

CALVARY LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL



September 2017 Monthly Newsletter

From Our Pastor

“The Catechism: A Handbook for the Christian Household”

This October 31, 2017 marks 500 years since the Reformation began with the posting of Luther's 95 Theses. We continue to celebrate our heritage, as those who stand firm on the Word of God alone. May our God use this opportunity to lead us back to the sources of our Lutheran faith, which will always lead us back to the source of Christ alone. And now for our third installment. Maybe it will inspire you to track down and dust off your catechism from junior confirmation, so that you can incorporate reading a small passage along with your daily bible reading or devotion.

--Pastor Kurt Ebert

The Reformation was not about anything new, but about returning to the unchanged and unchanging truth. So it is still today. The celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is not a time for novelty. It is a time to return: to the truth, to the basics, to the foundation.

Do you remember the Small Catechism? Many of us were made to memorize the catechism (or at least part of it) during our Confirmation classes. Some of us might have even suffered through a public examination over its contents.

How much do you remember? Say it with me: “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him...” Can you finish? Do you remember where that is found? (It's in Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.)

It's time to return. Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the instruction of laypeople. Luther intended the Small Catechism to be used at church and in the home to instruct children in the faith and to reinforce the faith in the hearts and minds of adults.

There is no better time than in this year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation to review the catechism.

Read it for yourself. Refresh the theology in your mind. Pray the catechism daily. Memorize it.

But even more, teach it. If you are a parent, teach it to your children. As you have opportunity, share it with your friends and peers.

The catechism teaches the fundamentals of the Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Sacrament of Baptism, the Sacrament of the Altar and the Office of the Keys and Confession. This small book is well worth your time and study.

May this celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation be a time when we return to the Word and Sacraments, when we turn to Christ and His love. It's still all about Jesus.

Check out more at this month's digital resource: <http://reformation500.csl.edu/videos/>
You will find some interesting introductions, summaries, and even in-depth presentations from world class Reformation scholars.

Staff Spotlight

Pastor Josh Reifsteck



What do you do at Calvary?

I'm the Associate Pastor. I preach and teach!

What is your favorite thing about Calvary?

Calvary's community! There are so many active ministries and so many ways that Calvary's members take part in those ministries.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

Ephesians

Favorite Hobby?

Video games! I play alone and with friends, and I have a long list of favorites. Right now, I'm playing Overwatch.

Favorite Sport/Team(s)?

Honestly, I don't watch sports.

Favorite Food?

Pizza and ribs

Hidden Talent/Little Known Fact about You?

I enjoy reading poetry, especially Christian poetry. "Batter my heart, three-person'd God" by John Donne, and Legion ("Lord, hear my voice, my present voice I mean, Not that which may be speaking an hour hence...") by CS Lewis are big favorites.

Bob Jacobs



What do you do at Calvary?

8th Grade Homeroom and Middle School Social Studies Teacher

What is your favorite thing about Calvary?

I love the "family" feeling that I receive from both our students and church members.

Favorite Book/Verse of the Bible?

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you may go." Joshua 1:9

Favorite Hobby?

Coaching the Lutheran High School boy's basketball team

Favorite Sport/Team(s)?

Pittsburgh Steelers, New York Yankees and the Indiana Pacers

Favorite Food?

Pulled pork or NY strip steak

Hidden Talent/Little Known Fact about You?

I love running and will be running the Monumental Marathon in Indianapolis on November 4, 2017. This will be my 10th full marathon.

Community

Calvary Mortgage Update

In August 2014, when the Calvary Can Campaign began, Calvary's mortgage balance was \$1.1 million. The people of Calvary have responded to the need and we have now paid off the mortgage in full. We thank you for your generous support. In the coming weeks and months, our leadership looks forward to sharing with you more details of our next steps to improve our ministries, as well as to gain your input and involvement in the process of establishing new directions as a congregation.

CLCS Visioning Events – Mark Your Calendar

As the leadership of Calvary prepares for more specific strategic planning in the coming months, we invite the people of Calvary to be a part of one of our visioning events. The goals for these events will be:

- 1) to receive input and feedback from the congregation on the passions, values, dreams, and ideas that we share for the future of our various ministries,
- 2) to share with the congregation this year's key priorities for the spiritual and relational growth of our ministries; and,
- 3) to communicate next steps for capital improvement plans following the recent payoff of our mortgage.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the coming weeks. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required. Refreshments will be served. Each event will be 30-45 minutes in length.

Tues., Sept 26th 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. ([Rm 125](#))

Thurs., Sept 28th 7:00 p.m. (Rm 125)

Sat., Sept 30th 7:30 p.m. (Rm 125, Sanctuary if necessary)

Sun., Oct 1st 12:00 p.m. (Rm 125, Sanctuary if necessary)

Wed., Oct 4th 3:30 p.m. (Rm 125)

Sun., Oct 8th 9:25 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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.

Calvary Prayer Team

The Calvary Prayer Team meets in the EPIC Library on Thursdays from 1:00—2:30 p.m. We are designed to spend time in His Word, so we first focus on a Psalm. In prayer, we praise and thank God for His Gifts. We pray for forgiveness. Then we prayer for personal needs, needs for our church and our country. We also participate in the National Day of Prayer in May with the students of Calvary Lutheran School. We have attended community and state events, such as the Decision America Tour. All are welcome to join us on Thursdays. Questions? Mike Emmelman (317-882-4193)

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!**

Head-to-Heart Confirmation Ministry (6th & 7th Grade Youth or Above)

Interested in enrolling your child in our Head-to-Heart confirmation program? Please plan to attend a special informational meeting and kick-off to find out more about the program and to experience what and how your child will be learning and growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

- **1st Year Student & Parent Info Meeting (Sun., Sept. 10th at 5:00-5:30 pm in Rm 125).**

Join us as we answer common questions and share other important details.

- **Confirmation Kick-Off (Sun., Sept. 10th 5:30-7:00 pm in the Sanctuary).**

All New & Returning Students and Parents will gather for a special parent night.

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

Concordia Cemetery

2703 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46225 317-786-7733 www.concordiacemeteryinc.com

Concordia Cemetery has been a traditional and a revered place to memorialize loved ones since 1870. For almost a century and a half, members of the same families have selected Concordia as a resting place near their forefathers. As new families move into the area, the tradition of considering Concordia as their own continues today.

Centrally located on the southside of Indianapolis, it offers easy access to visitors and quiet tranquility in the midst of a busy city.

Mature trees and well maintained grounds give each section a unique setting. Your preferred selection will not require a premium since all grave sites are priced the same. Michael Kallio, who has served as manager for more than 40 years, will provide professional and sensitive consultation to all who inquire. All faiths, races and ethnic heritages are welcome.

Concordia is organized as a Not-For-Profit corporation affiliated with area churches.

PURCHASE AT NEED. 2017 prices—Complete Burial Package—\$2,000 (Includes any grave site, opening and closing, concrete container, tent & chairs)

All Adult Plots—\$675

Columbarium Niche—\$950-\$1,150

Parish Education

Children Sunday School: Watch the bulletin for new Sunday School Topics and Class Information as we start our new Sunday School year!

Into the Word: Join us as our Pastors lead us in a study of the book of Habakkuk.

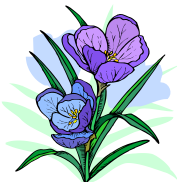
Young Adults: “Romans” (Ongoing): Join the Young Adults as they continue their study of Romans this fall. (*Conference Room- Hansen*)

“Road to the Reformation” and “Martin Luther Movie” (Sep 10, 17, Oct 1): Join Bill Laut as he leads a class regarding events leading up to the Reformation. The 95 Theses on the door at Wittenburg stirred changes within the church, but Luther was carrying on a torch passed to him by others, in a chain of events that started nearly 300 years earlier. Learn about Marsiglio of Padria, the 1378 Papal Schism, John Wycliffe, Jan Hus, Johannes Guttenberg, Desiderius Erasmus, Huldrych Zwingli, and the Complutensian Polyglot Bible, all of which helped set the stage for Luther in October 1517. The class will cover these topics and then a two part Luther movie will be shown.

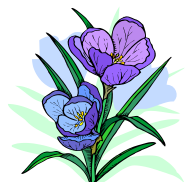
New Members “Foundations of Faith” Class (Aug 20-Oct 8): Our Foundations of Faith class continues through September. Completing this class provides the opportunity to join Calvary. Please contact Deaconess Emily Spelde (espelde@clcs.org, 317-783-2000, ext. 239) if you have any questions or would like more information. 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 begins a new class on “A Man Named Martin”, a three part study which covers “The Man”, “The Moment”, and “The Movement”. In September the class will study “The Man”. In this first part, participants will encounter a 15th-century religious reformer from Germany who broke ranks with the Catholic Church. Luther's life and times are examined through the lens of history, religion and theology. The class will cover his childhood with his parents Hans and Margaret, his university pursuits, his decision to become a monk, his protestation of Catholic practices, his scholastic output, his life in hiding, and his roles as husband and father.

August Memorials



In Memory of Cookie Fort from:
Bud & Julie Pflug



Adult Ministry

Women's Retreat at Camp Lakeview – Sept. 29 – Oct. 1st. Registration is now open. Retreat Theme: *"Pressing Pause: God's Invitation to Rest."* Guest Speaker: Lisa Lessing. See lakeviewministries.com/women/ for info on cost & lodging options.

Lunch OUT! Wednesday, September 6th, 11:30am

Come join us for good food and Christian fellowship at **Santorini Greek Kitchen**, 1417 S. Prospect, 46203 (at the corner of Prospect and Laurel Streets in Fountain Square.) Tables will be saved for Calvary Lutheran.



Lunch & Learn Wednesday, September 20th, 11:30 am

Guest Speaker: Jess West, of Jess West Costumes. Not wanting to sit at a desk, Jess started her own business using her handiwork to create costumes with amazing detail. She'll bring some of her costumes and share stories about her work. Come join us in Calvary's south narthex for a program that is guaranteed to be fun! Homemade meatloaf will be the provided entrée. Bring \$2 and a dish to share. Adults of all ages are welcome.



Attention Vets-Honor Flight Program

Tues., Sep 5, 6:30 p.m. at Ulndy Health Pavilion, 1643 E. Hanna. Free seating, no ticket required. Movie & guest speaker from Indy Honor Flight Organization. Vets of WWII, Korea & Vietnam are invited to learn about upcoming flights and how you can apply.

Youth Ministry

The high school youth group will be meeting this month on **September 10th, 17th, and 24th**. 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 **November 10th-12th** at Holy Cross Lutheran on the North side of Indianapolis. Registration is \$50 per youth. Registration and payment are due by October 4th.

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group

7th and 8th grade youth group will begin **Wednesday, September 20th from 3:00-4:30 pm** in the Youth Room. This event will include a light snack, Bible study, and outdoor games.

All interested 7th and 8th grade students are invited to participate in the Indiana District Junior High Rally at Camp Lakeview on **September 15th and 16th**. Registration is \$50 per youth. Registration and payment are due by August 23rd.

5th and 6th grade Youth Group

5th and 6th grade youth group will begin **Wednesday, September 13th from 3:00-4:30 pm** in the Youth Room. This event will include a light snack, Bible study, and outdoor games. We will also meet on **Wednesday, September 27th from 3:00-4:30 pm**.

Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Continuing the Journey – LOL Love Out Loud

Our biblical text for our school theme for this year is from Joshua 1:9:

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

What keeps you at times from openly showing and telling others about God's love? In the hallways, classrooms, cafeteria, playground, and gym at Calvary Lutheran we are free to LOL without fear of rejection or ridicule. This is indeed a great joy to share each day. God's saving love was promised to Adam and Eve in the garden. This promise was fulfilled in the cross and empty tomb through Christ's obedient service. As His saved people our words, actions, deeds, and answers should reflect God's love as we serve others. This is an appropriate theme for Calvary Lutheran Church and School. Students are to Love Out Loud. God looks at us with His arms extended. We, too, open our arms and extend words of welcome and inclusion to one another. We extend those arms to one another in Christian love and grace. Words are only a part of LOL. Our actions of service and care can be very strong as we proclaim God's love to us. We grow and mature in Christian love and service through the power of the Holy Spirit as we gather for worship, hear His Word, partake in the sacraments, and pray. We thank God for the opportunity and privilege to share in this daily walk with you at Calvary Lutheran Church and School. We ask the Lord to bless you with His love as we walk each day together in the shadow of the cross stepping out in faith saved to serve and ready with an answer.

Labor Day

Calvary Lutheran School will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. We thank God for the gift of work. We strive to use His gifts to our very best potential as His created beings.

Outdoor Education

Our Sixth Grade class will be experiencing Outdoor Education on Wednesday-Friday, September 6-8. The class will travel to the wilds of Camp Lakeview. Mrs. Schultz and Sam Troemel will lead this expedition. For further information please contact Mrs. Schultz. We ask the Lord to go with our 6th graders and all our adult chaperones granting them safety in their travels. We ask the Lord to grant to them His Spirit as they grow together through this experience.

1st Quarter Mid Term

Our first quarter mid term is Friday, September 8. Students in second through eighth grade will receive their midterm reports on Wednesday, September 13 via Renweb. We ask that our parents review these reports with their children. We strive to provide many evaluations throughout the school year.

Windy City Players

Our first all school assembly is scheduled for Friday, September 8. The Windy City Players will be performing “Robin Hood.” Our assembly begins at 8:40AM.

Grandparents or Special Person Day – September 22

SAVE the DATE –We invite all Grandparents or Special Persons of Kindergarten through 8th graders to Calvary Lutheran Church and School on Friday, September 22. The fun will begin at 12:30PM.

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.

Service Hour Program

We thank so many of our parents and families who have already completed numerous tasks providing for the needs of our church and school. Many more hours of service are needed. Please continue to check the church and school offices for a posting of current opportunities of service. We gather together in the work of our Lord.



Calvary Lutheran School News from Principal Rensner

Scholarship Tax Credit Information

"Too Good To Be True?!" God has provided a unique opportunity to help fund the Christian education of our Calvary students. The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana, Inc. has been identified as a Scholarship Granting Organization. Scholarships through private and corporate donations are granted to Calvary student families whose income is less than 200% of the Federal free or reduced hot lunch guidelines.

Updates from the 2016-17 School Year:

- 42 families/individuals contributed \$48,250.00 towards this Scholarship Tax Credit
- This funded the need for 32 Scholarship grants.
- Many grant recipients are now enjoying the benefit of an Indiana State voucher.
- All Calvary Lutheran Church and School student aid from the General Fund has been eliminated.

New Information

- Over \$300,000.00 has been gathered through the state tax credit initiative over the past 6 years.
- The donor base has been virtually unchanged over these years.
- Donors are increasing their gifts. Why? The "Too Good to be True" aspects
- We are asking for previous year participants in this program to communicate all the benefits inviting two-three others increasing our donor base.
- Personal tax credits that remain against your tax liability may be used for up to 9 years.
- All can now be accomplished online. www.lutheranSGO.org
- Be sure to identify Calvary Lutheran School, Indianapolis as the recipient of your donation.

How may I help?

Donations are currently being accepted. We are in need of \$40,000.00 to fully fund this year's grants. Please prayerfully consider your involvement and support in this most worthwhile program. Multiple Benefits for Calvary Lutheran School students, the private or corporate donor, and Calvary Lutheran Church

1. Students and their families accepted in this program will receive a scholarship grant per child enrolled in Kindergarten -8th grade at Calvary.
2. The donor will receive a 50% Indiana State tax credit for every dollar donated. Example: A donation of \$1000.00 will result in a tax credit of \$500.00 towards your Indiana income tax liability as well as a \$1000.00 charitable deduction on your Federal taxes. Private as well as corporate donations will receive this benefit. 25% tax bracket individuals would receive \$750.00 back from a \$1000.00 gift.
3. A student receiving a Scholarship grant in Kindergarten will then be eligible for an Indiana State voucher through 12th grade. This could result in a total of over \$60,000.00 towards Christian Education.

Where Do I sign up?

Donor forms are available in the church and school offices or at www.lutheranSGO.org.

How Do I Proceed?

Return the completed donor form with your donation or send it directly to the Lutheran SGO along with your donation to the Church or School Office by October 1, 2017. All donor forms will be sent in one cover to Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization. They will issue your tax credit statement. Be sure to identify **CALVARY LUTHERAN SCHOOL** as the recipient of your donation. Checks are to be payable to: The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana, Inc.

URGENCY- Why October 1?

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 already in December, 2016 during last year's giving window. 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]

What happens in the future?

Children receiving a scholarship grant are eligible the following school year to convert this grant to an Indiana State voucher. This again has eliminated the need for congregational funded scholarship dollars.

Children will have the opportunity to hear God's Word through your giving. God continues to open doors to others once thought closed due to financial needs. Your assistance in this program is so greatly appreciated!

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. Two months ago, we filled their shelves with macaroni and cheese, and they certainly appreciate the toilet paper we bring them. In September, please bring **boxed dinner** meals, (Hamburger Helper, etc.) Also appreciated would be canned meats, like tuna or chicken. Please continue to support those who are in need of food and household goods through EXTRAVAGANT SHARING! Put your donations throughout September on the Extravagant Sharing shelves in our church narthex. God loves a cheerful giver! If you would have about 2 ½ hours of 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., September 2

8:30-9:30 a.m., in the Epic Library - from pages 20-21 of the Summer 2017 Lutheran Women's Quarterly, "Be Still and Know That I am God". Led by Jill Jupin.

BLANKETS FOR BABIES - Our September dates are Thursdays - Sept. 7th and 21st. (6-8 p.m.) in the cafe area. We have lots of new, pretty yarn just aching to be made into baby blankets! Fall is a perfect time to learn how to knit or crochet! We recently donated 13 blankets each to the Life Center on Hanna Avenue and the Johnson County Hospital located in Franklin. Each blanket has a cross and a label sewn in that says: Made by Calvary Lutheran Church. We send each blanket with the blessings of our Lord. Questions? Call Susan Daniels 317-882-3691.

Women's Retreat at Camp Lakeview

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Stewardship Emphasis

India Mission Trip 2017-Calvary Lutheran & Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Report by Marv Hansen

Calvary and Mount Olive members are departing Sept. 28 for our 4th mission trip to Ambur, India! The trip is led by Pr. Udhay Raji with Calvary members Marv and Rhonda Hansen, and Mount Olive members Pr. Jeff Alexander, Karen Davis and Scott Klosterman. We will be visiting churches and Lutheran schools, distributing Bibles, quilts and school supplies, and working with local Christians to expand their outreach in the community. Calvary has generously supported our mission team in the past, and we are asking for additional support this year. A door offering is planned on the weekend of Sept. 23/24 to raise money for Tamil language Bibles and school scholarships. Info about the ongoing ministry in India will be shared during the church services that weekend, prior to the team's departure.



Fellowship Ministry

Church Picnic at German Park – Sept. 17, 2017

8600 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN

Worship service - 11:00am; lunch at 12:15pm

Lunch provided by **Edwards Catering**

Menu: chicken tenders, pork BBQ, green beans, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, and fried biscuits with apple butter

Tea provided by **McAlister's Deli**

Free will donation to "Reduce General Fund Deficit"

Congregation members are asked to bring a dessert

Please label Nuts/No nuts (Gluten free if applicable)

The John Stebbe Trio will entertain us during lunch

Bounce houses, kids' games, youth activities, euchre, bingo, corn hole, and more!

Handicap parking available

Join us on **September 17th** at German Park for fellowship, food and a lot of fun!



Church Picnic

Helping Hands

Fellowship Ministry Team is organizing a *Fellowship Helping Hands* group to help with fellowship activities after services and activities throughout the year in the following areas:

- Preparing food (baking, finger foods, etc.)
- Purchasing food (fruit, donuts, etc.)
- Set up food & serving
- Clean up (food/dishes)
- Help with tables (set up or cleanup)



Does the *Fellowship Helping Hands* group fit you? If so, please contact Linda Bugher at thebughers@att.net or 317-432-1865 with:

- Specific areas listed above you are interested in serving
- Your contact information (email & phone – texts OK?)

11 people donated coffee cakes for our Fellowship Opportunity recently on August 6. We are grateful for their time and generosity!

Please consider joining this ministry to support more fellowship opportunities. When we contact you, help if it fits your schedule – it's just that easy!

Coming.....Hayride this Fall

The evening of Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Southeastway Park
Watch for more details!



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/fWWzrk>
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

Addresses needed for College Care Packages

It's time to collect college student contact information so the College Care Package Team can stay in touch and send students care packages this school year. If you have a college student or you are a college student, please **email thebughers@att.net or write down the information below and put it in Linda Bugher's mailbox by Tuesday, September 5.**

Student Name

College Attending

Student Address

Year

Major/Area of Study

Student Email Address

Student Cell Phone Number

We need to hear from you even if you supplied information last year. If all the information is the same, then email the student's name and type "SAME".

Please let Linda Bugher know of any changes throughout the year.

**Calvary Lutheran Church and School Financial Summary
Fourth Fiscal Quarter Ended 7/31/17**

General Fund:

	Current	Budget	Difference	Prior Year
YTD Revenues	\$2,322,048	\$2,375,925	(\$53,877)	\$2,345,378
YTD Expense	\$2,323,395	\$2,374,781	(\$51,386)	\$2,205,589
YTD Net	(\$1,347)	\$1,144	(\$2,491)	\$139,789
Beginning balance	(\$82,539)			
Current balance	(\$83,886)			

Revenue Detail:

	Current	Budget	Difference	Prior Year
YTD Contributions	\$1,091,903	\$1,079,160	\$12,743	\$1,059,694
YTD Matching Gifts	\$66,554	\$50,000	\$16,554	\$82,287
YTD School Gifts	\$105,090	\$70,000	\$35,090	\$91,284
YTD Tuition and Fees	\$1,024,773	\$1,148,725	(\$123,952)	\$1,080,175
YTD Other Revenues	\$33,728	\$28,040	\$5,688	\$31,938

Outflow to Missions:

	Current	Special Mission Focus
Q1 (Aug - Oct)	\$20,180	Kokomo tornado relief
Q2 (Nov - Jan)	\$67,207	Wycliffe, El Salvadore, India, scholarship India Tutor/Tailor Centers, Lutheran Public Radio, LCMS Rural & Small Town Missions
Q3 (Feb - Apr)	\$24,276	India Tutor/Tailor Centers, El Salvador
Q4 (May - Jul)	\$56,686	mission trip, India mission trip

Debt:

	Current	One year prior
Mortgage Balance	\$0	\$277,451
Line of Credit Balance	\$0	\$63,305

Endowments:

	Current	One year prior
Calvary Endowment Fund	\$705,695	\$629,669
YTD Disbursements	\$33,366	
Mission focus	Sr. Ministry, web site dev., Deaconess	
Schwark Endowment Fund	\$169,392	\$210,467
Schwark Annual Fund	\$10,500	\$7,355
YTD Expenditures	\$0	

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.

Save Vendor Space

Last year's vendors have first choice to renew their booth by September 1st. Anyone that would want a Vendor position at the Bazaar may find the paperwork in the cafe area near the South Entrance of the church. You may email Angie Ransdell or give her the paperwork.



Save Your Time

The Holiday Bazaar needs a lot of volunteers. Helpers needed before, during and after November 11. Time commitments vary and some tasks can be as simple as making phone calls. Watch for the sign up forms in the narthex and online. Online information will be in the October newsletter.

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 Friday, Nov. 10th from 3:30-7:00pm or Saturday, Nov. 11 from 7:30-9:00am. 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

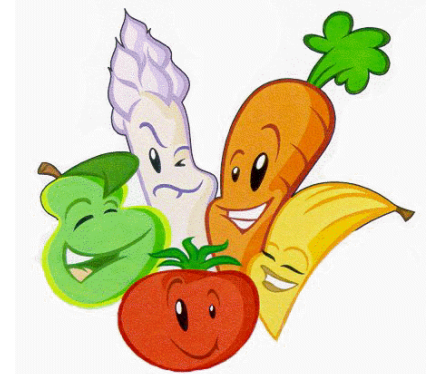
Proceeds from this year's bazaar will benefit Calvary (by donating tables and chairs), Joy's House Adult Day Center, and Angel Tree Christmas - Prison Fellowship.

Compassion Ministry

FRESH PRODUCE

Please check out our produce donated from our great gardeners. Feel free to shop and leave a donation that will go toward the Good Samaritan Fund and Compassion Ministry Team. And, a big **THANK YOU** for the school supplies that were donated. We helped children in El Salvador and locally in Perry Township. This is a generous congregation. Thank you so much.

Compassion Ministry Team



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September 2017

September 3, 2017 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17)

Psalm: 26; **Old Testament:** Romans 12:9-21; **Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-28

“Taking Up a Cross” - Sermon Text: Matthew 16:21-28 - *Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege*

Jesus here states His goal as the Christ: He must die and then rise from the dead. In this work we have an exchange for our souls. As His saved people, we are now empowered to take up our cross and follow Him.

September 10, 2017 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18)

Psalm: 32; **Epistle:** Romans 13:1-10; **Gospel:** Matthew 18:1-20

“God’s Economics of Grace” - Sermon Text: Matthew 18:1-20 - *Rev. William E. Mueller*

Forgiveness is a wonderful thing. Yet it can be very hard to practice. Why should we be so ready to forgive each other? It’s because of what our God has done for us. God’s economics of grace begins at the cross of Jesus!

September 17, 2017 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19)

Psalm: 103:1-12; **Old Testament:** Genesis 50:15-21; **Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

“Forgive” - Sermon Text: Matthew 18:21-35 - *Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III*

When someone wrongs us, the world says, “Get revenge!” But Christ tells us to respond in a different way: to forgive. We can actually do this, motivated by the Gospel.

September 24, 2017 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20)

Psalm: 116:12-13, 15-16; **Old Testament:** Isaiah 55:6-9; **Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

“First and Last” - Sermon Text: Matthew 20:1-16 - *Rev. James L. Elsner*

Waiting your turn was tough when you were a child . And it may not be any easier now! Who wants to be “last”? We’d rather be “first.” Jesus show us the difference.



Stewardship Update –

“Continuing the Journey”

Jesus said to them: “...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:1a, 8b)

India Mission Trip 2017 - Calvary Lutheran and Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Report by Marv Hansen

Calvary and Mount Olive members are departing September 28th for our 4th mission trip to Ambur, India! The trip is led by Pr. Udhay Raji with Calvary members Marv and Rhonda Hansen, and Mount Olive members Pr. Jeff Alexander, Karen Davis and Scott Klosterman. We will be visiting churches and Lutheran schools, distributing Bibles, quilts and school supplies, and working with local Christians to expand their outreach in the community. Calvary has generously supported our mission team in the past, and we are asking for additional support this year. A door offering is planned on the weekend of September 23/24 to raise money for Tamil language Bibles and school scholarships. Information about the ongoing ministry in India will be shared during the church services on that weekend, prior to the team's departure.



We also thank Calvary for partial support of two Tutoring Centers in India through our budgeted mission funds. These centers are providing afterschool care, help with homework, Bible lessons and a meal for poor children in the area. Many people are being reached with the gospel as their physical needs are also being met through these Tutoring Centers. We thank God for Calvary's ongoing support of this outreach and we are blessed to be able to personally share God's love in India as representatives of Calvary and Mount Olive.

The Stewardship Ministry Team has designated that this quarter (August – October) mission envelopes will support the Tutoring Centers. If making an online donation at <http://www.clcs.org/donate> type “India” in the Other block.

Outreach Ministry Team Collecting Shoes in September

Collection bins will be available in September as Calvary's Outreach Ministry Team will be gathering shoes for students in need at Calvary and Perry Township schools. Cold weather will be with us soon so let's not send students out into the weather with threadbare footwear. We will be collecting new and "gently used" athletic, sneaker, and closed toe shoes appropriate for wearing to school. The shoes should be rubber soles with laces or Velcro straps, children size 8 to adult size 10 will be collected. The event date/time of a shoe packing event in October will be announced.

Setting up an automatic donation to Calvary

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

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