



*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)*

We are at that time of year when a new school year is beginning. Young adults are off to college, children are excited about entering a new grade level, teachers are preparing their classrooms and administrators are making sure all systems are ready for a good school year. I give thanks this time of year for educators in both public and private institutions who devote their lives for the care and nurture of precious children, youth and young adults.

Lutherans have placed a high value on education since the earliest days of the Reformation. Martin Luther gave thanks for the gift of reason and encouraged the establishment of schools for all children. I appreciate a prayer in **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** in which we ask God "...to bless schools, colleges and universities that they may be *lively places for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom.*" I have italicized words which I think are important values for we who find the source of all truth to be found in God whom we know most clearly in Jesus Christ.

The Evangelist Matthew tells us "...Jesus went throughout Galilee, *teaching* in their synagogues and *proclaiming* the good news of the kingdom and *curing* every disease and every sickness among the people (4:23)." As Jesus ushered in the reign of God he was teaching the disciples about the faithfulness of God, the way of love and service, and what it would mean to place one's trust in God above everything else. From the earliest days of his ministry Jesus was focused on the formation of a community of faith and love that witnessed in word and deed to the reign of God breaking into the world.

Healthy Christian congregations are committed to Christian education among people of all ages, from the youngest of children to the oldest of adults. Sometimes when we hear the word "education" we think only of the imparting of knowledge. That is certainly a core element but Christian education is more than just learning the teachings of the faith. Christian education is helping people to embrace the teachings, to grow and be formed with faith and love in Christ. Hence I prefer to speak about Christian formation instead of Christian education because the goal is for the life of Christ to be formed in and among every believer in the community of faith.

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In his letter to the Romans the Apostle Paul says, "...Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect (12:2). Paul described the transformation in his own life in this way: "...I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me (Galatians 2:20). Paul knew it was a daily struggle to put away the old and let the new life of Christ shine. Thus Christian education or formation needs to be part of our lives until we breath our last.

At Calvary our Sunday School programs and confirmation classes will begin in September. I will initially be offering an Adult Forum with various speakers focusing on the outreach ministry of the congregation. I know there are some Bible studies that lay members lead and many participate in. I give thanks for the people who faithfully volunteer to teach these classes and for parents who bring their children to learn and grow in the faith. But I also wonder what other possibilities for education are yet to be imagined that would grab the hearts of people, feed our minds with knowledge and help Calvary to grow in deeper faith and love.

Healthy, vibrant, and numerically growing Christian congregations are committed to Christian education, that is the ongoing formation of Christian faith in the lives of people. One cannot grow a congregation without feeding and nurturing the faith and life of the people. As he ascended into heaven Jesus gave the disciples some marching orders that included baptizing those new to the faith and teaching them what it means to walk as servants of God. Learning is a lifelong process for the children of God. Lest we feel daunted by the challenge, the Risen Christ has promised to be with us to the end of time.

In Christ's peace and love,

Pastor Jerry Mansholt

Thank you to Scott Balfanz for the amazing Trinity Symbol that he has created for the wall in Calvary's Sanctuary.

The Trinity symbol depicts the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. These three are very unique, yet they make one being. The various colors represent the unique individuals that intertwine to make up our congregation. Each with their own gifts, talents and strengths that are combined to form our church. So out of many we are one in Christ.



A big shout out to the kids in the YMCA Summer Program, for their thoughtful donation to Calvary's Food Pantry!



## *Packer Parking*

2023 - 2024 Packer Parking Fundraiser



If you are interested in volunteering for Packer Parking, please scan the QR code below to sign up.



Contact Angel at  
[angel@calvarygb.com](mailto:angel@calvarygb.com)  
with any questions.

Or use the sign up genius link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F44ADAA2BABFB6-20232024>



### PRAYER GARDEN PLAQUES



A Prayer Garden plaque order will be placed in late September.

(Again in late March.)

If interested in placing your "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" order, carefully write the message and include your donation.

(Suggested donation \$15.)

Bring to church office.

Thank you!



For anyone that would like to volunteer for:  
Reading, Communion Assistant, Altar Guild, Acolyte:

Please go to the signup genius link below or  
you can sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.  
Please feel free to call the office with any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050549adaf22abf49-calvary#/>

### Quilter Requests

The Quilters are looking for donations of fabric, batting, thread, yarn, and twin-sized flat sheets (gently used is okay).

You can drop off donations in the drop box outside of Calvary office.

Contact Jan Gallert by email at [gallertmj@gmail.com](mailto:gallertmj@gmail.com) for additional information!





## ***The need for beds continues!***

As we continue to spread the word about what we do, more families, agencies, and school counselors are requesting beds for kids. Getting a good night's sleep is so important to the development of young growing children and having a bed of their own is a big part of that. We partnered with the Service League of Brown County in August for their back to school event and had over 70 bed requests in a short period of time.

Our volunteers have been busy delivering beds and we will be building again on Saturday September 9th to keep up with the need. Plans for a build in October are in the works.

We have now provided over 1,100 kids a place to get a good night's rest.

. With your continued help and support we want to fulfill our mission that  
**"No kid sleeps on the floor in our town"**

Dan Vermeulen  
 920-737-0359  
[dan.vermeulen@shpbeds.org](mailto:dan.vermeulen@shpbeds.org)

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### **Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build**

Join us for a bed build on  
**Saturday, September 9, 8am to Noon**  
 at the workshop located at  
 2132 E Deerfield Ave, Unit 204, in Suamico



Use the QR Code to  
 sign up, or visit  
 Calvary's Facebook  
 page for more  
 information!



### **NEW Community Shelter**

On August 8th Calvary served 181 meals at the NEW community Shelter. Many families with children received a meal (our famous Tator-Tot Casserole) that has been described at the shelter as "The best meal served all month". Thank you to all who have and continue to support this need by making food, serving and contributing funds.




## Backpack Blessing



Join us on  
**Sunday, September 10**  
during both Services!

Come with your children  
and their backpack to  
receive a blessing for the  
school year

## Teacher Blessing



Thank you teachers for  
your ministry to our youth!

*"Let my teaching fall like rain  
and my words descend like dew,  
like showers on new grass, like  
abundant rain on tender plants."*  
- Deuteronomy 32:2

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

Sept 27th is the deadline to donate school supplies for the  
School Kit Collection.

Items needed:

2 1/2" eraser, unsharpened #2 pencils, 30 centimeter ruler,  
70 sheet wide ruled notebook, box of 16 or 24 crayons,  
black or blue ballpoint pens, blunt scissors, and pencil sharpener.  
Donations can be dropped off in the basket outside the front office.



## Confirmation Registration

We are accepting  
registrations for the upcoming  
Confirmation year. Each child  
must register to attend. Forms  
can be accessed on our website  
[www.calvarygb.com](http://www.calvarygb.com)  
and can be picked up at the  
Church Office.

Forms and payments can be  
returned to the Church Office.

An Open House has been  
scheduled on  
Sunday, September 10th at  
9:15am  
Parents are required to attend.

*Hello Sunday School Families,*

*Sunday School will be starting on September 10, 2023,  
and we are so excited to see the students back in  
class. While enjoying your last-minute camps, VBS, and  
family vacations, don't forget to register your students  
for the 2023-2024 year. Please find the registration  
form in the church office, in this newsletter, or on the  
Calvary website under Education.*

*Dates to remember:*

- August 27 -Teacher Blessing (Both Services)
- September 10- Rally Day and Backpack Blessing
- October 8-Bibles for 4K and Grade 2 (Both Services)
- December 10- Christmas Program (10:30)
- April 21- First Communion (grade 3+)(10:30)

*If you have any questions, please reach out to  
Melanie at [melanie@calvarygb.com](mailto:melanie@calvarygb.com).*

Thanks!  
Melanie Brown  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
Sunday School Coordinator



Registration  
Form 2023-2024



- Please PRINT all information -

Child's Full Name

Age                      Grade (this Fall)                      Birthdate

(Primary) Address    City                      Zip Code

Full Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Email    Phone Number

- EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION -

Full Name of Emergency Contact

Email    Phone Number

## - Additional Important Information -

Child's t-shirt size (please circle one):

- |                                      |                                       |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Small | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Medium | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Large |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Small | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medium | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Large |

Does your child have any food restrictions/allergies, or any academic or other accommodations in their schooling, we should be aware of? (Please explain.)

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### Permission form: Good for 2023-2024 program year

As legal guardian, I hereby give my permission for my child to participate in all Sunday school related activities sponsored by Calvary Lutheran Church. I agree to indemnify Calvary Lutheran Church, Youth Ministers, Volunteers, and the Synod for any costs or expenses arising out of my child's participation in the activities including the cost of any medical care given my child or any expenses or fees incurred in any lawsuit arising as a result of any damage or injuries caused by my child in the course of his or her participation in the activity. I further give my consent to that in my absence the above-named minor be admitted to any hospital or medical facility for diagnosis and treatment.

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Would you like to volunteer? (Please check areas you are interested in.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School teacher  | <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Prayer Partner. Prayer Partners will receive a class roster and be asked to pray for the class and it's individual members throughout the Sunday School year. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School classroom helper                               |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School substitute teacher                             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School special event helper                           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have other gifts and talents you would like to share? |  |
| How would you like us to contact you?   |  |

Please return form on/before **August 27, 2023** to the Church Office or via email to [melanie@calvarygb.com](mailto:melanie@calvarygb.com). Thank you so much for registering for Sunday School.



**We are back in action this month at Genesis!**

Our first day of school is September 6th and we are so excited to have our classroom buzzing with excitement again. This month we will be getting to know each other, learning some fun new songs, and doing some creative art projects. One of our themes, which is always a favorite, is apples! We make art projects with them and we taste a few different kinds as well so we can decide what our favorite is.

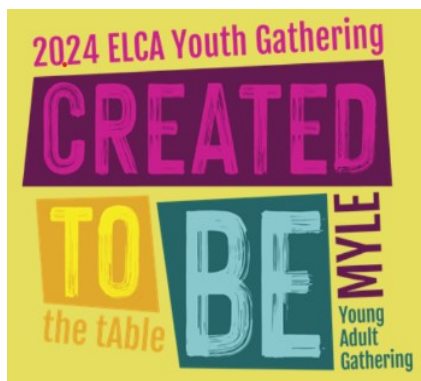


We still have openings in our program. If you have a child who is 3-4 years old and not going to kindergarten next fall, check us out! We would love to talk and show you our facility. Please call 920-494-2431 ext. 110 for more information.



**April Peterson**  
Director and Administrative Teacher  
Genesis Christian Preschool  
920-494-2431 Ext. 110

### **2024 ELCA Youth Gathering:**



Calling all youth entering into 8<sup>th</sup> grade to high school senior!! Don't miss out on this AMAZING opportunity to attend the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering taking place July 16-July 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 in New Orleans! Calvary will be taking a group of youth to this event to serve the community of New Orleans, enjoy fellowship with other ELCA youth, and to learn and grow in their faith. If you are interested in more information regarding the Gathering, please email Angel at [angel@calvarygb.com](mailto:angel@calvarygb.com).

WAIT THERE'S MORE! For the first time EVER, the Gathering is also hosting a Young Adult Gathering during the same time! This event is for those aged 18-35 at the time of the gathering and will run in correlation with the youth gathering. This is an awesome opportunity for young adults to experience the gathering in a setting that may be more aged appropriate. We will all be traveling together for these events! If you are interested in the Young Adult Gathering and would like more information, please email Angel at [angel@calvarygb.com](mailto:angel@calvarygb.com)



## Volunteer Appreciation Day

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday that was held on 8/6/23, was a wonderful day. There was music, food and games for all ages! Thank you Volunteers! Your time and talents are a blessing to Calvary and we want to say Thank you!

We were honored to have Pastor Katy preach at our service for that morning before she began her call at St. Luke's in Morgan, WI.

Also, thank you to Talk of the Town for performing at the service as part of Volunteer Appreciation Sunday.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

2023 Vacation Bible School enjoyed the wonderful weather this summer! The students played, learned, and created 'Under the Big Top'. Huge thank you for all the teachers who made this week a success. Your kindness and care for the students was amazing! The students learned to pray like Daniel, trust like Jonah, and be strong like Samson. We ended the week learning about Jesus and his resurrection!

Thank you to the families for bringing your children to learn with us this week! We had so much fun with the students We are excited for next year's Vacation Bible School. Stay tuned for dates being announced soon!





## Calvary Lutheran Church Staff

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# What's Happening

## We Care About You!

To receive a pastoral call and communion,  
please call the Church Office at  
920-494-2431

Pastors and Communion  
Volunteers would love to  
bring communion and  
pray with you!



## Fall Worship Service

Schedule resumes on  
**September 10.**

Sunday worship times are  
**8:00am and 10:30am.**

Thursday worship time  
remains at 6:00pm.

Watch us on



Just a reminder that you can watch Sunday

Worship on Calvary's YouTube channel.

Please go to our website

<https://www.calvarygb.com/home>

and click on the

[Calvary's YouTube Channel](#)





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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays: 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

***The Visitor*** is the monthly newsletter of Calvary Lutheran Church. Information for the newsletter can be dropped off at the Church Office or emailed to: [dawn@calvarygb.com](mailto:dawn@calvarygb.com). ***The deadline for the September issue is August 18, 2023.***

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