

# September 2021

Mt. Calvary Messenger  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Aug. 31 Preschool Classes begin	1 Crafters 10am-12pm	2 LWML 1pm	3	4
5 Sunday School & Bible Study 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Elders Meeting	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7	8 Midweek 4-5 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30-7:45 p.m.	9	10	11 Bev Donley Funeral
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## Happy Birthday

2- Lois England  
 4- Fern Harding  
 7- Kadin John  
 8- Dee Lipe  
 10- Sarah Stewart  
 11 - Ava Sebben  
 12- Leah Koch  
 13- Jonathan Whittle  
 17- Katelyn Engel  
 17- Evelyn Van Winkle  
 20- Greg Donley  
 20- Anita Reinertsen  
 20- Daenerys Wells  
 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 August

Date	Worship	Communion
8/1	87	69
8/8	68	58
8/15	53	—
8/22	72	—
8/29		

## 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 Wells  
 9-30 Fern Harding  
 9-30 Leah Koch

## In Our Prayers

### Health concerns:

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

### Others:

Family of Bev Donley who died in Jesus on Aug. 21st  
 Pastor Meeker, Deaconess Lorna, 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

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

## Preschool News

The Preschool staff is excited to start the school year! Orientation meetings were held Aug. 23 & 24, and our classes are almost full. Many thanks to Martin, who helped move furniture for cleaning, and to our staff who have been working hard to get everything for our families.

The Board of Education will be awarding tuition scholarships this month. Thank you to all who contribute to our Scholarship Fund!

We received a Thrivent Action Team Grant to pay for postage and supplies needed to send Grandparent cards our during the school year. Thank you Thrivent!

Please save your printer ink cartridges for the preschool. We can turn in 20 per month to Staples and re receive \$2 per cartridge in rewards that can be used toward purchasing supplies.

Please keep us and our school families in your prayers as we begin our school year!



**LWML** will meet on Thursday Sept. 2nd at 1 p.m.  
Janalee has the topic, Dee is the hostess.  
Roll call is camel and bring your mites!  
Contact JoAnn Folger with any questions: 299-0600

LWML Fall Rally  
Sept. 21, 2021  
at St. John's, Geneseo, IL

Speaker will be Rev. Joshua Theilen,  
Executive Director of Camp CILCA.  
Cost is \$12 per person and needs to be  
returned by Monday, Sept. 13.



Items being gathered at the Rally will be given to Christian Care Rock Island Homeless Shelter. Please bring (new) : men's jeans (sizes 30-38), men's t-shirts (sizes L, XL, XXL, XXXL), men's tennis shoes (sizes 6-10), men's new underwear (sizes S, M, L). Monetary gifts can be made with cash or check made payable to "Christian Care".

You can also bring: cancelled stamps, pillowcase dresses and t-shirt diapers.  
Do not bring medicine bottles.  
Old phones and ink cartridges are no longer being collected.

## **Knox County Right to Life**

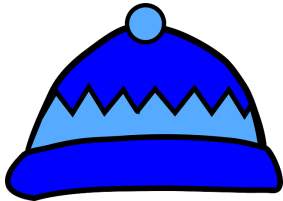
**7x7x7 Prayer** 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7 words:  
Lord, please, stop abortion in this country.

September Meeting will be held at Corpus Christi Church (McAteer Center): 273 S Prairie St, Galesburg. Meeting will begin at 7pm and will include education and letter writing.

### **Upcoming Life Events:**

Oct. 3, 2021– Life Chain 1:30pm-3:00pm – more details to come soon!

Oct, 24, 2021– Festival of Life at Bethel Baptist Church—doors open at 2:30pm, program starts at 3:00pm. Autumn Lindsey, speaker.



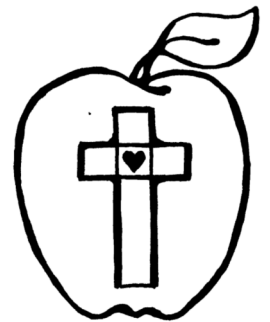
**Hats of Love** will meet on Sept. 28th at 3:00 p.m. They are grateful for donations of yarn, snack, quart and 2 Gallon size bags. Contact Rose with any questions.

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Heavenly Father, we look forward to all the things that have been planned for this school year. Thank You for blessing the preparations of pastors, administrators, teachers, parents and others. Bless all things that happen in every classroom and every school activity. Thank You for the opportunities that we will have to worship You. Grant that “In All Things” You are glorified. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

~Rev. Bob Riggert~

In All Things: Chapel Talks for Lutheran Schools, LCMS School Ministry



### **Confirmation Class (grades 6th-8th) and Midweek Classes (3rd-5th)**



Will begin on Wednesday evenings starting Sept. 8th!

Midweek class will meet from 4pm-5pm and confirmation will meet from 6:30-7:45pm.

Times can be manipulated if parents have issues to work around.



When you harvest– Stewardship would love to have any of your extra fruit to use in our yummy pies this fall! If you need instructions on how to prep the fruit, or just want to hand it over and let us do the work– talk to Leah in the office!

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Dear Members of Mt. Calvary,

Part of the joy Christ has bought for us is our support for each other as Christians. Part of that support is praying for each other. Thank you for all the prayers you offered on behalf of Wally Walker. We know that they helped him get through his pain until his death. The family also wishes to thank everyone who sent Wally cards, visited him both at home, the hospital and the nursing home. We also thank everyone who took time out of their day to help Wally at his house. We wanted to tell you how grateful we are.

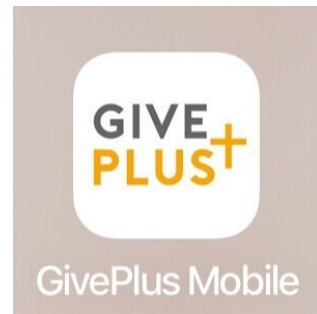
*thank you!*

~the children of Wally Walker

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Our online giving app– Give Plus+ will be “retired” at the end of September. We will have the new app– Vanco Mobile up and running soon. Vanco Mobile allows us to continue utilizing online giving. You will be able to use your existing profile and log-in (username and password) on the new mobile app. Giving history will be available on the new app. Any existing recurring transactions will transfer to the new Vanco Mobile app.

Look for the new Vanco Mobile app and download it. More details to come!



Crafters would love to have you join them to enjoy some fellowship while you knit, draw, crochet, quilt or craft. They meet the first Wednesday of every month from 10am to 12pm in the church gym. Teri Clark is willing to teach knitting and crocheting if you would like to learn.

## LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter article – September 2021

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, ‘Daddy, give me sixpence to buy you a birthday present.’ Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child’s present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is sixpence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).”

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers – stewards – acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deut. 8:17–18) but also all that we are in this life (1 Cor. 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability. For the Lord said, “Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more” (Luke 12:48b). And from this comes blessing and reward: “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master” (Matt. 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God’s fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands. On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours – not as stewards but as sons (Gal. 4:1–7). Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.

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*“We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed.*

*We are perplexed, but not driven to despair.*

*We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God.*

*We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.”*

*2 Corinthians 4 : 8-9*

*“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*

I pray that your summer has given you at least a little time to rest and relax. It’s so sad to see summer pass so quickly, but that’s how life goes! I thought about the above passage when I read it recently... and I thought how sometimes we almost feel guilty for taking time to relax... or we refuse to take time for recreation (vacations) 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. It’s as though we imagine 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.

And once you’ve re-established the priorities of your home and life around the *“one thing needful”* (Luke 10:38-42), I’m certain that God will bring joy and Divine aid to carry you through the week. 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.**