



# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



November 2017 Monthly Newsletter

## *From Our Pastor*

### **2017-18 Ministry Theme: "Continuing the Journey"**

Over the past weeks many of the people of Calvary participated in our special "CLCS Visioning Events," as we contemplated and discussed together questions around the topic of "Where is God leading us into the future?" Whether you were personally able to attend or not, I hope that this question continues to saturate our conversations and our calling as the people of God. In Jeremiah 29:11 God has promised, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." These are words spoken not just to the Israelites of the Old Testament, but they still speak to us today. Our Lord has plans for us and continues to be at work in us as individuals, among us as a congregation, and through us as the people of God. In the book of Acts, the author, Luke, begins the book with these words, "*In my first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach...*" (Acts 1:1a). Now Luke will deal with all that Jesus continued to do and teach through His church. I am convinced that this ministry of Jesus did not end at the conclusion of the book of the Acts of the Apostles. Jesus is still working through His church. This year we desire to focus ourselves around the following three priorities.

- **Celebrating God's Provision of New Opportunities**
- **Embracing Our Calling as a Missional Community**
- **Uniting our Ministries in Direction and Purpose**

God has called us to serve in an important time within the church. Opportunities abound for us to share the good news of Jesus. More than ever there are so many people who need to know that there is a God who desires to journey with them through this rollercoaster of life. In a world that is so often filled with frustration, conflict, and anger, there are people who need the joy of the Lord. In a world that can weigh us down with global and local problems too big for us to handle, there is a God who can bear our burdens—both the personal issues that we carry and the collective needs of our communities.

May our Lord continue to kindle in our hearts and lives a desire to grow in our relationship with our God (our "Upward" relationship), to care for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ (our "Inward" relationships), and to reach out to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those who are not a part of Christ's church (our "Outward" relationships). May He remind us and reveal to us those plans that He has in store for us. Join us in worship, in Bible study, and in areas of service this year as we "Continue the Journey" of Discipleship and Mission.

*Note: if you were unable to attend one of Calvary's visioning events, you are invited to share your input and reflections using the following webpage:*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FS68DB7>

- Pastor Kurt Ebert

# Staff Spotlight

## Dustin Smith



### What do you do at Calvary?

*I am the Fifth Grade Teacher*

### What is your favorite thing about Calvary?

*I love the people at Calvary.*

### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*I can do all this by the power of Christ. He gives me strength. - Philippians 4:13*

### Favorite Hobby?

*Spending time with my kids and riding my bike*

### Favorite Sport/Team(s)?

*Chicago Cubs, Bears, Bulls and Colts*

### Favorite Food?

*Chicago-style pizza*

### Hidden Talent/Little Known Fact about You?

*I was a movie extra in The Dark Knight.*

## Melanie Huene



### What do you do at Calvary?

*Teacher's Aide in Preschool Classroom*

### What is your favorite thing about Calvary?

*The people and families we've met and the friendships we've made.*

### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-12—it's one of the scripture readings from my wedding.*

### Favorite Hobby?

*Reading and going to the theater*

### Favorite Sport/Team(s)?

*St. Louis Cardinals*

### Favorite Food?

*Anything my mom makes*

### Hidden Talent/Little Known Fact about You?

*I have my Doctorate in Psychology, and at one point worked with veteran's at the V.A. hospital in Houston.*

# Community

## **“A Man Named Martin: The Movement” Bible Study**

This DVD study helps us celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Lutheran Hour Ministries has produced this three-part series and this is the final installment. Join us in Room 125 from 1:00-2:30pm Thurs. as Pastor Art leads the class through the remainder of this final DVD class. Nov 2 (Week 4); Nov 9 (Week 5); Nov 16 (Week 6).

## **Empowering People: LUTHER 500**

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am – 1:30pm**

**Lutheran Child and Family Services    Free Program                      [www.spiritandplace.org](http://www.spiritandplace.org)**

Explore how Martin Luther, one of the most influential figures in world history, helped shift power from institutional authorities to ordinary people. Exhibit viewing 11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. with lecture at 12:30 p.m. Presented by Dr. Richard Gunderman and LCFS.

RSVP 317-359-5467 or [sschumacher@lutheranfamily.org](mailto:sschumacher@lutheranfamily.org)

## **Noodle Making Workshop**

Fri, Nov. 3, 3:00 - 5:00pm Calvary kitchenette / conference room. No experience necessary, no cost to attend. Homemade noodles are always a best-seller; come learn and help make noodles for the Holiday Bazaar. RSVP—Karen Wright, [kwright210@comcast.net](mailto:kwright210@comcast.net)

## **Faith Builders Bible Study – Veteran’s Day Weekend Opportunity**

Join us on Sun., Nov 12 from 9:25-10:25 a.m. as we hear from First Sergeant Richard Hougesen and his wife Cara. They share an amazing story of how God has worked in and through their lives as a military family.

First Sgt. Richard Hougesen has served for twenty-five years in the U.S Army. He has volunteered for two combat tours in Iraq as a front line field medic and as a medical logistics person. He also served as a U.S civilian contractor in Afghanistan for a year and a half. From August 2005 to October 2006 he served with the 738<sup>th</sup> Area Support Medical Company as the senior medical advisor to Iraq’s former President, Saddam Hussein and three other cabinet members earning him the Bronze Star. Rich is currently working as the Health Readiness Coordinator for the 310<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Support Command at Fort Benjamin Harrison for the Army Reserve and as the First Sergeant for the 624<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Company in Michigan City, Indiana.

Cara has taught and served in the Lutheran Schools for twenty five years, mostly teaching at the Junior High level. She served thirteen years at Calvary, eleven at Trinity and is now serving at Holy Cross as a Student Shepherd. Teaching her students about a having a relationship with the Lord is the most important job that she has ever had. Cara is the daughter of Rich and Juanita Wilson, who have been long time members of Calvary. Rich and Cara have been married for twenty eight years. They have three sons, Japheth, Caleb, and Seth. This past summer, they have also been blessed to have a young man, Immanuel, live with them as he completes his schooling at Lutheran High.

Through a bankruptcy, three deployments, and the struggles that come with raising a family, they bring a story of God’s Love, His Hope and His faithfulness.

**“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose .” Romans 8:28**

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child from Samaritan's Purse is a project that brings the Good News of Jesus Christ to impoverished children in more than 100 countries through gift-filled, shoe-box-sized Christmas boxes. Calvary's Older Adult Ministry is pleased to be teaming up with CLS students again this year to support this worthwhile ministry.

Donations of small gifts to go inside these boxes are needed. Suggestion for gift donations can be found below. The boxes are now furnished by Samaritan's Purse so shoe boxes are not needed. Please help us reach our goal of 185 boxes.

The boxes will be packed Thursday morning, **November 16**. Each student in Grades K-4 will fill a box with gifts and an "All About Me" page with the assistance of an older adult. Samaritan's Purse will add Christian materials to each box. **Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, November 12 and leave them in the bin in the Narthex.**

More information about Operation Christmas Child can be found at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). If you have questions or would like to help on packing day contact: Sarah Cunningham, 881-2723 or 289-4156.

### GIFT SUGGESTIONS

**TOYS** – small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** – pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**NON – LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS** – toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, washcloth, and bar soap.

**OTHER** –T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, and flashlights (with extra batteries)

**Remember: Items must fit in a shoebox. No liquids please and no war toys. Boxes are \$7 to ship.**

**Donate online <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>**

**Or pick up an envelope in the narthex. Make checks to SAMARITAN'S PURSE.**

An announcement will be made when boxes are in for families filling boxes at home. If filling a box at home, please return it to the church by Nov 12.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

6.5" Pots (Red Poinsettias with 5 -7 blooms) \$12 each

Order deadline is **November 17th**

Leave order with payment in the church office. (Checks payable to Calvary Lutheran Church and "Poinsettias" in the memo)

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

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

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

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



Thank you for beautifying our Sanctuary during this Christmas Season! Poinsettias will decorate the altar for Christmas and can be taken home Christmas Day after service.

## Parish Education

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**Children's Sunday School:** The theme for this year is "**Hands Praising Jesus**"! We are looking forward to an amazing year! There has been some changes for our classes- the kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades have changed. Please see below for the latest class assignments and locations:

**Preschool:** Room 304-Lori Turner

**Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> :** Room 405-Angela Ransdell and Michelle Folkening

**3rd:** Room 301-Ben/Brittani Langhammer

**4th:** Room 205-Chuck/Beckie Hudson and Gayle Freeman Richards

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>:** School Library-Dennie Morrison

**7th-8th:** Room 514-Diane Gibson

**"Known and Loved Intergenerational Event" (11/5):** Everyone (children and adults) is invited for food, fellowship, and an engaging discussion around God's Word. (Gym-Pastor Ebert)

**"Into the Word":** Join us Sunday Mornings in October as our Pastors wrap up our study of the Reformation and begin a study of the life of Jonah. (Room 125-Pastor Reifsteck & Pastor Ebert)

**"Soothing Rain, Living Waters to Refresh Your Soul" (11/5):** Refresh your faith as we finish this study based on John 4:13-14. Join as we apply each lesson to our lives and strengthen our walk with God. (North Narthex-Corina Hendershott)

**Young Adults:** Join the Young Adults as they study the "Names of God" on 11/5 and then Study "Thankfulness" 11/12-11/19. (Conference Room-Brenda Irwin)

**Saturday Night Classes for Adults, 5:00pm (Saturday Nights, Sep 9-Nov 25):** Join Pastor Main in the Conference Room as he continues the "A Man Named Martin" class, a three part study which covers "The Man", "The Moment", and "The Movement". In November, the class will study "The Movement". In this third part, participants will take a close look at how the Reformation accelerated the transformation of a world already in flux. While armed conflicts, theological disputes, and heated controversies marked segments of society throughout medieval Europe, the march of the Reformation left its imprint on the face of culture and citizen alike. Everything from education, politics, science, theology, marriage, and the family-and even extending to one's view of vocation and his relationship to God-came under the shaping and seminal influence of the Reformation.

## Adult Ministry

### Lunch OUT! Wednesday, November 1, 11:30 am

The first Wednesday Calvary's Adult Ministry does "Lunch OUT!" – a different restaurant each month. In November, we are meeting at a new restaurant in Greenwood, Newk's Eatery. Located at 1279 N. Emerson Avenue, 46143, Newk's is in the strip mall in front of Walmart, Emerson and County Line Road. Menu includes sandwiches, salads, pizzas, soups and sides. Come join us! Tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran.



### Lunch & Learn Wednesday, November 15, 11:30 am

**Our annual TURKEY DINNER!** Let's gather together and give thanks! Join us as we count blessings and feast on turkey and all the trimmings **Provided entree: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy.** Please bring \$2 and a dish to share **Guest speaker:** Tim Evans, IndyStar "Call for Action" Investigative and Consumer Reporter. November birthdays will be honored. Luncheon starts at 11:30am. Come early for free blood pressure checks

**Thanks for Helping Others Be Healthy** - Thanks to Nancy Brandt for coordinating this project, and to everyone who donated medicines and supplies for the St. Thomas free clinic. If you missed the October collection, Calvary collects quarterly; if you don't want to wait, the St. Thomas clinic is located at 600 Paul Hand Blvd, Franklin, IN 46131. For info call (317) 535-6057, or see [www.saintthomasclinic.org](http://www.saintthomasclinic.org).



**Adult Volunteers Needed – Monday, December 4th, 12:30 to 2:30pm.** Help our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders pack gift mugs with candies for our Advent Service visitors. This is a fun service project – no experience necessary! If you can help, let the church office know – 317-783-2000 or email Emily Spelde, [espelde@clcs.org](mailto:espelde@clcs.org)

## Youth Ministry

### FLIGHT - High School Youth Group

The high school youth group will be meeting this month on **Nov 5, 19, and 26**. We meet in the Youth Room from 9:25-10:25 am for Sunday school as well as 7:00-8:30 pm for Bible study and an activity.

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

SAIL will meet this month on **Wed., Nov 11 & 29** in the youth room from 3:00-4:30 pm. These events will include a light snack, Bible study, and activities. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome!

### LAUNCH - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Group

LAUNCH will meet this month on **Wed., Nov 1 & 15** in the youth room from 3:00-4:30 pm. These events will include a light snack, Bible study, and activities. All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome!

## Opening Doors

God has blessed families of Indiana with the choice of sending their children to the school that they feel best meets their needs. The LUTHERAN SGO of Indiana has changed the boundaries of the local school and greatly broadened them. You have the opportunity to open even more doors allowing students to enter the hallways of Calvary Lutheran Church and School. This opportunity will provide scholarship grants to students and their families. Contributions made by you for this purpose will be used to offer a Christian education so that children may not only receive a quality education, but to hear God's Word.

*How do I help open these doors?* Contribution forms for Lutheran SGO are available in the church and school offices or online at [www.LutheranSGO.org](http://www.LutheranSGO.org). The state of Indiana will give to you a tax credit of 50% of your donation. Example: If you give a gift of \$1000.00 you will receive an Indiana state tax credit of \$500.00, federally file a \$1000.00 charitable deduction, and 100% of your donation will be received back to Calvary. This is a unique opportunity. Funding for all of these scholarship grants for current students enrolled at Calvary is \$30,000.00. Currently we have gathered approximately \$21,000.00. Those desiring to contribute to this fund may do so through December 31 to receive the tax credit for this 2017 calendar year. Even better still, students under a Scholarship Granting Organization are eligible for a CHOICE Indiana state voucher the following school year. Any additional funds gathered will remain in our account with the Lutheran SGO of Indiana to be used during the 2018-19 school year.

We ask the Lord to provide for the needs of others through the gifts of our hands.

**URGENT:** The tax credits may not remain until December 31. Please make your donation before Thanksgiving to claim your 2017 tax credit.

## Fall Gardening

How do you create a more fertile garden? You work in the autumn.

Preparing for spring begins in the fall. With the proper work, the spring garden is readied for a productive and growing season. It may take a while to see your investment grow and flourish, but your hard work will pay off in the end.

Creating a more fertile garden could be compared to our faith walk. In baptism God showers us with His Spirit. We are being empowered to then receive His Word and the teaching and preaching of it. Our lives then reflect this Good News through our words and deeds as we bear the Fruit of the Spirit. Being justified through God's redemptive hand, we are enabled to lead sanctified lives. God tends to His flock. We often stray and we fail to bear fruit. Yet God comes to us again and again. It is through His Word and sacraments that we are further strengthened.

How precious the opportunities provided each day through the ministry of our Christian Day School. Every day His Word is shared with the students. Every day the students Love Out Loud. This month of November we focus on the blessings of God as we praise and thank Him. We thank God for the support of this congregation for the 68 years of the Christian Day School. Seeds of faith have been planted through the power of the Holy Spirit. This faith has been shared over generations and across the globe.



## Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

### **Thanksgiving Break-School will be closed on Wednesday through Friday, November 22-24**

Calvary will be closed on Wednesday as families prepare for Thanksgiving. We ask the Lord to be with all families traveling. We rejoice in the opportunity to share this time with family and friends. School will resume on Monday, November 27. We give thanks to our God with a grateful heart.

**The students of Calvary will be joining the Adult Ministry** on Thursday, November 16. We look forward to sharing this time together with our Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> graders. *Operation Christmas Child* is the sponsored event being held. Operation Christmas Child provides a wrapped shoebox filled with special items. Included are a photograph and letter of greeting from the packers. These boxes are sent to underprivileged children around the globe. We thank God for this opportunity to span the generations through this service project.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Night**

The day is fast approaching. Do you have your 8-10 person team filled yet? Now is the time to assemble your team. Don't have a team? Sign up and we will place you on a team. Team entry fee is \$100.00. Individual participant fee is \$10.00. Trivia Night is scheduled for Friday evening, January 19 beginning at 7:00PM in the gymnasium. Super trivia fun awaits you!! Money raised through this event will be going to support ongoing hurricane relief. See you there!!!

### **Fall Back**

We set our clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00AM. Fall back for an extra hour of sleep. The mornings will be lighter with the early afternoons darker.

## NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

### **Veterans Day Honor Chapel – November 9**

**Lutheran High School's Veterans Day Honor Chapel is Thursday, November 9, 9:30 am** in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium. All veterans are cordially invited to attend and wear their uniforms to reflect the honor their service brought to our country. A reception will follow the service. Our guest speaker is Michael Longworth (*LHS 2008*). Michael joined the Marine Corps right after high school. He went to boot camp in California at MCRD San Diego and graduated in 2009. After boot camp, he went directly to the School of Infantry and was assigned to 2nd Battalion 6th Marines out of Camp Lejeune. Longworth joined the Scout Sniper platoon and deployed to Southern Helmand Province, Afghanistan, twice between 2010 and 2012. He was honorably discharged from active service as a Corporal in October, 2012, and has been in sales ever since, currently at Angie's List.



For information please contact Rev. Robert W. Armao, 787-5474 x113 or [rarmao@lhsi.org](mailto:rarmao@lhsi.org) or visit [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org).

## Women in Mission

### Extravagant Sharing

There will be **NO** Extravagant Sharing collections made in November or December as Calvary makes many special efforts to meet the needs of others during the holidays. If you would have time to take our monthly donations to The Sharing Place, 6501 Sunnyside Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46236, you would see just how appreciated our donations are to the people there. Contact Rosie Blazek, 317-885-9426 to make arrangements.

### Women's Saturday Bible Study Sat., November 4

8:30-9:30 a.m., in the Epic Library - from page 24 of the Fall 2017 Lutheran Women's Quarterly, "Serve the Lord with Gladness". Led by Kalai Udhayanesan.

**Blankets for Babies** Our November dates are : Thursdays, November 2nd and 16th. We meet from 6-8 p.m. in the cafe area. We knit and crochet blankets for newborns whose parents are financially challenged. Along with these blankets, we send prayers with God's blessings for the baby and his/her family. All ages and skill levels welcome. Questions? Susan Daniels 317-882-3691.

### Christmas Luncheon -- An Ornament for Christ

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

**Luncheon at 11 am with Tour at 1 pm**

**Billie Lou Wood Visitor Center**

**James Whitcomb Riley Home in Lockerbie**

Ladies, you will receive an invitation from Women In Mission in your member mailboxes that will have a map and other information. From Calvary, it is a 7.6 mile, 20 min non-interstate drive to historic Lockerbie Square. Rather than a gift-exchange, we will collect monetary **gifts** for the Compassion Ministry Team toward the purchase of gift cards to assist families in need purchase Christmas gifts for their children. Contact Betty (317) 341-1967, [bbardonner@comcast.net](mailto:bbardonner@comcast.net) if you have questions or would like to help with the luncheon. Use the signup envelope in your member mailbox or the form below. Reserve your spot; seating is limited. We are sure to have a lovely lunch and tour.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Text? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

\$15 registration + \$\_\_\_\_\_ optional Compassion contribution = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total

Cash \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ (Payable to Calvary Willing Workers)

Car pool: drive \_\_\_ ride \_\_\_ no preference\_\_\_ I'll provide my own transportation \_\_\_

Place form and cash or check in an envelope and place in Betty Bardonner's member mailbox by Sunday, November 26, 2017.

## Fellowship Ministry

### Coming soon - Holiday Cookie Baking and Exchange

Do you like to bake? Do you have a favorite holiday cookie recipe? Stop by the table in the Narthex Nov. 18-19<sup>th</sup> to pick up a container for your baked cookies and get more information.

*There are TWO ways to participate!*

#### **1) Come to the Holiday Cookie Exchange Sat., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am;**

Bake at least 5 dozen cookies; 3 dozen to exchange and at least 2 dozen to donate

Include your recipe to share (optional)

Help package donated cookies

Fellowship and refreshments in the South Narthex

#### **2) Interested in baking cookies to donate?**

Drop off cookies (label nuts or no nuts) Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> in the kitchenette by 4pm or bring your cookies Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am and join us for fellowship in the South Narthex.

Donated cookies will be packaged on Saturday to sell after services on December 2-3<sup>th</sup>. **Proceeds go to "Reduce General Fund Deficit"**. Questions: Contact Linda Bugher @ [thebughers@att.net](mailto:thebughers@att.net) or 317-432-1865.



## October Memorials

### **In Memory of Jackie Irwin from:**

*Brenda & Dave Rohl, Bill & Moira Carlstedt, Raymond & Rebecca Pohland, Linda Cox & Family*

### **In Memory of Helen Schmid from:**

*Jim & Kristen Schwark, John & Ruth Remetta, Susan Drattlo, Tom & Dawn Schultz, Margie Leive, Women in Mission, Gary & Linda Bugher, Karen Meyer, Ken & Marcia Kehlbeck, Karen Wright, Gloria & Steve Vandivier, Jim & Susan Richert, Mabel Schwark, Susan Kuehr, Carolyn Pfifer, Thomas & Mary Lynn Jennings, Larry & Judy Stanford, Paul & Kathy Brakke, Barbara*



*Chance, Cathy Potter, Ethel Nichols, Bill & Janet Grube, Jim & Phyllis Birdwell, Nellie Delk, Jim & Judy Glenday, Genevieve Gray, Catherine Woempner, Bob Wurster, Pastor Art & Joy Wehrmeister, Charles & Betty Bardonner, Jim & Janet Dunaway, Elise Wolf, Grace Wolf, Charles Paul, Mike & Ann Arnold, Sue Davis, Rose Ann Machina, Jeanne & Bill Carman,*



*Gerald Kiesling, Dan Weeden Family, Rich Wilson Family, Sharon Brewer, Don & Susan Daniels, Mel Wessler, Rick & Shari Shaker, Nancy Schmidt & Steven, Ruth Fuhrmann, Charles & Kathleen Klasing, Jan Meiners, Jim & Carol Keenan, Marilyn Rothkopf, Pauline Miller*

### **In Memory of Eric Borst from:**

*Jim & Susan Richert, Tom & Dawn Schultz, Kyle & David Jones, Jim & Phyllis Birdwell, Nellie Delk, Jim & Judy Glenday, Bob Wurster, Charlie & Betty Bardonner, Mike & Ann Arnold, Tom & Anita Oyer, Rachel Daeger, Rex & Carol Joseph, Eldoris Borst, John & Barb Ryan, Jill Radcliffe, Ted & Judy Reasoner, Betty Haussecker, Pastor Art & Joy Wehrmeister, Bud & Julie Pflug, Evan Bugher, Ken & Marcia Kehlbeck, Gary & Linda Bugher, Jim & Kristen Schwark, Elise Wolf, Charlie & Diane Paul, Karen Meyer, Matt & Michelle Harrell, Big Ten Conference, New Centaur, LLC, Elizabeth Borst-Murphy & Bill, Anne Fossler, Shelley Raper, Doug & Ellen Scott Family, Jim Covert/State Farm, Barbara Brookie, Nancy Haldrup, Sharon Brewer, Bill & Janet Grube, Bob & Rosie Blazek, James Glynn, Bob & Bev Heid, Genevieve Gray, Jake & Kyle Allen, Beth Borst, Rick & Shari Shaker, Gregory & Claudia Schenkel, John Keeler, Carolyn Grant, Vincent & Linda Binder, Strietelmeier Family, Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, Mel Wessler, Anne Shane, Jim & Carol Keenan, Indiana Sports Corporation, Paul & Kathy Brakke, Paul & Patty Dorman*

### **In Memory of Betty Neiman from:**

*Grace Wolf, Women in Mission, Shirley Blickensderfer, Frankie Maccrae, Marilyn & Michael Shannon*

### **In Memory of Wilma Driver from:**

*Rob Walker, Hugh & Nancy Welton, David & Kyle Jones*

### **In Memory of Cookie Fort from:**

*Ethel Nichols*

## Stewardship Emphasis

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

In a recent Stewardship Ministry Team meeting Pastor Ebert shared that our sermon messages for November will focus on gratitude. The timing is appropriate as our nation plans to celebrate Thanksgiving and our church prepares our hearts to welcome the baby Jesus. This emphasis brought to mind a personal reflection.

While I was in high school, many years ago, I worked on the yearbook staff with Wanda Strange serving as our staff advisor. I don't remember what prompted this conversation but she quite clearly pointed out to me that I was not demonstrating gratitude in my interactions with others. I do remember being stunned and shocked. I certainly felt gratitude when someone did something for me or showed me a kindness but I was missing the crucial step of giving voice to that gratitude with a simple "thank you." Since that day I hear her correction in my head every time someone opens a door, refills a water glass, or renders me assistance and I try my best to sincerely express my appreciation. I hope she was able to observe a change in my behavior because I don't think I ever thanked her for an observation that was so impactful to me.

Similarly, it brings to mind how regularly I neglect to show my gratitude to God for the blessings I receive each day and for His plan for my salvation. This year Calvary has designated November 18 and 19 as commitment weekend. Members will be receiving a commitment card in the mail in the next week or so. This card is a tool to guide as you prayerfully consider how you and your household will demonstrate your gratitude for God's blessings through prayer and worship; use of your spiritual gifts to teach, feed and support; and financial support of his ministry. The card has two parts – one for you to keep and one for you to bring to the altar and place in a box. These cards aren't counted or reviewed. Your commitment is something known only to you and God.

Here is some practical advice from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod on determining what you should be contributing to the work of the Church.

1. **Receive God's gifts.** If you have not been faithfully attending worship to hear God's Word, receiving His forgiveness and partaking of His body and blood for the eternal benefit of your soul, then by all means repent and come receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus! God does not want your money — He wants you, all of you.
2. **Pray.** Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength to follow the Lord faithfully.
3. **Consider what the Church does.** The Church is called to spread the Good News about Jesus Christ by preaching the Gospel to all who will hear it and administering the Sacraments to the faithful. You are a part of God's Church on earth. This is your mission and the mission is for the life of the world — that for which Jesus laid down His life and took it up again. The Church cannot complete its mission unless all members of the Church, those who have benefitted from the Church's mission, faithfully support the Church.
4. **Examine yourself.** Consider the commands of God from the New Testament about supporting the work of the Church and examine your own giving. Are you: a.) giving of your firstfruits (that is, does your offering come out of your paycheck first, not just what's left over?); b.) giving voluntarily and cheerfully; c.) giving proportionally; d.) relying on God's promise to provide for you? If not, then repent and trust in God's provision.

## Calvary's 50th Annual Holiday Bazaar "Joy to the World"

### Calvary's "Joy to the World" Holiday Bazaar

Come one, Come all -- you, your family, friends and neighbors are invited to our 50th Annual event.

<http://clcs.org/holiday-bazaar/>

Sat., November 11 | 9 am - 3 pm

A canned food item is suggested for admission



### A variety of crafty and talented vendors

Holiday wreaths, wood crafts, Pampered Chef, stocking stuffers, handcrafted clothing are just a few of the vendors exhibiting at the Holiday Bazaar including several Calvary members! Check out the online page for the full list so you can make your shopping list.

### So many great items in the silent auction

A full list of silent auction items is posted online and will be in your mailbox on Nov. 2. Be sure to stop by the cashier's table and pick up your bid number for this year's silent auction. Watch the closing times for each table carefully so you don't miss out on your treasure!

### Don't shop hungry!

The kitchen will serve breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. including biscuits and gravy. Lunch is served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with brats w/sauerkraut, homemade soups and more. Kitchen purchases support the El Salvador mission.

### Volunteer Opportunities -Earn Service Points

There is a critical need for adult and youth volunteers to work shifts for Fr. and Sat., Nov 10 & 11. We will also need people with pick-up trucks at the end of the bazaar to transport unsold Attic items to local donation centers. School students and families can earn service points! You can find sign up sheets on the Women in Missions table in the south narthex. You can also email Jan Main ([jmain1948@gmail.com](mailto:jmain1948@gmail.com)). She will send you the invitation to the online sign up sheet.

### Make a Donation to the Attic or Country Kitchen

Please bring **PRICED** Attic donations or baked goodies to Calvary after 4 p.m. on Friday. Your donation will be a huge help in the Bazaar reaching its goals of supporting Calvary (by donating tables and chairs), Joy's House Adult Day Center, and Angel Tree Christmas - Prison Fellowship.

## Compassion Ministry

### Hurricane Relief

Help us fill buckets with cleaning supplies. We are looking to fill 100 buckets from Oct. 28th - Nov. 19th. Each bucket needs a gallon of bleach, rubber gloves, masks, cleanser like Comet, paper towels, scrubs and sponges, glass cleaner and handy wipes. We will have the buckets at church. There is still great need from the storms and we want to support them with money, prayers and these much needed supplies.



### Thanksgiving and Christmas

We hope you have picked up your grocery bag to help us fill Thanksgiving baskets for those needing help this holiday season. Please return them to the church by Nov. 12, then keep your eyes out for our Christmas tree. Each year we help Lutherwood with Christmas. They so appreciate our help. These are great opportunities to show our compassion and love for our Savior by helping others.

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## November 2017

### November 5, 2017 – All Saints' Day Observed

**Psalm:** 149; **Epistle:** 1 John 3:1-3; **Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

**"From Here to Eternity" - Sermon Text:** 1 John 3:1-3 – *Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer*

How far is it from today, to the end of your earthly existence, to the beginning of your resurrected life? From what is, to what will be? *From Here to Eternity?* The distance both doesn't exist and is somewhere in the future. We are both a child of God right now and a work in process.

### November 12, 2017 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27)

**Psalm:** 70; **Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; **Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

**"Ready With His Oil" - Sermon Text:** Matthew 25:1-13 - *Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege*

Through His Word, both preached and sacramental, Christ gives us His cross-purchased, Spirit-filled gifts of forgiveness and salvation. This fits as the "oil" in our lamps. Those in the "visible church" who have replaced the "oil" with worldly beliefs, will discover too late that they are no longer associated with the eternal Bridegroom. With His "oil" Christ establishes His people as His "wedding party", even as His "Bride" to rejoice in the eternal wedding banquet.

### November 19, 2017 – Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28)

**Psalm:** 143:2; 5-6; 10-11; **Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4, 9-11; **Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

**"His Precious Gift" - Sermon Text:** Matthew 25:14-30 - *Rev. James Elsner*

Family heirlooms are precious. They connect us with our forefathers. What is God's precious gift to you?

### November 26, 2017 – Last Sunday of the Church Year (Proper 29)

**Psalm:** 95:1-7a; **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; **Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

**"It's All Over" - Sermon Text:** 1 Corinthians 15:30-28 - *Rev. Paul Shoemaker*

It's all over! How many times have those words been said in victory or relief? On that great and glorious day, we shall rise to eternal life with Jesus "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."



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