

# CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



October 2017 Monthly Newsletter

## *From Our Pastor*

In light of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, many people are asking many important questions:

What does it mean to be Lutheran? Is it to go to a Lutheran church? To be born a Lutheran? To read Lutheran books? To drink coffee? To own tiny Martin Luther action figures?

Or what does the Reformation—that church movement which changed the world 500 years ago—mean today? Is it a move toward Western individualism? Is it the triumph of conscience? The beginning of Modernism... or the Enlightenment? A return to the sources? The beginning of the end for Christianity?

And who was Martin Luther? Was he an angry monk? The best thing that ever happened to the church? A tormented, guilt-ridden soul that tore the church apart? Was he a grumpy old man? A rebel? A hero?

There are many ways to answer these questions, and now—more than ever—we should be prepared with answers for them. But I would propose that one answer should be first on our lips: Jesus.

Martin Luther may have been important for many reasons, but I believe he would most like to be remembered as a **follower of Jesus Christ**. The Reformation may mean many things for life today, but if the Reformers would want it to mean anything today, it would be a return to the saving message of **grace through faith in Jesus**. And while being Lutheran may mean many things, it should always start with **Jesus**.

As we celebrate this Reformation, we celebrate Jesus. We celebrate who he is (the Christ, our God, and Lord!), we celebrate what he did (He cured the sick, cast out demons, died for our sins, and rose again for our justification!), we celebrate what he has done for us (He took away our sins and the sins of the whole world. He secured the promises of God for all people!), and we celebrate the great gifts which we have through Him (Though all have sinned, all are purified and justified freely by his grace. All this is done without any work or merit on our part!)! We celebrate the way the Reformers made him the center of their preaching **and** their lives.

In *The Smalcald Articles*, Luther called Jesus the “first and chief article” of faith. These words ring true today:

Upon this article everything that we teach and practice depends, in opposition to the pope, the devil, and the whole world. Therefore, we must be certain and not doubt this doctrine.

(Part II, paragraph 5)

His words still ring true today. Jesus is what it means to be Lutheran. Jesus is what makes the Reformation important today. Jesus is Martin Luther’s God, Savior, and Lord; he made Martin Luther important. Just as in the book of Acts, this insistence on Jesus turned the world upside-down 500 years ago... And if we are to be remembered for anything in 500 years, I pray that it is the same thing: our focus on Jesus!

- Pastor Josh Reifsteck

# Staff Spotlight

## Molly Troemel



### What do you do at Calvary?

*I am the Second Grade Teacher*

### What is your favorite thing about Calvary?

*The Youth Director*

### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*1 Corinthians 15:58—Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

### Favorite Hobby?

*Cooking and reading*

### Favorite Sport/Team(s)?

*Chicago Blackhawks and Indiana basketball*

### Favorite Food?

*Italian food*

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

*I have played piano since I was 8 years old.*

## Leslie Huntington



### What do you do at Calvary?

*Third Grade Teacher*

### What is your favorite thing about Calvary?

*I am able to share my faith with the students.*

### Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

*Psalms 121*

### Favorite Hobby?

*Knitting, weaving, crocheting dish scrubbies, coloring, reading, and spending time with my family*

### Favorite Sport/Team(s)?

*Indianapolis Colts*

### Favorite Food?

*Pizza*

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

*When I was in the high school choir, we performed in the Magic Kingdom in Orlando across from the Flying Dumbo ride. I was able to see "backstage" at Disney World.*

# Community

## Special Reformation Service (Sun., Oct 29)

The Indiana Central Region will celebrate together the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation Sun, Oct 29 at Cornerstone Lutheran Church in Carmel at 3:00 p.m. Be part of this historic celebration.

## Calvary Chorale

Do you like to sing? Would you like to sing in Calvary Chorale? Maybe the time commitment prevents you from getting involved. **But here is an opportunity for you-the Chorale is working for the next few weeks to celebrate in worship the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther and the founding of our Lutheran faith.** We are working now on some music for the service that is thrilling and challenging! Why not consider getting involved for this service, if not for an entire season, **just for a couple weeks!** We would love to have 60 voices singing with us on the October 29 services. Just come to the sanctuary any Thursday night at 7:00 and find out what a great experience it is to participate in worship in the best way possible!

## "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 this final DVD class. Sept 28 (Week 1); Oct 5 (Week 2); Oct 12 & 19 (Fall Break); Oct 26 (Week 3); Nov 2 (Week 4); Nov 9 (Week 5); Nov 16 (Week 6).

## Our Field is Green

Thanks to MANY generous members and friends of Calvary, our soccer field is green. The renovation also included moving the field closer to the building and buying new goals with nets. The total cost of the project was \$10,000 and we have raised \$7,500. Please prayerfully consider making a donation so this project can be fully funded. Thank you for your support!

## Bazaar Meeting

Wed., Oct 4 at 6:30 PM in the church Narthex. This will be a meeting for the Bazaar team. We will be just a little over a month from our 50th Bazaar and hope to see all in attendance. Please contact Kathy Ford (317-784-1564 or 317-371-4699) with questions.

## Save the Date! Sunday School Program

It's that time of year again to start thinking about Christmas! This years Sunday School program will be **Sun., Dec 17** at the 10:45 a.m. service. Keep an eye out for more information in the upcoming weeks.

## Oberammergau Passion Play 2020

11 days classical tour of Europe includes the 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play. This tour departs June 30, 2020. Visits include Budapest, Prague, Nurnberg, Heidelberg, Rhine River cruise and the Neuschwanstein Castle. Hosted by Pastor Dieter and Ruth Haupt of Holland, Michigan. He is a classmate and longtime friend of Pastor Art and Joy. \$200 deposit per person due by October 29, 2017 in order to get Passion Play tickets now. See Pastor Art for tour brochure.



## COMING Event: 3rd Annual Quilt-a-thon for *Lutheran World Relief* Tuesday, October 3, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

**DONATIONS NEEDED:**

- Time—any amount you can spare; one hour to all day.
- Cotton fabric pieces for quilt blocks.
- Batting or 60" wide fleece for middle layer warmth.
- Large pieces of fabric or twin-size flat sheets or larger, new or like new

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

- To cut fabric squares
- To sew squares together
- To layer fabrics with batting
- To tie layers together



**QUILT INFO:**

- Squares: 10 ½ x 10 ½ inches
- Finished Quilt Size: 60×80 inches (Full Bed Flat Sheet)
- See Lutheran World Relief website [lwr.org/get-involved/quilts](http://lwr.org/get-involved/quilts)

## 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.**

## Parish Education

### Parish Education

**Children 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 Ransdell

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Room 301-Ben/Brittani Langhammer

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

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

**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>:** Room 514-Diane Gibson

**Into the Word:** Join us Sunday Mornings in October as our Pastors lead us in a study of the Reformation.

**Young Adults: “Romans” (Ongoing):** Join the Young Adults as they continue their study of Romans this fall. (*Conference Room-Hansen*)

**Martin Luther: The Reluctant Revolutionary”** This presentation wraps up on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Martin Luther is the epic tale of the great Protestant revolutionary whose belief in his faith would overthrow the all-powerful Catholic Church and reshape Medieval Europe. **(10/1):** (*Room 202-Laut*)

**New Members “Foundations of Faith” Class (Aug 20-Oct 8):** Our Foundations of Faith class concludes on October 1<sup>st</sup> with a new member reception following on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see the bulletin for more information.

**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 October, the class will study “The Moment”. In this second part, participants will take a close look at the widespread teachings of the late Medieval Church that were superfluous to the Bible or not scripturally grounded. Among them were purgatory, penance, celibacy, prayers for the dead, transubstantiation, the treasury of merits of Christ, devotion to Mary and the rosary, the institution of the papacy, and the one most often linked to the Reformation: the sale of indulgences

### Sunday School Attendance Awards Summer 2017

#### Faithful

Abigail Ebert

Rebekah Ebert

Aiden Francis

Brianne Francis

Anton Laut

Hayden Langhammer

Paisley Langhammer

Katelyn Royer

#### Pins Given

Abigail Ebert (Year 4)

Rebekah Ebert (Year 4)

Hayden Langhammer (Year 3)

Paisley Langhammer (Year 1)

Anton Laut (Year 10)





## Adult Ministry

### Lunch OUT! Wednesday, October 4, 11:30 am



Adult Ministry organizes a lunch outing at a local restaurant the first Wednesday of each month for adults of all ages. This month it's **Chicago's Pizza** at 5920 E. Stop 11 Road, 46237. Menu includes pizza, sandwiches, salads, but the real deal is their All-You-Can-Eat Lunch Buffet for \$8.50. No reservation needed; tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran. Come join us for good food & Christian fellowship.

### Lunch & Learn Wednesday, October 18, 11:30 am

Guest Speaker: Rafael Sanchez, Investigative Reporter, WRTV6

Provided Entrée: Fried Chicken; What to Bring: \$ 2 and a dish to share

Where: Calvary Narthex; Come early for free blood pressure checks!

**Got Medicines to Donate? Calvary is collecting meds & medical supplies** throughout October 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, not 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.

## Youth Ministry

### FLIGHT - High School Youth Group

The high school youth group will be meeting this month on **Oct 1, 8, 22, and 29**. 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.

All interested high school students are invited to attend the Indiana District Youth Gathering on **Nov 10-12** at Holy Cross Lutheran on the North side of Indianapolis. Registration is \$50 per youth. Registration and payment are due by **Oct 4**.

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

SAIL will meet this month on **Wed., Oct 4 and 25** 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., Oct 11** in the youth room from 3:00-4:30 pm. This event will include a light snack, Bible study, and activities. All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome!

## **Indianapolis 500**

It isn't May yet. So why the reference to the 500? We have a very different and significant reason for 500!

We gather each day in praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of His Holy Spirit as Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses on the church door 500 years ago. This is part of our heritage – all the way to Indianapolis in 2017. We have the opportunity each day to share God's Word. We instruct the students using the Small Catechism. We memorize Luther's Morning and Evening Prayers. Many of the teachers experienced this same instruction as they attended Lutheran grade schools, high schools, and colleges. Grandparents, great-grandparents, and great-great grandparents share in the support of Lutheran Schools through their sacrificial giving so that future generations might have this opportunity. The blow of Luther's hammer still sends out resounding echoes today.

Reformation Day is celebrated on October 31. Reformation is needed still today. As our society falls further and further away from the truths of God's Word, it is more urgent now than ever before that we gather in His Name and Word to instruct and teach His children. Today we are bombarded by accepted ideas and practices that are in direct contradiction to God's Word. Social media streams saturate us with these messages. Children are especially susceptible to accepting these as true.

We need to grab our hammers and stand for the truths of God's Word as we witness to our community and beyond the grace, love, and mercy of God through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus. We LOVE OUT LOUD through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us echo this message so that future generations might still have the opportunity to attend Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

## **First Quarter Completed**

Our first quarter will be completed on Friday, October 6. Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, October 11. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, 10/11 and Thursday, 10/12 from 4:00-8:00PM. Students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed on Friday, 10/13 at 1:00PM. **Please note:** Preschool 3/4 AM session will meet. Preschool PM 5 year old session will not meet. Preschool Extended Care sessions will close at 1:00 PM on Friday, 10/13. No K-8 Afternoon Extended Care on 10/13.

## **Fall Break**

School will not be in session on Monday, October 16 through Friday, October 20. This fall break matches one week of Perry Township's fall break. School will resume on Monday, 10/23.

## **Bible Quiz**

Our Bible Quiz team will be competing in this academic competition at the Lutheran High School of Indianapolis. The team has been studying the Old Testament Book of Genesis. They will answer questions on this book as they compete with the other Lutheran elementary schools in the Indianapolis area. We thank Mrs. Faubion for her efforts as Bible Quiz coach. We thank the Lutheran High School of Indianapolis for sponsoring this event.

## **Service Hour Program**

Many hands have been used in service this school year. Over 1000 service hours have already been given in the work of our Lord at Calvary Lutheran Church and School. We thank all for their willingness to serve as we provide for the needs of others. Many more tasks are needed to be completed. Please stop by the church or school office to see a list of these service opportunities. Each week this list is emailed with our Gazette.

**Would you like a copy of our weekly school newsletter?** The Gazette is distributed on Thursdays during the school year. To receive a copy of the Gazette please send your request to: [admissions@thecalvaryschool.org](mailto:admissions@thecalvaryschool.org). A copy will be emailed to you each Thursday communicating the events and activities of Calvary Lutheran Church and School.





## Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

### **SMILE SMILE SMILE**

The students of Calvary Lutheran School will have their school photographs taken on Tuesday-Wednesday, October 3-4. The majority of our students will have their picture taken on Tuesday. Tuesday will be a non-uniform day allowing the students greater choices for their photographs. Preschool 3-4 three day session and any absentees from Tuesday will have their pictures taken on Wednesday. Chapel will be on Wednesday, October 4. Students not having their photograph taken need to wear appropriate attire for chapel.

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

Is Friday evening, January 19 circled in red on your calendar? This is the evening of our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Night. The trivial fun begins at 7:00PM. Begin gathering your 8-10 person teams together now. Each team entry fee is \$100.00. A limit of 20 teams will be competing. The money raised will go to continued Hurricane Harvey relief for needs as noted through the LCMS. You don't have enough people for a complete team? Sign up in the church or school office and you will be placed on a team. This year's Trivia Night does not coincide with the Martin Luther King week-end. (last year's event was cancelled due to the limited number of teams entered)

### **TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?!**

God has opened the doors to families who would not have considered Christian education opportunities within their financial abilities. How are these doors being opened?

### **Scholarship Grant Organization Program [SGO]**

Private and corporate funded mechanisms are in place providing tuition scholarships to qualified families. All students are eligible for these scholarship grants. The same household income levels are used for the Indiana vouchers and the scholarship tax credit program. Calvary Lutheran Church and School has established our own Scholarship Tax Credit fund through The Lutheran SGO of Indiana, Inc.

Why should I consider donating to the Scholarship Grant fund?

**Benefit #1:** Each year Calvary Lutheran Church and School provided \$30,000.00 in scholarship money to families unable to pay the entire tuition costs. Donating to the SGO fund has eliminated these budgeted scholarships.

**Benefit #2:** All of your donated money comes right back to Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

**Benefit #3:** Students granted an SGO scholarship in 2017 will have it converted to an Indiana voucher for the 2018/19 school year.

**Benefit #4:** 50% of your corporate or private donation is an Indiana state tax CREDIT. Your donation also qualifies as a federal tax charitable gift deduction. If your state tax liability is less than your CREDIT, that CREDIT is extended for up to 9 years.

Currently, \$42,000.00 is needed to fully fund the 25 scholarship grant applications. Please send in your donation by October 31.

### **URGENCY- Why October 31?**

Only \$12.5 million in State Tax Credits are issued for this fiscal year. With the growing popularity of this program, tax credit limits were reached on December 19, 2016. Donating earlier will ensure your tax credit for 2017. Already more tax credits are being consumed on a faster pace than last year. [Indiana fiscal year: July 1-June 30] Why not connect your donation to the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation on October 31?

Please call the school office for further information. You are invited to visit [www.lutheranSGO.org](http://www.lutheranSGO.org) for additional information. Donor forms are available in the school and church offices and on line.

Be sure to identify Calvary Lutheran Church and School as the recipient of your donation.

## NEWS FROM LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

### Dig Pink /Be the Hope Night, October 3

Please join LHS in raising awareness and funds for breast cancer research. **Dig Pink /Be the Hope Night** is **Tues., Oct 3** during the volleyball matches (JV at 6:00 pm, Varsity follows). We will honor all cancer fighters and survivors between matches and will host a Chick-fil-A sponsored hospitality room throughout the evening. Money raised will go to the I.W.I.N. Foundation. More info at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org).

### LuFest – Fri., Apr 13, 2018 at Lucas Oil Stadium

**Purchase your LuFest 2018 table of 10** for the discounted price of \$1,000 **through Oct 13**. Visit [bidpal.net/lufest2018](http://bidpal.net/lufest2018) to learn more about the 36<sup>th</sup> annual **Lutheran Festival** dinner/auction for supporters of LHS, purchase tables or sponsorships, and donate to help LHS teachers/staff members attend the gala event.

### Metal/Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding, Oct 28

**Save your metal, electronics, and paper** and support Lutheran High School! On **Sat., Oct 28, 9:00 am – noon**, you may drop off any kind of metal and electronics (\$20 donation per TV or monitor) to be recycled and documents to be securely shredded (\$5/box donation suggested).

## Women in Mission

### Extravagant Sharing

Please continue to support those with their needs through EXTRAVAGANT SHARING! Put your donations of soap and shampoo throughout October on the Extravagant Sharing shelves in the narthex. God asks us to be cheerful givers! 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., October 7

8:30-9:30 a.m., in the Epic Library - from pages 16-17 of the Summer 2017 Lutheran Women's Quarterly, "Life in God's Kingdom". Led by Joy Wehrmeister.

### BLANKETS FOR BABIES

Our October dates are Thursdays, October 5th and 19th. We meet in the cafe area from 6:00- 8:00 (its fine to come late or leave early). All skills levels welcome—we have pretty yarn just itching to be made into blankets for newborns. Questions? Call Susan Daniels 317-882-3691

### Christmas Luncheon-An Ornament for Christ

Mark your calendar for **December 13** at 11 am for the Christmas luncheon sponsored by Women in Mission. The luncheon will be at the new Billie Lou Wood Visitor Center, followed by an optional tour of the James Whitcomb Riley home at 1 pm. From Calvary, it is a 7.6 mile, 20 min non-interstate drive to historic Lockerbie Square. Carpooling will be available and maps/directions will be provided. The cost of the luncheon is \$15; invitations will be in member mailboxes in November. 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 purchasing Christmas gifts for their children. Contact Betty Bardonner (317) 341-1967 if you have questions or would like to help with the luncheon.



## Fellowship Ministry

### Join us for a Fall Hayride – Saturday, October 7

Where and time: Shelter #1 anytime between 5:30pm-9:00pm

We will have one wagon at each of the following times - 6:40pm, 7:20pm, and 8:00pm. Wagon sign up will be available when you arrive at the park (space limited).



Join us for hot dogs (roast yourself or prepared ahead), chips, veggies, fruit, and, of course, s'mores!

Fun activities include pumpkin decorating, bobbing for apples, and more.

If you choose, bring a lawn chair and roasting sticks (label with your name). No roasting sticks, no problem; some will be available.

Questions? Contact Linda Bugher at [thebughers@att.net](mailto:thebughers@att.net) or 317-432-1865.

### *We thank our Picnic Patrons for their generous support!*

#### *Gold*

*Jake & Kyle Allen*

*The Birdwell Family*

*Bob & Rosie Blazek*

*Rob & Diana Blazek*

*Phil & Jill Borst*

*The Currier Family*

*The Delk Family*

*Emerson House*

*The Mascher Family*

*Paul & Nancy McMichael*

*Tom & Dawn Schultz*

*Jim & Kristen Schwark Ebeyer Realty*

*John & Debbie Shaw*

*The Vandivier Family*

*Bob & Sandra Wilson*

*Anonymous Picnic Patrons*

#### *Silver*

*Mike & Ann Arnold*

*The Harrell Family*

*The Lange Family*

*The Alan Moore Family*

*The Pluckebaum Family*

*Schwark Team Ebeyer Realty*

*Jim & Ellen Vance*

*Bob Wurster*

*Anonymous Picnic Patrons*

#### *Bronze*

*Rachel Daeger*

*The Daniels Family*

*Leo & Charline Darts*

*Judy Kirkland*

*Gayle Richards & Ephesus*

*Anonymous Picnic Patrons*

# Outreach

## **Greeters Needed at Services**

Greeters needed for all services! We are asking everyone to consider serving as a greeter. Help make a big impact with the simplest action; a simple friendly smile can foster an atmosphere of acceptance and love in our church and create a fantastic experience. This is for everyone from youth to seniors. You may sign up once, or as often as you'd like, whatever fits your schedule. We ask that you arrive 15 minutes prior to the service and remain 10 minutes after the service begins for late arrivals. Besides greeting, we ask you to help visitors and guest make connections with other members. Answer questions; direct them to the Sanctuary, Bible Study classrooms, Sunday school classrooms, Restrooms, and Nursery. Please look at your calendar now, don't wait and sign up for any and all dates you are willing and available to greet. **Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:**

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com:  
<http://signup.com/go/fWWzXk>
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 me at 317-340-5513 and I can sign you up manually. Please leave a message. Thank you, Tracy Moore

The Outreach Ministry Team needs your help to provide shoes for students of Calvary and Perry Township schools in need. We will be collecting new and "gently used" athletic, sneaker, and closed toe shoes appropriate for school. They should be rubber soles with laces or velcro, children size 8 to adult size 10. Will also be collecting hats, scarves, and gloves for the event. The date will be October 28, time TBA.



## **September Memorials**

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

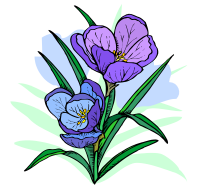
*Linda & Gary Bugher, Rev. Harvey & Carol Lange, Gil & Mary Jo Mascher, Daniel Carmichael, Phil & Corina Hendershott, Mel Wessler, Charles & Ann Preston, Joseph Degroff, Elise Wolf, Bill & Pat Freije, Marv & Rhonda Hansen, Jim & Sara Lootens, Ron & Sheila Steele, Don & Lisa Williams*

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

*Karen Wright*

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

*Margie Leive, Jim & Kristen Schwark*



## Stewardship Emphasis

### Stewardship Update

*By Rachel Daeger, Chair, Stewardship Ministry Team*

Recently a friend let me know that she had been visiting Calvary and was enjoying the services. "I see your name in the bulletin," she commented. "You must work there." I laughed and said I was just one of the volunteers who helped with services. I didn't work at Calvary. In hindsight though I realized my answer should have been a resounding yes! I do work at Calvary! I work alongside everyone who calls Calvary their church home. We each work with our God-given abilities to call people to Christ.

### Helping Calvary's Annual Bazaar

For the past 50 year Calvary has invited the community for a day of shopping and celebrating the Christmas season. This year's event is Saturday, November 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A successful bazaar is not just the work of a dedicated committee, it needs the help of everyone at Calvary.

How can you help?

- Donate to the attic
- Donate to the country kitchen
- Volunteer your time
- Invite your friends and family members to the event
- Attend yourself to shop and bid
- Enjoy the menu for breakfast and lunch in support of the El Salvador mission team
- Donate to the silent auction

Remember the proceeds from the bazaar supports Calvary Lutheran Church & School (by donating tables and chairs), Joy's House Adult Day Center, and Angel Tree Christmas - Prison Fellowship. Calvary's website <http://clcs.org/holiday-bazaar/> has all the specifics.

### Are you a Thrivent member? Consider applying for an Action Team Grant

If you have an account with Thrivent you are eligible to apply for a \$250 action team grant. But how do you start? Think about an unmet need in our community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Calvary members have used action team grants to accomplish bazaar activities, host author nights, and support the time and talent fair among other projects. If you are a Thrivent member interested in working with a Calvary ministry team on a project, contact Rachel at [stewardship@clcs.org](mailto:stewardship@clcs.org) and she'll help connect you. More information about Thrivent Action Grants is online at:

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>



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

### Save the Date

Calvary's 50th Annual Holiday Bazaar "Joy to the World"  
Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Preview Weekends

October 28-29 Ministry Team Baskets  
November 4-5 Attic Sneak Peak



### Save Vendor Space

Are you crafty or know someone who is? Applications now being accepted for vendors for Calvary's 50th annual bazaar on Nov 11. Details and application can be found in the cafe area near the south entrance of the church. Contact Angie Ransdell (aransdell@yahoo.com) or put the paperwork in her member mailbox. Space is limited.

### Save Your Time

The Holiday Bazaar needs a lot of volunteers. Helpers needed before, during and after Nov 11. Time commitments vary and some tasks can be as simple as making phone calls. 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). She will send you the invitation to the online sign up sheet.

### Save (& Share) Your Treasures

Do you have an auction item? Are you willing to donate a service? Can you ask the company you work for to donate items and/or services? You can help make this year's SILENT AUCTION a great success! Pick up a donation form at the LWML table in the south narthex and return to Shari Shaker. **We must have the items by Oct 22.**

Save things to be sold in The Attic. Since space to store attic items is limited at Calvary, PLEASE bring your PRICED donations Fri., Nov 10th from 3:30-7:00pm or Sat., Nov 11 from 7:30-9:00am. (Please no clothing, large appliances or building materials.)

### Support These Worthy Causes

Proceeds from this year's bazaar will benefit Calvary (by donating tables and chairs), Joy's House Adult Day Center, and Angel Tree Christmas - Prison Fellowship.

## Compassion Ministry

### Thanksgiving Food Collection

Please pick up a grocery bag and help us help others during this Thanksgiving season. As you do your grocery shopping, fill the bag with items listed for our **Thanksgiving Food Collection**. Bring your items to the **bin outside the church office** **Oct 21 - Nov 12!** *The Compassion Ministry Team will pack and distribute food boxes on Sun., Nov 19 after the 10:45 service.*

We also welcome monetary donations for the purchase of perishable food items. If you would like to donate (over and above your General Fund giving), please mark your envelope "Good Sam Fund."

It's awesome to see the light of Christ shine through you by your support to families in need.

*The Compassion Ministry Team*





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## October 2017

### October 1, 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)

**Psalm:** 25:1-10; **Epistle:** Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18; **Gospel:** Matthew 21:23-27

**“Heat or Light?” - Sermon Text:** Philippians 2:14-16 – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Each of us possesses the potential to create heat or light in our world. Followers of Jesus Christ have the power to shine His true light onto a world that stumbles in darkness. Discover how the true “Light of the world”, Jesus Christ, can shine in us and through us.

### October 8, 2017 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22)

**Psalm:** 80:7-19; **Old Testament:** Isaiah 5:1-7; **Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-46

**“God’s Vineyard” - Sermon Text:** Matthew 21:33-46 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

God calls us, His people, His vineyard. That is because even though a vineyard requires much care and attention, the final harvest is well worth it. Jesus paid the ultimate price to make us God’s vineyard.

### October 15, 2017 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)

**Psalm:** 23; **Epistle:** Philippians 4:4-9; **Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

**“The Wedding Feast” - Sermon Text:** Matthew 22:1-14 - Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege

Salvation, and even heaven itself, are compared to a wedding feast. In this parable Jesus shows how some people reject the feast, and how God, in His generosity, invites the “nobodies” to this feast. We are invited. The only way we can partake of God’s feast is if we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

### October 22, 2017 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)

**Psalm:** 96; **Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; **Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-22

**“Are We There Yet?” - Sermon Text:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 - Rev. William Mueller

Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians, giving thanks to God for their faith, love, and hope, as positive examples to other Christians. As children of God, we are on a journey of faith through life. We might be tempted to lose hope, to be diminished in our love, or to let our faith waver. Take courage! God has not left us alone but continues to carry us on!

### October 29, 2017 – Reformation Day Observed

**Psalm:** 46 with Gloria Patri; **Epistle:** Galatians 5:1-2, 13-16; **Gospel:** [John 8:31-36](#)

**“Living in the Freedom of Faith” - Sermon Text:** Galatians 5:1-2, 13-16 - Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Living the life of freedom that uniquely flows from a faith relationship with God, human beings yearn for freedom, the fight for freedom, but they can not have the ultimate freedom that they were indeed created for because of their sin. Jesus Christ entered the world to overcome our bondage, our sin, and all that seeks to separate us from the freedom that God created and redeemed us to have and to live for others in Him.



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