

November 2021

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8am - 12noon

*Office closed Thanksgiving
11/25 & Black Friday 11/26*



Join Us Sundays For

Worship Service
at 9am

Christian Ed. Hour
at 10:30am

A Message from Pastor Hinrichs

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although we often take them for granted, the hymns of the Church are an invaluable resource for us in our Christian faith. As we prepare our hearts this month for the End of the Church year and for the celebration of Thanksgiving, I wanted to share with you one particularly beautiful hymn and the story behind it. The excerpt below comes from a book called, "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan, who has compiled many different hymns and their stories. I pray that these lyrics would bless you and your family, as we continue to thank our God for all the gifts we receive in Jesus!

An old English preacher once said, "A grateful mind is a great mind," and the Bible agrees. There are 138 passages of Scripture on the subject of thanksgiving, and some of them are powerfully worded. Colossians 3:17 says: "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." First Thessalonians 5:18 adds, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Unfortunately, few hymns are devoted exclusively to thanking God. Among the small, rich handful we do have is "Now Thank We All Our God." The German Christians sing this hymn like American believers sing the "Doxology," yet it's loved on both sides of the Atlantic and around the world.

It was written by Martin Rinkhart (1586-1649), a Lutheran pastor in the little village of Eilenberg, Saxony. He grew up as the son of a poor coppersmith, felt called to the ministry, and after his theological training began his pastoral work just as the Thirty Years' War was raging through Germany.

Floods of refugees streamed into the walled city of Eilenberg. It was the most desperate of times. The Swedish army encompassed the city gates, and inside the walls there was nothing but plague, famine, and fear. Eight hundred homes were destroyed, and people began dying in increasing numbers. There was a tremendous strain on the pastors, who expended all their strength in preaching the gospel, caring for the sick and dying, and burying the dead. One after another, the pastors themselves took ill and perished until at last only Martin Rinkhart was left. Some days he conducted as many as fifty funerals.

Finally the Swedes demanded a huge ransom. It was Martin Rinkhart who left the safety of the city walls to negotiate with the enemy, and he did it with such courage and faith that there was soon a conclusion of hostilities, and the period of suffering ended. Rinkhart, knowing there is no healing without thanksgiving, composed this hymn [Now Thank We All Our God] for the survivors of Eilenberg. It has been sung around the world ever since.

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills of this world in the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

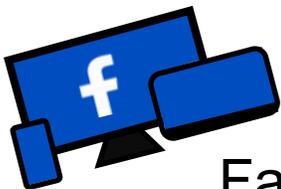
GROW TOGETHER

Worship at Mt. Calvary

Sunday Opportunities

Worship Service: Sunday at 9am

Christian Education Hour: Sunday at 10:30am



Connect at Home



Facebook Live Worship: Sunday at 9am

Facebook Live Bible Study: Sunday at 10:30am

* Advent Services begin Wednesday, December 1st 6:30pm *

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 remote or call-in options.

LWML Mite Sundays

The **FIRST** Sunday of each month is Mite Sunday. Please remember to turn in your Mites and pick up your new LWML Monthly Mite Challenge Calendar from the LWML table on these days. **Your Mites DO Count!**

Lutheran Women *in Mission*

Stitches of Love

November 2021

So far this year we have made:

- 762 Hats • 37 Baby Hats
- 44 Scarves • 30 Blankets

Our plans were to have a blessing of the hats before they were distributed, as well as the dishcloths. We have been blessed with some great donations of yarn. The blankets were sent to a nonprofit called Blankets From Ben. We are pleased to provide this ministry as we are the hands and feet of Jesus both locally, as well as in another state. If you want to learn, please feel free to join us! We will teach you and even provide the yarn! If you or someone you know would like to be a part of our group, we meet the **2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 2-4 pm** at Mt Calvary.

SHARE TOGETHER

Mt. Calvary Preschool November Update

The preschool has been blessed in so many ways this year. For the first time in many years both classes are full! This provides a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel with families in our community.

We are extremely grateful to have been gifted a beautiful greenhouse hand-made by Alan Little. Scientific growing experiments will soon be taking place right in our very own backyard. Thank you, Alan!

The Norma Karloski Memorial Scholarship Fund has been awarded to several families in our preschool. Thank you, Karloski family!

November Units of Study include colors, neighborhoods & families, and Thanksgiving.

Join the Ladies for Lunch!

Our Tuesday morning Ladies' group will be eating out for lunch after the first bible study of each month! This list is not set in stone, so please keep up with Bethe Little to ensure you are up-to-date with any future changes.

December 7th - The Wharf ● January 6th - Applebee's

If you have any questions, please reach out to Bethe Little.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE IN NOVEMBER

ELDERS

Nov 7	Russ Jozwiak & John Graff
Nov 14	Doug Gerhardt
Nov 21	Russ Jozwiak & John Graff
Nov 24	Scott Busboom & Tom Little
Nov 28	Doug Gerhardt

READERS

Nov 7	Ashley Robinson & Sarah Barnes
Nov 14	Krista Gerhardt & Doug Gerhardt
Nov 21	Sheila Norman & Sharon Goers
Nov 28	Roger Harting & John Graff

A/V TECHNICIANS

Nov 7	Jim Stevens/Justin Burns
Nov 14	Joel Fletcher/Kelsie Gerhardt
Nov 21	Jim Stevens/Joel Fletcher
Nov 24	Joel Fletcher/Kelsie Gerhardt
Nov 28	Jim Stevens/Joel Fletcher

ORGANISTS

Nov 7	Steve Ford
Nov 14	Peter Miller
Nov 21	Krista Hinrichs
Nov 24	Krista Hinrichs
Nov 28	Lisa Peterman

MEALS ON WHEELS

Nov 2	Sharon & Rod Butler
Nov 9	Lyn & Jim Stevens
Nov 16	Nancy Peck
Nov 23	Barb & Roger Harting
Nov 30	Karen & Larry Lange

OTHER SERVANTS

ALTAR FLOWERS	Sandy Haseley & Masha Warnick
BANNERS	Sharon & Rod Butler
BUILDING & GROUNDS	Dick Goers 217-767-2711 217-412-8847 dgoers37@comcast.net
CANDLES & ALTAR	George & Debbie Roberts Dale & Barb Jones Ron Augustine
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

If we have made a mistake on your birthday, anniversary, or days of service please let us know.

If you have anything you would like us to add in to the Parish Pulse, please send us the info at office@mtcalvarydecatour.org

THANK YOU to our volunteers and workers for all you do!



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/18	Dan & Toni Reynolds
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1	Lindsey Fletcher
11/3	Scott Busboom
11/4	Robert Little
11/6	Dale Jones Winston Lacey Robert Norman Jr.
11/8	Curly Howard Lee Smull
11/9	Skyler Lynn Maxwell
11/12	Mike Barding
11/15	Trista Brand
11/17	John Brosam
11/18	Kimberly Copeland Doug Gerhardt
11/20	Roger Dworak
11/23	Deana Tappendorf
11/24	Josh Koester
11/25	Aidan Barnes Jennifer Blackman
11/26	Stacey Fletcher

“Just a Thought”

Luke 1:37 “With God all things are possible.”

Did you know there are sixty-six verses in the Bible that say this? I’m currently studying some of the many oddities mentioned in the Old Testament. I’m calling my compilation “The wild and wacky wonders of God”. God has certainly done some amazing things! From moving the sun in the sky, to talking from the mouth of a donkey! From raising the “dry bones” of the dead, to parting the water of the Red Sea. I would encourage each of you to spend some time this month making a list of the wild and wonderful things God has done for you. Come Thanksgiving Day, you will have that many reasons to Thank Him for all that He has done!

*Sharing my Thoughts with You,
-Beth Langdon*

Heavenly Holidays Bazaar

7am-2pm Saturday, December 4, 2021

Mount Calvary Lutheran- 2055 S. Franklin Street Rd.

Prepare now for the holidays by marking your calendars for our holiday bazaar. Homemade treats and cookies sold by the pound! Handcrafted items, both Christmas and every day! Our Ladies Guild has been busy planning to provide you:



- ☆ Cookie Walk ☆
- ☆ Bake Sale ☆
- ☆ Christmas Room ☆
- ☆ Cookbooks ☆
- ☆ Crafters ☆



Sponsored by: Mount Calvary Ladies Guild



Sunday, November 28th, ALL HELPING HANDS ARE NEEDED!

After church we will be decorating the tree, decorating the church, and bringing all of the items in from the garage for the Bazaar.

Please stay and help after church if you are available!

Partner Ministry Updates



LSA LIONS

This year, the Student Government fundraiser for Share the Gift will be that one of our teachers, staff members, or pastors will be made into a human ice cream sundae! (Picture a kiddie pool and lots of syrups and sprinkles). We will start with nominations of students' top one or two staff they'd like to see covered in sundae toppings. We will announce the top 10 and begin our collection on November 1st. We will once again have the jars with pictures of each candidate in the atrium before school each day to collect money. Over the next three weeks it will be narrowed down to the top 3. On November 23rd, we will announce the "winner". All proceeds will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for children in foster care in our area.

LSA ReSale Shop is always in need of volunteers! Contact them at 217-423-0122 or stop in at 421 E. Cerro Gordo here in Decatur to ask about our current volunteer opportunities.

“Gayle Sablotny – Gifting the LSA”

Memoriam and Fundraiser

Remembering an outstanding teacher & friend while supporting the LSA.

Join in: facebook.com/groups/gaylesablotnygiftinglsa. **Donate:** 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 Dec. 3, 2010, God called Miss S. home to heaven. December 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 memory 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, everything helps! Let's make HER PROUD by GIFTING THE LSA, she was a gift herself.



30th Annual Coats for Kids!

October 13-November 30.

Donate a coat you no longer use and we'll put it into the hands of a family in need. Every size needed and accepted! Participating cleaners will make sure the coats are clean and fresh and ready for the clothing rooms and sites to distribute. Watch for participating clothing rooms on our website, Facebook and Twitter feed.

Participating Cleaners

Peerless Cleaners- 519 N. Monroe ● Pride Cleaners and Launderers- 2553 N. Main, 1804 E. Eldorado, 912 W. Eldorado, 2056 Mt. Zion Road ● Waite's Dry Cleaners and Launderers- 1004 S. Main, 115 Magnolia, Forsyth

Collection Sites

Decatur Family YMCA- 220 W. McKinley ● Kroger- Brettwood Plaza
Land of Lincoln Credit Union- 2890 N. Oakland, 3130 E. Mound, 4850 E. Prosperity Pl.
● Longcreek Township- 2610 Salem School Rd. ● Richland College- #1 College Park
● St. Teresa High School- 2710 N. Water St. ● WAND Station- 904 Southside Dr.

Dove Christmas Care & Share Annual Basket Drive

Distribution will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church - 1 Bachrach Ct.

Toys and gifts can be brought to the East entrance of Dove, until Dec. 2 at noon.

Starting on Dec. 3 drop off donations will go to St. Paul's.

This year, we will also be collecting gifts for seniors in nursing homes.

If you would like to sign up to volunteer, our work dates are as follows:

Friday, Dec. 3 10am-8pm • Saturday, Dec. 4 9am-4pm

Monday, Dec. 6 - Friday, Dec. 10 9am-5pm

Saturday, Dec. 11 9am-4pm • Monday, Dec. 13 9am-4pm

These days will be unloading, marking labels, sorting and counting gifts, delivering gifts to the nursing homes, and shopping if needed. If you want to assist in shopping, let us know in advance! Those days are **Tuesday Dec. 14-Friday, Dec. 17 8am-5pm**

Volunteers are free to come and go as they please! If you want to sign up to volunteer, have inquiries, want to adopt a family (or families) by providing a complete food and gift basket, or have any other questions, please reach out to Angie Williams at 217.428.6616 or email her at awilliams@doveinc.org.



CAMP CILCA LOWDOWN NOVEMBER 2021



ADDRESS: 4124 Camp Cilca Rd, Cantrall, IL 62625

• PHONE: 217-487-7497 • EMAIL: camp@cilca.org •

• WEBSITE: www.cilca.org •

Fall Workday

This year's Fall Workday is scheduled for Saturday, November 13 at Camp CILCA.

Volunteers are needed to help get the campgrounds ready for winter. Come anytime between 8:30am and 11:30am. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.



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