

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



# Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ,

Spring is here and we are together in worship as communities fed by Word and Sacrament. What a blessing our Lenten journey was. What a joy Easter Sunday was as we gathered together to worship God.

Even though Sunday school will come to an end. The break will only be for summer. Our children will be back together to learn more about Jesus in the fall. In the meantime, we will work on keeping all our kids engaged in the life of community during summer. I would encourage all of you to become acquainted with the BLOOMZ app as we move forward with lessons and activities for the young people. VBS will also be option for our kids as we partner with a number of area Lutheran churches, please see an article here in the Newsletter for details.

Community is so important for our lives. What I have found is that we truly need each other. We need each other not because we are perfect, we need each other **because** of our imperfections. We need to be able to enjoy life together. There is one reason for this. Life by its very nature is far too short. Will we be free from sin, no. Will we always be blessed with happy warm sun filled days, we live in Northwest Ohio so, no. My time as a person who is a pastor has taught me that the blessing of life with family and community is fleeting and so we need each other desperately.

The journey of life is ours, but we share it with so many people. Family is most important, and our church communities are equally vital. We live in a time and place that is full of fear, doubts, and questions. We live in a time of war, a time of economic uncertainty and a place of increasing division. We need each other and the light that shines in each of us as children of God. Despite the fear and division, we will live together in the end, and everything will be ok. I am so proud to be your pastor.

Peace,

*Pastor Bob*

# News & Notes

**Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming events! Details will come soon!**



## **1. Nursery Roll Graduation / Bible Distribution**

Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>

## **2. VBS ( Vacation Bible School)**

June 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

Zion Lutheran Church



## **3. Rally Day ( Sunday School Kick off)**

Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>

## **HUNGER PROGRAM**

Your donations to the Hunger Program will be greatly appreciated especially during this time. We are helping St. John's Lutheran in Stony Ridge and St. Paul Episcopal Church in Oregon with this endeavor. St. Paul needs all items for their food pantry. Also, St. Paul is appealing for cash and help. If you would like to drop off donations at the church, please call the office to arrange a time. Thank you!.

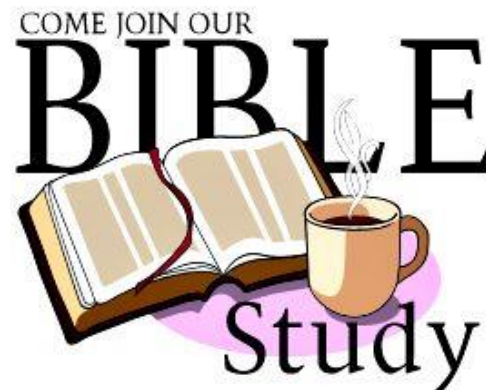
## **Morning Coffee**

Join Pastor Bob daily  
Monday thru Friday at 10:30  
a.m. on Facebook.



## **Bible Study**

Wednesday evening bible  
study will resume April 27,  
2022 at 7:00 p.m. We'll be  
studying Philippians.



## **CALVARY IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA, CALVARY HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE CALVARYLUTHERANNORTHWOOD AND ON TWITTER AT CALVARYLC. OUR WEBPAGE IS CALVARYNORTHWOOD.COM. FROM THE WEBPAGE YOU CAN SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWSLETTERS AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICES VIA EMAIL.

# "A View From The Pew"

Hi, Tom Susor here with this months "A View from The Pew". I look around the world today and the most predominant things we are directed to are angry people! People shouting at the top of their lungs their viewpoints, opinions, their beliefs. It is after all America, did we or did we not come up with the freedom of speech idea back in 1776? Of course, we did, and we are all better off because of it. We have actually shown the world the joys of life liberty and the pursuit of happiness! So, how did we get from there to where we are now? Its mind boggling as I look back on where society was in my youth verses where it is today. I can't attribute the change to any one thing. Today's societal changes are a product of a multitude of things, Industrialization has provided wondrous work saving conveniences that collectively altered and advanced our way of life, as well as the way we think. This is known as progress. Only today progress travels at lightspeed via the internet! We know longer take time for civility! We find everything we need ourselves on our own with little screens by pushing little keys and then Shazam! All the answers we need. What a wonderful tool for all to have access too. This modern marvel, this access to everything is not without its dark side and I'm not referring to the dark web. I'm speaking of the loss of human interaction. We watch our children and grandchildren sitting on a couch or around the table not speaking just focused on their phones. There's a price to pay when we forgo personal interaction with other people. We lose contact with their expressions and voice inflexions. You see a word can mean many things when it's spoken in person as the mood of the moment has a direct meaning on the content of the sentence. In a text or email the emotion of the moment is left up in the air to be interpreted by the reader. Is this a good or a bad thing? Let's continue this story a bit before we answer that question.

Let's now take a look at how we get our information these days as things have changed dramatically since there were two papers a day in T-Town. We know longer have just one or two sources for news. What was formerly 2 or 3 local TV stations are now well over 100 and growing. Today's stations are 24 hr.'s a day seven days a week. I might also add we know longer have Chet Huntley, David Brinkley, or Walter Cronkite. We are now fed 30 second sound bites of sensationalism and if we want to get more of the story, we need to go to the web page to actually find the complete story. The fact of the matter is today news is delivered in a tabloid format. It is quite obvious there is more money in creating new than in reporting news.

I have rambled on a bit now about the state of the world today and have yet to even mention my topic for this early spring version of The View from the Pew. As I have been lamenting the fast pace of today's world coupled with the "my voice is louder, so my opinion is right and yours is wrong". We then throw in the proliferation of half-truths and innuendo, stir it all up and you get ANGER!

How can we as Christians combat today societal passion for acting out in anger? We need to avoid the Will Smith moments in our lives. We can learn from The Apostle James in 1<sup>st</sup> James Chapter 1 vs 2-4 teaches us about trouble and anger as an opportunity; <sup>2</sup> ***Dear brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.***

1<sup>st</sup> James Chapter 3 vs 2 teaches us about the dangers of the tongue; <sup>2</sup> ***Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.***

1<sup>st</sup> James Chapter 3 vs 17-18 Teaches us about the kind of wisdom God would like us to have.

<sup>17</sup> ***But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. <sup>18</sup> And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.<sup>[a]</sup>***

The Lord truly Loves the peacemakers, and that is the tool to defuse anger. Please choose to take the path of peace and compromise as it will defuse anger and hate. The world can be a better place if each of us can take the time to think before we react. Often time the best response is no response as it take two people to fight. The path of the peacemaker is the Godly path.

Remember when you think that "someone should do something" that someone can be you!!!!

Peace & Love  
Tom Susor Sr.

# IN OUR CHURCH...



## In our Prayers

Jill Cousino, Bob Joehlin, Marlene Ehram, Paulette Colombo, Eleanore Sheronick, Pat Snider, Don Koenig, Jeanette Shepard, Beverly McIntosh, Ava Burkey, Emily Hyder-Jasinski, Jon Schwandner, Dan Pfouts, Craig Lake, Katie Glenn, Carole Allen, Dee Mutchler, William Putnam, Tony Sleek, Logan Murphy, Lori Jeffries, Terry & Robin Potter, Wendy Kimble, Linda Moery and Lisa Baker.

## Prayer Chain

*Are you or a loved one in need of prayer? Calvary's Prayer Chain will be most happy to pray for you/them. The person does not need to be a member of Calvary. We include **everyone** in need of prayer! To start a prayer for yourself or someone else, call Charlene at 419-836-1999. When the person no longer needs our prayers, we would appreciate knowing that as well. If you would like to be a prayer warrior, please call me at 419-836-1999. Many thanks & blessings. Charlene Hoot*

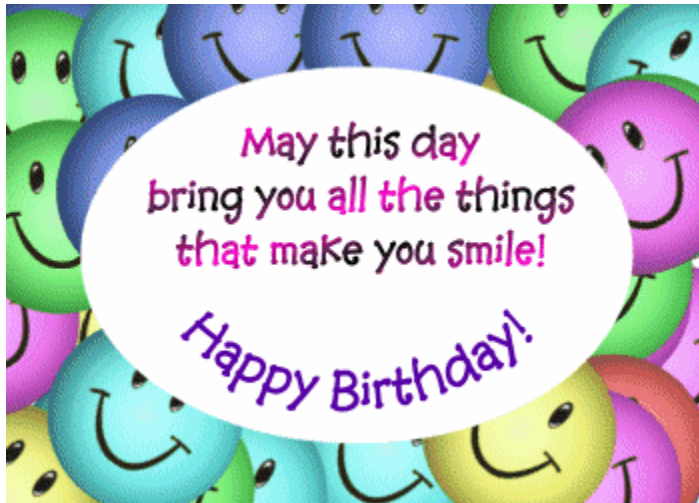
**Loaves and Fishes** Our "Loaves and Fishes" ministry has a facilitator: Parish Nurse, Jackie Langlois. When anyone in the congregation is temporarily home bound because of an illness or surgery we try to provide meals for about a week. If you are willing to prepare a meal or would be willing to make calls please call Jackie at 419-779-6283. You do NOT have to prepare a gourmet, they can either be home cooked, deli or store bought. As always your help would be greatly appreciated.





# REMEMBER OUR HOME BOUND

- Eleanor Sheronick, 3445 Fleitz Road, Oregon, OH 43616
- Lloyd (Jim Schneider, Ohio Veterans Home, 3416 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, OH 44870
- Jeanette Shepard, 5015 Parkside Drive, Oregon, OH 43616
- Marlene Fouty-Ehrsam, 2466 Luther Hills Circle #66, Oregon, OH 43616
- Mary McLaughlin, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 168, Walbridge, OH 43465
- Carol Cedoz-Allen, 3450 Seaman Road, Cottage #I, Oregon, OH 43616
- Linda Mabus, 12865 Five Point Rd, Lot 15, Perrysburg, OH 43551



## May Birthday's

Gerry Dominique	5/2
John Harmon	5/2
Vicki Puterbaugh	5/14
Kelsey Wulf	5/18
Terry Murray	5/26
Lori Hicks	5/29
Paula Hudak	5/30
Brandon Hudak	5/31

## May Anniversaries

Robert & Mary Jane Joehlin	5/3
Donald & Sherry Koenig	5/4
Mike & Paula Hudak	5/16
Ryan & Patti Hotmer	5/20

*Happy Anniversary!*



# FINANCIALS

## ONLINE GIVING

Calvary has online and mobile options for giving. You can set up an account through the church office to give weekly, monthly or other options. You can also set up an online account by going to our website and clicking on the online giving button.

You also have the option of giving and signing up with your phone or mobile device by downloading the Vanco mobile app.

If you would like assistance in doing any of this, please contact the church office.

Thank You!

## Monthly Financial Activity

**Financial information for last month will be provided in the June Newsletter.**

### **Council notes:**

**Notes from the April 4, 2022  
Congregational Meeting and Council  
Meeting will be included in the June  
Newsletter.**