

October 2022

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8am - 12Noon

Join Us Sundays For

Worship Service
at 9am

Christian Ed. Hour
at 10:30am



A Message from Pastor Hinrichs

“7 Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

-John 10:7-10(NIV)

My Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

A few days ago I learned a good life lesson about the importance of always being on your guard against potential thieves who try to sneak in and steal your stuff. You see, it started off just like any other day. I was going about my usual morning routine (taking out the trash, feeding the dogs, etc.) when I briefly set my blueberry muffin on our kitchen table so that I could eat it after I finished my chores. Now I can't have been gone for more than a minute or two, but I walked past the table, my muffin was missing! Apparently, one of our pups (who still hadn't been fed at this point) decided it was a good idea to sneak up onto the chair I had left pulled away from the table and stealthily steal my muffin! Whether it is a dog with a muffin, a kid and a candy jar, or something more serious, like an identity thief sneaking to steal your credit card info, it's always good to be on your guard against someone trying to steal away your stuff.

This same truth applies with the greatest thief of all, Satan, who often works in quiet, subtle ways that can be easily overlooked. Like my pup, he can be very sneaky when it comes to trying to steal away the good gifts that God gives us in Christ. He was very crafty when he first deceived Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, twisting God's Word and instilling in them a desire for power and control. He was patient through the era of the kings, slowly leading generation after generation to compromise about their worship. And as we know very personally, Satan is still at work in our hearts, trying to steal away the joy and assurance that we have in Christ.

So how do we stay on guard against these attempts of the thief, who, as Jesus once put in John 10, “comes to kill, steal and destroy?” Simply put, this is done by “abiding in Christ” (John 15:4), remaining rooted to the life-giving work of God's Spirit by the Word.

As some of you know, at the end of this month Lutherans across the world will celebrate what is known as Reformation Sunday. This celebration is observed every year to remind us about a time in history, when the treasures of God's grace and the power of His Word, were all but lost. Rituals had replaced redemption. Works had replaced the Word. The authority of the Church had replaced the authority of Christ. Everywhere people looked, there was little assurance to be found of a loving and forgiving God.

And yet, as dark as the situation may have seemed, God worked powerfully through one of His servants, Martin Luther to call out the lies of Satan that so many had bought into. He loudly proclaimed that we aren't saved by our works, but only by the Grace of God through faith in Christ. He boldly preached that it wasn't history or tradition that held the final say, but the Word of God. For every attempt of Satan to steal away the work of Jesus, God used Luther to sound the alarm and call us back to Jesus.

As we go through our lives, we continue to enjoy the blessings of God in Christ and to share in that spiritual heritage. And yet, even though we still continue to stand on guard everyday, watching for Satan's attempts to steal away our faith, we can rejoice that we have a God who is constantly watching over us, so that even though the thief may come to “kill, steal, and destroy,” we can know Jesus, who has come so that we “may have life and have it to the full.” (John 10:10).

In the name of Jesus,

Pastor Brett Hinrichs

GROW TOGETHER

Worship at Mt. Calvary

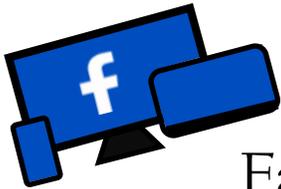
Sunday Opportunities

Worship Service at 9_{AM}

— A “relaxed” traditional service with hymns and standard orders of worship —

Christian Education Hour at 10:30_{AM}

— Adult Bible Study, Confirmation Class, New Member Class —



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 2nd Corinthians

Thursday Bible Study **NEW TIME!!**

1st & 3rd Thursday evenings at 6:00pm

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

SERVE TOGETHER

Trick –n– Trunk

Sunday, October 31st 6-8pm

2055 S. Franklin Street Rd. Decatur, IL.

Watch for Sign-Up Sheets on the bulletin board coming soon!

If you can't join us that evening but would like to donate candy please leave candy donations in the mail room.

If you would like to make a monetary donation you can place that in a labeled envelope and put it in Angie Goode or Sharon Goers' mailbox.



October Bible Stories

Zaccheaus

Jonah and the Whale

Daniel and the Lions Den

Fun Things Happening

Playing with new outdoor toys

Making Applesauce

Penelope & Peter Pumpkin Making

Enrollment in both classes is good. God, as always, has provided the students we need to be telling about Jesus! We pray that He uses our school to spread His message.

The children were given their 50th Anniversary bags and were excited to receive this gift!

We have enjoyed our Monday morning zoom sessions listening to the librarians from the Decatur Public Library read us a story!

LWML Sunday, October 2, 2022

We will recognize the LWML and all of the mission work that they carry out around the world on Sunday, October 2nd. Don't forget that the first Sunday of each month is Mite box Sunday. You can also grab the October Mite Challenge calendar as a great devotional tool in addition to reminders for your mites. Your mites DO COUNT!!

Exodus 35:5 "From what you have, take an offering for the LORD. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the LORD an offering."

Ringers and Singers Wanted!



You don't have to be a professional to Praise God!
Anyone interested in joining the Bell Choir
or Vocal Choir is encouraged
to contact Peter Miller
via email at pmmusician@gmail.com
Practice times vary



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Pet 4:10

Stitches of Love

Looms, knitting needles, and crochet hooks have stayed busy this month!

Annual Totals:

- 734 Hats • 38 Baby Hats
- 132 Scarves • 290 Dishcolths
- 3 Headbands

We give God the glory as we are the hands and feet of Jesus!

Heavenly Holidays Bazaar

Are you a Craft Vendor or do you know a Craft Vendor? We are looking for Vendors to participate in the Heavenly Holiday Bazaar that will be held Dec 3, 2022. The more variety of vendors we have the better the Bazaar!

Please contact Beth Little at 217-855-2802 for more information.

Venezuelan News: Volume 10

I can't believe this is volume 10. I was thinking back to how this all started. I still have a hard time imagining ever trying to do something like this. Of course, it is not me but Christ in me, nevertheless the whole concept baffles me. I think I truly understand what a missionary feels. Sometimes there is frustration. Sometimes worry. Sometimes joy. But almost all the time God's love. It's like the whole effort both the giving and the taking, is covered in God's love. Even virtually the love I feel for these people is as real as if they lived next door. I know them, feel their struggles and hurts. I feel their good days and bad days. I also feel their hope and their gratitude for what God has provided from them. This has been an amazing and greatly humbling experience.

The last few weeks have been very difficult. Yili has had some asthma/breathing issues for months. About two weeks ago it came to a breaking point. She wasn't hardly able to breathe at all. The clinic she went to was able to quickly diagnose that she was having congestive heart failure. They immediately put her on diuretics. That helped slightly but then the results of the bloodwork came back indicating an extremely low red and white cell count. Thank God we were able to raise some money and get her into a clinic. She was literally dying – suffocating. Over a number of days, they gave her transfusions and brought her blood counts up. They also had to treat an infection. The big worry still was her heart. She continues to have episodes of tachycardia. She has worn a Holter monitor for 24 hours, and they are in the process of analyzing that data. They were working on an echocardiogram today. On Monday, I believe, they will tell her what they think is wrong and how to treat it. This might have been because of the two cases of covid she suffered through.

At Yinette's house they have had some issues as well. Mama, papa and the neighbor have all come down with the latest strain of covid. It looks like they are on the mend. Our donations keep fluctuating. I'm still praying for God to come up with a solution to that. We continue to work till God says stop. If any of you would like to speak/chat with any of the Venezuelans, please let me know. If you know Spanish, all the better. LOL. They can chat back and forth through Facebook, just friend either one of them. Their main way to communicate through the WhatsApp program. You can text or talk or video chat with that program. Thanks for listening to me. I love sharing this with you all.

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

**October 4, 6:00 PM at
Concordia Lutheran Church
Salad Supper and Presentation**

Joni World, the maker, author and story-teller of the Immanuel Quilt will be our guest speaker and her topic will be "Jesus is the

Thread of Life."

Bring a salad large enough to share or dessert or bread. Drinks are provided.

A collection will be taken for Immanuel Quilt Ministry. Contact Sandy Haseley for more information

*Upcoming Events for the 3F's
(food, fellowship, fun)*

October 14, 5:30 PM

Ted's Garage in Clinton
(reservations are needed by Sunday Oct 9)

November 11, 5:30 PM

Rose Miller's Amish Home in Arthur
Cost is \$18

(reservations are needed by Sunday Nov 6)
The menu is fried chicken, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, noodles, salad, green beans, homemade bread, and pie.

December 9

Christmas Dinner and Games at Mt. Calvary
More details to come

Please call or text Debbie Roberts to make reservations or for any questions you may have. (217) 972-0774
Or you can email Debbie at: djrob2745@yahoo.com

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.

October 4th - Paul's
November 1st - Lincoln Lounge
December 6th - Lock Stock

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

We Are Messengers

The chart-topping Christian band will be playing the Lincoln Theater Saturday, October 15, 7:00 pm. \$28 General admission AND \$48 VIP ticket.

For more information email Molly Pierce at molly1189@yahoo.com. See the flyer on the bulletin board for website and more info.

**MT. CALVARY QUARTERLY
CARD CLUB
IS OUR NEWEST FELLOWSHIP
OPPORTUNITY!**

We will meet on Friday, Oct 21 from
12:30-3:30

We will play card games (your choice) and during the break we will make cards for our Shut-In members. Using artwork from our Preschool students and Children's Church kids, we will add a personal note and send the completed cards. Popcorn will be provided, but we invite you to bring your favorite beverage. This is the best part about being a Christian: having fun while serving others!

Any questions?
Contact Beth Langdon at 217-413-5620

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE IN OCTOBER

ELDERS

Oct 2	Doug Gerhardt
Oct 9	John Graff
Oct 16	Russ Jozwiak
Oct 23	Dan Reynolds
Oct 30	Doug Gerhardt

READERS

Oct 2	Debbie Roberts
Oct 9	Tom Little
Oct 16	Russ Jozwiak
Oct 23	Frank Dunmire
Oct 30	Marsha Warnick

ORGANISTS

Oct 2	Steve Ford
Oct 9	Steve Ford
Oct 16	Peter Miller
Oct 23	Lisa Peterman
Oct 30	Steve Ford

A/V TECHNICIANS

Oct 2	Jim Stevens/Joel Fletcher
Oct 9	Jim Stevens/Joel Fletcher
Oct 16	Jim Stevens/Joel Fletcher
Oct 23	Jim & Lyn Stevens
Oct 30	Jim Stevens/Joel Fletcher

OTHER SERVANTS

ALTAR FLOWERS	Sandy Haseley & Marsha Warnick
BANNERS	Sharon & Rod Butler
BUILDING & GROUNDS	Roger Harting
CHANCEL CANDLES	George & Debbie Roberts Dale & Barb Jones
COFFEE/TEA	Bethe Little
CHOIR	Peter Miller
NURSERY	Sharon Goers
PLANTS	Debbie Goveia
RECYCLING	Lyn Stevens
SOUND & VIDEO	Jim & Lyn Stevens Kelsie Gerhardt Joel & Stacey Fletcher
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Gale Krueger Dan Reynolds
TABULATOR(S)	Marsha Warnick Brenda Roland
HEAD USHER	Andrew Napier

MEALS ON WHEELS

10/3	Sharon & Rod Butler
10/10	Lyn & Jim Stevens
10/17	Nancy Peck
10/24	Barb & Roger Harting
10/31	Karen & Larry Lange

Thank You for all the service
that so many of you give!

Meals on Wheels Coordinator:
Lyn Stevens

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Ed Aukamp
10/2	Amy Aukamp
10/3	Josh Urbanowicz
10/4	Sam Nelson
10/6	Daniel Nelson
10/7	Karen Lange
10/8	Carol Reynolds
10/9	Linda McDermith
10/10	Sherie Holeman
10/11	Molly Baker Sharon Goers
10/12	Dan Hursh
10/13	Cora Hahn Taylor Proft
10/16	Jake Krueger

10/17	Sandy Haseley
10/19	Debbie Bailey Roger Harting Chelsea Stewart
10/20	Krista Hinrichs Rick Lange Madison Reynolds
10/24	Troy Krueger
10/25	Madison Koester
10/26	Shirley Horath
10/28	Michael Weathers
10/29	Chip Wallen
10/30	Bill Irwin Maddox Wallen

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/2	Carl & Jean Wangrow
10/3	Charles & Mary Aukamp
10/11	Chip & Lori Wallen
10/18	William & Elva Klekamp
10/27	Josh & Heather Urbanowicz
10/29	Dick & Sharon Goers Alan & Carol Reynolds

Just a Thought...

What draws us into fellowship? God created us with a need for companionship so we would seek Him out. However, that same need compels us to join together in worship and fellowship. There will be an increasing number of opportunities for you to get involved in fellowship here at Mt. Calvary. This is on purpose, so you can enjoy each other. What is even better, is that God wants this to happen. He loves watching His children in fellowship with each other. Let's make Him happy!

Beth langdon



LSA UPDATES

Family Movie Night - Join us for a free movie night for the whole family next Saturday September 24th in the Multipurpose room. Thank you to the PTL for sponsoring and hosting this event!

6pm - Doors open, 6:30pm - Pizza served, 7pm - Sing 2 Movie

School Picture Day will be Thursday, October 13.

Dads/Grandpas/Kids Church Campout - St. Paul Lutheran Church is hosting a campout for kids, dads and grandpas at Camp Cilca October 1 & 2. All are welcome!

Lions Family Night - This night of family, food, fun and football will be moving to Homecoming weekend, **Friday, October 21st** from 5:00-6:30pm. This will be a chance to build community and to invite your friends who don't yet attend LSA.

LSA Homecoming Football Game will be October 21 at 7:00 pm
Check out the LSA website for full athletic calendar information
<https://www.lsadecatur.net/athletics>

Now Hiring for Open Positions

- ◆ High School/Middle School Life Science
- ◆ High School/Middle School Physical Science
- ◆ Elementary Music Teacher

Contact Joel Witt at jwitt@lsadecatur.net for more information.

The LSA ReSale Shop

Now featuring NEW Fall & Winter Merchandise!

- ◆ 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

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER.
HEBREWS 13:8

CID HAPPENINGS

EVENTS & UPDATES

2022 Approved Convention Resolutions

Resolution R2022-01 *Inviting People to Church Services*

Resolution R2022-02 *To Encourage Church Planting Considerations*

Resolution R2022-03 *To Provide for 1.1.1 Giving within the Central Illinois District*

Resolution R2022-04 *To Affirm the Church's Freedom to Celebrate the Divine Service*

Resolution R2022-05 *To Amend District Bylaw on Human Care Committee*

Resolution R2022-06 *To Give More Direct Attention to the CID Archives and its Function of Maintaining an Accurate History of the District*

Resolution R2022-07 *To Expand Circuit C-WOWs to include Laity*

Resolution R2022-08 *To Reject the Practice of So-Called "Internet Communion"*

Resolution R2022-09 *To Amend and Update Selected Bylaws of the CID*

Resolution R2022-10 *To Encourage Congregations and Circuits to Support Local Life Ministries*

Resolution R2022-11 *To Address Scriptural Errors in Fellowship with the JLC (Japan Lutheran Church)*

Resolution R2022-12 *To Affirm the God-given Distinctions between the Two Sexes*

JR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING
"Created for Community"

SAVE THE DATE

Get your group together!

November 12th, 2022

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1 Bachrach Court., Decatur, IL
10:00 am - 4:15 pm
Registration starts at 9:30 am

Great fellowship and fun

Worship • Laser Tag • Inflatables
Games • Service Project

Cost is \$20.00 per person. Fee covers activities, lunch, service project, and event T-shirt. Registration information will be released soon. We are working with our district Church Extension Fund to provide free registration for the non-member youth of your congregation. The hope is that students will invite their non-member friends to this District Event.

Chicken & Noodle Dinner

HOSTED BY: FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022
11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
\$10.00 ADULT | \$4.00 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER

MENU:
CHICKEN & NOODLES, MASHED POTATOES,
GREEN BEANS, ROLLS, DRINK & DESSERT

ADVANCE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT:
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OFFICE
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.
QUESTIONS: CONTACT THE CHURCH
OFFICE AT 875-3656

ILLINOIS HOSTS the National LFL Conference - October 21-22 | All day Friday until Saturday at noon. Rock Island, Illinois (Quad Cities). Register at: <https://lutheransforlife.org/conference/>

MUSIC FOR MISSIONS – St. John's Lutheran Church in Pekin is hosting a Sacred Music Concert and Hymn Sing in support of our LC-MS Central Illinois District Deaf Ministry on Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Please set aside the time to participate in and enjoy the music program, and to support



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GRIT Run

Join us on Saturday, October 1st, for the GRIT Run of Epic Proportions

The Grueling, Rugged, Intense Trail Run (G.R.I.T. Run) is for the bravest of souls. The 5-k course includes narrow trails, steep hills, creek bed crossings, scenic views, and stairs.

Runners 6-18 run for \$10. Runners 19 & up run for \$30.

8:30 am Registration and Check-in 10:00 am Race starts!

Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Cantrall/CampCilca5K>

ACT LIKE MEN: WORK DAY

Saturday, November 12

9:00am–4:00 PM

Men, Camp CILCA needs you! There have been numerous projects identified that need strong, skilled, and willing hands. Rake leaves, move appliances, clear trails, stain decks, and more.

Lunch AND Supper will be served for all volunteers. Stay for an evening of campfire, drinks, cigars, and conversation.

Thank you to all who

donated to and participated in the Chicken fry and Silent Auction.

We were blessed to raise over \$20,000 for upcoming Camp CILCA programs!

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Thank you! Our email is: office@mtcalvarydecatour.org*

