



October 2021

Mt. Calvary Messenger
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Camp CILCA Retreat	2 Cathetical
3 Sunday School & Bible Study 8:45 am Worship Service 10:00 am Life Chain 1:45-2:45pm Life Sunday LWML Sunday	4	5	6 Crafters 10am-12pm Midweek 4-5pm Confirmation 6-7:45pm	7 LWML 1pm	8 Lutheran Teacher's Conference- No Preschool	9
10 Sunday School & Bible Study 8:45 am Worship Service 10:00 am Elder's Meeting	11	12 Council 6pm	13 Midweek 4-5pm Confirmation 6-7:45pm	14	15	16
17 Sunday School & Bible Study 8:45 am Worship Service 10:00 am Voter's Meeting	18	19	20 Midweek 4-5pm Confirmation 6-7:45pm	21	22	23
24 Sunday School & Bible Study 8:45 am Worship Service 10:00 am	25	26 Hats of Love 3pm	27 Midweek 4-5pm Confirmation 6-7:45pm	28	29	30 Halloween Houses! 10am-1 pm
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Happy Birthday

- 3 - Olivia Marshall
- 4- Deb Thompson
- 5- DeEtte Lindsey
- 5- Donna Bolin
- 6- Jim Lipe
- 10- Steven Baughman
- 14- Michelle Peterson
- 14- Brett Teske
- 15- Ethel Carlson
- 18- Kate Schlake
- 18- Emma Wolfe
- 20- Randy Robertson
- 24- Tom Whittle
- 27- Douglas Havens
- 28- Keith England
- 29- Rose Morris
- 30- Kathy Schlake

{None this month}

Happy
Anniversary

Attendance for the month of September

Date	Worship	Communion
9/5	79	63
9/12	60	52
9/19	70	57
9/26		

Baptism Birthdays

- 10-1 Lois England
- 10-1 Jacqueline Henry
- 10-5 DeEtte Lindsey
- 10-11 Ava Sebben
- 10-11 Lyla Sebben
- 10-11 Sophia Sebben
- 10-11 Sarah Stewart
- 10-11 Greg Donley
- 10-13 Katelyn Engel
- 10-13 Lori Engel
- 10-16 Deb Thompson
- 10-16 Avery Wolfe
- 10-20 Debra Hughes
- 10-20 Nelly Clark
- 10-26 Jonathan Whittle
- 10-26 Leah Kugler
- 10-26 Emma Wolfe

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	
Mary, sister of Rachel Macek, knee replacement surgery	

Others:

Family of Debbie Brandt (Steve & Julie Brandt sister) who died suddenly
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

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

Preschool News

Preschool is off to a great start! We have 37 enthusiastic students who are happy to be in school. We are learning classroom rules and routines. Most importantly, we are learning about God and His great love for us!

We found our runaway gingerbread man and watched our caterpillars spin chrysalises and become butterflies. We are making new friends.

The Board of Education awarded 6 scholarships. Thank you for your contributions to our Scholarship Fund. Please continue to keep our staff, students and school families in your prayers!

LWML

Oct. 3rd will be LWML Sunday. "Our Hearts in His Hand" is the theme and is based on Peter's first letter to persecuted Christians in Asia Minor. In chapter 4:8, Peter tells them,
Above all, keep loving one another earnestly.



We will meet on Thursday, Oct.7th at 1p.m. to pack college boxes.

Please contact JoAnn at 299-0600 if you have any questions.

Mt. Calvary Preschool will be selling
Little Caesars Pizza Kits
during October to raise money for fieldtrips and the scholarship fund!
Watch for order forms on the entryway table.



All orders and money need to be turned in by October 30th!
Delivery is tentatively set for the week of November 15th.

If you have any questions, or to turn in your order—
talk to Leah in the office!

Have you used your Thrivent Action Teams for this year? We have several events coming up before the end of the year and could use you, your help and your Thrivent Grant to make them great! Talk to Leah if you have one to use and can help us!



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October is Church Worker Appreciation Month!

In His great love and mercy, God cares for His people through the men and women serving in church work vocations.

The LCMS thanks God for the 14,647 faithful church workers who serve in congregations and schools across our Synod.

Here are some suggestions for ways to show your gratitude and support for your pastors, teachers, church musicians, deaconesses and other church workers:

*Mail a thank-you note to your pastor or church worker and drop it in their mailbox at church.

*Record a video message. It can be a short video of you or your family singing a hymn, reading a psalm, or sharing words of encouragement and thanks. Send it to your church worker, and let them know how much you appreciate them!

*Pray. Your church workers need prayer. Pray for these workers and let them know you are doing so.

Also please pray to the Lord of the harvest for those future church workers whom God will raise up to fill these sacred and joyful roles in His Kingdom. Whether as a pastor, director of Christian Education (DCE), deaconess, music director or educator, each and every church worker vocation helps proclaim the Good News!

The Annual Mt. Calvary Halloween Houses

Come decorate at church or take it home!

October 30, 2021 from 10am-1pm
\$10 per house

Please pre-register for your house by Oct. 23rd
with Leah in the office or at our sign up link:

[https://www.cognitofrms.com/
MtCalvaryLutheranChurch1/HalloweenHouses](https://www.cognitofrms.com/MtCalvaryLutheranChurch1/HalloweenHouses)



This is a fundraiser put on by Mt. Calvary Youth Group and is helping them raise money for the National Youth Gathering next summer!



Voter's Meeting: October 17th after church.
Lunch will be provided!

Hats of Love will meet Oct. 26th at 3pm.

We continue to make baby hats, baby mittens, adult hats, lap blankets, and amputee stump covers! Sharing God's love with those around us! Contact Rose Morris if you have any questions or would like to know more!



KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

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

- * 40 Days of Life runs from Sept. 22nd through Oct. 31st.

Galesburg Day is Oct. 8th: join in prayer, fasting and giving witness. We are blessed to NOT have an abortion facility in Galesburg. However, people from the Galesburg area will be praying in front of the Planned Parenthood Facility at 2709 N. Knoxville Ave in Peoria. If you are willing to stand, contact Dick at 343-2852.



- * Sunday, Oct. 3rd– Life Chain from 1:30pm-3:00pm. This is a peaceful, prayerful time to remind our community that life begins at conception and babies in the womb should be protected. Sign pickup is in the Dollar General parking lot from 1:30pm-1:45pm. We will stand in silence along Henderson St from Losey to Dayton for 1 hour. At 2:45pm gather back in the parking lot to return signs and a closing prayer.

- * Oct. 24th will be the Festival of Life held at Bethel Baptist Church, doors open at 2:00pm, program begins at 2:30pm. The speaker will be a young woman named Autumn Lindsey. She is a spokesperson for Students for Life; speaking at pro-life events around the country.

Mt. Calvary members are welcome to meet for the Life Chain on Sunday, October 3rd. We will be standing in front of Mt. Calvary on West Fremont St. from 1:45pm-2:45pm.



If you are able, please join us.

Sola Fide - Sola Gratia - Sola Scriptura - Solus Christus

Through Faith Alone – By Grace Alone – Scripture Alone – For Christ’s Sake Alone

The Reformation movement started by Dr. Martin Luther (usually traced to Oct.31, 1517 and the posting of the 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany) was at its heart a conservative movement. By that I mean Luther’s goal was nothing more than restoring the true teaching of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church as that teaching is revealed in Scripture (not popes or councils).

The Church has always been forced by heretics and false teachers to more closely define what it is we believe, teach and confess on the basis of Holy Scripture. In the first centuries of the Church, great controversies erupted as the Church explained the Bible’s teaching on the person of Christ. He wasn’t a creature of God or one “god” among three gods, but that Jesus was true God, “light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made.” Creeds teach what we believe on the basis of God’s Word. At the same time, those who denied Jesus’ true humanity were answered: “and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary and was made man.” When questions arose about the personhood of the Holy Spirit, it became necessary for the Church on the basis of clear Scripture to confess the Holy Spirit is not merely God’s energy, but truly God with the Father and the Son. During the Reformation era (really this is always an issue) the great controversies were about the nature of salvation. Luther contended on the basis of Scripture that Christ alone was the way of salvation and He received by grace through faith alone.

It’s no surprise that sinful people wander from God’s truth. We are all born with a natural knowledge of God through the Law by which we know we stand accountable to Him. Though our knowledge of God and His will were corrupted in the Fall of Adam and Eve, through our conscience we retain a realization of our guilt and responsibility to God’s Law. That’s why so many people believe that being a Christian or being saved is what they do according to the Law or by their good works. The devil and the sinful flesh convince us God saves those who deserve it and earn it. (Note: If you believe you’re saved by being good, this isn’t just a misunderstanding of the Gospel, it’s a lie that leads to hell (Gal.5:4) Putting your hope in your actions or goodness is to push Christ out of the way and try to do it on your own. A bad idea!)

Luther’s battle is not over! The Church in every age struggles to point sinners to our guilt and sin (Law), even as she points repentant sinners to the free forgiveness that comes through the only sin-redeeming work – Jesus’ work at the cross (Gospel). These are the two great teachings of Scripture: Law and Gospel. In His Law, God teaches us what to do and not to do; He condemns and judges all sin; and instructs believers in what good works are. Mostly, God’s Law kills us (Rom.3:20; 2Cor.3:6; Galatians). The Law stands as a mighty mirror to reveal our failures. The Law prepares the way for God’s grace by killing us so that the Gospel can make us alive. It breaks up the rocky soil of our hearts so that the seed of the Gospel can be planted! In that sense, God’s Law is always His alien work – it’s what He does first so He can get around to doing what He really wants, which is forgiveness.

The Gospel is God's proper work – His most important work – the thing He really wants to do. In fact, the whole Bible is about the Gospel and for the Gospel of Christ-crucified for sinners. It's just that the Gospel would always be disregarded if God's Law didn't first come in and cripple us, leaving us unable to help ourselves; so that God's healing and help could come in the Gospel of Jesus' death and resurrection for sinners.

Luther's Reformation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are founded on this simple reality. It's about Christ. All Scripture centers in God's gift in Christ as the Holy Spirit communicates that gift to us through faith. All Scripture, and thus we pray, all that we proclaim is about what God has done in Christ to save fallen sinners, and what God continues to do by the power of the Holy Spirit to build His Church through the Word and Sacraments. God in His grace did what we could never do by sending His Son in the likeness of human flesh "born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those under the Law that we might receive the adoption of sons"(Gal.4:4-5). Even the good works and works of service that God would give to your neighbor are God's works through your lips and hands and feet – "*For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do the good works God has prepared in advance for us to do*" (Eph.2:10).

We have so much to be thankful for – especially that God saved us miserable sinners through faith in Christ alone! But this Reformation month I feel (and pray you do as well) a special measure of joy and gratitude. I think it's similar to how Americans feel on the 4th of July because we know we're blessed to be in such a great country. In the same way, this month is a wonderful month to praise God that we are blessed to hold the true confession of Holy Scripture that unceasingly points us to Christ and salvation through faith in Him. This is a precious gift. My encouragement to you is to take time (first and always to be in God's Word) to read your catechism and read the Lutheran Confessions (order at CPH or check out of library if don't have). What a great heritage of faithfulness to God's Word and focus on the cross of Christ!

As the Reformers constantly would say – Soli Deo Gloria! To God be the glory!

Pastor Steve Sommerer

What's Happening at Camp Cilca?

Oct 1-2: Jr/Sr High Catechetical Retreat : Worship, study, prayer, fellowship, play and rest! This year's study will focus on The Lord's Prayer as our model of faith and hope in Christ before the world.

Oct 23: Homecoming :G.R.I.T. Run, outdoor games, face paint, food & drinks!

