

# May 2021

## Mount Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Monday – Friday  
8am -12Noon

## Join Us For In-Person Worship

Sundays  
9am & 10:30am



# *A Message from Pastor Hinrichs*

*“So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*

-Isaiah 55:11

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I don't know about you, but I have not been a big fan of our weather these last couple weeks. Even though I was basically raised in Wisconsin (considering how far north my hometown is), I am still not used to seeing snow in April. And while there has only been one day of snow at the time I am writing, the forecast tells me that we can expect at least 3 more snow showers before April comes to a close. I know “April showers bring May flowers,” but if there must be showers, I would much prefer rain to snow.

Yet, as I sit here thinking about all of this precipitation that's supposed to come in the next few days, I am reminded of God's Word from the book of Isaiah, where He says the following:

*“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,  
” so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*

You see, just like the May flowers are dependent upon those April showers for growth God tells us that we are dependent upon this Word for our growth as well.

Lately, we have been talking a lot about the fruits of faith in our worship and Bible studies, whether it has been through the Red Letter Challenge or through our discussions about outreach and evangelism. But even as we talk about these very good and important things, we must not lose sight of the fact that all of this flows from the simple Gospel truth, that we have been saved by grace. Christianity isn't primarily about the fruits of faith and “good works.” Instead, it is, first of all, about being loved by a God who forgives the “bad works” we do all the time. Jesus himself emphasizes this when He says, *“I am the vine and you are the branches. Apart from me, you can do nothing.”*

It's for that very reason then that as we go forth into these broader discussions about “living out our faith” that we continue to need those “April showers” of God's Word. We need to continue to come to worship, attend Bible Studies, and have those daily devotions at home. I challenge you, if you haven't been to worship for a while, come join us for a service. If you don't regularly attend a Bible study, go ahead and start coming. Isaiah tells us that just like the rain and snow, we need that Word of God to come down into our hearts. And as the Holy Spirit works through that Word, He'll not only to create and strengthen faith where there would otherwise be none, but He will also to give us the growth so others may see those fruits of faith and may be brought to believe in Jesus as well. We rejoice that God's Word never returns to Him empty!

In Jesus' name,

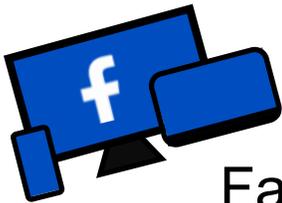
*Pastor Brett Hinrichs*

# Worship at Mt. Calvary

## Sunday Opportunities

Worship Service: Sunday at 9am (one service only)

Christian Education Hour: Sunday at 10:30am



## Connect at Home



Facebook Live Worship: Sunday at 9am

Facebook Live Bible Study: Sunday at 10:30am (NEW)

Radio Worship: Sunday at 9:00am on 100.9FM WZUS

# Weekday Bible Studies



## **Men's Bible Study**

Monday evenings at 6:30pm



## **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 a remote or call-in options.  
NOTE: For all in-person activities, social distancing measures will be required.*

# SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE IN MAY

## ELDERS

May 2	Doug Gerhardt
May 9	Frank Dunmire
May 16	Russ Jozwiak
May 23	Tom Little
May 30	Scott Busboom

## ORGANISTS

May 2	Steve Ford
May 9	Krista Hinrichs
May 16	Peter Miller
May 23	
May 30	Lisa Peterman

## A/V TECHNICIANS

May 2	Jim Stevens
May 9	Justin Burns
May 16	Jim Stevens
May 23	Joel Fletcher
May 30	Jim Stevens

## OTHER SERVANTS

ALTAR FLOWERS	Sandy Haseley & Masha Warnick
BANNERS	Sharon & Rod Butler
BUILDING & GROUNDS	Jerry Sebok 217-423-2095 217-972-1670 N9RBQ@yahoo.com
CANDLES - ALTAR	George & Debbie Roberts (odd) Dale & Barb Jones (even) Ron Augustine
HANDBELLS & CHOIR	Dorothy Damery
NURSERY COORDINATOR	Sharon Goers
PLANTS	Debbie Goveia
RECYCLING- PAPER	Lyn Stevens
SCRIP COORDINATORS	Ashley Atchason Bonnie Seeforth
SOUND & VIDEO	Jim Stevens Kelsie Gerhardt Joel Fletcher
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Ashley Robinson Dorothy Damery
TABULATOR(S)	Marsha Warnick
USHER(S)	Andrew Napier



## MEALS ON WHEELS-TUESDAYS

May 4	Dorothy Damery
May 11	Lyn & Jim Stevens
May 18	Nancy Peck
May 25	Sharon & Rod Butler

The 2021 Rummage Sale will be held **Friday, June 4th 7AM-3PM** and **Saturday, June 5th 8AM-1PM**. There will NOT be food served; Masks and social distancing will be required.

**We need all the help we can get, so please:** Stay tuned for details on where and when to bring donations, volunteer to come help on our preparation days (May 24th- June 3rd from 8am-5pm), and volunteer to help during the sale on June 4th and 5th! Please contact Sharon Goers or Marsha Warnick if you have any questions!



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1	Angela Goode
5/4	Alicia Hagan Wendy Jozwiak
5/6	Larry Adams Rodger Koester Toni Reynolds
5/7	Michelle Robb
5/10	Gary Shutter
5/13	Julie Dunmire
5/14	Stephanie Augustine
5/15	Bryan Urbanowicz
5/16	Joy Miller
5/17	Stephanie Napier
5/19	Lyn Stevens
5/22	Charles Aukamp
5/25	Bethe Little
5/28	Meredith Dull
5/29	Justin Burns



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/12	Tom & Mary Little
5/19	John & Debra Brosam

## “Just a Thought”

Lately I've been working to come up with a clever quote to indicate the importance of service to God. So far my best attempt is this: ***“It doesn't matter who walks into church, what matters is the people that walk out.”*** My point being that anyone can walk in the doors to church, but what really matters is who the person is that walks out the doors.

Is that person that walks out inspired to live a life of service? Is that person newly refreshed in the love of Christ, to now reach out in love to their fellow humankind? Are we so transformed, by being in His presence and having been forgiven by Him, that we can't help but share the Good News of salvation with others?

Next Sunday when you walk out of church, give it a thought.

My hope for all of you is that an even better version of yourself is walking out the doors than the one who walked in.

*Sharing my thoughts with you-*  
*Beth Langdon*

## ***To the members of Mt Calvary Lutheran Church,***

Thank you all so very much for your thoughts and prayers during Mom's short illness and subsequent passing. We really appreciate your kind words and definitely agree with you that she was a very special lady and will be missed! Even though the pandemic would not allow lunch and fellowship at the church following Mom's burial, we also really appreciate the gift of food on Wednesday afternoon- some of Mom's favorites appeared- Barb Harting's broccoli salad and Dick Goers' cherry pie.

It was such a blessing for our extended family to gather at Mom's house to share stories and get reacquainted. Your memorials, too, were most generous and will be used to support church activities near and dear to Mom's heart. Thank you all again.

Love in Christ!

*Mary, Peggy and Family*

## ***A Kind Remembrance of Norma Karloski***

“When I glanced over this week’s obituaries, I thought about how they impacted my life and the last time I saw them- and what we said to each other...When I started my business on the fifth floor of the Standard Office Building in 1964, one of the first people I met was Norma Karloski, who worked in Ritz & Christner Insurance, just a little bit down the hall from my small office. Norma was always a ray of sunshine, especially in those early days when I was trying to keep this business afloat. She always had a smile and an encouraging word when I saw her in the hallway. Norma retired many years ago, but anytime I saw her over the years, we would always have a conversation about those years so long ago when we both worked in the Standard Office Building.

Norma passed away last week at the age of 91 and is one of the people listed in this week’s obituaries. When I read her name, my thoughts immediately went back to those early years in the 1960’s. Sometimes, the memories of people we cherish the most are about the small kindness they offered to us- through something as simple as a warm smile or encouraging word at a difficult time in our lives. Although I’ve talked with Norma a few times since she retired and always enjoyed the conversation, I most appreciated her encouraging words to this very young man so long ago.

I certainly could write about other people I knew who passed during the last week and how I knew them. Our lives are touched by others in a variety of ways as we travel through life and, often what we remember most about people, like Norma, are the simple encouraging words and warm smiles that live on long after that person’s name is in the obituaries of a newspaper. However, the true record that people like Norma leave behind when they depart this life, is not written in ink or newsprint- but on the grateful hearts of those who knew them.”

-Paul Osborne, The Decatur Tribune

# Mother's Day is May 9<sup>th</sup> and Roses are here!

Roses are \$3.00 a piece. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex and payments may go to Sandy, Marsha, Pastor, or the office! Please reach out to Sandy Haseley if you have any questions.

## Have you ordered your Mt. Calvary shirt yet?

Pick up an order form in the Narthex or on Mount Calvary's website! Please return your order forms and money to the office or drop them in the mail slot at the back door.

Please contact Krista Hinrichs at 618-670-3610 if you have any questions.



Orders must be submitted by **May 16th**.

## Stitches of Love for April 2021



So far this year:



**Hats: 278    Baby Hats: 7    Scarves: 23    Blankets: 6**

We will continue to meet as we are able and we are working on hats and scarves for area children as well as Operation Enduring Support.

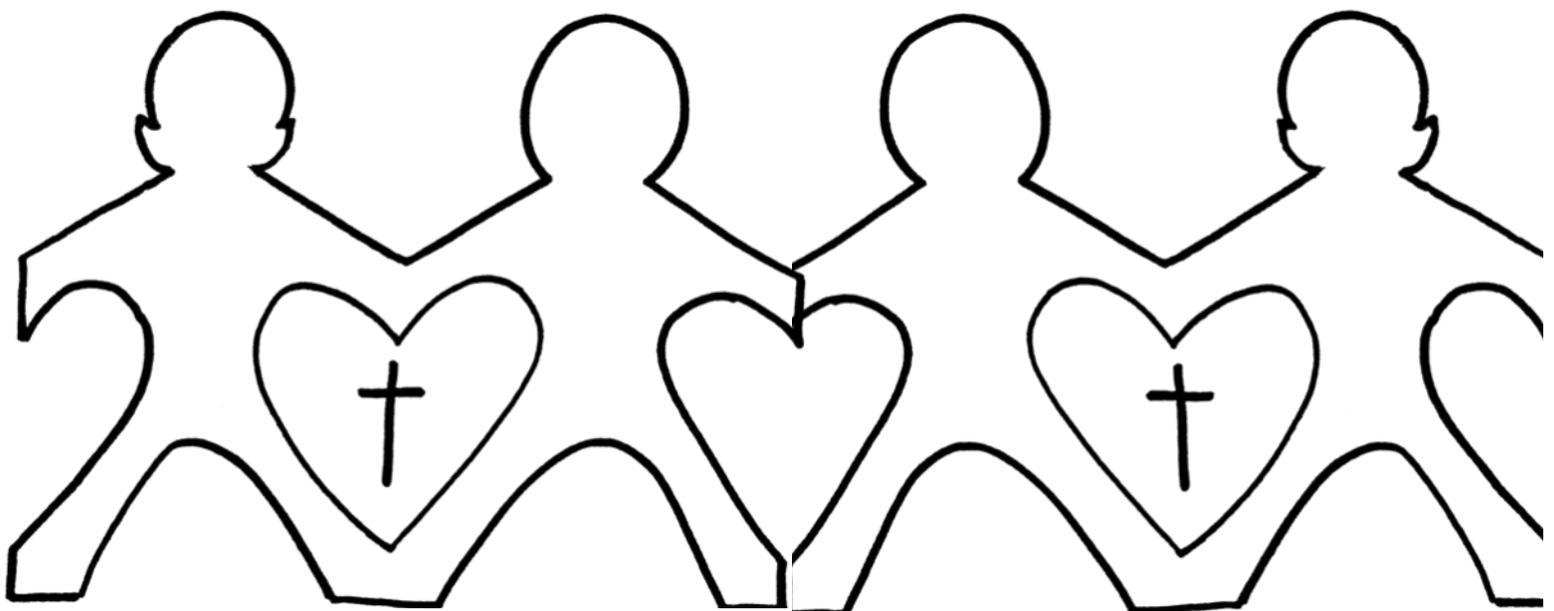
The blankets will be sent to a non profit called "Blankets for Ben" which gives blankets to families of organ donors. We are also making dish cloths to give to Northeast Community Fund for their Christmas baskets. If you wish to join us, please do. We will teach you how to use the loom to knit if you don't know how. We strive to serve our community and be a Christian witness.



***Praise God*** we have almost made it to May with no COVID-related issues in the school!

- Both classes will get to take a field trip to Scovill Zoo, 4's on May 12th and 3's on May 14th.
- Our closing program will be held on May 19th at 7pm. We are planning to live-stream this event on our Facebook page.
- Mrs. Pressley will be retiring from teaching after this school year!

*Thank you to the church council and members of Mt. Calvary who have been a great support to the preschool this year!*



# Partner Ministry Updates

## Our LSA School & ReSale Shop Updates

**The LSA Resale Shop** is looking for a part-time cashier who is able to work Saturdays! If you're interested, stop by the shop for an application.

The shop is location is 421 E. Cerro Gordo in Decatur IL. 62521.

*The shop is also always in need of additional volunteers!* They have been receiving constant donations and need help sorting through all of the items that they have received. Please contact them at 217-423-0122 to inquire about volunteering.

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**Enrolling now for 2021-22  
PreK-12th Grade**

## **Upcoming LSA Events**

**May 14th** LSA Fundraiser (details on next page)

**May 20th** 8th Grade Graduation

**May 23rd** High School Graduation

# “Gayle Sablotny – Gifting the LSA”

## Memoriam and Fundraiser

*Remembering an outstanding teacher & friend while supporting the LSA.*

**Join in:** [facebook.com/groups/gaylesablotnygiftinglsa](https://facebook.com/groups/gaylesablotnygiftinglsa).

**Donate:** [gofundme.com/f/gayle-sablotny-gifting-the-lsa](https://gofundme.com/f/gayle-sablotny-gifting-the-lsa)

Gayle Sablotny (Miss S.) served at the Lutheran School Association (LSA) as an art teacher for just over 11 years and impacted many lives. The lives of her students, her coworkers, her family and friends. On December 3, 2010, God called Miss S. home to heaven. It came as a shock to the school and those that knew her. December 3rd is a day that many of us still remember and use that day to remember her. December 3, 2020 was the 10-year anniversary of our life on earth without Miss S. We would like to use this year to celebrate her life, honor her memory, and support a cause that meant so much to her. SO, in memoriam of her, two LSA Alums have started the “Gayle Sablotny: Gifting LSA” fund to support the LSA. All funds collected will go towards the mortgage on the LSA building. Aside from sharing thoughts and memories of Miss S. we are asking that you find it in your heart to donate to this fund to help relieve some financial stress from the school. Collecting will end on December 3, 2021. Any amount you can donate would be a great gift to LSA. Whether it is a large amount up front, \$10 a month, \$50 every 3 months – whatever you can offer will help. Let’s make HER PROUD by GIFTING THE LSA, as she was a gift to it herself.

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## LSA Annual Fundraiser

*Theme: Forever Young Throwback Prom*

This year we're mixing it up with food, family, and fun! Join us on Friday, May 14th at the LSA, where we'll gather to celebrate and support our school while enjoying dinner, dancing, and dessert. You can go all out and resurrect the prom attire of your past or just come to enjoy the fun of the dessert dash, silent auction, and live auction items.

**This event is for those 21 and older.**

More details to come! Tickets will be available at LSA and online **April 12**. If you'd like to donate items for this event or help serve as a part of this event, please contact the LSA at 217-233-2001 or Ashley Offermann at 217-412-5382

## EVENTS ACROSS OUR CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

### **Scholarship Sunday May 2nd**

Gifts will be used to support our CID students who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher or other called church worker. Please plan to make a gift now-May 2nd . Gifts may be designated "CID Scholarship Fund" to be used for the 2021-2022 school year or be designated "CID Scholarship Endowment Fund" to provide gifts every year for this ongoing need. Checks may be given through your church or sent to the Central Illinois District -LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626.

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please reach out to CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance.

Pick up an offering envelope on the literature table in the Narthex!

**May 28th** Memorial Service for Pastor Eric Trickey

**May 30th** Camp CILCA Hog Roast

### **CTSFW Continuing Education Class June 21-23 2021**

Trinity Lutheran Church 1960 E. Johns Ave., Decatur, IL

*"The Book of Jeremiah: Overcoming Life's Sorrows"*

Instructor - Dr. R. Reed Lessing, Professor of Theology and Ministry and the Director of the Center of Biblical Studies at Concordia, St. Paul. Based upon Dr. Lessing's forthcoming book on Jeremiah this course will be a combination of in-depth study and practical application—all based upon one of the prophet's major themes: surviving life's sorrows. Jeremiah offers a hope and future in Christ to all who have experienced a major disaster in life.

For cost and additional information contact email Rev. Matthew Verseemann at [pastorversemann@msn.com](mailto:pastorversemann@msn.com) or by phone 217-420-0586

To register online go to: [www.ctsfw.edu/CE/Decatur-Illinois](http://www.ctsfw.edu/CE/Decatur-Illinois).

## CID EVENTS CONTINUED

### **Recruiting Pastors and Other Church Workers**

A convocation on church worker recruitment, particularly that of pastors, will be sponsored by the Shelbyville, Effingham, and Altamont Circuits at St. John Lutheran Church, Effingham on Pentecost, May 23, 3 to 6 p.m. Dr. Dale Meyer, President Emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will be the featured guest speaker. Representatives of the seminaries, Concordia-Chicago, and Concordia-Wisconsin will be there, also folks from LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces and Camp CILCA. You can register for this Circuit Convocation, starting May 1.

Please register by **May 7** at [www.stjohnsLCMS.net](http://www.stjohnsLCMS.net)



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- CID's GatePost Newsletter
- Subscribe to the E-GatePost/*News You Can Use*
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# CAMP CILCA LOWDOWN: MAY 2021

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PHONE: 217-487-7497 / EMAIL: [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org)

*Camp CILCA exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ  
and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.*



## Opportunities of Service!

*There are a wide variety of servant events that can be performed here at Camp CILCA. Here are a few projects that are on our wish list. Each project will take time to plan, and coordinate resources and availability. However, all these projects are necessary and will help us out here at camp considerably. Please consider Camp CILCA as place to do your next servant event project. These also would be available to Eagle Scouts.*

### We need....

#### **A new trail to the sycamore tree**

Leading groups to the 2nd oldest sycamore tree in the state has been a favorite CILCA adventure for years. Erosion and simple wear and tear have taken their toll on the trail. A 6-foot-wide suspension bridge with guard rails would be a great service project, providing a quicker route to the site.

#### **New stairs at the entrance of prayer trail**

The prayer trail at camp has been here for nearly 40 years. Roots and erosion now dominate the trail. It's time to redo the trail and add new steps. Hundreds of children use this path in the course of their outdoor education each year. This truly would make a great impact here at camp.

## Upcoming Events

**May 29-** Junior Camp Counselor Training  
10AM-2PM at Camp

**May 30-** Annual Hog Roast  
10:30AM Worship

11:30-2:30PM Hog Roast Dinner

**June 2- July 27** Summer Camp Program



Find out more on-line at [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org)

Email [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org)

Call 217-487-7497

