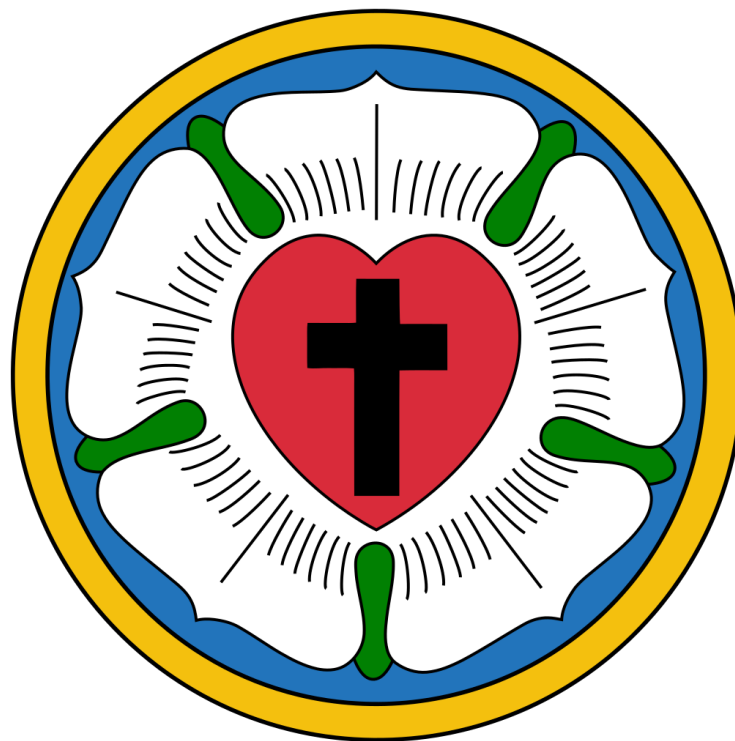


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October 2018 Monthly Newsletter

From the Pastors

Walking with God in the Deserts of Life - Relying upon the Lord

The people of Israel moved from the wilderness of Sin and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses, "Give us water to drink." Moses said, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted and grumbled against Moses, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us, our children and our livestock with thirst?" Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with these people? They are ready to stone me" (Ex. 17:1-5).

Exodus 17:1-7 provides a unique glimpse into the children of Israel's struggle to interpret properly the purpose of the Lord for his people. They cannot look beyond their present problems to see the prestigious picture that God is painting. Here they find themselves sandwiched between spectacular events of God's gracious intervention—behind them is their triumphant deliverance from Egypt through signs and wonders (5:1-15:21) and before them is their close encounter of a personal kind as they come face to face with the Lord's awesome glory at Mt. Sinai (19:1-24:18). One might expect this section to paint a positive picture of the peoples' gratefulness. Yet, this is the third time that a 'sustenance' problem has driven the people to be filled with doubts (v.7), demands (v.2), suspicions (v.3), and perceived threats (v.4).

By this time the people of Israel have twice murmured against Moses (15:24; 16:2) and twice questioned his 'murderous' wishes for them (14:11-12; 16:3), but this is the first time in which the more forceful word 'protested' appears (v.2). This isn't just moaning among friends. This is a picture of an angry and hostile people, who gather as judge, jury, and executioner to **levy legal charges** against Moses and God. Why does their so-called divinely sent leader repeatedly guide them into life-threatening conditions? The people **demand** that Moses give them water (v. 2)—an escalation of emotion (cf. 15:24). The people want Moses and the Lord to prove themselves. This is at least how Moses interprets it. "Why do you **protest** against me? Why do you **test** the Lord?" (v.2). Yet, Moses' words do not quench their thirst, so the murmuring continues (v. 3).

Moses' words are interesting, as he charges the people of "testing" the Lord. This word is used in only three places in the book of Exodus. Every other occurrence refers to the Lord testing the children of Israel, not the other way around. Here, the situation is reversed. The people are now the ones testing God's trustworthiness. Two final details are important in understanding Israel's intentions. First is Moses' fear that the people will soon stone him. While it communicates the intensity of the event, it also illustrates the nature of the proceedings against him. The act of stoning was the method of ridding a community of one who threatens its existence or way of life and it was the final step in the formal rejection of an Israelite leader. Second, the concluding summary of Moses' renaming the location of the event is also revealing. The people were asking whether the Lord was among them (v. 7). The narrator withholds this detail of the story to the very end of the reading, causing the reader to dwell upon the shocking nature of the question. With everything that God is doing for them, how in the world can they be asking if God is with them? Of course, he is with them!

The Lord's reaction is most fascinating. Nowhere does the text describe the Lord's anger, wrath, condemnation, or punishment for the people's obstinacy. Despite the people's failure of the test, the Lord simply responds with peace and forbearance—a far cry from the fickleness that many charge the "Old Testament God" of being. The Lord proves himself capable of the test precisely because of His long-suffering patience (cf. Ex. 34:6). The Lord's command to Moses seems so simple—take the elders, go to where I show you, and strike the rock—but it contains informative details. First, the elders are called to be witnesses, not only at present, but also for the long haul ahead. Second, the Lord invites Moses to see the very thing in which the people are asking to know: "Is God with us or not?" The Lord quite literally says, "**Behold me** standing before you there." God does not simply describe where Moses is to go, but He goes before him to the rock where everyone will behold His presence!

This event in Israel's life proclaims God's intimate care for his people, despite their repeated shortcomings, and his willingness to stand up to testing, despite his position of cosmic authority. The Lord does not condemn, but rather continually affirms His presence among His people. He will carry unto completion the good work that He has begun among them (cf. Philippians 1:6). In our moments of weakness, does not our Lord promise the same to us—deliverance from our bondage to sin, continuing care throughout our journey of life, and the promise that we are a part of his chosen people, a holy nation (cf. 1 Peter 2:9-10)? The question remains, "Will we pass the 'test'?" If we are honest, we know that we will stumble and fall, but we can join in proclaiming in the words of the Apostle Paul, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

God's Peace, *Pastor Kurt Ebert*

Volunteer Focus

Jim Schwark



What is your role at Calvary?

Spiritual Care Director, Usher Team Leader

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

Service to the church and the Lord was something instilled in me at a very early age by my father and mother. They taught me "giving" to Calvary is much more than money. It's also important to give our time and spiritual gifts to further the mission of the church.

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

Serving alongside fellow Calvary members has given me a chance to develop life-long friendships, as well as deepening my faith by serving the Lord.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Although it's difficult to pinpoint just one or two verses, I can share that Paul's letters to the Romans and Ephesians are two of my much loved books of scripture. Also, I truly enjoy and am fascinated by Jesus' parables.

Favorite Dessert?

Crème brûlée

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

Pray for the spiritual growth of our congregation and all its members; pray for the Pastors, staff and their families, and our ministry team's ability to serve the Lord and Calvary in the best possible way.

Staff Spotlight

Pastor Josh Reifsteck



What is your role at Calvary?

Associate Pastor

What is your favorite thing about serving at Calvary?

Inviting people to deepen their knowledge of and relationship with God

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

There are too many good answers! I'll say the 20th century theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer's most famous works—The Cost of Discipleship, Ethics, and Life Together—serve as enduring challenges to my Christian walk.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Luke 1:37—"For nothing is impossible with God"

Favorite Dessert?

Cheesecake

General

Calvary Connect Contemporary Worship

Calvary Connect contemporary worship is taking place next on **Sunday, October 7th from 10:30-11:45 am** in the gym. If you would like to be a volunteer for future events in the areas of greeting, set-up/take-down, or refreshments then please contact Youth Director Sam Troemel at stroemel@clcs.org.

Want to make sure you can follow the music with us? Check out [Facebook.com/CalvaryConnect](https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryConnect) to preview the message and songs for this event.



Save the Date—Calvary's 4th Annual Quilt-A-Thon

Calvary's 4th Annual Quilt-A-Thon for Lutheran World Relief will be here soon.

When? Tuesday, October 2 from 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

We need volunteers to cut fabric, sew straight seams, pin fronts to backs and tie layers together. **No experience necessary. Come for fun and fellowship!!**



Calvary & Habitat Interfaith Build

CALVARY congregation will partner again with HABITAT FOR HUMANITY to partially fund and build three homes in our Indianapolis community. Help build three homes with the Dycus, Turentine, and Jimison families and friends of all faith traditions! Construction starts the first week of October (we need your help!) and finishes up in December.



CALVARY'S FIRST WORK DATE FOR THE INTERFAITH BUILD is **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10th**. SIGN UP BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30. There is a table in the Narthex beginning on that date to check the schedule, ask questions and sign up. Calvary needs 5-6 volunteers for October 10th. We hope to sign up for additional dates when they select Build dates for the remainder of October and November. You're invited to help make this possible by picking up a hammer, providing morning hospitality, sharing a story or making a gift of support. Work alongside friends and strangers as we build homes, hope, and communities.

A special thanks to Thrivent Financial for being a large part in growing the Interfaith Build initiative from 2 to 3 homes! You can learn more about Thrivent and their purpose driven financial services and partnership with Habitat. Or, say "Hi" when you see them on the job site. Everyone can use a hammer or wield a paintbrush to manifest God's love. What's best is that volunteering on a build site requires no construction experience – just a heart ready to serve. Find a day that works well for you or email joel@indyhabitat.org to ask how your faith group can get involved!

Lunch is provided-pizza. Calvary usually provides coffee, juice and donuts in the morning for all those on site. The daily schedule is as follows: 7:40-8:00am = arrive on site; 8:00-8:15am = required safety talk; 8:15am-2:30pm = work day with lunch break. Habitat schedule has only one work session per day. Habitat provides training, materials and safety equipped. No experience is required.

Questions can be directed to Pastor Art, wehrmeister49@yahoo.com, Coordinator on behalf of Stewardship Ministry team or Pete Joseph, petejo2@yahoo.com (contact for October 10th Build).

GriefShare

This faith-based program includes informative videos, encouragement and support for adults mourning the death of a loved one. Led by trained and experienced facilitator JoAnn Heasley, sessions are held in Calvary's Room 125 on Thursday evenings, 6:30pm. You can start at any time, as each session is self-contained, not sequential, and there is no cost to attend. If you would like more information, call JoAnn at 317-670-5430, or the church office, 317-783-2000.



Surviving the Holidays—Hope and Help in Grief, Sun., November 4, 12:15 p.m.

Light lunch will be provided. Watch bulletins and website for more details.

Bazaar Coordinator Meeting

We will meet on Wed., Oct 3rd and Thurs., Nov 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the north narthex. These will be the final meetings before the Bazaar—please attend. Questions? Kathy Ford, kathrynford11@aol.com or 317-784-1564.

"3 Days in Israel—PRICELESS! Our Photos and Reflections"

Free program. **Monday, October 15th**, at 1:00pm, Room 125. Pete Joseph and Dennis Sherfy will share their experiences and insights from their recent trip with their wives. Refreshments will be provided; a free-will offering will be taken for Calvary's India Mission.

Questions? Contact Pete, petejoe2@yahoo.com.



Thank You From the Family of Bob Woempner

Dear Calvary family--pastors, staff and members,

Thank you all so much for the kindnesses extended over the past several years to my Dad, Bob Woempner, and to our family at the time of his passing.

Your cards, prayers, visits, treats and transportation to church and the crusader activities meant so much to him and to me. Calvary has truly been a wonderful church family. It still feels like "home" to me after living away over 25 years.

Also thank you for the beautiful service and meal following. Although the hardest goodbye, you helped make it a time surrounded by love and good memories. For this, and you, we are grateful.

Warmly, Diane Carr and family



Fellowship Ministry

We thank our Picnic Patrons for their generous support!

Gold

The Birdwell Family
Rob & Diana Blazek
Rosie & Bob Blazek
Phil & Jill Borst
Emerson House
Josh & Rene Finke
Karen Hand
The Jeffers Family
The Kem Family
The Lange Family
Paul & Nancy McMichael.
(in memory of Bob Woempner)
Jim & Ellen Vance
Bob & Sandra Wilson
Anonymous Picnic Patrons (8)

Silver

Nellie Delk
Tim & Becky Finke
The Pflug Family
Lisa & Joe Pluckebaum
Larry & Judy Stanford
Karen Wright
Bob Wurster
Anonymous Picnic Patrons (3)

Bronze

Laura Andrews
Pastor Howard & Bev Fabricius
Ray & Kathy Ford
Ephesus Freeman
Judy Kirkland
Greg & Linda Simons
John & Carol Sims
Mabel Schwark
Anonymous Picnic Patrons (5)



Fall Hayride at Southeastway Park - Shelter # 6

Saturday, October 27th – 5:30-8:30pm (arrive any time)

- Three wagons - 6:00pm, 6:40pm and 7:20pm (wagon sign up is first come first served at the park)
- Hot dogs (roast yourself or prepared ahead), chips, veggies, fruit, and of course, s'mores
- Fun activities include pumpkin decorating and more
- Optional - bring a lawn chair and/or roasting sticks (label with your name) - no roasting sticks, no problem; some will be available

To help us plan food and activities, sign up in the narthex

Oct. 6-23 or contact Linda Bugher at fellowship@clcs.org or 317-432-1865

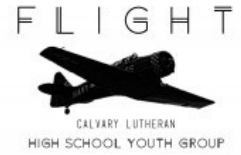


Youth Ministry

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.

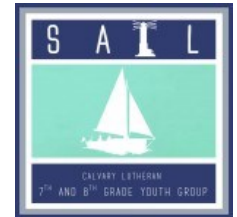
Registration for the National Youth Gathering is officially open! Visit the church office to receive forms and information. Registration closes Sunday, October 29th.



SAIL—7th - 8th Grade Youth Group

SAIL will meet next on **Wednesday, October 24th from 5:30-7:00 pm**.

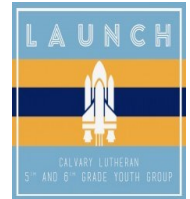
We will meet in the youth room for food and Bible study before heading outside or to the gym for an activity. SAIL events are open to all youth grades 7/8 regardless of what school you attend.



LAUNCH—5th - 6th Grade Youth Group

LAUNCH will meet next on **Wednesday, October 10th from 5:30-7:00 pm**.

We will meet in the youth room for food and devotions before heading to the gym or outside for an activity. SAIL events are open to all youth grades 5/6 regardless of what school you attend.



September Memorials



In Memory of Mike McClintock from:

Noraleen & Richard Young

In Memory of Barbara Grenoble from:

Dale & Judy Onken

In Memory of Ruth Radich from:

Don & Susan Daniels, Marilyn Rothkopf, Karen Meyer

In Memory of Robert Woempner from:

Charles & Kathleen Klasing, Catherine Woempner, JoAnn Hartley, Judy Kirkland, David & Sandra Carr, Larry & Sandy Fosler, Ken & Marcia Kehlbeck, Larry Woempner, Elise Wolf, Grace Wolf, Gerald Kiesling, Mel Wessler, Ruth Fuhrmann, Paul & Nancy McMichael, John & Janet Bergman, Larry & Sara Jupin, Madelyn Finke, Mabel Schwark, Carolyn Darnell, John & Barbara Ryan, Linda Godby, Helen O'Connor, Margie Leive, Ken & Carol Kettler, Bill & Chrissi Laut, Helen & Jack Godby, Irene Stahlhut, Gary & Linda Bugher

In Memory of Helen Weeden from:

JoAnn Hartley, Gary & Linda Bugher, Phil & Corina Hendershott, Elise Wolf, Grace Wolf, Darlene Wendeln, Dan Weeden family, James & Norma Arend, Karen Meyer, Pauline, Eric, Carol & Cynthia Miller



Oh, Sweet Liberty

Liberty: the quality or state of being free, the power to do as one pleases, freedom from physical restraint, the power of choice. How much of your day do you enjoy sweet liberty? For many having the power to do as one pleases is greatly restrained by the demands of the day. After school and church commitments, Cheryl and I have enjoyed a more freeing liberty after becoming empty nesters. We have enjoyed a greater sense of liberty in the area of discretionary of time. Yet even being at church and school is sweet liberty. The power to do as one pleases falls into this realm. This includes the power of choice. Do you feel liberated as you go to your work place? Demands and expectations are part of the work environment, but if you enjoy what you're doing then you are experiencing liberty.

God has given to us liberty through the death and Resurrection of His Son. We are no longer slaves to sin, but fully restored through the blood of Christ. We are free to share the love of God with others. Christ's sacrifice has bestowed upon us such sweet liberty. This does not mean that we are free to do whatever pleases us. We are free to serve others. We are free to walk in the steps of Christ. This is our privilege to teach each day at Calvary Lutheran Church and School. We STAND FIRM on the truths of God's Word. God tells us that in this world we will have troubles. But take heart, He has overcome the world. What joy this gives to the believer's heart.

First Quarter Completed

Our first quarter will be completed on Friday, October 5. Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, October 10. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 10 and Thursday, October 11 from 4:00-8:00PM. Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade will be dismissed at 1:00PM on October 12.

Please note: Preschool 3/4 AM session **will** meet on Friday, October 12. Preschool PM 5 year old session **will not** meet on Friday, October 12. Preschool Extended Care sessions will close at 1:00 PM. No K-8 Afternoon Extended Care on this day.

Fall Break

School will not be in session on Monday, October 15 through Friday, October 19. This fall break matches one week of Perry Township's fall break. School will resume on Monday, 10/22.

Bible Quiz

Our Bible Quiz team will be competing in this academic competition at the Lutheran High School of Indianapolis on Tuesday, October 23. The team has been studying the New Testament Book of Acts. 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 1,000 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.

SMILE SMILE SMILE

The students of Calvary Lutheran School will have their school photographs taken on Tuesday-Wednesday, October 2-3. 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 3. Students not having their photograph taken need to wear appropriate attire for chapel.

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. A copy will be emailed to you each Thursday communicating the events and activities of Calvary Lutheran Church and School.

Position Available

Varsity Girls' Basketball Coaches—Oct. 22 - Feb. 22

If interested please contact Dawn Schultz, AD at schultz@thecalvaryschool.org



Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

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 over \$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 2018 will have it converted to an Indiana voucher for the 2019/20 school year.

Benefit #4: 50% of your corporate or private donation is an Indiana state tax CREDIT. If your state tax liability is less than your CREDIT, that CREDIT is extended for up to 9 years.

Currently, \$42,500.00 is needed to fully fund the 22 scholarship grant applications. Please send in your donation by December 31.

Please call the school office for further information. You are invited to visit 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

LuFest 2019 – Early Bird Pricing ends Oct 1

Get early-bird pricing through Mon., Oct 1 for **LuFest 2019**, the 37th annual **Lutheran Festival** and dinner-auction. LuFest will be held on **Fri., Apr 12, 2019** at The Nest Event Center in Greenwood. Discounts are available for first-time attendees, LHS alumni 40 and under, and supporters 70 or older. Get more information and reserve your table or spot **NOW** at lufest.org or call 317-224-1108.

The Miracle Worker on stage – Oct 4, 6, 7

Saints on Stage will present **The Miracle Worker** by William Gibson on **Oct 4, 6, and 7**. This Tony-Award winning play tells the true story of Annie Sullivan and the breakthrough she is able to make with her blind and deaf student, Helen Keller. Poignant and humorous, the play presents an inspirational tone about overcoming struggles on the inside and out. It will be presented at 7:00 pm on Thurs. and Sat., Oct 4 and 6, and 3:00 pm on Sun., Oct 7. Tickets (\$10, \$5 for seniors and students) are available at lhsi.org and at the door. *The Miracle Worker* is presented through special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., New York, NY.

Preview Night at Lutheran High School

Join us on **Thursday, October 25** at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium for Preview Night at Lutheran High School! Middle school students and their parents are encouraged to attend to learn more about what LHS has to offer. We will tour the school, meet teachers and students, and get a good feel about who we are at LHS. Come and see what opportunities await! Learn more at lhsi.org.



Sugarplum Holiday Fair, October 27

The 6th Annual Sugarplum Holiday Fair takes place on **Sat., Oct 27, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm** at Lutheran High School. Concessions – including turkey salad croissants, homemade chili, and hot dogs – are available all day. Admission is \$1 per person or a canned good (which will be donated to the Emmaus Food Pantry). All proceeds benefit the fine arts (band, choir, theatre, art, and speech) at LHS. **Vendors: Deadline to reserve a booth is Oct 14.** Visit lhsi.org (click on "SugarPlum Vendor Application") for more information or to download a vendor booth application. Fine arts students help load in and out booths. Questions? Email finearts@lhsi.org.

Women in Mission

Extravagant Sharing

The Sharing Place of Lutheran Child and Family Services continues to appreciate the sharing of Calvary members and friends. Our sharing meets so many needs. We've helped fill their shelves with macaroni and cheese. Thanks to Leo and Charlene Darts for delivering our donations to The Sharing Place. In October, please bring **bars of soap and shampoo**. Please continue to support those in Indianapolis with their needs through EXTRAVAGANT SHARING! Put your



donations of soap and shampoo throughout October on the Extravagant Sharing shelves in our church 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 at holiday time.



BLANKETS FOR BABIES Our October dates are Thursdays, October 4th and 18th. We meet in the cafe area from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (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

Women's Saturday Bible Study Sat., October 6, 8:30 a.m.

This month's bible study will be "Grace Upon Grace" from page 16 of the LWML Fall 2018 Quarterly and led by Lily Jenkins. Please join us from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the EPIC Center Library.

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 20 - Nov 11!** *The Compassion Ministry Team will pack and distribute food boxes on Sun., Nov 18 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

Adult Ministry

Lunch OUT! Wednesday, October 3rd, 11:30 a.m., Ponderosa Steakhouse The first Wednesday of each month Adult Ministry meets at a local restaurant for food and Christian fellowship. This month we're heading to the Ponderosa Steakhouse in Beech Grove. Located at 5005 S. Emerson, 46237, this restaurant hosts a "Seniors" discount on Wednesdays – buffet with drink included for \$8.99. Two of our members, Phil Driver and Pastor Main, have recommended we try it! Please join us – tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran.

Lunch & Learn Wednesday, October 17th, 11:30 a.m.

Callie McCune, the Indiana History Center's Public Programs Coordinator, will be our Lunch & Learn guest speaker this month, to share stories of some daring Hoosier women trailblazers who defied expectations and made a difference in business, politics, civil rights, and more.



Lunch & Learn is open to adults of all ages. October birthdays will be honored. Come early for free blood pressure checks, and guests are always welcome!

Date: Wednesday, October 17th, 11:30am; Where: Calvary's Narthex

Program: "Women Behaving Badly"; Provided Entrée: Birdwells' Marvelous Meatloaf

What to bring: \$2 and a dish to share

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 15**. 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 the church by Sunday, November 11 and leave them in the bin in the Narthex.** More information about Operation Christmas Child can be found at www.samaritanspurse.org. Questions? Sarah Cunningham, 317-881-2723 or 317-289-4156.

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.

Stewardship Emphasis

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

Calvary close to eliminating our General Fund Deficit

Calvary's response to God's blessing in the past several years has been so very generous. Not only have we paid off our mortgage and successfully funded recent repairs to our facilities, our contributions exceeded the budgeted projections for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. If you review the 2017-2018 financial statement, you'll see the congregation support not only through weekly envelopes but with school gifts, matching gifts, and contribution to the various endowment funds – Calvary Endowment, Schwark Endowment and newly established Wessler Endowment. Calvary's mortgage balance is zero and the line of credit balance is zero. You will see one item with a balance and that is the general fund deficit. This deficit was created any year that Calvary's expenses exceeded funds received. A year ago that balance, accumulated over many years, was \$83,798. It currently stands at less than \$6,500. This long-standing balance has burdened Calvary's budget for years but is so very close to being removed. You'll see some special events where funds, such as the Church Picnic, will be used towards this effort. We are truly on a firm financial foundation and in a position to make decisions about Calvary's mission. Hallelujah!

Picnic reaches Patron goal

Thank you to the 43 Picnic Patrons that supported the food costs of Calvary's annual outdoor service and picnic lunch. Having the event catered means volunteers do not need to cook, but can enjoy the day with their families.

Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build

We are continuing our support of Habitat for Humanity in Indianapolis and members will have an opportunity to participate in the Interfaith Build this fall. Three families, Dycus, Turentine and Jimison, will benefit from the efforts of multiple area churches, mosques, temples and synagogues. Watch for details on how you can help this build scheduled for October.

Save the Date for Fall Time and Talent Fair

The Fall Time & Talent Fair is happening the first weekend in October - Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7. Calvary's ministry teams and groups will set up tables in the narthex where you can ask questions about how to get involved as a volunteer or support a mission. If you are not in church that weekend, watch for a booklet in your mailbox with information about volunteering or supporting various mission efforts at Calvary.



First Quarter Mission Support

Each quarter Calvary's mission funds support a different organization. For the Fourth Quarter our mission envelopes were directed to support individual students at the Tuition and Tutoring Center, a program directed by Calvary's India Mission. Collectively Calvary raised \$800 which funds the meals and basic supplies for four students. Please meet Shekar and Srimanthi from Thazhaiyatham and Epsi and Gopi from T.T. Mottur. We look forward to hearing about their progress from the mission team. If you would like to support a student yourself, you can contact Marv or Rhonda Hansen marvin.m.hansen@gmail.com or listen to their presentation during services the weekend of October 13/14. The India Mission also has a need of funds to purchase Tamil bibles and their other efforts. They promise to have a supply of colorful bangles for sale, products of the very talented students at the center. Because the team is leaving for India in October, the Stewardship Ministry Team has also designated the first quarter mission envelopes to the Tuition and Tutoring Center. Please put your donations into your "mission" envelope for this quarter or make a mission donation online.



Save the Date

Calvary's 51st Annual Holiday Bazaar "Joy to the World"
Saturday, November 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Preview Weekends

October 27-28 Ministry Team Baskets

Save Vendor Space

Are you crafty or know someone who is? Applications now being accepted for vendors for Calvary's 51st annual bazaar on November 10th. Details and application can be found in the cafe area near the south entrance of the church. You may email Angie Ransdell (aransdell@yahoo.com) or give her the paperwork. Space is limited.

Save Your Time

The Holiday Bazaar needs a lot of volunteers. Helpers needed before, during and after November 10. Time commitments vary and some tasks can be as simple as making phone calls. You can find sign up sheets on the Women in Mission table in the south narthex. You can also email Jan Main (jmain1948@gmail.com).

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 Women in Mission table in the south narthex and return to Shari Shaker. **We must have the items by Oct 21.**

Save things to be sold in The Attic. Since space to store attic items is limited at Calvary, PLEASE bring your PRICED donations Friday, Nov. 9th from 3:30-7:00 pm or Saturday, November 10th from 7:30-9:00 am. If that is not convenient for you, please ask someone to bring them to Calvary at that time. (Please no clothing, large appliances or building materials.)

Support These Worthy Causes

Proceeds from this year's bazaar will benefit Calvary (handbell refurbishment), Hope Center of Indy, and Lutheran Military Veterans and Family Ministries.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is one month of the year where we take time to recognize the love and care that our pastors show to each of us. Please share with them kind words of thanks, say a prayer, or send a card. A box will be provided in the narthex for you to drop a card or note.

Pastor Kurt (Sarah) Ebert (Senior Pastor), **Pastor Josh (Laura) Reifsteck** (Associate Pastor), and **Pastor Udhayanesan (Kalai) Raji** (Tamil Indian Community and hospital chaplain).

We also thank the Lord for **Pastor Bob (Ruth) Armao** (Lutheran High School teacher and campus pastor) and **Pastor Bill (Debbie) Yates** (Director, Air National Guard Chaplain Corps).

We are also blessed to have **Pastor Howard (Bev) Fabricius** (retired), **Pastor Harvey (Carol) Lange** (retired), **Pastor Gene (Betty) Lauterbach** (retired), **Pastor Ray (Jan) Main** (retired), **Pastor Jim (Connie) Myers**, (retired) and **Pastor Art (Joy) Wehrmeister** (retired) who are all members of Calvary.

We also celebrate two church staff anniversaries this month. Emily Spelde recently celebrated 10 years of service and Pastor Ebert celebrated 5 years of service.

On the Trail of Martin Luther: A Pilgrimage to Germany – June 5-15, 2019

Join Pastor Dave Schreiber next summer to walk in the footsteps of Luther with award-winning Collette Travel. From his birthplace to the Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt, from Worms to the Wartburg Castle, from his beloved Wittenberg to St. Thomas Church in Leipzig where he preached (and J.S. Bach was a cantor), your inspirational journey also includes the beautiful modern cities of Dresden and Berlin.

Pastor Schreiber is recently retired from Resurrection Lutheran Church in Indy. He has traveled extensively in Germany with a focus on Reformation history, including multiple visits to Lutherstadt Wittenberg and a solo bicycle tour along the Elbe river that cuts through the heart of Luther country. Enrich your faith, marvel at the beautiful historical sights, and enjoy fun and fellowship with fellow pilgrims on the trail of Martin Luther!

Information and Collette Travel Luther Tour Presentation:

Indy North – Wednesday, Oct 24th 6:30pm

Scotty's Brewhouse

3905 E 96th St, Indianapolis

Indy South – Monday, Oct 29th 6:30pm

Mashcraft Brewery

1140 N State Rd 135, Greenwood



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October 7, 2018 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 128; Epistle: Old Testament: Genesis 2:18-25; Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

"At Last!" - Sermon Text: Genesis 2:18-25 - Rev. William Mueller

Marriage. What does that word communicate for you? For the happily married it expresses warmth, love, acceptance, and togetherness. For the divorced, single, widowed or lonely it may bring other meanings. What does God have to say about this...and what about those not married?

October 14, 2018 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 90; Old Testament: Amos 5:14-15; Gospel: Mark 10:17-22

"Born to Die?" - Sermon Text: Psalm 90 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

We are going to die – because we are sinners. Much more can be said, however – because of Jesus Christ.

October 21, 2018 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119:9-16; Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20; Gospel: Mark 10:23-31

"Looking Back" - Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20- Rev. Paul Shoemaker

When you reflect on your life and think of the choices you have made, what gave you the most joy? For those at life's end, a relationship with Jesus is treasured above all things. It is He who chose you and in whom you will find the greatest joy.

October 28, 2018 – Reformation Day Observed

Psalm 46; Epistle: Romans 3:19-28; Gospel: John 8:31-36

"Set Free!" - Sermon Text: John 8:31-36 – Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege

Only Christ Jesus can set us free from sin and death. He did this by His substitutionary death and resurrection. The Reformation brought back the Biblical truths that only the Son sets us free, only through the Word are we set free, and we are set free by faith alone, not by works.



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