

# August 2022

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## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8am - 12 noon

*The OFFICE is  
CLOSED  
On Fridays*



All are Welcome  
to Join Us!

Sundays

Worship Service 9<sup>AM</sup>  
Christian Ed. Hour 10:30<sup>AM</sup>

# *A Message from Pastor Hinrichs*

“<sup>28</sup>When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.”

-Matthew 7:28-29 (NIV)

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As kids across the country once again begin a new year of school, I have been thinking and thanking God for the teachers I have had in my life. Whether in formal settings like the classroom or informal settings like at church or at work, I have been blessed with some incredible people who have helped form me into who I am today. Without them I would be lost! But as I think back on these teachers, I began to realize that there is very few things they taught me that came directly from them. Like most teachers, they only passed on to me what they themselves had received.

Which is why, as I read the verse above from Matthew chapter 7, I began to appreciate all the more the greatest teacher anyone could ever have: Jesus! As the verse says, Jesus was one who always taught with authority. He was not merely a wise teacher, but He spoke with the voice and the power of God Himself. Knowing that Jesus continues to teach us today, I pray that your heart would always be open to what Jesus has to say and to do all that He calls us to do. For when it comes to the one who makes us who we are, we have no better teacher than Jesus!

Your Servant in Christ,

*Pastor Brett Hinrichs*

## *Getting to know Vicar Nathan...*

Hello there!

My name is Nathan Nelson, and as I'm sure most of you already know, I am the new vicar here at Mount Calvary. To tell you a little bit about myself, although I have also been going to the seminary there, I am originally from the St. Louis area, which much to Pastor's regret, means I am a life-long Cardinals and Blues fan. I'm also a bit of a nerd too, meaning I enjoy Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, the Marvel movies and shows, etc.

I am so excited to begin serving here at your church! As for right now, the main plan for me is to help out with services on Sunday mornings, slowly rotate into the preaching schedule, and lead some Bible study sessions as I continue to get to know everyone here better. One major thing that I am excited to be helping out with is leading the confirmation class! Teaching is one of my favorite things to do, so I am hoping the confirmation students and I can have a great and fun time together as they learn and prepare to make their confirmation vows. I can be very slow and dense when it comes to learning names, but I look forward to getting to know all of you in my year of service and learning with you!

*-Vicar Nathan Nelson*

# GROW TOGETHER

## Worship at Mt. Calvary Sunday Opportunities

Worship Service at 9<sub>AM</sub>

*A "relaxed" traditional service with hymns and standard orders of worship*

Christian Education Hour at 10:30<sub>AM</sub>

*Various classes are offered, including a New Member Class (starts Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>) and our youth Confirmation Class (starts Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>). See "Serve Together" section for more details*



### Connect at Home



Facebook Live Worship: Sunday at 9<sub>AM</sub>

Radio Worship: Sunday at 9<sub>AM</sub> on 100.9FM WZUS

## Weekday Bible Studies



Men's Bible Study

Monday evenings at 6:30<sub>PM</sub>



Women's Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 9:00am

Thursday Bible Study

1st & 3rd Thursday evenings at 6:30pm

*All Bible Studies are meeting in-person, but still have remote or call-in options.*

# SERVE TOGETHER

## Family Fun Night Wacky Water Challenge

AUGUST 7 4-6PM

**We need your help to make this event happen!**

Help us minister to the community with this afternoon of Food, Fun and WATER GAMES!!

**PLEASE Sign-Up in the Fellowship Hall!** If we don't get enough volunteers we will have to cancel.

### Reminder:

The Annual LWML Fall Rally will be held August 22nd at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church at 9am. Please contact Sandy Haseley at 217-620-3442 for more info.

### School Supplies Needed:

We are collecting school supplies to donate to South Shores Elementary School. The cut-off for donations is Sunday, August 14. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



**Youth Confirmation Class:** Our module based approach to confirmation will be taught by Vicar Nathan and is offered to students beginning at 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Class meets every Sunday in the youth room starting at 10:30am. See Vicar for more info.

**New Member / Adult Information Class:** Want to become a member of Mt. Calvary or even just have questions about the basics of our faith? This Adult Information Class will address the basics of the Christian faith and our Lutheran understanding of Scripture. The class will meet each Sunday at 10:30am for 4-6 weeks, starting Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>.

# SERVE TOGETHER

## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION BASKETS FOR CAMP CILCA ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

We will be creating TWO baskets for the Silent Auction Fundraiser for Camp CILCA (held on Sept 4). **Our themes for the baskets are: Tailgating and S'MORES/Campfire.** Please see the sign-up sheets to let us know what you plan to donate.

***Tailgating ideas:*** stadium blanket, can koozies, Buffalo Wild Wings gift card, Friar Tuck gift card, snacks, outdoor games.

There is a cooler in the Narthex to collect the donations for this basket!

***S'MORES/Campfire ideas:*** wiener forks, assorted graham crackers, chocolate and peanut butter cups, fire color pine cones, marshmallow assortment, hickory or cherry firewood. Let your imagine guide you!

Check out the fire-pit that will hold the donations in the Narthex!



**Donation Cut-Off is August 28.**



# Stitches of Love

Stitches of Love has continued to meet during the month of July and our totals have increased in many areas. Here are our 2022 totals:

**Hats: 562   Scarves: 117   Dish cloths: 177**  
**Baby Hats: 18   Headbands: 3**

To God be the Glory! We will be giving these items out this fall. This is a great group for fellowship as well as a ministry of Mt. Calvary to the Decatur Community. Please feel free to join us. We meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 2-4 p.m.

*We are reevaluating possible other days and times to meet so please watch the weekly announcement page and announcement slides for more information.*

# Venezuelan News: Volume 8

*As many of you know, our worship livestream has allowed us to connect with many new people. This includes a number of people in other countries, including Venezuela. Some of our members have been able to intentionally connect with these Venezuelan families and a growing person-to-person ministry has begun. In this section, you'll find some recent updates on life in Venezuela and how God is making a difference there through the ministry of this growing group, "The Least of These."*

I can't believe I'm writing another news item to you. Just a week or so and Santi, Yili's son graduates. She's very concerned about how he will go from here. There is little hope for a career or even a job. It's very hard to keep the children out of the streets and into trouble. But with little positive future it doesn't offer a lot of hope. It's very hard to make your way in Venezuela unless you are rich to start with.

There had been some hope of the freshwater system (drinking water) getting fixed. But so far, no real action. Even the water they get from the "vendors" must be boiled. No water is safe to drink unless you get bottled water from the store. We got them Brita water filter pitchers last year. But we are overdue to send some replacement filters. They would boil the water and then run it through the Brita. Then they store the water in bottles in the refrigerator. They don't filter the water much to bathe or wash clothes. Unless it's bad. There have been times that Yili has not asked for water money and was using the air conditioner condensation to wash with. Quite often she will collect clean rainwater to mop the floors with.

Yinette has had problems with her knees for quite a while. I think it probably started about the time of the lockdowns. The doctor called it chondromalacia (if I'm translating correctly). The doctor is wanting to do some injections into the knee to "fix" it. I'm not sure what the procedure is and how effective. Plus, you always wonder in a country like that. Although amazingly enough many rich Europeans come there for treatments. Most likely things they won't do in their countries. There is an active organ harvesting, transplanting medical practice there. One of the people I have talked with has been offered money for a kidney. If you can imagine that kind of thing. It is not a back-alley kind of practice either. They pay well for the organs, and they charge well to implant them.

We have had a rough time gathering money to feed our people. Toni continues to supply the money for food to the mom who lost a son earlier this year (to complications of malnutrition). We were hoping to raise enough each week to cover that. Now it doesn't seem we can even cover what we were covering before. It has been a challenge knowing what to do.

I continue to hope God gives us a firm plan. We need to learn how to make this ministry sustainable. You can't begin to imagine the number of people, churches, ministries, mission organizations we have asked for help. I think I have emailed every Missouri Synod group or Lutheran Hour Ministries group and I have yet to receive any answers. I don't mean they said no – they said nothing. I didn't expect everyone to send me a check but I did expect a few would answer. Again, if you have any ideas, strategies or know someone who has this knowledge please let us know.

I would ask you to continue to pray for this ministry.



### **Contact Info:**

If you are interested in this mission or want to help, you reach out to me, Dan Reynolds, at any time via email at [on30ng@gmail.com](mailto:on30ng@gmail.com) AND/OR join our Facebook Group, “The Least of These” (to join, contact me or my daughter Katie Gambrill on Facebook so we can add you to the group)

### **Support Info:**

Our PayPal address is: [theleastofthese3@yahoo.com](mailto:theleastofthese3@yahoo.com)  
Our Venmo is: Kaitlyn-Gambrill

# SHARE TOGETHER

## Join the Ladies for Lunch!

Our Tuesday morning Ladies' group will be going out for lunch after the first bible study of each month! This list is not set in stone, so please check in with Bethe Little to stay caught up with any last-minute changes.

August 2nd - Cancun  
September 6th - Beach House  
October 4th - Paul's

Contact Bethe Little with any questions at 217-855-2802

## *Want the 3F's – Food, Fellowship, and Fun?*

*Join us at Angelo's Pizza at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 17. Reservations need to be made to Debbie Roberts by Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.*

*Angelo's is at 404 W. Spresser Street in Taylorville and offers pizza, Italian dishes as well as salads and sandwiches.*

*Debbie's phone numbers are 217-429-2026/ 217-972-0774 or email at [djrob2745@yahoo.com](mailto:djrob2745@yahoo.com)*

## August's "Just A Thought"

I'm sure by now each of you have witnessed the photos taken in space by the Webb telescope. They fill me with the wonder at the majesty of God who created all that. They are remarkable and so is our God!

I am thrilled that science has given us the opportunity to witness even more of God's beautiful touches. These might be another opportunity to tell someone about how big and wonderful our God is!

Just a thought, Beth.

*Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!  
-Romans 11:33*

# SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE IN AUGUST

## READERS

8/7	Scott Busboom
8/14	Tom Little
8/21	Russ Jozwiak
8/28	Frank Dunmire

## AV TECHNICIANS

8/7	Joel & Stacey Fletcher
8/14	Joel & Stacey Fletcher
8/21	Joel & Stacey Fletcher
8/28	Joel & Stacey Fletcher

## OTHER SERVANTS

ALTAR FLOWERS	Sandy Haseley & Masha Warnick
BELLS & CHOIR	Peter Miller
BANNERS	Sharon & Rod Butler
BUILDING & GROUNDS	Roger Harting
CHANCEL CANDLES	George & Debbie Roberts Dale & Barb Jones
COFFEE/TEA	Gloria Shutter & Shannen Ray
NURSERY	Sharon Goers
PLANTS	Debbie Goveia
RECYCLING	Lyn Stevens
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Kelsie Gerhardt Gale Krueger Dan Reynolds
TABULATOR(S)	Rodney & Sharon Butler
HEAD USHER	Andrew Napier

## ORGANISTS

8/7	Steve Ford
8/14	Steve Ford
8/21	Peter Miller
8/28	Lisa Peterman

## ELDERS

8/7	Doug Gerhardt
8/14	John Graff
8/21	Russ Jozwiak
8/28	Dan Reynolds

## MEALS ON WHEELS

8/7	Sharon & Rod Bulter
8/14	Lyn & Jim Stevens
8/21	Nancy Peck
8/28	Barb & Roger Harting

Meals on Wheels Coordinator:  
Lyn Stevens

Thank You for all the service that so many of you give! Check out the Sign-Up Station in the Fellowship Hall for more opportunities to serve!

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1	Tony Adams
8/1	Sarah Barnes
8/1	Jane Blackman
8/2	Paula Busboom
8/3	Eric Napier
8/4	Ron Lamb
8/5	Ray Eyster
8/5	Larry Lange
8/8	Karen Dworak
8/9	Alan Dull

8/9	Amy Wood
8/13	Jim Stevens
8/14	Vonda Lamb
8/18	Brian Bailey
8/19	Merle Collingwood
8/19	Joel Fletcher
8/26	Zach Lindsey
8/26	Jack Wallen
8/27	Josie Blackman
8/27	Corbyn McCoy
8/29	Jon Nelson

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/2	Frank & Julie Dunmire
8/8	Ray & Jill Eyster
8/11	Stevan & Gale Krueger
8/12	Jeff & Peg Sites
8/17	Rod & Sharon Butler
8/17	Lynn & Adele Meyer
8/21	Richard & Julia Austin
8/24	Gene & Tina Redman
8/25	Jason & Loretta Hoehne
8/26	Larry & Karen Lange



# LSA UPDATES

**Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year is STILL open!**

- ◆ For information about enrollment, please contact Susan Keene, Admissions Director at 217-233-2001, ext. #106 or by email at [skeane@lsadecatur.net](mailto:skeane@lsadecatur.net).

**Welcome our new Executive Director, Brian Booth!**

- ◆ We are glad to welcome Brian Booth and his family to our LSA Lions team! Feel free to stop by the LSA Office during office hours to say hello! He will also be making rounds to our association congregations to get to know our greater LCMS church family!

**Teaching Positions Available**

- ◆ High School/Middle School Life Science
- ◆ High School/Middle School Physical Science
- ◆ High School English/Literature
- ◆ Elementary Classroom teacher(s)

Contact Joel Witt at [jwitt@lsadecatur.net](mailto:jwitt@lsadecatur.net) for more information.

**Part Time Custodian**

Approximately 20-25 hours per week. Contact Ed Keane at 217-233-2001 or [ekeane@lsadecatur.net](mailto:ekeane@lsadecatur.net)

**Substitute Teaching Positions Still Available**

- ◆ We're still looking for substitute teachers. Applicants must be able to pass a background check. If interested, please contact the office at 217-233-2000.

**The LSA ReSale Shop**

- ◆ We're always looking for volunteers, especially in the toy department. Please contact us through the information below to serve!
- ◆ **Shop Address:** 421 E. Cerro Gordo Decatur, IL.
- ◆ **Phone Number:** 217-423-0122
- ◆ **Shop Hours:** M-Tu-W-F-Sa from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM with extended hours on Thursday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

*The deadline for submissions for the September Parish Pulse is Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.*

# CID HAPPENINGS

## Final Reminder: LERT Chainsaw Training

When: Saturday, July 23, 2022 from 9am to 5pm. (Registration begins at 8:30am)

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church 1201 West Jackson St., Auburn, IL 62615

How: Register online at [http://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=701238](http://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=701238)

## Central Illinois District Convention Report:

Thank you for your congregation's participation in our Central Illinois District's 60<sup>th</sup> regular convention! A number of resolutions were passed that not only bring clarity to our mission but will also help further the work of Christ in our churches and throughout central Illinois. Below you will see a few highlights of the convention's action, including the election of many new officers for our CID district.

- We welcome Rev. Michael Mohr as the newly elected 17<sup>th</sup> President of the Central Illinois District, with 62% on the first ballot. Please continue to keep his family and his current congregation Holy Cross, Vandalia in your prayers as they transition according to God's plan.
- At its 2022 convention, the Central Illinois District also voted to show their support for the "A Dollar for Missions" or DFM program. This simple program encourages congregations to invite their members to contribute one dollar per member per week for missions, starting at the beginning of 2023. These dollars will support additional mission projects throughout our district as congregations create these programs and apply for funding. Please see our district website [www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org) for more information.
- We also rejoice that we have expanded opportunities for people to serve as C-WOW's (Circuit Witness and Outreach Workers). These people keep lines of communication open between the District and Synod on one hand and the congregations of your circuit on the other hand. We believe that we are stronger when we work together to share Christ with our communities! Please talk to your pastor if you are interested in being your circuit's C-WOW.



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## CAMP CILCA SCHEDULE 2022

### THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SUMMER CAMP SEASON!

With our summer camps now over, we are excited to share that more than 475 campers were able to experience the beauty of God's creation and to discover more about Jesus through the Word! This would not have been possible without your prayers, donations and support of our camp! To God be the Glory!

### HOMEcomings-July 30<sup>th</sup>:

Camp CILCA's annual HOMEcomings is Saturday, July 30 from 10am-2pm. There will be yard games, wagon rides, face painting, balloon animals, square dancing, swimming, and time with fellow campers, staff, volunteers, and alumni. There is no cost for this event. Only pay for the food you buy. See you there!

### ANNUAL CHICKEN FRY & AUCTION- September 4<sup>th</sup>:

This annual fundraiser helps to provide the funds needed for Camp CILCA to offer their outdoor ministries throughout the year. The meal will be served 11:30am-2:30pm. Meals are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 4-12. The menu includes fresh fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, a roll, homemade desserts, and drinks. Campsites, cabins & hotel-style rooms still available. Call or email us to make your reservation!

### Sunday's Schedule of Events

10:30am Worship // 11:30-2:30pm Chicken Fry // 12:30pm Live Auction Begins

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MORE EVENTS BELOW!

- September 17<sup>th</sup>: Act Like Men Shooting Retreat (participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Whippoorwill Golf Outing
- October 1st: GRIT Run



