

GOD BLESS AMERICA




July 2021

Mt. Calvary Messenger
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 LWML Potluck 12 noon	2	3
					Pastor & family gone	
4 Rev. Bud Hagen Bible Study 9:00am Divine Service 10:00 am Pastor gone	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Sunday School & Bible Study 9:00am Divine Service 10:00 am	12 Leah out of the office	13	14	15	16 VBS registration closes	17
18 Sunday School & Bible Study 9:00am Divine Service 10:00 am VBS Meeting 11:30am	19	20	21	22	23	24 Rummage Sale! 8am-1pm
25 Sunday School & Bible Study 9:00am Divine Service 10:00 am Voter's Meeting 11:30am	26	27 Hats of Love 3 p.m.	28	29	30	31

Happy Birthday

2- Shelly Harding
7- Richard Stine
7- Karen Ramage
7- Glenemay Gustavus
8- Montana Bennett
8- David Whittle
9- Louis Linnenburger
12- Genevieve England
12- Jules Henry
12- Lucas Knussman
13- Ezra Sommerer
13- Wally Walker
19- Gary Peterson
20- Ruth Robertson
22- Mike Martinie
23- Debra Hughes
27- Jana Carlson
31- Chelsea Macek
31- Jeanie Whittle

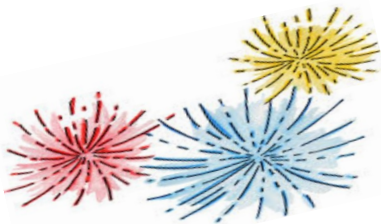
Happy Anniversary

11- Keith & Evelyn England
12- Dean & Darla Westergreen
21- Mark & Shari Meeker
24- Dale & Donna Bolin
30- Bob & Karen Ramage

Baptism Birthdays

7-1 Fred McGunnigal
7-3 Nancy Lindberg
7-9 Joshua Peterson
7-26 Ezra Sommerer
7-27 Owen Wolfe

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



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Have a happy,
fun and safe
4th of July!

Attendance for the month of June

Date	Worship	Communion
6/6	65	
6/13	80	62
6/20	81	65
6/27		

In Our Prayers

Health concerns:

Joyce Wolfe	Dan Brackett	Debra Hughes
Kim Noe	Missy Montgomery	Theresa Clark
Walter Walker	Fern Harding	Guy Hood
Julie Jordan-Brandt	Janalee Gutierrez	Rose Morris
Bev Donley	William Burkhardt	Eileen Laugesen
Louis Linnenburger	Anita Reinertsen	Mina Montgomery

Allie Clark -fighting cancer
Lorren (fiancé of Kevin Clark)- in St Francis, Peoria
Roger Heinecke (Kim Noe's father) recovering from a heart attack

Others:

Bob & Karen Ramage and family at the passing of their son, Michael
Walter Walker - currently on hospice at Assisted Living-Hawthorne Center
Lisa Corps- fostering a little girl
Pastor Meeker, Deaconess Lorna and the Kenya Mission
Sgt Daniel Colombo- stationed in Fort Collins, CO
SPC Douglas Havens- stationed at Fort Drum, NY
Cpl Kaleb Karsen- stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA
Our nation, our world, our leaders, our neighbors
Our healthcare workers: Tom, Mark, Jared, Gabby, Evelyn, Diane, Kathy, Shelly,
Deb, Lori, Beka

Blessing Bags for Blessing Boxes

is an initiative by the Evangelism Committee to help those less-fortunate in Galesburg. Items will be collected and placed in ziploc bags and be distributed to the 21 Blessings Boxes around Galesburg.



Items that are being collected include: tube socks, washcloths, travel size: deodorant, soap, combs, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes.



All donations can be dropped off in the box in the entryway marked for blessing bag donations.

We have been able to make 12 bags to distribute so far! Thank you!

This will be an ongoing project for the Evangelism Committee and we are thankful for everyone at Mt. Calvary who contributes and helps us serve those around us! Thank you!



Pastor Sommerer and family will be out of town over the 4th of July weekend (Friday-Sunday). Rev. Bud Hagen will be our guest pastor on Sunday, July 4th. Vicar Michael Wilke of St. John's- East Moline will be on call for any emergencies. If you need assistance while Pastor is gone, please call the office or Leah directly.

CIF is making pies again this fall and would love it if you would think about them as you have extra fruit this summer!



We will have our voter's meeting on July 25th after church. Come join us for lunch (provided by stewardship) and hear what is going on with our church!

LWML will meet on July 1st for their summer potluck meal at church at 12:00pm. Bring a dish to pass, and family is welcome to come!



Please join us to celebrate
Jim & Dee Lipe's 50th Wedding Anniversary

on Sunday, August 1st from 2-4 pm
in the church gymnasium.
The couple requests gifts be omitted.



If you are unable to attend and would like to send a card, you may mail it
c/o Jennifer DeWolfe, 451 N Henderson St, Galesburg, IL 61401
or place it in Jennifer's mailbox at church.



**Mt. Calvary Annual Rummage Sale
will be July 24th from 8am-1pm!**

Donations will be taken from July 11th to July 21st! **Please make sure your donations are clean, usable and in good repair!!**

We will need volunteers to help that day and also to help load and transport remaining goods to Goodwill following the sale. Please let Leah or Shelly know if you will be able to help! All help will be appreciated!!

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter article – July 2021

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1).

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties – the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age have devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness – a license to do what we want, when we want. This license is a submission again to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires and slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the Church. God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves. God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God’s servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

CPH Bible Sale

CPH is having a Bible Sale through the end of July. If you order through Mt. Calvary, you will receive discounts. Children’s Bibles, Devotional Bibles, Study Bibles, Large Print are on sale.



If you have questions, talk to Leah in the office. The deadline to have your order in will be July 25th!

Go to <https://cph.org/biblesale> to peruse all the items on sale!

“How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.”

The deep passion and care that rings out through those words, certainly stirs the imagination. One can imagine a young suitor going to great lengths to show his beloved the depth of his love lavishly showering attention and care, extravagantly bestowing affection. The mind races. The heart pitter-patters through the possibilities – the candle-light dinners, the roses and chocolates... All charming images to consider, but can such a love as this also be reckless or even destructive? Perhaps, young suitor is a bit over-extravagant selecting a wedding ring. Perhaps, in his zeal young suitor buries his future family in credit card debt. Perhaps, his beloved begins to base her assurance and confidence in said suitor by the volume and expense of his gifts. Something beautiful has gone seriously, even sickeningly, wrong.


As another example of love gone wrong one might consider the family. When a parent is unwilling to force the child to do something good for them, another kind of love has taken over – the self-love that seeks never to be made uncomfortable confronting serious issues. For example, a parent who does not ask their child to do any of the following if they don't want to: eat healthy food; get enough sleep; go to school; go to church and Sunday school; confirmation or midweek; etc. Is the child's church attendance/diet/sleep unimportant or is it simply easier to go along to get along?

Nowadays, Luther would have gotten very low marks. In His Preface to the Small Catechism, he wrote: “Those who refuse to learn (their catechism) are to be told that they are denying Christ and do not belong to Him...not to be admitted to the Sacrament, accepted as sponsors at Baptism, or allowed to exercise Christian liberty in any way... Moreover, their parents and supervisors should refuse them food and drink.” Hardly, the sort of comments one expects to grace the inside of a greeting card this Mother's Day.

There is no love where there is not discipline. The Book of Hebrews (ch.12) says, *“God disciplines those whom He loves, as a loving Father disciplines His children.”* God's discipline teaches us to *“fix our eyes on Jesus”*(Heb.12; Rom.5:3f). God's discipline shows me that no matter how self-important, proud, wealthy, popular, powerful or independent I become, I am nothing without God's hand there to sustain me: *“He opens His hands and satisfies the desires of every living thing”*(Ps.145) and *“apart from Him we can do nothing”*(John15:5).

God disciplines His children, because He loves us and His highest aim is not so much our earthly happiness as our eternal salvation. Remember God sent His own Son to die and rise to make that salvation yours. It stands to reason he would take it very seriously that we not squander that gift, but that He works even behind the hardships and losses and sufferings of life for our eternal benefit and good. Roman says, *“God works all things for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.”* That doesn't mean all things will go smoothly. It means in God's wisdom – they will work out for the good of His people – possibly (likely!), in ways that we will never understand or imagine.

Love is not tyrannical. Love is not over-bearing or demeaning. Love is *“patient, kind, not envious, not boastful, not proud, not rude, not self-seeking or easily angered... (1Cor.13)”* But it's equally true that love must involve respect and discipline for a love to be godly. In 1 Samuel 2, Eli the High Priest spoiled his children rotten. His two sons



were never disciplined from childhood on by their father. God asked Eli: “*Why do you honor your sons more than me?*” (In other words, why do you care more about your kids’ feelings than Mine.) Ultimately, God judged the spoiled behavior of Eli’s sons with death – the grief over which killed Eli. Happy will be the home that takes to heart the need for love sometimes to be tough, heeding the words of Proverbs: “*Do not withhold discipline from a child; If you punish him with the rod, he will not die. Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death(23:13).*”

We are thankful for the gift of Christian parents, who cared enough not to indulge our every whim (and there were many!), sharing with us that which is most important for our salvation – a faith solidly grounded in Christ. A Christian parent sees their role - not as their child’s best friend - but their parent. God Himself cares for children through parents, which brings tremendous dignity and honor to this station in life. Children honor God by respecting their parents. Christian parents take seriously their role as “masks” for God, those who speak the very Word of God to their children, pray with them, feed them, bring them to the services of God’s house, and yes, discipline them.

For Luther, there could be no higher vocation in life than that of wife and mother or husband and father. No other station in life provided such opportunity to “*take up the cross and follow Jesus.*” No other station involved such often thankless and difficult work. If Christ could say that in clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, tending the sick “*what was done for the least of these was done for Him*”, no station more than parent is so often called to lives up to those awesome tasks. Of course, none of those works by mom or dad or by anyone else merits salvation before God, but we sure are thankful to God and to our mothers and fathers!

Love in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Steve Sommerer

1 James Dobson wrote an excellent book called Love Must Be Tough.



**Join us for Mt. Calvary VBS
Aug. 2nd to Aug. 6th!**

Dinner served from 5:15pm-6:00pm
Program from 6:00pm– 8:15pm

- *Parents are welcome to stay and eat dinner with your kids!
- *Call the church office with any questions (342-7083)
- *Due to COVID **no walk-ins allowed: you must register by July 16th to attend!!**
- *We have posted this on Facebook, please share with your friends if they want to come or have attended in the past!

Link to register:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/MtCalvaryLutheranChurch1/VBSRainforestExplorers2021>