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## PASTOR'S COLUMN



## DEACONESS' COLUMN

### Christian Education

As many of you know, I like to do my appeal for Christian education every year around this time. And interestingly, the topic came up during our Men's Bible study the other morning as we were reading through the Letter to the Hebrews. The passage we came across was this: *Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.* **Hebrews 6:1-3**

The point of the writer is one that we should take to heart: that the natural movement of faith is to lead us to desire to grow in our understanding and knowledge of the things of God and Christ. If you want a weak example: consider how friendship or romantic love grows - do these passions leave you content to know as little about your friend or love as you can get by with? Don't these passions lead you to want to know more, to know better? So also with a living faith - we should not be content to \*just know\* the basics of the Catechism or of Sunday School (although, as Luther noted, we can never really know the \*basics\* as well as we should, and we must never think that we have

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This is the last in my series of letters looking at how Scripture uses the image of "slaves" to speak of God's faithful people. So far we have seen the rich and beautiful picture of the relationship between the LORD and His slaves that is portrayed in a wide range of Old Testament texts. We have also looked at a lengthy "slave parable" text (Luke 12:35-48) where Jesus uses the Lord-slave image to describe His relationship with His faithful disciples. We have found that God's slaves are those who believe in the incarnate LORD, and that our slavery as Christ's disciples is a joyful slavery.

Now we will look at another "slave" parable text in Luke (17:7-10). This text is much shorter and less detailed than Luke 12:35-48 but, properly understood, it can help us to gain a richer understanding of our own daily life of service as Christians. Unfortunately, many theologians, including commentary writers, have looked at the Lord-slave relationship only against the background of Greco-Roman slavery, ignoring both the Old Testament background and the immediate context of the parable, and so Luke 17:7-10 is often sadly misunderstood!

Our parable (17:7-10) concludes both a lengthy section in Luke (starting at 13:10) concerned with the kingdom of God, and a short passage (starting at 17:1) where Jesus is teaching about discipleship. This short passage starts with the Lord warning the disciples against being the

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cause of "stumbling blocks" or temptations for another to sin or to fall away (verses 1-2). That is, they should not be obstacles to others being in the kingdom of God. Rather they are to be on their guard, to rebuke a brother who sins but also to forgive him as many times as he returns in repentance (verses 3-4). In other words, they should be removers of stumbling blocks, not sources of them. The apostles then ask Jesus to increase their faith (verse 5). He in turn speaks of how much can be accomplished even with faith as a mustard seed (verse 6), and goes on to tell the parable.

The parable itself starts in verses 7-8 with two rhetorical questions - the second being the answer to the first: "And which of you, having a slave plowing or herding sheep, when he has come in from the field will say to him: 'Come here at once and recline *at table*'? Will he not rather say to him: 'Prepare what I shall eat, and when you have girded yourself serve me as long as I eat and drink, and after these *things* you will eat and drink'?"

Jesus has just spoken to the disciples of the importance of being removers of stumbling blocks, not sources of them. He has also explained that this involves rebuking a brother who sins but also showing forgiveness over and over again to one who repents. The apostles immediately respond with a request for more faith, as though what is being asked of them is a feat above and beyond what might be expected. Jesus responds first by pointing out that even a very little faith (as a mustard seed) can effect the unimaginable. - What is important here is having faith, not whether we have more faith than we did before, or perhaps more than another believer.

Jesus sets up the parable based on common expectations: if a slave were still in the midst of his regular work day, the lord of that slave would not treat him as if his work day were over, still less as though he had done something warranting unusual comment or reward. So too, as Jesus' disciples, we should not do what He instructs for just so long and then regard our work as done, or expect some special recognition or re-

ward for what we have done. Indeed Jesus continues the parable with yet another rhetorical question: "He [the farmer] does not have favor to the slave because he did the *things* that were commanded, *does he?*" In other words, the lord of that slave does not owe him any special favor for doing what he had been commanded to do.

The "things that were commanded" can be understood in light of verses 1-4, in which the disciples are warned not to be stumbling blocks, and are commanded to rebuke brothers who sin and to forgive unceasingly those who repent. These things are fundamental to the life of God's people, and to our proclamation through that life of what it means to be His slave. They are not therefore things that we can do just part of the time. Nor do we need to keep receiving more faith to keep on doing them.

Finally in verse 10 Jesus says: "So also you, when you have done everything that was commanded you, you say: 'We are unworthy [or unprofitable] slaves; that which we ought to have done, we have done.'" If this seems harsh, it shouldn't! As Jesus points out a little later, "no one is good except God alone" (18:10) - and indeed we all fall short of completely performing our duties to God, or fulfilling the Law. But even if we slaves were to do what we ought to do, it would still not be enough to make us a profitable investment for God. How could we ever repay our debt to the One Who not only created and sustains us, but has also paid the immeasurable price of our redemption? And so, of course, we slaves cannot expect to earn our way to a reward, either in this life or eternal. We do not even have the right to expect God to regard us as slaves worth keeping!

We are indeed unworthy of God's favor, but that is not all that Jesus is telling us. Remember the end of verse 8: "... after these *things* you will eat and drink." Here the parable tells us something of what we can expect at the end of our time of service on earth. Even though we will have to admit that we are worthless, unprofitable slaves, we will remain in God's household (that is in His kingdom), and there we will eat and drink at the end of the "working day" of our earthly lives.



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1.
- 2.
3. Joshua Varvil
- 4.
- 5.
6. Nick Schnack
- 7.
8. Jennifer Benne  
Laura Callahan
- 9.
10. Brooke Barr
- 11.
12. Leah Koch
- 13.
14. Jill Adcock  
Vonnie Brinkmann  
Maurice Thomas
15. Mary Etta Horst
- 16.
17. Dan Bremer
- 18.
19. Paul Meyer
20. Beverly Watkins
21. Andrew Kroenke
22. Jacqueline Benne
23. Keith Moore
24. Martin Tagge
- 25.
- 26.
- 27.
28. Dale Brinkmann
29. Carissa Freeman  
Derek Koch  
Swayde Gibler
- 30.

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Jarrod & Jessica Horman
- 4 Jerry & Paula Horst
- 5 Brian & Diane Freeman
- 14 Harold & Carolyn Pauli
- 16 Brandt & Roxanne Barr
- 19 Derek & Leah Koch
- 23 Dennis & Mary Joan Waldron
- 28 Keith & Carey Moore



*Worship Notes*

**LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER**

**September 4, 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 32:1-7; Ezekiel 33:7-9;  
Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20

**September 11, 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 103:1-12; Genesis 50:15-21;  
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

**September 18, 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 27:1-9; Isaiah 55:6-9;  
Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16

**September 25, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 25:1-10; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32;  
Philippians 2:1-18; Matthew 21:23-32



**UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY TO WORSHIP**

Please remember to keep a respectful quiet (as best as your family can), especially in the time before worship begins. Some of your brothers and sisters use that time for prayer and to prepare themselves for worship and Holy Communion. You are encouraged to visit with friends and family in the Narthex (lobby) or Fellowship Hall.

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**USHERS**

- 8:00 Jerry Horst  
10:45 Keith Crook

**ELDERS**

- September 4  
8:00 Paul Kroenke  
10:45 Tom Brosowski

- September 11  
8:00 Jim Henderson  
10:45 Gary Beenders

- September 18  
8:00 Jerry Jungck  
10:45 Tom Brosowski

- September 25  
8:00 Paul Kroenke  
10:45 Gary Beenders



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- September 4  
Deaconess Gillian

- September 11  
Harold & Carolyn Pauli

- September 18  
Dave & Jan Heien  
Babe Culp

- September 25  
Barb Zook

**COUNTERS**

- Joan Ross & Carolyn Pauli

**GREETERS**

- 8:00 Virginia Williams  
10:45



## ✠ Prayer List ✠

Prayer Notes: Folks have asked from time to time "who all are we praying for?" Here's a partial list with reference to their relation to the congregation. If you know of anyone who needs to be added, or who can be removed, please let Pr. Long or Judy know.

- ✠ Geri Nordstrom - member
- ✠ Lena Nordstrom - member
- ✠ Andrew Willetts - friend of Long Family
- ✠ Herb Schmedt - member
- ✠ Corrine Johnson - sister to Sally Taylor
- ✠ Martin Honig - relation to Judy Honig
- ✠ Richard Johnson
- ✠ Jacob Achterberg - grandson to Ron & Lilliann, nephew to Linda Khattar
- ✠ Elwin & Phyllis Basquin - parents to Luann Claudin
- ✠ Don Peterson - father to Vicky Brosowske
- ✠ Mikayla Schauble - friend to Maxwell family
- ✠ Mary Bonesteel - friend to Long family
- ✠ Ethan Saunders
- ✠ Stephanie Hampton
- ✠ Alice Mauschbaugh - member
- ✠ Gail and Jonathan von Holten - friends of Jarrod & Jessica Harmon
- ✠ Sharon Wenger - daughter to Tom & Sally Taylor
- ✠ Kathy Hafley - daughter to Tom & Sally Taylor
- ✠ Tom Boulter
- ✠ Sandy Kissner - relative to Connie Kissner & family
- ✠ Joel Hoffmann - son to Chervis Hoffmann
- ✠ Gerald Hull - brother to Sally Taylor
- ✠ Pr. Hoech & family - our "TIM" missionaries
- ✠ Wilma Kost
- ✠ Robert Kissner - member, deployed military
- ✠ Brandt Klawitter - grandson to Gwen Klawitter, deployed military chaplain
- ✠ Ed Bohnemann - son-in-law to Virginia Williams, deployed military
- ✠ Eric Lonn - friend to Horst family
- ✠ Gary Smith - brother-in-law to Rick Laredo
- ✠ Donald Browning - grandfather to Tina Maxwell
- ✠ Shirley Poole - mother to Luann Cooper
- ✠ Grace Burdett - mother to Rick Laredo
- ✠ Beverly Watkins - member
- ✠ Dave Maxwell - husband to Tina
- ✠ Charles Sommers - friend to Chervis Hoffmann
- ✠ Connie Johnson - sister-in-law to Pam Barr
- ✠ Elizabeth Rein - member
- ✠ Judy Kindstrom - niece to Carol Warren
- ✠ Larry Bentz - member
- ✠ Pr. Paul Park - chaplain at Lutheran Hillside Village
- ✠ Barry Johnson - brother to Pam Barr
- ✠ Elinor, Paul, and Cheryl Rosenak - friends to Chervis Hoffmann
- ✠ Bill Hartmann - friend to Bob & Cindy Wegner
- ✠ Ronny Norman - brother to Joan Waldron
- ✠ Ken and Anne Crank - family to Phyllis Knebel
- ✠ Joan Waldron - member
- ✠ Pr. Glenn Niemann - St. John's, Pekin
- ✠ Tim and Paula Lynch - niece and her husband to Phyllis Knebel
- ✠ Bill Meisner - friend to many
- ✠ Evan Livingston - son to Ty & Lorie
- ✠ Jim Kaspar - son to Gwen Klawitter
- ✠ Dorothy Johnson - mother to Julie Frank
- ✠ Pr. Bruce Lakamp - friend to the congregation
- ✠ Jennifer Phipps - daughter-in-law to Ginger Abel
- ✠ James Gibler - uncle to Leann Strutevant & DJ Gibler
- ✠ Carol Wessler - member
- ✠ Mark Kassa - friend to Cornelius Family, co-worker with Glenn Matson
- ✠ Alice Luepke - member
- ✠ Joan Cook - cousin to Conley Stutz
- ✠ Harold Pauli - member
- ✠ Nancy Meyer - member
- ✠ Abbie Matson - member
- ✠ Rick Laredo - member
- ✠ Bonnie Jones - caretaker for the Nordstroms
- ✠ Tom and Polly Fitch - friends to Dcs. Gillian

## Pastor's Column (cont.)

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\*grown past\* them), but should be led in faith and love to desire to know more, to know better, as we have the gifts and ability. Which is why we offer the range of educational opportunities here at Mt. Calvary that we do. We want you to grow in grace, in understanding, in your knowledge of the things of Christ so that your faith may be deepened and your life enriched. We want our children to grow as well.

One church I recently visited explained that "it is not a matter of 'if' you will join one of our classes, but of 'which one' you will join...." with regard to their upcoming Fall schedule. That's a little heavy for my taste... we can't force anyone to take part in our classes, nor is it our calling to make folks feel \*guilty\* if they aren't in a class (there are many good reasons for some people not being able to get to a Bible class). But.... If you have the time, if your schedule and other duties allow, if you want to grow in faith and understanding - then consider this your invitation to try out one of our classes. It doesn't matter how much or little you know, it doesn't matter if you missed a bunch of sessions - just come, give it a try. As you can see from elsewhere in the newsletter, we have many choices for you to explore: Sunday Morning Sunday School (9:30am for ages 3 years through High School), Sunday Morning Adult Class (9:30am for all post-high folks), Sunday Morning Women's Class, Tuesday Evening "Lutheranism 101" (7pm), Wednesday Evening Bible Study (7pm), Thursday Afternoon Bible Study (1pm), and our new "First Thursdays" Evening Women's Bible Study (6:45pm).

So come and grow!

Next month I'll share some observations from my continuing education class - but this is enough for now. Peace to you all in Christ!

PS - As we come to the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11, let us continue to pray for those who mourn their dead, those who still live with painful injuries, and for all those whom God uses to keep watch over our nation. May His mercy be with us in Christ, may we be led to be responsible citizens, and may all come to know the peace that this world cannot give.

*Pastor Long*



### **FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC**

Our choir season at Mt. Calvary will begin after Labor Day in September. Adult Bells will begin on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:45 – 7:45 pm**. Adult Choir will begin also on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:45 – 9:00 pm**. Both of these groups rehearse in the balcony of the church. Our men's group, the Anchormen, will begin their season on **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:10–9:30 am** at the front of the church. Please consider coming to join us for any or all of these opportunities to praise our Lord. If you have any questions about these groups or about solos, duets, or instrumental offerings, please call our Minister of Music, Bruce Tagge at 361-9821.

### **SENIOR CLUB**

Senior Club meets on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30 pm with their usual potluck meal. Join them for fun, food and fellowship – everyone is welcome – ID's not checked at the door.

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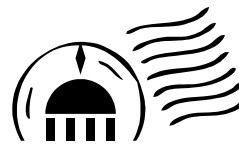
As we saw in the Old Testament, we slaves of God are assured of His lovingkindness, goodness and compassion. We do not see our life of service as merely drudgery with little hope of blessings. Rather, we both expect and trust that the LORD will come to us and make us joyful, not because we imagine that we have earned or deserved such favor but because of Who the LORD is and because the LORD delights in the prosperity of His slaves (Psalm 35:27).

As faithful slaves we do not reject the Lordship of the LORD. We do not claim that we have worked hard for Him for a while but now we have earned His blessings and so we are done, or that the work the LORD has given us is too hard. We rejoice to fear His name (Nehemiah 1:6-11), and we are His chosen witnesses (Isaiah 43:10), who proclaim to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 48:20) that He has redeemed His slave Jacob (that is His people). - And so, as God's slaves, we model His mercy as we live the life of the redeemed, proclaiming through our lives what it means to be His slaves, and do not become stumbling blocks for others. When the toils of life seem burdensome, we wait on the LORD, and remember that, as His slaves, we will eat, drink, rejoice, and shout joyfully with a glad heart (Isaiah 65:13-15).

The One Who brings final judgment and deliverance will not stand in judgment of our unworthiness. Instead He will see us as part of His household, by grace through the faith that is mentioned in verses 5 and 6. And so, at the last, He will give us to eat and to drink. - The Lamb will call us to His marriage feast (Revelation 19:4-9), and we will neither hunger nor thirst but drink freely of the water of life (Revelation 7:14-17; 21:1-6). The One Who spoke the words of this parable on His way to Jerusalem and the cross for our redemption will also be the One Who finally greets us, His unworthy slaves, as our Deliverer.

Amen, come Lord Jesus!

*Deaconess Gillian*



**DO WE HAVE YOUR  
COLLEGE  
STUDENT'S  
ADDRESS?**

**COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES**

As our young people return to college this month, the church office would like to have their home away from home address. Please leave a note in the office folder outside the office door, call the church office, or e-mail to [secretary@mtcalvarypeoria.org](mailto:secretary@mtcalvarypeoria.org) with the information. These addresses are used to send our Mt. Calvary Messenger and Portals of Prayer to our students, as well as given to Women of Mt. Calvary in February for their Valentine Box mailing.



**THURSDAY  
EVENING  
SERVICES**

**THURSDAY DIVINE SERVICES CONTINUE** -

Have you tried the Thursday evening Worship/Holy Communion service at 6:00 pm? It's a great alternative service for those who will be out-of-town over the week-end or want to commune weekly. The service is in a spoken and abbreviated format, but still traditional and reverent. The homily is based on the readings of the "one year" lectionary, so it's not a rehash from last Sunday! Give it a try and bring a friend! It's over before Bell Choir begins.

## Mt. Calvary News and Announcements



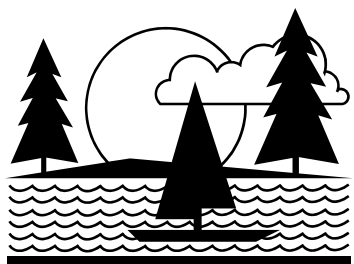
### **CAMP CILCA WHIPPOORWILL SCRAMBLE**

On Friday, September 9, at 12 pm, Red Tail Run, Decatur, IL will host the Camp CILCA Whippoorwill Classic. You get greens fee, cart, dinner and prizes all for just \$55. Registration deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup> with forms available in the church office. Questions? Contact Rev. Dan Smith at [pastordan@grics.net](mailto:pastordan@grics.net)

### **LABOR DAY AT CAMP CILCA**

The Labor Day fundraiser at Camp CILCA is their biggest of the year. Plan to attend and discover the programs they provide. Activities for Sunday, September 4, 2011 include:

- 10:30 a Worship at the indoor chapel
- 11:30 a-2:00 p: Camp CILCA's famous fried chicken will be served with our delicious desserts at the Dining Hall. Adults: \$7.00 and children under the age of 12: \$4.00
- 11:30 a-1:30 p: The New Heir Bluegrass Band will be playing sweet blue grass next to the dining hall
- 1:30 p: Bring your generous wallets and bid to your hearts delight at the annual auction located in the dining hall. All proceeds go to helping maintain the annual budget.



*With Deepest Sympathy*

### **OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

† Connie Wright, mother of Chuck Wright (former member), who was called to her eternal home on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, and given Christian burial on Friday, August 5, 2011.

† Viola Baker, a member of Mt. Calvary, Galesburg, who was under our spiritual care, who was called home on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, and given Christian burial on Friday, August 26, 2011.

May her family find peace, hope and comfort in the risen and ascended Savior Who has gone to prepare a place for us with Him.



### **LUTHERAN WOMEN OF GREATER PEORIA FALL AUCTION**

Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria are planning a Fall Auction and "Smalls" sale at 10:30 am on **Saturday October 8, 2011** in the shelter area at St. John Lutheran Church, 6614 W. Smithville Rd. in Bartonville. The auction will feature an eclectic variety of items from household furnishings to services. A table sale of "smalls" will also be offered for those who would rather shop than bid. A light lunch will be available for purchase as well as drinks. Many volunteers and donations will be needed. We also need places to store the donated items, and volunteers to pick up and deliver donated items to the storage areas and the auction site. To help in any way call Jo Ann Lambie at 697-5098, Pepper Bauer at 697-5762, or Mary Conrad at 579-2675. Funds from this event go to LSSI and their "Intouch for Seniors" program, and will be matched by Thrivent.

## Mt. Calvary News and Announcements



Concordia  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

### News from Concordia

**Welcome to Our New Principal** -- We are very excited to welcome Paul Thompson as the new principal and athletic director at Concordia. Also considered part of the Concordia family are his wife, Mindy, and 2 children, Isaac(6th) and Grace(5th). Mr. Thompson attended Lutheran schools from kindergarten through high school, then graduated from Concordia College St. Paul with a B.A. in Education. He received a Masters degree from EIU in Educational Administration and has taught and coached in Lutheran schools for 20 years. He says that the family atmosphere of Concordia attracted him as a place where his own children could thrive. And he's also looking forward to serving with the talented and dedicated professionals that make up the faculty and staff.

**New Faculty Member** – Mr. Andrew Monkemeyer was commissioned to teach at Concordia Lutheran School on August 28, 2011 at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. His responsibilities include: 6th grade homeroom, 6-8 social studies, 3rd and 6-8 P.E., as well as track coach. Mr. Monkemeyer is a graduate of Concordia University Chicago, and this is his first full-time teaching job. Home is Millbrook, Illinois where his family owns a nursery business. Growing up 70 miles west of Chicago might explain why he's such a big Cubs fan! Drew enjoys all sports, but especially enjoys biking, running, and playing basketball. Watching old movies and traveling are also hobbies. Drew says that he is a teacher because he has always had a passion for helping others, using technology, and learning about history.

#### **Concordia Scrip:**

Scrip is a program that allows you to make the purchases you already do and help Concordia. Enrollment forms and more details for the Concordia Scrip program are available from Luann

Claudin, Concordia School, or the church office.

Scrip is now also online at [Concordia.scriporder.com](http://Concordia.scriporder.com)! Members need simply to contact one of the Scrip leaders to get an ID and password. If you aren't enrolled, call the school to sign up.

#### **FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

"We must be willing to make the sacrifice and rearrange our lives to welcome that unanticipated beautiful new baby. We must pay the price in time, energy, and often money, to care for that sick, elderly person. We must pay the price in time and energy to care for that child with Down syndrome. We must pay the price of work, money, and effort, to teach, proclaim, and enact laws that defend life. But, dearly beloved, with the price paid there come great rewards." *Rev. Don Richman, Lutherans For Life International Representative*



"Are you a grandparent? Then consider how you can share the Good News with your children and grandchildren. Are you thankful for your grandmother and grandfather? Why not take time now to call or send a note to thank them for bringing the Good News of Christ into your life?" *Kay L. Meyer, director of development for Lutherans For Life*

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans For Life - [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**Peoria Area Lutherans for Life generally meets at 6:30 pm the 4th Monday evening of the month at Mt. Calvary. Their next meeting will be September 26<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **LIFE CHAIN**

**Peoria Area Lutherans for Life will stand in the Life Chain from 2:30 – 3:30 pm on Sunday, October 2nd.** We will meet at Culvers on North University and stand in front of Metro Center at the south end of the chain. Signs will be provided. Please join us in standing and praying to end abortion for preborn children and their mothers.

## Mt. Calvary News and Announcements

### YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

Now that you have gone paintballing, what's next? Watch the weekly News and Announcements and your snail mail for information on a back to school activity. As soon as we have all the information we need, we'll let you know what's in the works.

### A COUPLE OF HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS -

- ✓ The lock on the back door no longer resets itself; you must turn your key all the way back after opening the back door off the parking lot to lock it.
- ✓ If you exit the building through the door in the sacristy hallway, please make sure it latches completely - the latch does not always catch.

### WOMEN'S MONTHLY THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

At our first meeting it was decided to stay with the first Thursday of the month, so we will meet next on **Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**, as Deaconess will be out of town in August. While we were together, we selected the topic "*Great Women of the Bible.*" If you were not able to join us for our first meeting in July, please do come on **September 1<sup>st</sup>**. We will meet at **6:45 pm (immediately following the Thursday Divine Service).**

### CALLING ALL YOUTH MOMS!

Keen on getting "mom" tips? Interested in sharing your knowledge and experience with others? Want to find out about local events for children? Looking for an easy way to arrange play dates and find last minute outings? Then join our new facebook group "Mt. Calvary Moms." Simply "friend" Sherri on **facebook** (her user name is Sherri Wood Long) and she'll gladly add you to our burgeoning group of moms.

### Youthful Minds

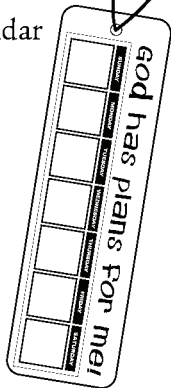
We'd like to get together again for a meal this month, just haven't decided when. So keep your ear to the ground (watch the Weekly News and Announcements and your snail mail) and we'll get the information out to you as soon as we have it.

# A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

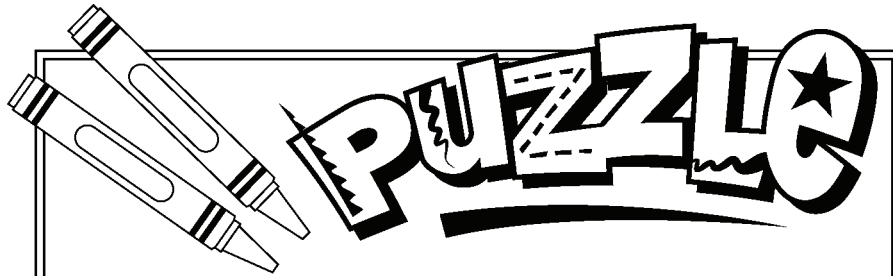
### What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



### What you do:

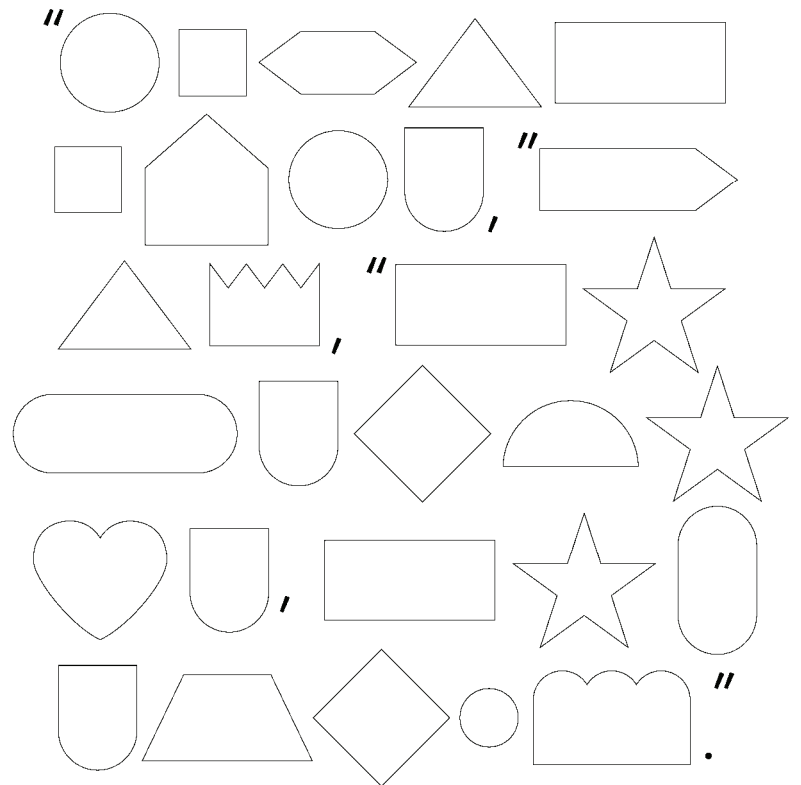
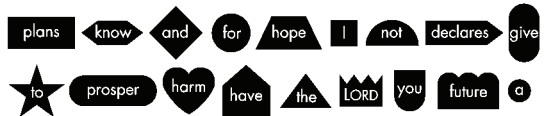
1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



# GOD'S PLAN

*When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.*

**Directions:** Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)





## Christian Education at Mt. Calvary



### Sunday:

#### **YOUTH:**

#### **Sunday School:**

Age 3 through grade 6 meet downstairs.

Grades 7 through High School Students meet upstairs in room above the kitchen.

#### **ADULTS:**

**The Apostles' Creed:** Last year we spent time looking at Luther's Large Catechism and the 10 Commandments. That was the Law. But God's Word also gives us Gospel. Join us as we read through the Large Catechism on the Apostles' Creed and discover all the wonderful ways the Gospel comes to us. **Meets in the Parish Hall during the Bible Study hour.**

**Women's Class:** The class will be working through the study "*The Beauty of Mentoring*" under the leadership of Vicky Brosowske. **They meet in the nursery room during the Bible Study Hour.**

#### **TUESDAY:**

**Lutheranism 101:** What are the basic teachings of the Christian faith? What gifts are given us by God so that we can live with Him in peace? Why do we worship the way we do? Where do Lutherans come from anyway? These and other questions – including yours – may well be answered during our current Lutheranism 101 class. **Meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

#### **WEDNESDAY:**

#### **Men's Bible Study:**

**The Letter to the Hebrews:** Why is it important to have Jesus as our great High Priest? What do the witnesses of faith show us about our life in this world? Just what are we promised as we receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken? Find out as we read through the Letter to the Hebrews on Wednesday mornings. **Meets 6:30 am at Bob Evans on Big Hollow Road.**

#### **Evening Bible Study:**

**Luke:** – What does it mean for Jesus to be the One Who brings God's Kingdom to earth? Find out as we read through the Gospel according to St. Luke with its wonderful emphasis on Jesus' grace, His fellowship with sinners, and the journey of the life of faith. **Class meets in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm.**

#### **THURSDAY:**

#### **Afternoon Bible Study:**

**The Gospel According to St. John:** Sometimes simply called the "Fourth Gospel," this account of Christ's work and teaching was given as a supplement to Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John is given to focus on Jesus' divine nature, the power of His word, and that faith in Him is what brings life now and in eternity. Join us as we read through this powerful witness to Jesus. **We meet at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

**Thursday Evening Women's Study:** **Meets the first Thursday of the month, September 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall.** Deaconess Gillian will be leading this study. Their first topic will be "*Great Women of the Bible.*"

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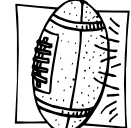


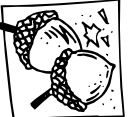
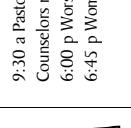
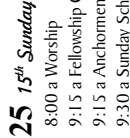



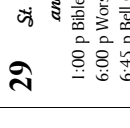
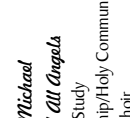
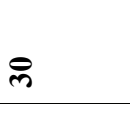

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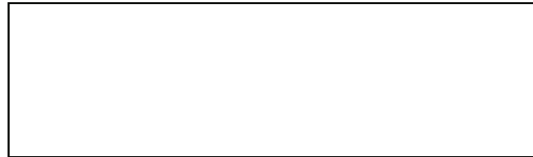
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| <p><b>4</b> <i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i><br/>8:00 a Worship/Holy Communion<br/>9:15 a Fellowship Coffee<br/>9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Classes<br/>10:45 a Worship/Holy Communion</p>     | <p><b>5</b> <i>Labor Day</i><br/>6:30 p Board Meetings<br/>7:30 p Administrative Council</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p><b>6</b><br/>9-11:00 a Food Pantry<br/>7:00 p Women of Mt. Calvary</p>     | <p><b>7</b><br/>6:30 a Men's Bible Study<br/>7:00 p Bible Study</p>  | <p><b>8</b><br/>1:00 p Bible Study<br/>6:00 p Worship/Holy Communion<br/>6:45 p Bell Choir<br/>7:00 p Neighborhood Watch<br/>7:45 p Adult Choir</p> | <p><b>9</b></p> | <p><b>10</b></p> | <p><b>11</b> <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i><br/>8:00 a Worship<br/>9:15 a Fellowship Coffee<br/>9:30 a Anchoemen Rehearsal<br/>9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Classes<br/>10:45 a Worship<br/>12:00 a Worship &amp; Music Committee<br/>7:00 p Ruckle/Stutz Cell Group</p> | <p><b>12</b></p> | <p><b>13</b><br/>11:30 a Pastor at Circuit Conference<br/>7:00 p Lutheranism 101</p> | <p><b>14</b> <i>Holy Cross Day</i><br/>6:30 a Men's Bible Study<br/>7:00 p Bible Study</p> | <p><b>15</b><br/>1:00 p Bible Study<br/>6:00 p Worship/Holy Communion<br/>6:45 p Bell Choir<br/>7:45 p Adult Choir</p> | <p><b>16</b></p> | <p><b>17</b></p> | <p><b>18</b> <i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i><br/>8:00 a Worship/Holy Communion<br/>9:15 a Fellowship Coffee<br/>9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Classes<br/>10:45 a Worship/Holy Communion</p> | <p><b>19</b></p> | <p><b>20</b><br/>4:30 p Board of Elders<br/>7:00 p Lutheranism 101</p> | <p><b>21</b> <i>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i><br/>6:30 a Men's Bible Study<br/>7:00 p Bible Study</p> | <p><b>22</b><br/>1:00 p Bible Study<br/>6:00 p Worship/Holy Communion<br/>6:45 p Bell Choir<br/>7:45 p Adult Choir</p> | <p><b>23</b></p> | <p><b>24</b></p> | <p><b>25</b> <i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i><br/>8:00 a Worship<br/>9:15 a Fellowship Coffee<br/>9:15 a Anchoemen Rehearsal<br/>9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Classes<br/>10:45 a Worship</p>     | <p><b>26</b><br/>6:30 p Lutherans for Life</p> | <p><b>27</b></p> | <p><b>28</b><br/>6:30 a Men's Bible Study<br/>4:45 p Executive Committee<br/>7:00 p Bible Study</p> | <p><b>29</b> <i>St. Michael and All Angels</i><br/>1:00 p Bible Study<br/>6:00 p Worship/Holy Communion<br/>6:45 p Bell Choir<br/>7:45 p Adult Choir</p>     | <p><b>30</b></p> | <p><b>31</b></p> |
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## *Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement*

*The purpose of this congregation shall be:*

- *To spread the kingdom of the Word of God by :
  - ◇ *the preaching of the Word of God,*
  - ◇ *the administration of the Sacraments,*
  - ◇ *and the religious instruction of youth and adults according to the confessional basis of the Lutheran Church; and**
- *To foster Christian fellowship and charity.*