

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



March 2019 Monthly Newsletter

## *From the Pastors*

### **Lent – A Season of Preparation**

*"4Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." (Psalm 23:4-5).*

As we begin the season of Lent, there is a question that I often hear asked or at least contemplated by many Christians, "What am I going to give up for Lent?" There is a long-standing practice within the church that has encouraged Christians to give up something meaningful during Lent for the purpose of experiencing a small taste of the suffering and temptation that Jesus experienced to redeem us from our sin. The practice of giving something up for Lent also serves as a physical way to test and to train ourselves to choose God, rather than physical pleasure. I've heard of people giving up everything from candy to coffee to alcohol to Netflix (side note - I must admit I'm curious to know the percentage of those who fulfill their New Year's resolutions versus those who remain faithful to their Lenten pledges).

While you may or may not participate in this practice of giving something up for Lent, it raises a much greater question in my mind, "How do you prepare yourself for the joys and celebration of Holy Week?" We all know the importance of preparing our homes for dinner guests, ourselves for the big work meeting or project, and our school classrooms for new students. So how do we prepare ourselves for the most important guest ever? In the busyness of life and the fullness of our schedules, how do we make room for God to work in our lives?

In one of the most beloved passages of Scripture, Psalm 23 describes the unique relationship that we have with the Lord, as we are His sheep and He is our shepherd. Those opening lines describe the beautiful and picturesque landscape with which God desires to fill our lives. The psalm speaks of green pastures and still waters. It speaks of great trust and assurance. It speaks of restoration and wholeness and purpose. It even goes so far to speak a word of great trust in the face of great terror. Psalm 23:4 speaks of a confident faith that trusts in the Lord despite the circumstances of a dark and dangerous place called the valley of the shadow of death. What is the reason for such faith? Because God is with us. He not only has the proximity, but also the means and measures—His rod and staff—to deal with what is causing our worries and fears. However, in verse 5, the scenery suddenly shifts. Here we are surrounded by enemies, but God is busy setting up camp. Here in the presence of the battles of life is where the Lord lays out his banqueting table. Here in the presence of that which threatens to overwhelm us and defeat us, he chooses to stop and rest with us, enjoying the company of our presence. What are we to make of this? And how does it apply to our Lenten preparations?

Too often we feel that we need to get our life in order before we can take time away with God. Too often we feel that we can only take the time to rest, recuperate, and refresh ourselves after the work is done and the battle is won and our lives are back in control. We ask ourselves, "How can we in the midst of the dark and deep valley or in the face of an angry and ferocious army take time to stop our work and rest with God? Yet, that is where our Lord invites us to meet Him? He invites us amid our harried and anxious existences to take a little time away. This Lent I would like to invite you not simply to "give up something," but to include something within your Lenten preparations. I invite you to practice the God-given gift of the Sabbath. Dedicate a 24-hour time of the week to rest, recuperate, and refresh yourself, as You delight in His gifts, celebrate His presence, and share time with those that He has placed in Your life. Why? Because it is precisely amid the busyness of life that we so desperately need the rejuvenating grace of our God. Because in the face of the temptation of believing that our security, our status, and even our well-being is dependent upon **what we produce**, He invites us instead to rejoice in **what He provides**. He has provided our daily bread and more (23:5 our cup runneth over). He has given us the promise to watch over and protect us (23:4 His rod and His staff). While we sleep, He sustains. While we spend time in worship, He fills and fuels our soul for another week's work. While we take time to enjoy the people and things that He has given us, He refreshes our sense of meaning and purpose within our work. I pray that during this Lenten season as you pause in life to fix your eyes upon Jesus Christ that you may feel more prepared for Holy Week than you have ever been before, as you come to Him refreshed, relaxed, and resting in the nail pierced hands that have done it all for you. Amen.

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

## Volunteer Focus

### Bud Pflug



#### What is your role at Calvary?

*I have 2 roles: Recording Secretary and Communications Ministry Team Director*

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

*God has richly blessed me, and I want to give Him thanks and praise by serving Him and others. I want to utilize the specific gifts He has given me.*

#### What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

*At Calvary, I know that I can serve God and help others in many ways. My volunteering makes a difference and is appreciated. God has blessed us at Calvary so that we can be a blessing to others.*

#### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*One that comes to mind is Ephesians 2:8—"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."*

#### Favorite Dessert?

*Unfortunately, I've never met a dessert that I didn't like...I'd have to say my wife's Kentucky Butter Cake is my favorite.*

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

*The Communications team is effective in reaching out to members of the congregation and the community at large with information about God's grace, Calvary's mission, and programs and events. Pray that we recognize and utilize all communication methods available to us in a manner that is pleasing to God.*

## Staff Spotlight

### Judy Morrison



#### What is your role at Calvary?

*Fine Arts Teacher; Music K-8th grade and Art 3rd-8th grades*

#### What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

*The Kids! Every day is a great adventure! The successes as well as the struggles, are God's way of reminding me that we are ALL His kids. We are ALL learning and growing in our faith.*

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

*I would have to say my mom. When things weren't going as planned, she would remind me of Prov. 3:5-6. She made being involved in the church a priority for our family—not out of duty, but because she knew we needed to stay connected to the ONE source that would give us life—Jesus!*

#### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*I have many, but my favorite book is Proverbs and the verse that has helped guide my faith journey is Prov. 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding—acknowledge Him in all your ways and He will direct your path."*

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

*That God will enable and equip me to inspire faith through the arts, that He will continue to use my gifts for His glory as I work to grow His kingdom... and that He helps me to be sensitive to the needs of others.*

## General

### Calvary Connect Contemporary Worship

The next Calvary Connect worship service will take place **Sunday, March 10th from 10:30-11:15 am.** Join us as we sit at tables, enjoy coffee and donuts, and hear God's Word in a casual atmosphere. Questions or to help out? Sam Troemel, [stroemel@clcs.org](mailto:stroemel@clcs.org) or 317-783-2000.



### Opportunity for People Over 70-1/2 with an IRA

Are you over 70-1/2 with an IRA that has a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) every year? If so, you may be able to avoid income taxes by donating all or part of your RMD to Calvary. Talk with your financial planner or tax consultant about this great strategy for lowering your tax liability and boosting your giving power! Questions? Contact Gary Bugher, Calvary's Business Manager., 317-783-2000 or [businessmanager@clcs.org](mailto:businessmanager@clcs.org).

### Attention Thrivent Members

If you have not directed your 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars, please consider directing them to "Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church" or "Calvary Lutheran School." Visit [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 to find out if you have Choice dollars to direct. The deadline for 2018 Choice dollars is March 31<sup>st</sup>.



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### Lutheran Marriage Encounter

Lutheran Marriage Encounter is bringing a weekend experience to your community Friday, April 5th—Sunday, April 7th, at the Comfort Suites Indianapolis, 2750 Fortune Circle West. This is a wonderful occasion for a meaningful experience for married couples.



More details at [www.godlovesmarriage.org/events](http://www.godlovesmarriage.org/events).

### Easter Lily Order Form

\$12.00 each **Order deadline is March 31st**

Leave order with payment in the church office. (Checks payable to Calvary)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Attached: \_\_\_\_\_



*Easter is marked by many beautiful signs of life. If you want to add a personal touch to our Day of Resurrection, please order a lily to decorate the altar on Easter. Flowers can be picked up following our Easter services.*

## **“Sermon on the Mount” — Midweek Lenten Series (Starting Wed., Mar 6)**

Join us as we venture through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7, as each section is related to the events surrounding Christ's life, death and resurrection. Each service will powerfully reveal that the cross itself is the ultimate “sermon on the mount” for our journey of faith in this sacred season.

**Ash Wednesday Mar 6 (3:45 & 7:00 p.m.)** - “Blessed Are You”

\*\*\*Ash Wednesday School Chapel is also open to guests at 8:10 a.m.

**Wed, Mar 13 (7:00 p.m.)** - “Salt and Light”

**Wed, Mar 20 (7:00 p.m.)** - “Prayer and Fasting”

**Wed, Mar 27 (7:00 p.m.)** - “Do Not Worry”

**Wed, Apr 3 (7:00 p.m.)** - “Judge Not”

**Wed, Apr 10 (7:00 p.m.)** - “Build on Rock”



### **February Memorials**

***In Memory of Charles Finke from:***

*Patricia Finke*

***In Memory of Johnny & Joe Wurster from:***

*Bob Wurster*

***In Memory of David Miller from:***

*Delores Strietelmeier*

***In Memory of Kenneth Waterman from:***

*Steve & Pam Waterman*



### **Portals of Prayer Renewal/Order Form**

It is time to order or renew your subscription to Portals of Prayer—a daily devotion book.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **PH#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_ (\$9.10 regular print; \$17.50 large print) Make checks to “Calvary.”

**Drop forms off in the church office by March 24th.**

## Parish Education

### Coming this Summer! Mark Your Calendars! Calvary Women's Bible Study

*Hosea ~ Unfailing Love Changes Everything*  
by Jennifer Rothschild

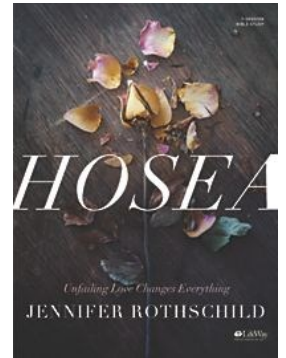
Dates: **June 4—July 16, 2019**

9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. sessions

Kristen Schwark & Jen Eisberg - Facilitators

About this Study:

The Book of Hosea is a deeply personal and passionate love story, yet it's a difficult story. As an account full of harsh judgment unfolds, we find in its midst a rare gem: the truest and purest of loves. Hosea, an old-testament prophet, preached his own life message using his marriage as the sermon illustration. This study of Hosea looks deeply at that message. You'll be guided to understand, but more especially to apply, the message of the prophet of love. Hosea showers us with hope and points to the coming of the promised Messiah. Be amazed by the love of Hosea for his wayward spouse—and more amazed by the unfailing love of God for His wayward people.



### Save the Date—Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 24—Friday, June 28 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.



## Youth Ministry

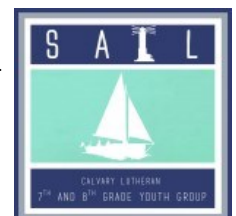
### FLIGHT—High School Youth Group

FLIGHT meets **Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm** in the youth room. Events typically include food, Bible study, small group discussion, and an activity. This group is open to all students currently in grades 8-12.



### SAIL—7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group

SAIL will meet next on **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm**. This event is open to all youth in grades 7 and 8. Friends from outside Calvary are always welcome!



### LAUNCH—5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group

LAUNCH will meet next on **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm**. This event is open to all youth in grades 5 and 6. Friends from outside Calvary are always welcome!





## Youth Ministry (cont'd)

### Family Night at the Pacers Game

Don't miss Calvary's family night at the Pacers game on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. The Pacers will be playing the Brooklyn Nets with a **5:00 pm tip-off**. Tickets are \$20 and include your entry, a hotdog or hamburger, chips, a drink, and a Pacers hat. For a special bonus, the first 20 youth, grades 1-12 will be able to give the team hi-fives as they come back on to the court after halftime! Registration forms available in the church office.



## Adult Ministry

**Lunch OUT! Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.**

### **Murphy's Pubhouse**

For Adult Ministry's 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday outing, we will be meeting at Murphy's Pubhouse, 6120 E. Thompson Road, 46237, at the northeast corner of Arlington Ave.

Murphy's menu includes daily lunch specials.

Tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran.



**Lunch & Learn Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.**

**Provided Entrée:** Brunch Casseroles

**Program Speaker:** A representative from the Drug Enforcement Administration will share insights and experiences. Many problems associated with drug abuse are the result of legitimately made controlled substances being diverted from their lawful purpose into illicit drug traffic. Come learn about the issues and what is being done to prevent, detect, and investigate the diversion of controlled substances.

**Where: Calvary Narthex** Please park in north lot

**What to Bring:** \$2 and a dish to share, if you are able

**Who:** Adults of all ages are welcome!



**Examine - Re-Examine**

When something fails to meet our expectations it is then that the event, activity, or occurrence is examined and re-examined. A student takes a test. When the test is returned where do his eyes go? They go to any of the answers marked incorrect. We gloss over the correct answers and examine those that we missed. Even our receipts are subject to this concept. A bill comes and we desire to have an itemized accounting reflecting all of the subsequent charges. A large proportion of the nightly news air time is allotted to reporting what was wrong today. A sporting event is lost. The coaches and players painstakingly examine the plays and calls from the first tip to the final buzzer, but when a game is won the level of reflection pales in comparison. Why? Why do we take what failed and place it under a microscope? Which team do you think is examining and re-examining and investing more in film review from the Super Bowl? The more significant the failed expectation the more earnestly we examine and re-examine what happened.

We can apply this to human behaviors as well. We can pick and pick at what we feel is wrong in our world examining and re-examining it while often neglecting to place that same energy acknowledging all the blessings that we enjoy each day. Why?

It seems that our focus is off at times. We tend to focus on the "wrong's" instead of the "right's." God changed all that as His One and Only Son burst victoriously from the grave. Christ is Risen. We are no longer trapped by the scrutiny of sin, but freed through the power of the Gospel. God's grace is lavished upon us redeeming and sanctifying us in His redemptive hand of salvation. We are made to STAND FIRM as we first seek His Kingdom through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are indeed set free!

Yes, we will continue to examine and re-examine test answers, game outcomes, and receipts, but when confronted with the tendency to slip and lend ear to the rumors and wrongs that grasp our attention, we ask the Lord to lead us to a place surrounded by His peace enabling us to STAND FIRM and to do everything in love.

**Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Registration- 2019-20**

Early registration for the 2019-20 school year has begun and will take place through March 15. Early registration will allow us to better prepare for the new school year. Staffing needs, equipment, and classroom assignments will be determined and finalized based on the enrollment numbers through this registration process.

Families re-enrolling for the new school year may do so through Renweb. Please be aware that registration fees must also be received to complete your registration process. The registration fee for the 2019-20 school year for students in Preschool through 8th grade is \$100.00 per student. You are asked to meet with Mrs. Combs, our Bookkeeper, in the school office to complete all financial paperwork. Your re-enrollment is not complete until BOTH the online and financial paperwork are done. If you do not complete the re-enrollment by March 15th, then a "late" enrollment fee of \$100/student is assessed. There is a computer available for use in the school office lobby to complete the online portion. Please contact the school office with any questions. We would be happy to help!

Please contact the school office with the names of neighbors, coworkers, and friends that may be interested in sending their children to Calvary Lutheran School. Jennifer Skojac, our Director of Admissions, will be happy to share the blessings of a quality, Christian education with all interested families. We share and extend this ministry to our Indianapolis Community as well.

We have a goal of separating our current 4th grade into two 5th grade classrooms for next year. Please let others know of this goal.

**Third quarter completed**

The third quarter will be completed on Friday, March 8th. Report cards will be emailed on Friday, March 15th. We commend all to the Lord who teach and learn in this place for their tremendous efforts.

**Spring Vacation**

Calvary Lutheran School will be closed for spring vacation beginning at 3:00PM on Friday, March 22. Our first day off is Monday, March 25. School will resume on Monday, April 1. We ask the Lord to be with all those who travel during this vacation period.



## Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

### SciFest Event

Students in our 3rd–8th grade will have the opportunity to compete in a science event at the LHSI on Thursday, March 7 beginning at 6:30PM. The students will be divided in groups. They will be given 30 minutes to build an apparatus that safely protects an egg as it is dropped from various heights. An exciting evening awaits you.

### Mirrors with Moms

Our Preschool 3-4 three day students will be celebrating Milkshakes, Muffins, and Mirrors with Mom. This event will take place during the school day. What a Marvelous day to celebrate with Mom. Our Preschool 3-4 THREE Day program students have this special activity planned for Friday, March 15 from 10-11:00AM.

### IREAD3 Testing

Students in our 3rd grade will take the IREAD 3 test the week of March 11-22. This test will be administered online. We desire the students to do their best on these tests. Please assist them by providing early bedtimes and nutritious breakfasts. Studies have also shown that limiting video games for one-two weeks prior to the testing will improve scores. Thank you.

### Daylight Saving Time

Get ready to spring forward at 2:00AM on Sunday, March 10th. That's right! We push our clocks forward one hour. Rest up!

### SAVE the DATE

Our annual Ride Walk Run event will be held on Friday-Saturday, May 10-11. The Bike Rodeo will be held on Friday evening. A 5-K Run and the 3-K Walk will be held on Saturday morning.



## NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

### **Public Safety Honor Convocation – March 7**

**Local law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and emergency response personnel are invited to a special convocation on Thursday, March 7, 9:15 am** in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium. Join the LHS students and faculty as we honor those who serve our community. A reception will follow. Please invite other public servants to attend and call 317-787-5474 or email [bmcintosh@lhsi.org](mailto:bmcintosh@lhsi.org) to RSVP or get more information.

### **Pre-Tour Music Concert – March 10, 4:00 pm**

Lutheran High School's Chamber Choir and Wind Ensemble invite you to their **Pre-Tour Concert on Sunday, March 10, 4:00 pm** in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium. The concert will "preview" some of the new selections the groups have been working on in preparation for their annual Lenten Tours.

### **Important new opportunity at LuFest 2019**

**A new opportunity** will be made available to **LuFest 2019** guests on Friday, April 12. Guests may establish financial assistance for students in need by way of a recurring monthly donation to the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization (LSGO). Donors will be encouraged to designate one-half to Lutheran High School and one-half to a Lutheran grade school. To set up a recurring gift, please call the LSGO at 260-203-4509. Be sure to ask about eligibility to receive a 50% Indiana state tax credit for the donor. Questions? Visit [LutheranSGO.org](http://LutheranSGO.org). Visit [LuFest.org](http://LuFest.org) to purchase tickets for the annual dinner-auction at The Nest Event Center in Greenwood.

### **Metal Recycling and Document Shredding, April 13**

**Start saving your unwanted metal and paper now!** Bring it to the LHS parking lot on **Saturday, April 13, 9:00 am – noon** to be recycled (any kind of metal) or securely shredded (documents). A donation of \$5/box or bag of documents is suggested.



## Women in Mission

### Extravagant Sharing

Generous givers at Calvary provided many warm meals for those needing them by bringing canned and dry pasta and/or canned pork and beans to share with the Lutheran Child and Family Services Sharing Place in the month of February. Many of those in need will greatly appreciate the **facial tissues and /or paper towels** that you will bring to the Extravagant Sharing shelves throughout the month of March. The paper products gathered will be taken to the Sharing Place at the end of March. Thanks to all who support this outreach in support of those in need within our community.

### BLANKETS FOR BABIES

Spring is just around the corner- and everything begins anew. Come help us create blankets for our newborn infants. We have ladies willing to teach knitting or crocheting. Our March dates are **Thursdays, March 7th and 21st** (6:00-8:00 p.m.) in the cafe area. We also have crochet hooks and knitting needles; just bring a willing heart. Questions? Call Susan Daniels 317-882- 3691.

### Ladies' Saturday Bible Study Sat., March 2, 8:30 a.m.

This month's study will be "Shh! Peace. Be Still" from page 18 the LWML Winter Quarterly led by Jane Smith. Join us in the EPIC Library at 8:30 a.m.

### Women's Retreat

Mark your calendar for **March 29-30, 2019**, for the LMWL women's retreat at the CRG Event Center in Plainfield, IN. This local overnight retreat will feature Katie Schuermann (author) as speaker with the theme of *Sisters in Christ – Chosen to Care* based on Colossians 3:12. Come grow and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Registration information can be found in the November Good News or at [www.lwmlindiana.org](http://www.lwmlindiana.org) under upcoming events. Contact Bev McIntosh with questions at [LWMLeditor@comcast.net](mailto:LWMLeditor@comcast.net).

## Facilities

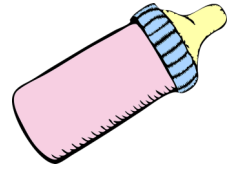
### Facilities Work Completed

- All lightning strike damage has been fixed.
- Wi-fi upgrades have been completed.
- Air Handling Unit #3 and #17 are running and the controls are working.
- 24 ballasts and 3 boxes of lights bulbs have been installed in the last few weeks.
- A pressure relief valve and pressure gauge on the boiler were found to be corroded and were replaced by North Mechanical.

## Compassion Ministry

### Bottles for Babies

As Spring approaches, be on the look out for baby bottles. Every year we collect money in the bottles that goes to our local Life Centers. These centers work to save babies and transform lives. Your money can do much to impact the future of these babies and mothers.



### College Care Packages

55 care packages were mailed to college students in February with snack items, Kleenex, and a written note to encourage them this semester. May the Lord continue to guide and bless them!

*Nehemiah 8:10b...for the joy of the Lord is your strength.*



## Fellowship Ministry

**Ash Wednesday Dinner (March 6)**  
**5:00—6:30 p.m. in the Gym**

**Menu:** Chili, Vegetable Soup, Salad,  
 Macaroni & Cheese, Applesauce, and Rolls

**Free Will Donation:** Profits to *National Youth Gathering*

**Sign-Up:** Use special form in red Fellowship pad  
 (February 9 – March 3)

**Dessert Donations:** Use Fellowship pad sign-up form (dessert donations appreciated, but not necessary). Please bring desserts to kitchenette during the day or to gym by 5:00 p.m. on March 6.

It is not necessary to sign up, but the responses will aid in planning. You are not obligated if your plans change.

Questions? Contact Linda Bugher at [fellowship@clcs.org](mailto:fellowship@clcs.org) or 317-432-1865.



## Stewardship Emphasis

### **Stewardship Update**     *By Rachel Daeger, Chair, Stewardship Ministry Team*

#### **Are you a Thrivent member?**

Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars®. March 31 is the deadline to direct the dollars that have accumulated in 2018 or those funds expire. Calvary Lutheran Church and Calvary Lutheran School are two options where you can direct Choice Dollars. Full details are on the Thrivent website - <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>

#### **Returning your 2019 commitment card**

The weather did not cooperate with Calvary's commitment weekend designated for Jan. 19/20. If you were unable to attend services to return your generosity commitment card please put it in an envelope and leave at the church office or place in the offering plate. If you would like to listen to the Pastor Ebert's message from that message use the links on Calvary's website - <http://www.clcs.org/worship/sermons/the-giver-of-all-good-things/>. Sorry – its audio only so you'll have to imagine him climbing the generosity ladder.

#### **Time and Talent Fair events becoming Ministry Team weekends**

For the past two years the Stewardship Ministry Team has hosted specific weekends where Calvary ministry teams and missions have set up information tables in the narthex. The downside of limiting this information sharing to certain weekends is that not everyone can participate. Following recommendations from the Outreach Ministry Team and Pastor Reifsteck we will begin hosting Ministry Team weekends in March where individual ministries will serve as greeters, share information, and have their efforts prayed for during the service. Watch for more information about this new format. If you have a ministry or mission and would like to schedule a weekend, please email [stewardship@clcs.org](mailto:stewardship@clcs.org).

#### **Note from Living Water Church at the Beach**

Dear Calvary Family of Faith,

Thank you for your generous gift in response to Hurricane Michael disaster. The church building in Mexico Beach, FL is reduced to a cement slab. Living Water Church, God's people, stands firmly grounded in God's promise, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul... Jesus" from Hebrews 6:19-20.

As Jesus' disciples and God's stewards we are faithfully applying your gift to meet specific needs in the area of relief and recovery. Thank you for your partnership in sharing the love of Jesus Christ throughout our beaches community. – Gary Grubb, Director of Discipleship

#### **Support for Calvary International Missions**

Each quarter the Stewardship Ministry designates a specific effort to benefit from the Mission envelopes included in your donation packets and any online donations designated for "missions." During the second quarter (Nov – Jan) the El Salvador Mission Team received \$383. For the third quarter (Feb – Apr) we will be supporting Alie (Hansen) Fiorello and her husband Christopher as they continue to do the work the Lord has called them to do in West Asia. Recently Alie wrote, "Christopher and I have been transcribing data from several villages and towns who claim the same ethnic identity and ancestry. We're trying to evaluate if they speak dialects of the same language or different languages all together. So far, we're seeing three distinct languages with dialects within those. This is important because it lets us know that we will need three separate Bible translations." To support this work please use the Mission quarterly envelope or use the online secure form - <http://www.clcs.org/giving/> - indicating "missions" in notes section.



# CIM NEWSLETTER—January 2019

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! The Lord has done great things through Calvary India Mission in 2018. I am always thankful to God for giving us the privilege to serve Him in a better way every year. From the Leaders of CIM, Staff, Students and Trainees, we bring you heartfelt wishes for a Happy New Year 2019! As we start 2019, we wish this year to be a year where God is our focus and we trust Him to be our constant guide and provider. May God bless you all!!!*

*In His Mission,  
Pastor Udhayanesan Rajipillai*

2018 Highlights below. Link to full newsletter: [CIM January 2019](#)



## 2018 India Mission Team

Blessed to be a blessing ...

Pr. Raji next to a picture of Dr. Rev. M. H. Grumm, the missionary who converted Pr. Raji's family from Hinduism. See the story in our full newsletter.



Rhonda and Marv Hansen, and Pete Joseph in the science lab built with funds donated by Calvary in 2013.



The free training provided by the Tailoring Center has led to jobs for several of our students. Here Beuhla and Angel (2017 Graduates) are shown at Harmain Garment factory.







## Worship Anew

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**Sunday 10:00 AM - WHMB-TV 40 Sunday 11:30 AM - Direct TV Channel 377**

## March 2019

### **March 3, 2019 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Psalm **99**; Old Testament: Hebrews 3:1-6; Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

"His Exodus" - Sermon Text: Luke 9:28-36 - Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege

On the Mount of Transfiguration Moses and Elijah spoke to Jesus about His departure. The word for "departure" is literally "exodus." Through Moses God led His Old Testament people in an extraordinary Exodus. Christ traveled an Exodus that brings His people into the "Promised Land" of heaven!

### **March 10, 2019 – First Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 91:1-13; Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13; Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

"God Commands His Angels" - Sermon Text: Psalm 91:1-13 - Rev. Bill Mueller

Psalm 91 contains one of the most treasured promises in all of Scripture. What does it mean that God commands His angels over us? How are we encouraged to live our Christian faith with this in mind?

### **March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 4; Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1; Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

"Where's Your Home?" - Sermon Text: Philippians 3:20-21 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Citizens incur obligations and benefits. Through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we hold citizenship in heaven. Paul encourages the Philippians, and us, to live each day mindful of the obligations and benefits we possess by answering for us the question: Where's Your Home?

### **March 24, 2019 – Third Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 85:1-9; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

"Temptation" - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

We have been and will be tempted to sin. Who will help us in our time of need? Jesus – who was tempted in every way that we are, yet who never sinned.

### **March 31, 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 32; Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

"The Prodigal Father" - Sermon Text: Luke 15:11 - Rev. Thomas A. Eggold

This story in Luke 15 is often called the "Parable of the Prodigal Son." But the word prodigal is actually a much better description of the father. You see, "prodigal" means "reckless" or "extravagant" and it is in the father's unrestrained and overwhelming grace that we find the truth that changes our lives.



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