



August 2025

*From the Pastor's Desk*

"Then the Lord said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to Me. And if not, I will know.' . . . The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven. And He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt. And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the valley, and he looked and, behold, the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace. So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived." [Gen. 18:20,21; 19:23-29]

God sees evil. God experiences all evil that is perpetrated against human beings, who are His prized possession, whom He forms in the womb. [Is. 63:9; Ps. 139:13] God witnesses the death of every baby aborted, especially those aborted in wealthier and freer countries like ours, the United States of America. He hears their cries of death and destruction, their outcry against their murderers. Has He "come down" already "to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come" to Him? What of the outcry against the violence of homosexuality, against the violence of transgender-ism perpetrated against young children, against the perverse influence toward gender dysphoria being brought into our public schools, against the disgusting celebrations of cross-dressing, shared bathrooms and locker rooms, and against the perverse "entertainment" freely available on our televisions and computers? What of drug use, alcoholism, divorce [the abuse of children], crime, foolish social theories that steal from hard workers and give to lazy folks who refuse to work? Is the Lord listening to the outcry? Of course He is!

All of these ills and woes have festered like a puss in American society, and sadly many of the people who do not engage in these things nonetheless approve of them and refuse to take a stand against them. Because things seem to be going along okay for most of us, we may think that the Lord really doesn't mind these things that much, that He is kind of "looking the other way." Be assured He is not. His Word clearly states: "The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." [Ps. 24:1] All of creation, and every human being belongs to God, is His! And He cares about all, especially the oppressed and those suffering from the evils of others. He cares about justice. His justice will be coming – as it surely did to Sodom and Gomorrah.

Of comfort is what God did for Abraham and for Lot. He "remembered" them and saved them, including Lot's wife. However, her disobedience, her continued infatuation with these wretched cities spelled her demise – even though God willed to spare her and save her! God also remembers us, dear friends in Christ. He forgives and is merciful to all who turn to Him in repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. However, we dare not turn back in any respect to those engaging in and espousing wicked, violent behaviors forbidden in Holy Scripture. Rather, we fight and struggle for a "reformation" of our society's morality – that we might be spared, and that our neighbors might be delivered from the destruction that is coming. *(continued on the next page)*

These things were written for our learning: "Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come." [1 Cor. 10:11] Let us take heed and learn!

Blessings . . . Pastor Rhode

### **Those Who Serve for August**

#### **Elders:**

August 03 – Jim Paddock

August 17 – Rik Forschmiedt

August 31 – Jim Paddock

#### **Readers:**

August 03 – Jim Paddock

August 10 – Henry Rische

August 17 – Rik Forschmiedt

August 24 – Mark Vasel

August 31 – Jim Paddock

#### **Ushers:**

Jim & Debbie Paddock

#### **Greeters:**

Jim & Debbie Paddock

#### **Audio Visual System:**

August 03 – Dave McAfee

August 10 – Ed Nelson

August 17 – Jim Paddock

August 24 – Mark Vasel

August 31 – Dave McAfee



**Zoom:** Jerry Henderson

**SOS Organist:** - August 17 – Judy Vasel



### ***Information and Announcements***

**Ice Cream Social Setup:** Friday at 10:00 am.

**Ice Cream Social:** Saturday, August 2, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**Hospitality Meeting:** Wednesdays, August 6, at 9:30 am.

**Elders' Meeting:** Wednesday, August 6, at 1:00 p.m.

**Men's Bible Breakfast:** Thursday, August 7, at 9:00 am at the Big Horn Restaurant.

**Pastor & Jayne Rhode's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:** Saturday, August 9, from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. at Lionscrest Manor, 603 Indian Lookout Road, Lyons, CO.

**Dear fellow members of Mt. Calvary:** On August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 we will begin our Evangelism training sessions called "**Every One His Witness.**" We hope to have these for the next 5 Thursday evenings. The sessions will last about 1 hour, and we anticipate having 6 of them, so will finish up toward the end of September. We only have room for 11 people [or couples could share material if need be], so please sign up with the pastor for this class. The sign-up sheet will be in the Christian Family Center bulletin board, or you can email pastor at [pgrhode@comcast.net](mailto:pgrhode@comcast.net). The class will go through some general considerations and training, and then more material can be viewed independently through the EOHW website. This should be a very low-key and enjoyable time together!

**Council Meeting:** Wednesday, August 20, at 6:00 p.m.



# *Mt. Calvary's Ice Cream Social*

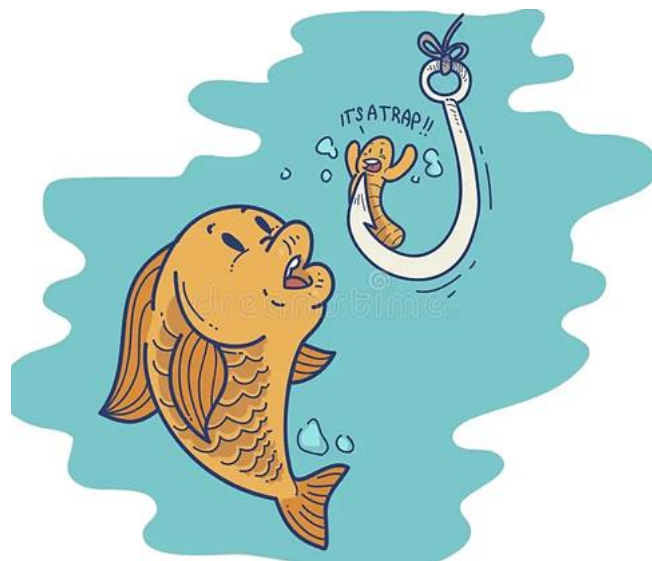


*Saturday, August 2,  
2:00 pm -- 4:00 pm.*



*with the*

## *Riverside Ramblers*





# Mt. Calvary's Church Picnic



Our Chef (Pastor Rhode)



The Chef's Assistant (Barb Nelson)



Too early  
for the picnic





**Mike Van Brunt & Jim Paddock & Dottie**  
(the dog under the table)

**Enjoying a Beautiful  
Summer Day Picnic**



**Daylene Van Brunt  
Jim & Debbie Paddock**



**Debbie Paddock, Emery & Blaine Krenz**





**Debbie Paddock & Emery Krenz**



**Jane McAfee & Jayne Rhode**







# August

## Birthdays

- 8
- 8
- 13 Zora Thoms
- 18
- 21 Christopher Krenz
- 22
- 23 Jerry Henderson

## Anniversaries



- Brad & Genevieve Ermeling (32)
- Pastor Paul & Jayne Rhode (50)
- Mark & Judy Vasel (46)
- Roger & Donna Repp (60)

*(If we missed your special day, please let the office know.)*



*Dave & Jane McAfee, and Jan Bridge*

## July's Anniversaries Birthdays



**Thank You:** The church picnic was delicious!! Thank you to all for bringing delicious food and a special thanks to Rev. Rhode for grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs.

**Ice Cream Social:** Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 2, for our annual Ice Cream Social at the church between 2:00 and 4:00 in the afternoon. See the signup sheet to signup to bring an ice cream topping and help with cleanup.

**Ice Cream Social Setup:** It is Friday, August 1, at 10:00 am in the morning. Come help for a short amount of time.

**Ladies Night Out!!** -- The men had their grill night recently with the new BBQ grill -- now it is the ladies turn!! Get with Barb Nelson or Cheryl Schutz on your ideas for an evening of fun, good food and fellowship.

**Hospitality Committee Meeting:** Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 6, at 9:30 am in the morning. Come and help plan Ladies Night Out and Fall Activities.

**Rhode 50th Anniversary:** Don't forget the big celebration day for Rev. Paul and Jayne on Saturday, August 9 at 603 Indian Lookout Road in Lyons from 2:00-5:00.

**The Passing of Hal Hogness:** Some of you may remember Hal (Harold) and Mary Hogness, former members of Mt. Calvary. Hal passed away on July 8 at the age of 90. You can send Mary a card at 343 Sunmountain, Loveland, CO 80538.

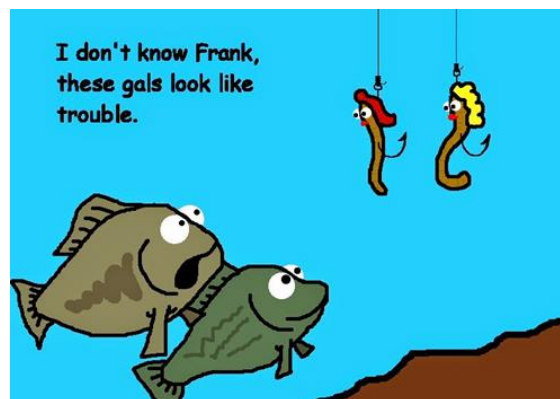
## Mite Project

**Support Rev. Roberto & Katie Weber,**

**LCMS Missionaries to the Dominican Republic, North America \$10,000**

Rev. Roberto and Katie Weber are serving the Lord as career missionaries through the LCMS in the Dominican Republic. Rev. Weber assists in the training of pastors, evangelists, and deaconesses at the Concordia del Raformador Seminary in the Dominican Republic. Besides teaching at the seminary, he serves as pastor at the mission station in Santiago. In Latin America, the Lutheran Church is growing so fast that pastors and deaconesses cannot be trained quickly enough to meet the need. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. The missionaries in the Dominican Republic continue to raise up laborers from all over Latin America to go back to their countries and communities to share the Gospel, plant new Lutheran congregations, and show mercy care to all. The seminary is currently training 47 pastoral candidates from 12 Latin American countries. This grant will support the work of Rev. Roberto and Katie Weber.

*Cheryl Schutz - President of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Women's Missionary League*





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**August**

<i><b>Sunday</b></i>	<i><b>Monday</b></i>	<i><b>Tuesday</b></i>	<i><b>Wednesday</b></i>	<i><b>Thursday</b></i>	<i><b>Friday</b></i>	<i><b>Saturday</b></i>
					<b>1</b> Ice Cream Social Setup 10:00 am	<b>2</b> Ice Cream Social with the Riverside Ramblers 2 pm-4 pm Hispanic Group 5:30 pm
<b>3</b> 9:00 am Divine Service Holy Communion & via Zoom Meetings 10:30 am Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Prayer Quilters 9:00 am Hospitality Meeting 9:30 am Elders' Meeting 1:00 pm	<b>7</b> Men's Bible Breakfast 9:00 am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Pastor & Jayne Rhode's 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary 2 pm – 5 pm
<b>10</b> 9:00 am Divine Service & via Zoom Meetings 10:30 am Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Prayer Quilters 9:00 am	<b>14</b> Evangelism Class 6:00 pm	<b>15</b> St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00 am Divine Service Holy Communion & via Zoom Meetings 10:30 am Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Prayer Quilters 9:00 am Council Meeting 6 pm	<b>21</b> Evangelism Class 6:00 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:00 am Divine Service & via Zoom Meetings 10:30 am Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Info for newsletter is due	<b>27</b> Prayer Quilters 9:00 am	<b>28</b> Evangelism Class 6:00 pm	<b>29</b> Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9:00 am Divine Service Holy Communion & via Zoom Meetings 10:30 am Bible Study						

**Jesus said, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."**  
 Matthew 18:20

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