

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER



Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, I have returned from the great adventure of New Orleans. The Youth Gathering was full of the energy of young people (on our last night our group sang all the way back to the hotel, filling the streets of New Orleans with music). I think we learned a lot about ourselves and about the state of our church. We saw and experienced things that were life sustaining and life draining. We walked the streets together with 16,000 of our brothers and sisters in Christ. An interesting statistic: every three years when the ELCA Youth Gathering meets, it is the largest gathering of Lutherans worldwide. No other conference or rally, no other meeting or seminar brings this many Lutherans together in one place at one time anywhere in the world. Certainly, then the argument can be made that the youth gathering is not an example of the church of the future but is in fact the church right now.

The youth of this church have a desire to be seen and heard, they need to be about the work of God in the world. Our children, for better or worse, have been taught to question everything. This questioning can lead to many concerns. The questioning can also lead to hurt and suffering as we realize the direction God is calling the church might run counter to how we were raised, or what we were taught. We heard some things at the gathering that were different. We heard about the pain of those who for many years have felt excluded by the church. We heard about loss and suffering. We heard about the scourge of war and the effect that has on children. We heard some things that I agree with and some things that I do not. There were times when God was very present for me, and other times when I wondered where God was and what God was thinking. In the end, it is up to each person to determine for themselves how this gathering impacted their own individual relationship with Jesus Christ, which really is the way it should be.

I am grateful to Ella, Jamie and Morgan for their faithfulness and openness to this event and for allowing themselves to be open and vulnerable to the Holy Spirit; She can be powerful and radical and life transforming. I am grateful to the congregations for their generous support of our trip. We ran into some extra expenses because of the computer shutdown, but we will be working with Delta Airlines to recover some if not all those expenses. I am grateful to the city; the food and people of New Orleans are still very much the same and yet very different. The first time we went there they were recovering from Katrina. The second time we went there the city was coming back but not all the way. This gathering we saw the New Orleans of tomorrow. A city much like our church being transformed by God into what God wants it to be. Are there problems yes, because humans are involved. There are also great opportunities for the city and for our church, as God brings about the world as he wants it, not how just a few think it should be.

We all are children of God. **We all are children of God.** Black and white, gay and straight, rich and poor, God calls us all to His Font and His Table in the great feast the saints in heaven and the followers of Jesus here on earth. **WE** are together in this thing called life. Life is messy, complicated and sometimes confusing, but through it all the constant is Jesus. I am so proud to be your pastor.

Peace, **Pastor Bob**

In
Loving
Memory



*Memorial donations for
Don Koenig*

*Carol Crosser
Jodd Verner & Family
William & Cathy Caldwell
Jerry & Mart Brezmaier
James & Vi Yee
Scott & Melva Eggers
Carol Corl
John Jenkins
Larry & Gerry Dominique
Gwen Neundorfer
Mary Jane Joehlin
Barry & Ann Ramlow
Jim & Cheryl Hicks
David & Sandra Combs
Charlene Hoot
Carolyn Hoot
Dee Mutchler*

JOIN US

- *Fellowship, coffee and donuts every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.*
- *Monday Manna with Pastor & SAM's Clione & Jeannine on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Tuesdays with Pastor & Tom on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Wednesday and Thursday Morning Coffee with Pastor on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.*

- *Bible Study on Zoom Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.*
- *Designing Women Thursday's at 9:00 a.m.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR MONTH OF AUGUST**



<u>DATE</u>	<u>FIRST READING</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>SECOND READING</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
August 4 th	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Ps 78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
August 11 th	1 Kings 19:4-8	Ps 34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
August 18 th	Proverbs 9:1-6	Ps 34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-22	John 6:51-58
August 25 th	Joshua 24:1-2a, 41-18	Ps 34:15-22	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69



ALTAR CARE. If you would like to volunteer to help with Altar Care please see Paula. Basic weekly duties are changing paraments as needed, set-up communion and clean up after service. Thank you.



SERVICE HELPERS NEEDED!!

We are
looking for
volunteers to
help with
Sunday
service. If you

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH!!!

are interested in Assisting the Pastor, Reading lessons or Greeting friends & guests on Sunday mornings please contact Clione Schneider.



RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH AT CHRIST LUTHERAN IN DOWLING!! WE WILL HAVE A JOINT SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.

AND!!!



CHICKEN BBQ IS
SEPTEMBER 8TH
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING
SERVICE. TICKETS
\$12.00 PER DINNER.
NO PRE-SALE.



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!

CALVARY IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA, CALVARY HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE CALVARYLUTHERANNORHWOOD 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.



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*



REMEMBER OUR HOME BOUND

- Eleanor Sheronick, 3099 Stearns Rd., Room 401, Bedford, MI 48144
- Marlene Fouty-Ehrsam, 2466 Luther Hills Circle #66, Oregon, OH 43616
- Mary McLaughlin, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 168, Walbridge, OH 43465
- Janie Kollarik, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 9, Walbridge, OH 43465
- Jill Cousino, 1706 Dier Rd., PO Box 75, Curtice, OH 43412
- Cliff & Madonna Bury, 1247 Stadium Road, Oregon, OH 43616
- Bob Joehlin, Orchard Villa, 2841 Munding Drive, Oregon, OH 43616



In our Prayers

Sandy Murray, Ann Ramlow, Jim Stepanski, Jill Cousino, Bob Joehlin, Marlene Ehram, Paulette Colombo, Eleanore Sheronick, Beverly McIntosh, Emily Hyder-Jasinski, Ava Burkey, Jon Schwandner, William Putnam, Logan Murphy, Tammy Miller, Duane Ralston, Tom Hoot, Dorothy Alred, Jocelyn Marker, Angie Mazey Noesen, Larry Fisher, Larry and Janet Schafer, Rose Robinson, Erin Biniecki, Helen Hernandez, Norma Leady and Deb Haubert.



August Birthday's

Stephanie Jenkins	8/4
Clione Schneider	8/7
Dodie Bruns	8/8
Cherri Shepard	8/10
Sandy Murray	8/18
Ann Ramlow	8/18
Gina Susor	8/28
AJ D'Amore	8/30
Pastor Bob Noble	8/31



Jim & Cheryl Hcks

August 23rd 44 yrs

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

Balance as of 5/31/24	\$499.86
June revenue	\$21,081.41
June expenses	\$21,135.68

Council notes: June 2024 meeting

***Pastor's Report:** The Synod has begun studying pastoral compensation guidelines. Joint service and picnic July 14, 2024.

***Old Business:** Kaelen Ross is now heading the Sunday Service livestream. Tickets for the June 29, 2024 BBQ are available at the office.

New Business: Earl Wells estimate for roof \$2,950.00. Cheryl Hicks continue working on Facebook, sign and web page.

Paula is working on creating a Venmo account for the church. Another way for members, visitors and guests to give.

Council will see that visitor cards are available.



Love Thy Neighbor

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Word list:

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| BUILD | HUMBLE |
| CARE | KIND |
| COMPASSIONATE | LOVE |
| ENCOURAGE | MIND |
| FORGIVE | NEIGHBOR |
| GOD | PRAY |
| HEART | SHARE |
| HELP | TREAT |

