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Mount Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool

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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^{AM}
Christian Ed. Hour 10:30^{AM}



HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY

A Message from Pastor Hinrichs

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

-Ephesians 6:10-12 (ESV)

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we head into the summer months, many people think of summer as a time of rest and relaxation, a time to take it easy, slow down, and let your guard down a bit. We take vacations. We travel to see family. We do many things we simply can't do during the school year because we're too busy. This season of change and relaxation is necessary for us, but during this time we can also get “relaxed” in our spiritual life. It seems that during summer it becomes easier to skip worship, to let the devotions slip, or to let prayer fall by the wayside.

But as the reading from Ephesians 6 above reminds us, we are always engaged in a battle with Satan. He does all he can, each and every day, to pull us from the mighty hand of our God. He tries to use challenging situations, lost dreams, health concerns, financial worries, painful interactions with other Christians, any other means possible to lead us away from God.

Scripture makes it very clear that in these times of struggle, *“we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”* Satan would love to have us focus our attention on the hurts and pains that others have caused us, or even that we have caused ourselves, rather than focusing on the bigger picture. If Satan can blind us to the reality that he is daily trying to wrestle us from God's hands, then he has already made a large hole in our spiritual armor. Look at God's warning to Cain back in the beginning, *“sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it”* (Gen 4:7, ESV). Look at Peter's warning *“Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world”* (1 Pet 5:8).

Now at times, this battle can seem exhausting. Like the grind of our daily lives, there are times when we just want a break from this spiritual struggle. But the beauty of the Christian life is that although we don't always feel it, we already have that rest in Christ. Jesus has said, *“Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls”* (Matt 11:28-29). Yes, Satan still tempts us daily, but the victory is already won in Christ! His death on the cross crushed Satan's power, giving us forgiveness, life and salvation. As 1 Corinthians 15 tells us, *“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ, our Lord”* (1 Cor. 15:56-57, ESV). We can live confidently, and even with that summer sense of rest and refreshment, knowing that the prowling lion has received his fatal blow when Jesus died and rose again for you!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Brett Hinrichs

GROW TOGETHER

Worship at Mt. Calvary Sunday Opportunities

Worship Service at 9_{AM}
Christian Education Hour at 10:30_{AM}



Connect at Home



Facebook Live Worship: Sunday at 9_{AM}
Radio Worship: Sunday at 9_{AM} on 100.9FM WZUS

Weekday Bible Studies



Men's Bible Study
Monday evenings at 6:30_{PM}



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



*The Annual
Rummage Sale
will be June 3 & 4th*

Any final donations for the rummage sale can be dropped off Tuesday or Sunday mornings inside the church. If the church is locked, you can leave donations under the canopy in the back and we will get them taken to the garage or storage trailer.

AS THE SALE APPROACHES, WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!

We are on an especially tight turn-around this year so your help is greatly appreciated to make the sale a success! See below for ways you can get involved!

- After worship on Sunday May 29th, we need volunteers to help move donations from the storage trailer to the tables in the Fellowship Hall for cleaning and sorting.
- May 30th - June 2nd, we need MANY volunteers to help clean, sort, and price the items for the sale. See the sign up sheets in the fellowship hall for more information.
- June 3rd & 4th we need people to help in a variety of roles at the sale. From cashiers, to stockers, to clean-up helpers, there's sure to be a task you can do! See the sign up sheets for details.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Ladies Guild Service Projects

- ◇ We redeemed 20 ink cartridges to Staples in May. They give us credit toward future purchases which saves the church money on office supplies.
- ◇ Ladies Guild continues to collect cards for the Correction Center in Decatur. Stamps for LWML are also being collected (please try to leave at least 1/4" around the sides).
- ◇ If you have bibles you no longer use the Ladies Guild will collect them for Love Packages in Butler IL. From there they are sent to missionaries in foreign lands.



The 2021-2022 school year is officially over and we want to say THANK YOU to everyone who has been a great support to the preschool this year! We could not have done it without you!

We are always collecting the following items:

- shirt buttons
- buttons 1"-2" in diameter
- small, clean glass jars
- and oatmeal containers

If you collect any over the Summer please bring them in to the church office. Thank you and have a WONDERFUL SUMMER!

Your Preschool Teachers,
Cathy Kurecki and Jes Stock

Stitches of Love

Busy Hands and big hearts were very busy this past month!

Here are our 2022 totals:

Hats: 348 Scarves: 80 Dish cloths: 135 Baby Hats: 12

Stitches of Love keeps going and growing and we continue to work hard. Not only do we use looms to knit hats, some members crochet or knit with knitting needles. If you are not joining us is because you don't know how to knit or crochet, we will teach you to knit on a loom. It's good for your mind and keeps your hands flexible, and most importantly is a ministry of our church!

To God be the Glory!

Venezuelan News: Volume 6

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 have no idea how many of you are following along on this journey. And what an adventure it has been so far. For me the most overwhelming aspect has been the humbleness I feel. We are so small in the great scheme of things. This whole concept of doing for the "least of these" has been so compelling. It is truly about the people. It's not the food or medicine or homes or any of those things. Those are important but the people behind them are more important. Looking again at the end of Matthew 25:40; "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me." Did you catch that at the end? "You did it to me." These are not nameless, faceless statistics. They are real people. They love, they live, they starve, they hurt, and they search for Jesus just like we do.

This month has been interesting. To deal with the donations decreasing Toni & Katie came up with a fund-raising plan that Toni would bake a cheesecake and they would raffle it off. The donations kept rolling in and Toni decided to offer another cheesecake after every \$100 raised. They raffled off 4 cheesecakes. None of us could believe it. It taught us something about fund raising, LOL. This fundraising all took place in the Facebook group. That is our main method of communication.

Yinette has had problems with her legs. She has swelling and poor circulation. She doesn't get out much, she has her parents to care for and not only is it very hot there [they have recently had days over 40° C - 104° F] it is not safe to just walk around there. They have both told me you don't walk around with your cell phone out - someone will run up and steal it from you. A neighborhood "nurse" has tried to help her. They finally got her to a doctor. She was prescribed some medication and it has worked very well. Please pray for Yinette's leg issues. The socialist public medical system has totally collapsed. There are many local "nurses" that help people out for a small fee or barter. Then there are clinics around. They are not socialist run but private. Those you must pay for. The cost is minimal, especially compared to the US, but when you don't have any money, well you get the idea. Toni and I help Yinette and her parents and sometimes Yili as much as we can with medical costs. Toni has a sign in our house that says, "The things you take for granted, someone is praying for." We never had any idea how well we would get to know that. It is truly amazing how such a small thing can have such a big impact.

Last week I made a small shipment to the families. I was able to refurbish a laptop and cell phone. I sent some clothing, medicines, and food items. It was a small box. I wanted to try out a different shipper this time. The other was reliable but expensive. Since you can't "really" ship to Venezuela directly, you must ship through an intermediary. Most of them are in Miami. You can ship things to a "locker" there [or have Amazon deliver to there as well] and then when you have all the items you want to ship you let them know and they ship it on [sometimes you must pay for repackaging as well]. Then they either go by ship or plane. By ship is 3-4 weeks. Plane is much faster of course but about 4-5 times more expensive. The box I shipped this time worked out to 1 cubic foot and by ship it costs \$25. Quite a bit cheaper than anything I have tried before. And the terminal is 200 meters from Yilibeth's home. Ironically it cost me more to ship it to Miami than from Miami to Maracaibo, VE.

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 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
Our Venmo is: Kaitlyn-Gambrill

SHARE TOGETHER

Midyear Contribution Statements

Statements will be in church mailboxes on July 10, 2022. Please proofread your statement carefully and contact Marsha Warnick (217-855-2572) if you have any questions.

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.

June 7th - Napoli's Italian
July 5th - Doherty's
August 9th - Cancun

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

Vases for Altar Flower Deliveries

Seven more beautiful vases have been donated since the last Parish Pulse publication. Thank you ever so much! Did you know arrangements are delivered to 5 different facilities on a regular basis? I stay in touch with Pastor Brett regarding members who might enjoy a floral pick-me-up! Deliveries are usually made on Monday mornings. Those receiving the flowers appreciate greatly the deliveries and brief visits. It is a wonderful way to serve those who cannot join us in person!

-Marsha Warnick

June "Just A Thought"

In the forward to a book by Matthew Kelly called REDISCOVERING JESUS, he relates a story where he and some cohorts are running late to catch a plane. They are running down the streets of New York hailing a tax along the way. In doing so, he knock over a table of fruit that a blind street vendor was selling. He flagged his buddies to go on without him as he stayed to help pick up and pay for the damaged fruit. The lady asked him as he was about to leave..."are you Jesus?" When was the last time you did something that would make someone think that of you?

Just a thought - Beth Langdon

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE IN JUNE

READERS

6/5	Scott Busboom
6/12	Tom Little
6/19	Russ Jozwiak
6/26	Frank Dunmire

A/V TECHNICIANS

6/5	Joel Fletcher & Jim Stevens
6/12	Jim Stevens & Joel Fletcher
6/19	Joel Fletcher & Jim Stevens
6/26	Jim Stevens & Joel Fletcher

OTHER SERVANTS

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

ORGANISTS

6/5	Steve Ford
6/12	Lisa Peterman
6/19	Peter Miller
6/26	Steve Ford

ELDERS

6/5	Doug Gerhardt
6/12	John Graff
6/19	Russ Jozwiak
6/26	Tom Little

MEALS ON WHEELS

6/5	Sharon & Rod Bulter
6/12	Lyn & Jim Stevens
6/19	Nancy Peck
6/26	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!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/2	Craig Austin
6/4	Rod Butler
6/9	Brad Austin
6/9	Ben Nelson
6/12	J.J. Shutter
6/13	Todd Koester
6/14	Barbara Beck
6/14	Sheila Norman
6/17	Kara Jeffers

6/17	Judith Trusner
6/18	Abby Guenther
6/20	Carl Wangrow
6/22	Marsha Warnick
6/27	Barbara Androff
6/27	Killian Dunmire
6/27	Zoe Dunmire
6/28	Rev. Mike Damery
6/30	Katie Gambrill

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/2	Roger & Barbara Harting
6/6	Russ & Wendy Jozwiak
6/9	Jim & Margaret Cordts
6/13	Brett & Krista Hinrichs
6/13	Bill & Shirley Irwin
6/15	George & Debbie Roberts
6/21	Justin & Michelle Burns
6/29	Ed & Suzanne Aukamp

Want to publish something in the Parish Pulse?

*The deadline for submissions for the July Parish Pulse is Monday, June 20th.
Check back here each month for our next submission deadline.*

PARTNER MINISTRIES

LSA ReSale Shop

421 E. Cerro Gordo Decatur, IL. 217-423-0122

We can always use more volunteers especially for toys.

The LSA ReSale Shop is located at 421 E. Cerro Gordo in Decatur. The phone number is 217-423-0122. Hours are M-Tu-W-F-Sa from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM with extended hours on Thursday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

Job Opening

Fulltime benefit position: Assistant Manager

Benefit package includes tuition discount at LSA

Retail experience preferred; duties include organizing and moving donation bins. Contact LSA ReSale Shop at 217-423-0122 for more details.



LSA LIONS

2022 *Class of* 2022

*Congratulations to the class of 2022
8th grade and High School Graduates*

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year is open!

- ♦ For information about enrollment, please contact Susan Keene, Admissions Director at 217-233-2001, ext. #106 or by email at skeane@lsadecatur.net.

Substitute Teaching Positions Still Available

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

CID HAPPENINGS

Small Church Summit

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Farmersville, Illinois, is inviting members of small churches in the Central and Southern Illinois Districts to a "Small Church Summit" on St. Barnabas Day, **Saturday, June 11, 2022**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This free event is for both pastors and laypeople.

What is a small church? "If your church thinks of itself as small, consider yourself invited," said Pastor Micheal Strong of Zion. "We want to encourage and help one another as Lutheran congregations." After opening worship and introductions, participants will talk about positive points concerning their churches as well as challenges.

After lunch at the church, they will apply various positives to various challenges identified that morning and consider ways in which future small church summits might prove helpful. Interested? Please contact the CID office: PHONE: (217) 793-1802 E-MAIL: cid@cidlcms.org.

WHEN THINGS GO BAD: WALKING WITH GOD'S SERVANT JOB

Our Savior's Springfield is hosting a seminar on Job. This free event includes lunch - so registration is encouraged!

June 4th, 2022 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Springfield
(Parish Hall) 8am-4pm

Presenter Pastor Henry Rowold will lead a seminar taking an unblinking look at Job as he confronts crisis after crisis and relates them to his faith in the Lord.

Register at: oursaviors-church.org/When-things-Go-Bad
or email nhosea@yahoo.com

60th Regular Convention Central Illinois District

July 17-19, 2022

The Convention will be held at Crowne Plaza Springfield, Illinois. Additional information can be found on the CID website under the *News and Events* tab.

<http://www.cidlcms.org/events-2022-district-convention.html>



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SUMMER PROGRAMS 2022

The Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association (CILCA) exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and fellowship with others in a unique outdoor setting. CILCA strives to reconnect Christians to Christ and Creation.

GENERATIONS

Campers age 4 thru 4th grade are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult. \$65*

Session I: June 10-11

Session II: July 1-2

*per person

PATHFINDERS

1st- thru 4th-grade campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay.

\$150/*\$175

Session I: June 1-3

Session II: July 5-8*

Session III: July 14-16

BOLD SPIRITS

4th- thru 6th-grade campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. \$325

Session: June 12-17

DAUNTLESS SOULS

6th- thru 8th-grade campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. \$325

Session I: June 19-24

Session II: July 17-22

ART & DRAMA WEEK

5th- thru 8th-grade campers choose one track-Art or Drama-for the week & are led by experienced instructors. \$350

Session: July 17-22

AQUA WEEK

4th- thru 6th-grade water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. \$350

Session: June 26-July 1

JOYFUL HEARTS

Campers of all ages with developmental disabilities experience the joys of the outdoors during a 4- or 2-night stay. \$350/*\$175

Full Week: June 5-9

Half Week: June 5-7* or 7-9*

ATHLETICS WEEK

5th- thru 8th-grade campers focus on a new sport every day: soccer, volleyball, track & more! \$350

Session: June 12-17

NIGHT OWL

6th- thru 8th-graders experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! \$350

Session: June 19-24

INTREPID HEARTS

High-School students enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation in a laid-back week before school starts. \$325

Session: July 24-29

ACT LIKE MEN CAMP

Men who have completed high school can explore new skills, test their strength, make new friends, and learn what it means to be a man of God.

\$150

Session: July 31- August 5

REGISTER TODAY!

To find in-depth details on each camp & register* visit:

WWW.CILCA.ORG

*\$75 deposit due at time of registration

Great CID Campout: May 27-30, 2022

Join fellow campers from across central Illinois for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship, and fun. Camp in a tent, RV, cabin, or hotel room. Swim at the beach, fish in the lake, hike the trails, and enjoy the delicious hog roast on Sunday. There will be daily campfire devotions, Sunday morning Matins, and other activities scheduled throughout the week-end.



