

# September 2020

Mt. Calvary Messenger  
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church  
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**HAPPY Birthday!**

- 2- Lois England
- 4- Fern Harding
- 8- Dee Lipe
- 10- Sarah Stewart
- 11 - Ava Sebben
- 12- Leah Koch
- 13- Jonathan Whittle
- 17- Katelyn Engel
- 17- Evelyn Van Winkle
- 18- Rebecca Lindsey
- 20- Greg Donley
- 20- Anita Reinertsen
- 28- Kayla Bird
- 29- Janalee Gutierrez
- 29- Derek Koch

- 2- Pastor & Melanie Sommerer
- 15- Raoul & Anita Reinertsen
- 19- Derek & Leah Koch
- 29- Theresa & Gerald Clark

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**Attendance for the month of August**

Date	Worship	Communion
8/2	47	43
8/9	69	59
8/16	77	52
8/23	59	49
8/30		

***In Our Prayers***

**Health concerns:**

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Joyce Wolfe                                      | Dan Brackett       |
| Debra Hughes                                     | Kim Noe            |
| Missy Montgomery                                 | Theresa Clark      |
| Tom England                                      | Walter Walker      |
| Fern Harding                                     | Arlene Hazlett     |
| Janalee Gutierrez                                | Guy Hood           |
| Rose Morris                                      | Bev Donley         |
| William Burkhardt                                | Louis Linnenburger |
| Anita Reinertsen                                 |                    |
| Kim Brackett- friend of the Nichols Family       |                    |
| Rae Marie- Theresa Clark's mother                |                    |
| Glenn - Lori Kugler's brother                    |                    |
| Donna- Arlene Hazlett's sister battling leukemia |                    |

**Others:**

- Pastor Meeker, Deaconess Lorna and the Kenya Mission
- Sgt Daniel Colombo (Chelsea Macek's husband) deployed to Kuwait
- SPC Douglas Havens- deployed in the Middle East
- LCpl Kaleb Karssen- deployed
- Our nation, our world, our leaders, our neighbors
- Our healthcare workers: Tom, Mark, Jared, Gabby, Evelyn, Diane, Kathy, Shelly, Deb, Lori, Becca

**Baptism Birthdays**

- 9-4 Micah Sommerer
- 9-9 Charles III Carlson
- 9-9 Jana Carlson
- 9-9 Mason Carlson
- 9-16 Tony Robertson
- 9-28 Ava Kersh
- 9-28 Emmie Kersh
- 9-28 Isabel Kersh
- 9-28 Jacie Kersh
- 9-28 Jason Kersh
- 9-28 Sherry Kersh
- 9-28 Daenerys Torres Wells
- 9-30 Fern Harding
- 9-30 Leah Koch

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Mark 16:16a

## Preschool News

Our preschool will be following District 205 and delaying the start of in-person classes.

In the meantime we are making "learning kits" which follow our scheduled weekly topics. We are including a video each week with songs and stories.

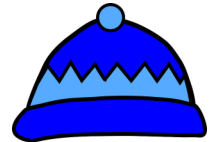
Please keep our school families in your prayers!

## Hats of Love

Will meet on Sept. 29th at 3:00 p.m.

Please drop off all items beforehand if you cannot come.

They are grateful for donations of yarn, quart and 2 Gallon size bags and flannel material. Contact Rose with any questions.



The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his  
love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

## Camp CILCA's Chicken Dinner, Sun Sept 6, 2020, 11:30am - 2:00pm.



Meals are \$10 each and include a 1/2 roasted chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, desserts, and drinks. **Meals must be ordered in advance by September 1.** You can call the camp office (217-487-7497) or order online at <https://nelsonscatering.com/camp-cilca/>

Due to COVID, the annual **Camp CILCA Auction Fundraiser**, usually held on the same day as the Chicken Fry, will be conducted a little differently this year. It will be online on FACEBOOK ONLY! You do not need to be a Facebook user to participate in the Auction. The list of items available at the Auction will be posted by August 17. Along with that list will be instructions as to how to bid, etc. The ending date for bidding will be announced soon. Visit Camp CILCA ([www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org)), Events/Retreats, Auction Items. Keep checking the list of Auction items (new gifts will continue being added) and keep bidding!



We will be starting up  
Sunday morning Bible Class  
and Sunday School  
again beginning September 6th!  
Join us as you are able!



We will meet from 9:15am to 10:00am. The adults will be spread out in the gym and the kids will be meeting upstairs in the “craft room” to allow them to spread out also.

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Remember those fighting for our country  
& keep them in your prayers!

Sgt Daniel Colombo    SPC Douglas Havens

LCpl Kaleb Karssen



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## LWML



Will meet on Thursday Sept. 3rd at 1 p.m. in the gym.  
JoAnn has the topic, Mina will be the hostess  
and roll call will be Christ.

The LWML Fall Rally will be held at  
Concordia, Geneseo on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, 2020.  
Registration begins at 8:30am and t  
he opening is at 9am.

Transportation is being provided by Pastor.  
If you are interested in attending, please let JoAnn know.

*Have I not commanded you?*

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be  
dismayed, for the Lord you God is with you wherever you go.*

*Joshua 1:9*

Lord God, merciful Father, You set creation and humanity in order together. You give children into the care of fathers and mothers that they may be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and you desire that they grow in knowledge and love for useful service to family, Church, and nation. Hold in Your care all students, teachers, and parents in the schools and homes of our land. Give them protection and preserve them in good health. Grant patience to those in authority and lead them to use it courageously for the good of those in their charge. Give eagerness, diligence and delight to those who learn, that they may grow in understanding of this world, and of Your Word for the benefit of all people, both in this life and for the life to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday - September 13, 2020

Twenty-three students (9 seminarians and 14 undergraduate students) were given grants by our CID Scholarship Committee this year. Thanks to substantial gifts given by the Seider Scholarship Endowment, the CID LWML, the CID Church Extension Fund, and our CID Education Foundation, as well as many generous gifts given by faithful Lutherans like you, \$114,000 was awarded to help offset \$339,666 worth of unmet financial needs. Unmet needs are the responsibility of the student after scholarships, grants, parental assistance, expected congregational gifts, and the like are subtracted from the total cost of education.

You can help ease their burden with your gift to the Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday appeal. By indicating on your check or envelope you can choose to give all or part of your gift to go directly toward helping our 2020-2021 students by designating "CID Scholarship Fund" or you may choose to make a gift directly to the CID Endowment Fund. The income from the CID Endowment Fund will be used to make need-based grants to our students for years to come.

A special envelope, "Will They Always Be There?", is available at your church, should you like to use one, to make a gift through your local congregation or you may send your gift directly to the Central Illinois District Education Fund, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626.

Once again I want to stress the importance of providing these need-based grants to our CID students attending our seminaries and Concordia Universities as they prepare for careers in full-time church work. The ever-increasing cost of education is creating enormous education debt for many of these servants of God. Together, our generosity may be the difference that allows them to continue their studies and helps relieve the burden of their educational debt.

If you are considering a major gift, a gift of appreciated assets, or a gift through your estate, you may contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or by email at [c-olander@msn.com](mailto:c-olander@msn.com) for assistance. Thank you.

## LCMS Stewardship Ministry – September 2020

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil (those who live contrary to God’s will) and to reward those who do good (those whose lives are lived in conformity with God’s will). Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God’s temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God’s own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God’s will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God place a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence; on our prayers; and our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

*“The apostles returned to Jesus and told Him all that they had done and taught. And He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” Mark 6:30-31*

Labor Day is coming... a day to celebrate Labor – by that we usually mean unions, but this month I’ll celebrate rest instead. I pray that your summer has given you at least a little time to rest and relax. I thought about the above passage when it recently appeared in our Gospel lessons for Sunday morning service... and I thought how sometimes we almost feel guilty for taking time to relax... or we refuse to take time for recreation because we feel ourselves somehow indispensable.

So many competing responsibilities vie for our attention from day to day, that it can be easy to forget to take time to recharge. When our batteries get low, our families suffer, work suffers, sleep suffers, general contentment and peace in life suffers. And sometimes we feel ourselves doing God a great service by running ourselves into the ground. God calls us to labor for His Kingdom... but Jesus understood how badly the disciples needed a break to be with Him – and to be away from the constant, crushing crowds.

Nowadays, our lives are awfully congested... Time-saving tools, like computers, smart phones, etc, don’t make life simpler. They have a way of enslaving us to being available 100% of the time... to always needing to be plugged in... to never being alone with God, for ourselves and with our families. Usually the first casualty of an over-busy schedule is worship. How often do I hear: Sunday is my day to sleep in; my day to mow lawn; my day to get away. But that only begins a vicious cycle, because in not hearing the Word, we are missing the One who is the Refuge of the Weary, the One who said, *“Come to Me, you who are weary and heavy-burdened; and I will give you rest.”*

If your life is that busy, skipping church won’t help; it’ll actually keep you from meeting the goal of recharging the batteries, because you’re starving your soul. Rather, I’d suggest re-examining the priorities, setting aside the Divine Service as first, then family, then work, etc. I think in simply seeing Divine Service as a positive time to be in the Word and prayer – to have the phone off – no work to accomplish; to let God do what He promises to do in His Word and Sacraments – forgive our sins and strengthen and renew us in faith and life. Then we can begin to receive God’s strength to bear the other challenges of life. Pandemics don’t undo the importance and necessity of receiving God’s gifts. God’s Word still remains true: *“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us all the more encourage one another as we see the day approaching”*(Heb.10:25).

And once you’ve re-established the priorities of your home and life around the *“one thing needful”*(Luke10:38-42), I’m certain that God will bring joy and Divine aid to carry you through the week. When you hear God’s Word regularly, it helps keep perspective from the terrorism campaign being waged by our media around Covid 19. (Can only really be compared to their delight over late summer hurricanes.) All that said – keeping God first in your life – also realize that it’s healthy to rest sometimes. The world can get by without you. You’ll find yourself much more able to serve God and family and neighbor joyfully if you don’t wear yourself to a frazzle.

Often you don’t get this right; Neither do I. Only one could be on the job 100% of the day, and, yet, pray through the long evenings. Jesus lived perfectly for you. He loves you. His strength embraces you in your weakness. Whether you’re on the job or catching a nap on your couch, you belong to Him... and in Him you find your true joy and strength. Pray God’s Holy Spirit to give you wisdom to order your life and refresh your hope and know that God is faithful to you yesterday, today and forever.

**Dear Jesus, thank you for all the vocations that you call me to serve you and live for you and for my neighbor. And thank you for days of rest and refreshment, and for your Word that gives me life. Help me to enjoy my labor and be refreshed by down times. In labor and in rest, encourage me by Your Word. Amen.**