flower Chart

The 2018 flower chart is now in the narthex. Sign up for a special occasion or in remembrance of a loved one. Questions? Ann Arnold (aarnold1230@gmail.com or 317-626-4067)

51st Annual Bazaar

We want to Thank everyone once again for their participation and gifts for our 50th Bazaar! We are now starting to plan our 51st. We would appreciate ideas for our recipients of the Bazaar monies we generate through gifts and donations. Please place ideas you have for a local or state charity in Kathy Ford's mailbox.

Open Position – Calvary Nursery Worker/Director

Calvary currently has a paid opening to manage and develop the nursery offerings to our congregation on Sunday mornings. The ideal candidate has a love for and experience working with children and a desire to develop our nursery program. More information is available in the church office. Please submit your resume to the church office or email to churchsecretary@clcs.org

Thank You from Habitat for Humanity

Calvary Team, THANK YOU so much for your long term support over the years. When

we partner with committed groups like Calvary, we are able to do amazing things like partner with 26 new homeowners this year! Thank you for all of the hard work you do with Calvary and Habitat to make a difference for God's Kinadom! - Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity



Individuals and groups are needed to volunteer for various Habitat projects. Please visit their website for more information (www.indyhabitat.org). You can view their volunteer opportunities for 2018 by visiting www.indyhabitat.org/volunteer. Calvary will again work as a volunteer group with Habitat as we try to connect with Indy Women's Build, Faith Builds, and Community Builds. Dates for those Builds will be forthcoming soon, so watch the newsletter for updates. Thank you for your support!

Attention Thrivent Members—Direct Your Choice Dollars

If you have not yet directed your 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars to a charity of your choosing, please consider directing them to "Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church" or "Calvary Lutheran School." Go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836 to find out if you have Choice dollars available to direct. The deadline for 2017 Choice dollars is March 31st.



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Save the Date for Vacation Bible School

Mon., June 11th through Frí., June 15th

9:00-11:30 a.m.

Kids will go on an incredible Bible-learning experience as they discover God's great love for them. Electrifying Bible adventures, catchy songs, team-building games, engaging science experiments, and memorable crafts are all part of the VBS experience! Look for more information in the coming months.

Contact Paula Streib, <u>pdmde@sbcglobal.net</u> with questions or to volunteer.



"Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey"—Midweek Lenten Series (Starting Wed., February 14)

As Christians, we embark upon a daily movement from exile—from life under the burden of sin to the joy of the Gospel that is ours in Christ Jesus. We will contemplate the reality of our earthly journey with eyes fixed on the destination—the empty tomb and the open gates of everlasting life, with the confidence of knowing that we do not walk alone! Join us as we prepare ourselves for the joys of Holy week. Invite a friend to join you, as we journey together through Lent.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 14 (3:30 & 7:00 p.m.) - "Heart to Heart: Sackcloth & Ashes to Robes of Righteousness"

Wed, Feb 21 (7:00 p.m.) - "Garden to Garden: Eden to Heaven"

Wed, Feb 28 (7:00 p.m.) - "Mountain to Mountain: Mount Moriah to Mount Zion"

Wed, March 7 (7:00 p.m.) - "Out of Egypt: Through the Water"

Wed, March 14 (7:00 p.m.) - "Tree to Tree: The Tree of Life to the Cross"

Wed, March 21 (7:00 p.m.) - "Death to Resurrection: Wilderness to the Promised Land"



Parish Education

Children Sunday School: The theme for this year is **"Hands Praising Jesus"**! We are looking forward to an amazing year! Please see below for the latest class assignments and locations:

Preschool: Room 304-Lori Turner Kindergarten/1st/2nd: Room 405-Open 3rd: Room 301-Ben/Brittani Langhammer 4th: Room 205-Chuck/Beckie Hudson and Gayle Freeman-Richards 5th/6th: School Library-Dennie Morrison 7th-8th: Room 514-Diane Gibson

Do you have a love for children and would like to teach them about our Lord and encourage them in their faith? If so, we have an opening for a K/1st/2nd grade Sunday school teacher and would love to speak with you. Please contact Paula Streib (pdmde@sbcglobal.net) or Jennifer Eisberg (jeisberg@sbcglobal.net).

"Known and Loved Intergenerational Event" (2/4/2018): Everyone (children and adults) is invited to the Gym for food, fellowship, and an engaging discussion around God's Word. This event will take the place of Children's Sunday School on 2/4. (Gym)

"Into the Word": Join us Sunday mornings as we engage with the Old Testament by studying the book of Judges. Are you strong enough to wrestle with the Judges? What does the Rambo-esque book of the Bible have to say to modern Christians? Join us as we learn and discuss! (North Narthex)

"Foundations of Faith: New Member Class": The Foundations of Faith class continues in February. Join us to learn more about the Lutheran faith and Calvary! Completing this class provides the opportunity to join Calvary. Current members are also welcome to join the class to meet our new members and also to refresh your knowledge of our faith. (Room 125)

"Congregational Study: Christian, It's Not What You Think": Are you a Christian? Or a Follower of Jesus Christ? Are these the same or different? Join us for answers as we begin our Congregational Study the weekend of Feb 10/11. Small group sign-up sheets and bible study guides are available in the Narthex. (Room 125, various Small Groups)

Young Adults: Join the Young Adults on Sunday Mornings in the Conference Room as they study the book of Romans. (Conference Room)

Saturday Night Classes for Adults, 5:00pm: Join Pastor Main in the Conference Room as we begin the study of **"Congregational Study: Christian, It's Not What You Think"** on 2/10/18. Are you a Christian? Or a Follower of Jesus Christ? Are these the same or different? Join us as we discuss! (Conference Room)

Be sure to watch the bulletin for more information on upcoming class and study opportunities!

Adult Ministry

Lunch OUT! Wed., February 7, 2018 11:30 am

The first Wednesday of each month we visit a different local restaurant for lunch. In February we're headed to Hotcakes Emporium Pancake House & Restaurant at 6845 Bluff Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46217. Located just north of Southport Road, this eatery offers a full breakfast menu, but also burgers, sandwiches, manhattans and more. Tables will be reserved for Calvary Lutheran. Come join us!

Lunch & Learn Wednesday, February 21, 11:30am

Program: "May I Have Your Autograph?" Calvary's Mike Louden is an avid, long-time collector. Come hear about his hobby, how values are determined, the most sought-after signatures, and his tips on collecting and recognizing forgeries.

Chicken and Dumplings will be the provided entrée; bring \$2 and a dish to share. Lunch starts at 11:30am, but come early for free blood pressure checks. Adults of all ages are welcome.

For more info, contact Emily Spelde, 317-783-2000 or email espelde@clcs.org

Got Medicines to Donate? Calvary is collecting meds & medical supplies throughout February for the St. Thomas Free Clinic in Franklin. If you have changed prescriptions and have medications you no longer use, the St. Thomas Clinic can distribute them to individuals in need. For safety reasons, please drop donations off at Calvary's church office, <u>not</u> the donation bins. PLEASE NOTE: Please leave name of medication and "use by" date on containers. Prescription medications need to be less than one year old. Narcotic painkillers cannot be accepted. Over-the-counter, unopened, valid date items also accepted: antacids, ointments, vitamins, incontinence supplies, nutritional supplements. Used but good condition orthopedic braces, splints, canes, walkers. Questions? Call Nancy Brandt, 787-5950.

Outreach

Please sign up for Greeters 2018!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <u>https://goo.gl/YW5hMd</u>
- 2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
- 3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Tracy Moore, <u>tawmoore@yahoo.com</u>.

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Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Basketball Positioning

The "Keith Smart" photograph is an awesome picture for many reasons. First, it shows the game winning shot falling into the net crowning the 1987 Hoosiers as the NCAA National Basketball Champions. Secondly, it illustrates an essential basketball fundamental. This fundamental is blocking out the opponent for a rebound. If Keith Smart would have missed the shot, IU had the inside position blocking out the Syracuse players from getting a rebound. The photograph shows this textbook blocking out positioning. We spend many hours throughout the season of basketball at Calvary teaching and practicing this skill. Yet working on it in drills at practice is different then applying the same learned skills in a game.

God invites us to learn the skill of "blocking out" as well. Jesus taught us the importance of "blocking out" as He dined at the home of Lazarus, Martha, and, Mary. Jesus commends Mary for "blocking out" the demands of the day and to place the hearing of His Word as first priority. Just as the IU basketball players placed their opponent behind them, we, too are to place the cares of the world behind us as we first seek the Lord and His Word.

Lent will be soon upon us. We "block out" the rigors of our schedules and join on Wednesday evenings for worship. We commit ourselves to the tasks of ministry as we share the saving love of Jesus Christ with our colleagues and co-workers. We make family devotion time a priority. We gladly join a small group Bible Study.

We are privileged each day to share this message of "blocking out" with the students of Calvary Lutheran School. We thank God the for gift of His Word. We thank this congregation for providing this ministry to our Indianapolis Community for the past 68 years. We move forward in faith knowing that God has already "blocked out" the work of the devil, the world, and the eternal consequences of our sin through the death and resurrection of His Son to all who believe.

Imagine....all this from an IU basketball game photograph.....

Welcome Jennifer Skojac- CLS Admissions Counselor

We extend a Calvary welcome to Jennifer Skojac. Jennifer is our new admissions counselor. We thank God for His gifts granted through Jennifer as she serves Him here. God's blessing to you as you begin.

Early Registration / Open Enrollment for 2018-19

New Applications and Re-enrollment are being accepted beginning Feb 1 for the 2018-19 school year for all Preschool sessions as well as Kindergarten – 8th Grades. As Calvary's school has continued to grow, space available in the classrooms has become limited. Be sure to re-enroll your children early to ensure they maintain their placement! Early Registration enables Calvary to plan and prepare staffing and facility needs for the upcoming school year. Early Registration goes through March 16. Enrollment March 16 or later will be assessed a late fee of \$100 per student.

If you know someone looking for a school home for their family, you can refer them to Jennifer Skojac, Calvary's Admissions Counselor. She can be reached at 317-783-2305, <u>admissions@thecalvaryschool.org</u>, or online at www.choosecalvary.com. We are so excited to plan for another year of Christian Education for our students!

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

2018-19 First through Eighth Grade Registration Procedures

Returning families may register on line through RenWeb. A meeting with our Bookkeeper, Mrs. Combs is to be scheduled as you set up your account for the 2018-19 school year. Our intent is to streamline this process. Registration applications will be accepted beginning February 1. Tours of the school may be scheduled any day that school is in session as well.

We praise and thank God for the opportunity to share His love with the students of Calvary Lutheran School. Our prayer is that the doors to Calvary include your school-aged children.

President's Day observed

School will not be in session on Monday, February 19 in observance of President's Day. God indeed grants to people the needed abilities to complete the tasks and service that they have been elected to do and accomplish. We thank God for the gifts that He has and continues to give to this country in our presidents.

Please note: Friday, February 16 will be used as a snow make-up day. School will be in session on that date.

Shared Ministry

We thank our Facilities Ministry team for the daily cleaning and other preparation enabling the school doors to be opened each day. From lawn maintenance to snow removal to classrooms vacuumed and rest rooms cleaned, we are blessed to be able to open each day with the lights shining and heat radiating. Thank you for this shared ministry.

Basketball Basketball Basketball

February is the month for basketball at Calvary. Many tournaments will be held during this busy month. We invite you to attend any of these games. Please note the dates of the tournaments on the monthly calendar. Exact game times will be announced as the tournament schedules are finalized. We ask the Lord to bless our efforts as we proclaim His love as we witness to others Christian sportsmanship through athletics.

Scholarship Grant Fund

We thank and praise God for the gift of love shared by over 30 individuals/families who contributed \$56,000.00 in 2017 towards our SGO goal of \$45,000.00. 25 students received scholarship grants and will now be eligible for an Indiana CHOICE voucher for the 2018-19 school year. These gifts also eliminated over \$40,000.00 in waived tuition which is annually budgeted for families unable to fully finance school costs. All donations to this fund receive an Indiana state 50% tax credit. Thank you.

National Lutheran Schools Accreditation

Calvary Lutheran Church and School has conducted our NLSA self-study process. We are scheduled for an accreditation team visit February 27-March 1. Many hands are needed as we work through the seven standards. We ask the Lord's guidance as we undertake this comprehensive journey ever looking to improve our offerings and programs for the students and their families as we follow our school goals for the next 5 years.

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Women in Mission

Extravagant Sharing

Thanks to everyone who shared canned and dry pasta and/or canned pork and beans throughout the month of January. In



February, please purchase and place on the Extravagant Sharing shelves in the narthex canned or instant potatoes and/or ramen noodles. Having warm, filling food will be appreciated by many hungry families. Thanks to all who share with their JOY of the Lord.



Blankets for Babies

Our February dates are Thursdays, the 8th and 22nd. (6:00-8:00 p.m. in the cafe area) Come in from the cold and join us as we knit and crochet blankets for newborns. Most of our blankets are given to the Life Center on Hanna Ave. They are always so appreciative. It's really a joy to deliver them!!! Questions?? Call Susan Daniels 317-882-3691.

Women's Saturday Bible Study Sat., February 3, 8:30 a.m.

This month's bible study will be from the LWML Winter Quarterly 2017 and led by Margie Leive. Please plan on joining us from 8:30-9:30 a.m in the EPIC Center Library.

Women in Mission—Have a Heart Cookie Project

Our women's ministry needs your help in baking heart-shaped cookies for our Have-a-Heart Cookie Project. We plan to hand out bags of decorated cookies after the services again this year the weekend of February 10 & 11, 2018, to show our love for the congregation in a tangible form.

Volunteers are needed to bake and/or decorate cookies. Project coordinator Doris Sherfy is hosting 2 "baking parties" at her Greenwood home, Saturday, January 27, 10am and Wednesday, January 31, 10am. Cookie dough will be ready to roll when you arrive! Women of all ages are welcome.

There will also be a "Decorating Party" on Wednesday, February 7, at 9:30am, in Calvary's Conference Room. Come learn some fancy cookie decorating tricks and help with this labor-of-love ministry project. All ingredients are provided, thanks to a

Thrivent Financial ® Action Team Grant; the grant proposal was submitted by Margaret Mowery.

To volunteer or for more information, email or call Doris, <u>DLsherfy@sbcglobal.net</u>, <u>317-881-5918</u>



Fellowship Ministry

Ash Wednesday Dinner (Feb 14) 5:30-6:30pm (Gym)

Menu: Chili, Vegetable Soup, Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Applesauce and Rolls Free Will Donation: Profits to A Firm Foundation

Sian-Up: Use special form in Fellowship pad (Jan 27 – Feb 11)

Dessert Donations: Use Fellowship pad sign-up form. Bring desserts to the kitchenette during the day or to the gym by 5:30pm on Feb 14.

It is not necessary to sign up, but the responses will aid in planning. You are not obligated if your plans change. Questions? Linda Bugher at the bughers@att.net or 317-432-1865.

Coming in April...

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Plans are being made for dinner, a speaker, and an evening of fellowship in the gym on Friday, April 27. Watch for more details next month!

Facilities

Facilities Ministry Update

Items completed in December:

- All heating units have been inspected and the filters have been changed;
- Stanley Steemer cleaned the narthex carpeting;
- Lytle Landscaping cleaned the gutters;
- Preventive maintenance of the HVAC pneumatic controls has been performed
- The south lot and school exterior lights and timers were repaired;

Projects:

- Two quotes for updating the security camera system were obtained (\$13,000-\$14,000 range). Seven to nine exterior cameras will be added to provide coverage for entry doors and the south parking lot. A matching grant is available through the state to help with the cost. Our share would be covered by the A Firm Foundation fundraiser.
- The north parking lot lighting project is proceeding. It should be approximately \$31,000. Frozen ground may delay installation, but the hardware will be delivered and stored here in that event. There will be a small rebate available through IPL. We will also refurbish the existing light poles.

Calvary has received funds from Willing Workers to purchase new folding tables and chairs.

As of January 21, 2018 we have



Stewardship Emphasis

Stewardship Update By Rachel Daeger, Chair, Stewardship Ministry Team

Firm Foundation Campaign - Security Cameras

The Stewardship Ministry Team has recommended that all monies collected at the Lenten Services (envelopes, plate contributions and online at www.clcs.org/donate) will go to the *A Firm Foundation* Campaign, specifically for security cameras for the church parking lots and all doors in the building. Not only is Calvary missing cameras in key locations but the resolution of the existing camera is poor due to their age.

Calvary has been informed by the Homeland Security Department that they will match Calvary dollar per dollar for any monies we raise for the cameras. The goal is to raise \$8,000 during the six services in Lent. As we celebrate our risen Savior, let us remember in our gifts to Him what He has given to us, everlasting life in heaven.

Security cameras are just one aspect of Calvary's plan to update key building systems to ensure the safety and security of everyone – from students and worshippers to our guests from the community. The overall goal is to raise \$200,000 by July 31. You can find more details about the campaign and the opportunities to support the effort online at www.clcs.org.

Update on Missions Calvary Supported in 2017

Habitat for Humanity of Indianapolis

Greater Indy Habitat provided 26 households the dignity of homeownership in 2017. Calvary supported Habitat financially as well as with volunteer labor.

Rev. Schumacher serving in Ghana

In his December newsletter, Rev. Schumacher shared a photo of the six seminary students at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana . He writes, "These students began their studies in 2015 shortly after I began teaching. These men have grown in their faith and knowledge of how to shepherd God's people."

Thank you for supporting the Scholarship Fund during Advent

Over \$4,500 was collected during Advent offerings. These funds supported Calvary's student assistance fund. This fund is available to Calvary members who are studying for full-time ministry in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Students interested in applying for support should send a letter to stewardship @clcs.org listing their area of study, degree to be obtained, and break-down of their education costs and how those costs are being met. Jessica Wilson, a junior at River Forest, received assistance in the fall semester from this fund.

Thank you for supporting Calvary Lutheran School's SGO effort

Last fall members were asked to support Calvary Lutheran School students by contributing to the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana. These donations provide scholarships to Calvary student families whose income is less than 200% of the Federal free or reduced hot lunch guidelines. Calvary needed \$40,000 to fully fund these grants to families unable to pay the entire cost of tuition. Members responded by contributing \$56,000 on behalf of Calvary – fully funding the need. Thank you. Watch for details later this year for the announcement of the tax credits available for 2018.

Setting up an automatic donation to Calvary

Your contributions to Calvary can be deducted on a regular basis by setting up an account through Calvary's website. Go to www.clcs.org/donate to indicate the amount and frequency of your donation. You will have full control over the frequency and amount of each donation if desired.

Stewardship Emphasis (cont'd)

Calvary's 50th Annual Holiday Bazaar benefited three charities

As a result of the 50th Annual Holiday Bazaar, Calvary's Willing Workers-Women In Mission has donated \$3,250 to each of the following organizations:

Prison Fellowship - Angel Tree (this donation was matched)

Joy's House South

Calvary Lutheran Church & School for tables and chairs

Thank you to everyone who made these donations possible by volunteering, donating or attending the Bazaar.

NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

Ruth Lilly Distinguished Speaker Series – Doug Boles – February 9

J. Douglas Boles, the President of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation, will be our inaugural speaker at the Ruth Lilly Distinguished Speaker Series at Lutheran High School. Mr. Boles will speak on servant leadership and the importance of one's faith in the racing and business world. This event is open to alumni, parents of students at LHS, and the general public, but **reservations for this free event are required**. Please register at <u>Ihsi.org</u>. Please enter the Ruth Lilly Auditorium at LHS (Door 3).

Mr. Boles is responsible for the daily operations of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and all four world-class racing events at the facility – the Indianapolis 500, presented by PennGrade Motor Oil, the Indy Car Grand Prix, the Brickyard 400, and the Red Bull Air Race. In 2017, A Butler University graduate, Mr. Boles also earned a law degree from Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis. For more information, please contact Sheryl Finnerty or Julie Pflug, 317-224-1108.

Enrollment at LHS for 2018-2019 is open

Take advantage of early enrollment opportunities and save \$100! This is true for new and returning students. Enroll at <u>Ihsi.org</u>.

Saints On Stage to Present The Music Man – February 23, 24, 25

The Music Man, the Saints On Stage annual musical production, will be on stage at Lutheran High School on February 23 and 24, 7:00 pm, and February 25, 3:00 pm. The classic American musical transports audiences to the simpler time and place of River City, Iowa, 1912. Immersed in traditional values and roles, the citizens are quite happy with their town and how it functions. That is, even though gossip, corruption, and ignorance abound. That is, until the stranger Professor Harold Hill shows up and turns the lives of the River Citizens upside down! The con-man is not fooling progressive and "book smart" librarian Marian Paroo, until Professor Hill's attempts to woo her begin to pay off. With its distinct characters, witty dialogue, and classic musical theatre favorites such as "Seventy-Six Trombones," "Trouble," "Till There Was You," and "Goodnight My Someone," this production will be a night of fun and entertainment for the whole family. The cast features 29 talented LHS students as well as 24 middle school students from area schools. You won't want to miss it! Tickets – \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens – are available by going to <u>http://www.lhsi.org/student-life/saints-stage.cfm</u> or calling the school office, <u>317-787-5474</u>.

LuFest 2018 – April 13, 2018 – Auction items needed

There is still time to join in the fun at Lucas Oil Stadium on Friday, April 13 for LuFest 2018. Hurry, only eight tables remain at this time. Please visit <u>lhsi.org</u> to reserve your place. We are looking for quality new or antique auction items, gift cards, and experiences which would be of interest to our guests.



February Memorials

In Memory of Eric Borst from:

Richard, Karen & Matthew Alter, Marv & Rhonda Hansen, Robert & Virginia Sanders, Bob & Polly Ford



In Memory of Jackie Irwin from: Clay & Amy Robbins



In Memory of Thavamani Chinna Samy from:

Margie Leive

Fall 2017-2018 Sunday School Attendance Awards

Faithful



Abigail Ebert Rel Aiden Francis Brid Caleb Hudson Matthew Naing S Cindy Shen

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Compassion Ministry

COMPASSION MINISTRY TEAM would like to thank the congregation for their generosity at Christmas. Lutherwood was very grateful for your donations. Those members that helped with the party reported back how appreciative the teens were for the blankets, toiletries, hats, gloves and cards. The girls are using the yarn to learn to crochet. Thank you again for your support of this ministry. - Compassion Ministry Team

Youth Ministry

FLIGHT - High School Youth Group

The high school youth group will be meeting this month on **Feb 4**, **11**, **18 and 25**. We meet in the Youth Room from **5:30-7:00 pm** for food, small groups, and an activity.

SAIL - 7th and 8th Grade Youth Group

SAIL will meet this month on **Wednesdays**, **Feb 7 and 28** in the youth room from **3:30-5:00 pm**. These events will include a light snack, Bible study, and activities. All 7th and 8th graders are welcome!

LAUNCH - 5th and 6th grade Youth Group

LAUNCH will meet this month on **Wednesday**, **Feb 21** in the youth room from **3:30-5:00 pm.** This event will include a light snack, Bible study, and activities. All 5th and 6th graders are welcome!

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February 4, 2018 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm: 103:1-5; Old Testament: Isaiah 40:28-31; Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 "Like Eagles" - Sermon Text: Isaiah 40:28-31 – Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

At times we are wearied by life's challenges, and find it difficult to move forward. But there is One who never gets tired, who is almighty, who understands our situation. He loves us, and has saved us, and will renew our strength so that we can soar "like eagles."

February 11, 2018 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Psalm: 50:1-6; Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6; Gospel: Mark 9:2-9 "You Sure Look Different" - Sermon Text: Mark 9:2-9 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

When a person's appearance changes we take note. If it is for the good, we look for good news. If it is for the bad, we look for bad news. Jesus' appearance changed for the good. What news does Jesus have for us?

February 18, 2018 – First Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 25:1-10; Epistle: James 1:12-18; Gospel: Mark 1:9-15 "Contrasting Adams" - Sermon Text: Mark 1:9-15 - <u>Rev.</u> Dr. Daniel Brege

Adam, God's created son, failed in every way; he succumbed to the temptation of Satan and ate of the forbidden tree, bringing the curse upon paradise...making it into a wilderness. For us God's beloved Son became the Second Adam; He entered the wilderness of man's fallen world, He overcame Satan's temptations, and by obediently going to the tree of the cross and rising from the dead, paradise is restored for mankind.

February 25, 2018 – Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 22:23-31; Epistle: Romans 5:6-11; Gospel: Mark 8:27-35 "What's Your Final Answer?" - Sermon Text: Mark 8:29 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Jesus' question to Peter is the most important question that people (including us) ever will have to answer. What are the "lifelines" you can go to for answers? What's your final answer?



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