



# August 2021

Mt. Calvary Messenger  
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| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|-----|
| 1<br>Sunday School &<br>Bible Study<br>8:45am<br>Divine Service<br>10:00 am<br>Elder's Meeting<br>11:30am<br>Lipe Ann. 2-4pm | 2<br>VBS Dinner<br>5:15pm-6pm<br>VBS Program<br>6pm-8:15pm | 3<br>VBS Dinner<br>5:15pm-6pm<br>VBS Program<br>6pm-8:15pm | 4<br>Crafters meet<br>10am-12pm<br>VBS Dinner<br>5:15pm-6pm<br>VBS Program<br>6pm-8:15pm | 5<br>LWML<br>1pm<br>VBS Dinner<br>5:15pm-6pm<br>VBS Program<br>6pm-8:15pm | 6<br>VBS Dinner<br>5:15pm-6pm<br>VBS Program<br>6pm-8:15pm | 7   |
| 8<br>Sunday School &<br>Bible Study<br>8:45 am<br>Divine Service<br>10:00 am   | 9  | 10   | 11   | 12  | 13   | 14  |
| 15<br>Sunday School &<br>Bible Study<br>8:45 am<br>Divine Service<br>10:00 am  | 16   | 17   | 18   | 19  | 20   | 21  |
| 22<br>Sunday School &<br>Bible Study<br>8:45am<br>Divine Service<br>10:00 am   | 23   | 24<br>Hats of Love<br>3pm                                  | 25   | 26  | 27   | 28  |
| 29<br>Sunday School &<br>Bible Study<br>8:45am<br>Divine Service<br>10:00 am   | 30   | 31<br>First Day of<br>Preschool                            |  |   |  |     |

## Happy Birthday

- 5- Carrie McCance
- 5- Lori Engel
- 5- Avery Wolfe
- 6- Daniel Sommerer
- 7- Eileen Laugesen
- 8- Tim Laugesen
- 8- Micah Sommerer
- 10- Leah Kugler
- 15 - Sophia Sebben
- 18- Lori Kugler
- 20- Jason Kersh
- 23- Jim Welch
- 24- Laura Nichols

- 1- Jim & Dee Lipe
- 6- Matt & Gwen Wells
- 16-Michael & Kayla Bird
- 19-Ron & Nancy Lindberg

Happy  
Anniversary

## Attendance for the month of July

| Date | Worship | Communion |
|------|---------|-----------|
| 7/4  | 64      | 57        |
| 7/11 | 62      | 51        |
| 7/18 | 72      | 62        |
| 7/25 | 76      | 67        |

## Baptism Birthdays

- 8-3 Ruth Robertson
- 8-6 Montana Bernett
- 8-10 Glenemay Gustavus
- 8-13 Laura Nichols
- 8-13 Robert Nichols
- 8-14 Karen Ramage
- 8-19 Daniel Sommerer
- 8-19 Genevieve England
- 8-20 David Whittle

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

## *In Our Prayers*

### **Health concerns:**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Joyce Wolfe   | Dan Brackett        |
| Debra Hughes  | Mina Montgomery     |
| Kim Noe   | Theresa Clark       |
| Walter Walker   | Fern Harding        |
| Janalee Gutierrez                                     | Guy Hood            |
| Rose Morris   | Julie Jordan-Brandt |
| Bev Donley  | Missy Montgomery    |
| William Burkhardt                                     | Louis Linnenburger  |
| Anita Reinertsen                                      | Eileen Laugesen     |
| Tamara Liebmann                                       |                     |
| Allie Clark -fighting cancer                          |                     |
| Lorren (fiancé of Kevin Clark)- in St Francis, Peoria |                     |
| Roger Heinecke (Kim Noe's father) recovering          |                     |

### **Others:**

Walter Walker - at Seminary Manor open for short visits  
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 Karssen- 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

## Voter's Meeting Summary

At the Voter's Meeting on July 25th, 5 new voting members were welcomed: Dalton Engel, Kyle Engel, Jana Carlson, Marc Kugler and Julie Jordan-Brandt.

It was reported that the rummage sale current total is \$1,683.16 with a few more monetary donations to come in.

2020-2021 Fiscal year ended June 30th. Reports for current accounts was given. The big expense in the 4th quarter was paying for the preschool fire doors. (Leah can provide account paperwork if you would like it).

Preschool will begin August 31. Please keep the teachers and students in your prayers as we begin a new school year! VBS is Aug. 2-Aug. 6 and we have 75 kids signed up for it! Youth are getting ready to fundraise for their Youth Gathering trip next summer!

Per the Elders: Mt. Calvary has returned to one service and to communing at the altar. Ushers are resuming duties for directing during communion, passing the offering plate and ushering out at the end of the service. Marc Kugler has joined the Elders and will be learning the ropes for the next couple months before beginning duties.

Pastor reminded that anyone who is unable to attend church, enters the hospital or is confined to home, only need to call the office and let us know so that we can continue to serve you while you are unable to come to God's House. If you are communing in the pews during our Sunday service, the Common Cup will be used, if you would prefer an individual cup, please let the Elder's know before the service begins.

Properties: Fire doors are completed. Out of concern for properties members health— a motion was made to hire a company to remove the insulation on the gym walls, to be paid for out of the Endowment Fund. (removing the insulation on the walls is part of the fire marshal requirements). This motion was seconded and approved by the voting members present. The hope is to have the gym ready this fall so preschool can use it. Termites have been observed down the center aisle in church, Four Seasons came and treated the areas and the north side foundation and the situation will continue to be monitored. Four Seasons suggested raising the ground level on the north side of the church to slope away from the building— (that job is in the works)— watch for a possible work day!

At the October Voter's Meeting we will be holding elections on the positions for Stewardship, Evangelism and Secretary.

(If you would like the paperwork provided at the meeting, please let Leah know and she can get it to you!)



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### Camp Cilca Annual Chicken Fry & Auction

Sept. 5th, 2021

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am - 2:30pm Chicken Fry Dinner

1:00pm Live Auction Begins

*A great way to support our local LCMS Christian camp!*

## Knox County Right to Life

**7x7x7 Prayer** 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7 words: Lord, please, stop abortion in this country.



The Women's Pregnancy Center of Galesburg will have a  
**Drive-Thru Baby Shower**  
on August 7 from 9am-11am.

This event is hosted by Knox County Right to Life and held at Colonial Baptist Church (1232 W Fremont St)-  
entering on Fremont and exiting on Court St.

**Items most needed:** diapers size 4,5,6, crib sheets and mattresses.

Monetary donations are welcomes to help cover expenses as well.

The **next monthly meeting** of Knox County Right to Life is on Tuesday, August 10th at St. Patrick's Church at 858 S. Academy St. Meeting will begin at 7pm and includes education.

The **annual Right to Life Christmas Ornament** will be on sale soon! This year's anticipated design will be a gorgeous snowman with lots of red and green. You will be able to personalize with the names of the purchasers families. Orders will be taken mid-August through the end of September! Keep an eye out for order forms soon!



**Pro-Life Legislation:** The Illinois General Assembly could soon vote on HB1797 and SB2091 to repeal the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. "Pro-life advocates still need to pay attention and be ready to fight against pro-abortion legislation. It could come back sooner than you might think." Another concern noted by the Illinois Federation for Right to Life refers to President Biden's budget request to remove Hyde Amendment protections. IFRL notes the following: "On Friday, May 28, President Joe Biden submitted his final budget request to Congress for the 2022 fiscal year. His proposal removes 45-year-old Hyde Amendment language from the federal budget, allowing even more federal tax dollars to fund abortions." Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life, notes that this budget request shows the President's "allegiance to the extremism of pro-abortion groups and their allies." Jennifer Popik, legislative director of National Right to Life reminds us that "The Hyde Amendment is widely recognized as having saved over two million American lives since it was first adopted in 1976." Please pay attention to what is happening in the state and federal legislative bodies and keep in touch with your representatives about our concerns.

**Knox County Right to Life Annual Essay Contest:** Knox County Right to Life is sponsoring its Seventh Annual Essay Contest for students, with cash prizes up to \$200.00. The contest is open to junior high and senior high school aged students, in grades 6 through 12, in Knox County. Students must submit an essay not to exceed 500 words on the topic ***"We know that abortion hurts women and kills babies, but how does it harm us as a nation? Do we as a people suffer from the effects of abortion?"***

Submissions will be accepted during the month of September, through the final due date of September 30<sup>th</sup>. Essay submissions may be mailed to R. Flesher, 683 N. Cherry St., #305, Galesburg, IL 61401 or emailed to [rflesher007@yahoo.com](mailto:rflesher007@yahoo.com). Please include your school name or email contact information for result notifications.

40 Days of Life, Life Chain and Festival of Life (held in October) information coming soon!

## Pray for our Preschool!

Preschool will be starting the school year on August 31st. We will have orientation for parents the week before and we ask that you keep the teachers, staff, parents, students and all involved in our preschool in your prayers as they start working towards a new school year!



LWML will meet on August 5th at 1:00pm for their monthly meeting. Roll call will be Oxen. Ruth will have the topic and Merrily will be the hostess.



For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
Colossians 1:16-17

Watch for youth fundraisers announcements coming soon! The youth have a year before the Youth Gathering in Houston! Pray with us that they can be blessed by the gathering and that we can help them achieve their fundraising goals before they go!

**Crafters** is a group here at Mt. Calvary that will meet once a month (the first Wednesday of every month) from 10am-12pm. If you are a craft person and would enjoy some fellowship while you work, bring your supplies and come join them in the gym.

\*If you are wanting to learn how to knit socks— you will need size 5 double pointed needles and worsted weight yarn.



For any questions— contact Teri Clark at (773-315-4952)



## LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter – August 2021

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3). And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures; who gave her everything she had; who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil; who called her by the gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament; would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts, it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us. We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Galatians 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So, what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide. We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Corinthians 16:1–2, 2 Corinthians 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7)!

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, and without resources for the poor and needy.

In short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us. For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matthew 22:34–40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.

“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

As school and confirmation classes begin for the fall, our thoughts turn to Christian education. Responsible parents take seriously the importance of education for the future of their children. How much more will Christian parents recognize that it's even more important to prepare their children for their eternal futures.

The family is the primary conduit for transmitting the faith. God appoints Christian fathers as the spiritual leaders in their families(Eph.5:22-31; 6:4); Christian fathers and mothers as the primary teachers, who pray with and read the Scriptures with their little ones(Deut.6:7).

The greatest way we can help is Sunday Divine Service and Sunday School where children are blessed, not only by the Word proclaimed, but by the example and love of faithful parents for whom this is THE IMPORTANT PRIORITY... (Remember mom and dad, more is caught than taught!) Mid-week and confirmation classes are also offered to this end... as well as Portals of Prayer for family devotions; the Lutheran Witness (which every Lutheran home should receive ((call church office))).

In my family, I want very deeply to transmit my Lutheran faith, because I believe that Luther restored the truth that we are saved by Jesus alone... and by extension the teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod most faithfully (in line with Scripture) point me to Jesus for my assurance and comfort of salvation; as well as, most perfectly give glory to God for His saving work... “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord,” St. Paul wrote, 1Cor.1:31; Eph.2:9. The catechism, the hymnal, and Scripture are at the center of my home “disciple-ing” because they are true and faithful. Get out and re-read your Catechism to remember and understand how perfectly it summarizes the teaching of God's Word.

To see how very important it is to learn-by-heart the catechism, hymns, and Scripture one needs only visit the nursing home to see the powerful comfort many of our elderly people derive from the things they were taught so long ago. Often, when nothing else seems to be remembered these elderly saints will know exactly how to confess their sins, sing hymns (without a hymnal) and remember the catechism and significant Bible verses. This is especially humbling and overwhelming when those residents had the added benefit of Lutheran schools. Here we are blessed to have Galesburg Christian School – a place no child will ever be taught to question their sexual identity or believe their ancestors swung in the trees; a place they will always be taught about Jesus. This is a blessed option for those who lament the “weirdness” of the IL State Board of Education.

So that's our charge... Train up God's children. We do it prayerfully and repentantly, rejoicing that our Savior atoned for our sins and omissions and failures, so we joyfully give ourselves to the task of teaching our kids about such a great God who forgives them and us in the shed blood of Jesus. Give your family something of eternal value and lasting significance. Put down your remote control. Pick up the Bible, the Catechism, and your hymnal. You and your children will never remember and thank you for long hours spent watching television, but they will long remember your faithful efforts to disciple. More important God will use those seeds we plant and bring forth His fruit in His time and according to His will. Jesus, and faith in Christ, is a gift we can share with our children's children... through all generations of God's faithful believers!

May God bless this for the good of His Kingdom!

Pastor Steve Sommerer