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Mount Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Monday - Thursday
8am - 12 noon

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CLOSED
On Fridays*



All are Welcome
to Join Us!

Sundays

Worship Service 9^{AM}
Christian Ed. Hour 10:30^{AM}

A Message from Pastor Hinrichs

“²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

-Genesis 1:28 (NIV)

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I recently saw a post from a Christian comedian who made a list of the top 10 Sundays when the least amount of people attend church. Among them were days like Super Bowl Sunday, the Sunday after Easter, and my personal favorite: Stewardship Sunday! He joked that if you wanted to find a small church, you could visit any congregation on Stewardship Sunday and be guaranteed to find a seat. While the article was meant to be sarcastic, it is true that most Christians don't like to talk about stewardship. We almost immediately get defensive and think, “No one is going to tell me what to do with my money!”

And yet, when you look at the Bible, God talks about stewardship all the time, and I am not just talking about money! In fact, when you truly understand stewardship as God does, there are very few parts of our life that aren't touched by this topic. At the very start of human existence God told Adam and Eve to be stewards of His creation. As we saw in the verse above, He told them to be caretakers of the land, the animals, and of each other. As their descendants, that means that our whole life is also about taking care of what God has entrusted to us! Although we may not realize it, even questions like the ones below are all stewardship questions.

- “How can I help preserve family time in the midst of a hectic life?”
- “What should I do with my time now that I am retired?”
- “What purpose does God have for me now that I am homebound?”
- “How should I budget so I can save for retirement?”

Even our faith life is a matter of stewardship! Just think about Jesus. As God, Jesus was the most gifted person to ever walk the earth. He had been entrusted by His Father with a specific task: to live a perfect life, to proclaim the Kingdom, and ultimately to suffer and die for the sins of the world. While there were many opportunities for Him to use His power, His authority, and any other gift He had for Himself, He never did. Being the steward we never could, Jesus gave it all up, even His very life, for sinners like you and me! Talk about the selfless stewardship!

As we head into the month of September, many of our scheduled readings from the lectionary* will deal with stewardship questions. So we invite you to come and learn about a much wider understanding of stewardship than the narrow focus we're so used to hearing about. We'll tackle many practical questions like the one's mentioned above and continue to discover how, through Jesus, we can be good stewards of all the good and gracious gifts He gives, but especially the gift of His mercy and forgiveness.

Your Servant and fellow Steward in Christ,

Pastor Brett Hinrichs

*The lectionary is a widely agreed upon readings list most churches use to guide worship.

GROW TOGETHER

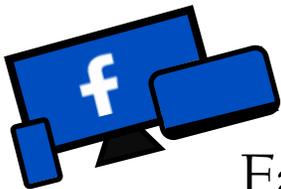
Worship at Mt. Calvary Sunday Opportunities

Worship Service at 9_{AM}

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

Christian Education Hour at 10:30_{AM}

Various classes are offered, including a New Member Class (starts Aug. 7th) and our youth Confirmation Class (starts Aug. 21st). See “Serve Together” section for more details



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 6:00pm

NEW TIME!!

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

SERVE TOGETHER



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool is starting its 50th year of sharing Jesus' love! Our first day of school will be on Tuesday, September 6th. Thank you to everyone who has helped make it happen with your prayers as well as donations of items, time, and talents. Special thanks to Alan Little for the amazing new outdoor toy, to Merle Collingwood for the garage shelves, to Roger Harting for getting the school beautiful, and for Pastor Brett always leading us spiritually and supporting the school in every way possible.

As of this writing, our 4 year old class is full for the morning. We do not have enough students for the afternoon class to be a possibility. We have just a few spots available in the 3 year old class. Please contact the office if you know of any children who needs a preschool.

The preparations for the 50th Anniversary of the preschool have begun! We are looking for a few volunteers to help with the planning. If you are available and interested please let me know.

Email: Preschool@mtcalvarydecatour.org or call 217-454-5873.

Stitches of Love

As the year progresses our numbers increase! All items will be donated at Holiday time.

Hats: 621 Scarves: 123 Dish cloths: 203
Baby Hats: 18 Headbands: 3

Our own Preschool students will receive hats and scarves, others will be donated to CASA and local schools.

If you would like to be part of this ministry feel free to join us the 2nd or 4th Thursdays. We will loan you a loom and teach you how to use it. We can also teach you how to knit or crochet. We have yarn and crochet cotton available for you! To God be the Glory!

Venezuelan News: Volume 9

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 will catch up with a little from last month. Santi graduated six grade. Now they are saving for registration to the next school. Yili describes it as like high school to us. So, starting with middle school on. We have been in the process of collecting school supplies. Sonya's daughter, Camilla is being helped as well. (Sonya is friends with Yili, she's the mother that lost a son this year due to complications of malnutrition.) The water situation is the same. No better.

They continue having lengthy power outages. Yinette just got through a two-day outage. She kept me informed about what was happening. Saturday evening, she noticed the lights were on, in the next block over. I thought that sounded suspicious. Sure enough, late Sunday "workers" came around telling everyone in Yinette's block that they need to give 1 KG of food and the lights will be fixed. Imagine Ameren pulling up in front of your house to get your power restored and they said, we need a pound of hamburger first.

As I explained once before, I translate our bulletins every week into Spanish, so that they can follow the service along online. Yili has expressed a desire to become a "remote" member of our church. I haven't mentioned it to Yinette and Mama yet but I'm sure they would love that. Those of you that do watch Sunday mornings have likely seen Yinette. She loves to visit with people. Both Mama and Yinette love children's time. Keep in mind they don't know English (Mama & Yinette). They just want to follow along and share that time with us. I receive a short devotion from Max Lucado every day. I started translating that and sending it Yinette and Yili every day. The Max Lucado devotion is short, a few Bible passages and paragraphs. If you know Max they are very upbeat. They love this and almost everyday comment or thank me for thinking of them.

been given this last year is not money, it's her faith. I thank God for all of this.

We are going to try a new map of Venezuela. I've highlighted Maracaibo, where the families live and Lake Maracaibo. It's under that lake that the world's largest oil reserves are.

We had a very rough patch getting donations. But you, Mt. Calvary have been very generous. Pastor has told me about several people who have expressed a desire to give but just didn't know how. People who don't "do" PayPal or Venmo, etc. If you see me on Sunday morning, or Toni or Katie, just hand it to us. We direct the money to food unless you have something in mind. Food and water are most important. I thank you and I thank God for all your support. Yinette has told me that the greatest gift she's been given this last year is not money, it's her faith. I thank God for all of this.



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

A big THANK YOU to all of you! We appreciate your financial support, your encouragement and your prayers that enabled us to attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. The group worship services with thousands attending were exciting and uplifting. The Christian group, For King and Country, was amazing and our trip to N.A.S.A. was interesting. Thank you again for the opportunity to worship, learn and share God with other Christians. In Christ, Hannah Tish & Kelsie Gerhardt



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.

September 6th - Beach House

October 4th - Paul's

November 1st - Lincoln Lounge

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

FISH FRY SEPTEMBER 9

*The 2nd Annual Mt. Calvary Fish Fry will be at the Fiesler Farm
Sept 9 at 5:30 pm*

Please call or email Debbie to RSVP and let her know what dish you will bring to share.

Debbie's phone number is 217-972-0774 or email at djrob2745@yahoo.com

Sunday, September 4th

Annual Chicken Fry and Auction

This annual fundraiser helps to provide the funds needed for Camp Cilca to offer their outdoor ministries throughout the year.

10:30am Worship
11:30-2:30pm Chicken Fry Dinner
1:00pm Live Auction Begins

Mt. Calvary is supplying TWO baskets to the auction. Come out and join in the fun supporting Camp Cilca!

LWML Fall Rally

Decatur Zone will be holding their Fall Rally on Thursday, September 22, 2022. It will be held at Mt Zion Lutheran Church with signup beginning at 9:00 a.m. and rally starting at 9:30 a.m.. There will be treats served from 9 until 9:30. There is a registration fee of \$5.00. The theme for the rally is "Light Up the World with Christ" and guest speaker is Rev. Martin Eden.

Ladies Guild is no longer collecting coupons. The cost of shipping them has become too cost prohibitive.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE IN SEPTEMBER

READERS

9/4	Ashley Robinson & Sarah Barnes
9/11	Krista & Doug Gerhardt
9/18	Sheila Norman & Bonnie Seeforth
9/25	John Graff & Roger Harting

AV TECHNICIANS

9/4	Joel & Stacey Fletcher
9/11	Jim Stevens & Kelsie Gerhardt
9/18	Jim & Lyn Stevens
9/25	Joel & Stacey Fletcher

OTHER SERVANTS

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

ORGANISTS

9/4	Steve Ford
9/11	Steve Ford
9/18	Peter Miller
9/25	Lisa Peterman

ELDERS

9/4	Doug Gerhardt
9/11	John Graff
9/18	Russel Jozwiak
9/25	Dan Reynolds

MEALS ON WHEELS

9/4	Sharon & Rod Bulter
9/11	Lyn & Jim Stevens
9/18	Nancy Peck
9/25	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!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1	Ronald Augustine
9/1	Dorothy Damery
9/1	Loretta Hoehne
9/6	Lyncoln Koester
9/7	Jim Sulwer
9/8	Jeri Jeffers
9/11	Barbara Wilkerson
9/14	Russ Jozwiak
9/16	Gale Krueger
9/20	Jim Cordts
9/22	Megan Birch
9/22	Pauline O'Dell
9/27	George Roberts
9/28	Amy Aubert
9/30	Carlin Koester

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9/3	Gary & Gloria Shutter
9/8	Jeff & Debra Augustine
9/8	Rev. Mike & Dorothy Damery
9/14	Jeff & Michelle Robb
9/17	Curly & Nancy Howard
9/27	Jon & Kristin Nelson
9/30	Phillip & Angie Goode

September's "Just A Thought"

Our congregation is composed of people like me. I help to make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. The pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will be generous to others, if I am. It will be loyal, compassionate, loving, and faithful, if I am. It will show mercy, charity, and joy, if I do. This church will be a blessing to others, if I am. May this be so, to bring Glory to God. Amen.

Beth Langdon

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Prov 3:5-6

The deadline for submissions for the October Parish Pulse is Monday, September 19th.



LSA UPDATES

The 2022-2023 School Year has officially begun!

- ◆ Thank you to all who have made the start of our school year special!
 - ◇ For the special parent meet-n-greet time by SPL's I♥LSA!
 - ◇ For the pastors and church workers who are there for our students!
 - ◇ For the special coffee and snacks for teachers from Mt. Calvary!
 - ◇ For the families who chose to entrust their child's education to LSA!
 - ◇ For our Association Congregations who support this ministry!

Varsity Football and Volleyball Red/Black Scrimmage Aug 19, 6:30 pm

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 Classroom Teacher(s)
- ◆ FT Teachers Aide
- ◆ Substitute Teachers

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

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.

CID HAPPENINGS

INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

RETREAT

CID LLL Annual Retreat

September 10, 2022

9:00am - 2:00pm

Camp CILCA

4124 Camp CILCA Rd | Cantrall, IL

Registration from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Registration fee \$20.00 (includes lunch)

Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Special Guest Speakers:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Harmelink, Concordia Historical Society Institute

Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb, Administrative Assistant to the President
of the Central Illinois LCMS District

Register by September 6 by sending fee to: Deloris Blessman, 24204 CR 1850N,
Topeka, IL 61567; phone: 309-361-1461 or email: delorisbless@yahoo.com



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Fall 2022 Camp CILCA Events

ANNUAL CHICKEN FRY & AUCTION- September 4th:

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

ACT LIKE MEN: Shooting Retreat - September 17th

Men, bring your sons, grandsons, nephews, or friends along with your firearms and some ammo to take aim at Camp CILCA. Shooting provides a perfect opportunity for talk to men, young and old, about responsibility, strength, and discipline. Bible study will also focus on what it means to be a man in an increasingly confused society.

A range officer will be on hand for safety. Lunch will be served between morning and afternoon sessions. Total cost is \$15 per person. Camp CILCA will have some safety glasses and ear protection, but feel free to bring your own. Contact the camp office for more information or to register. 217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org to see the full schedule

WHIPPOORWILL CHALLENGE : Golf Outing - September 23

Hickory Point Golf Course, Forsyth IL. Check in at 11:00 am, Shotgun Start: 12:30 pm for this Scramble format (bring or join a team). Deadline to register is Sept 20. Email reydms@gmail.com. Call or text 309-335-1532. Check out CILCA.org for details about offering amount suggestions.

COMING SOON: October 1st: GRIT Run



