

# GOD BLESS AMERICA



*So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. —John 8:36*

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Sharing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.*

## How to Make Good Even Better: Evangelism Committee to Conduct Focus Groups

Let's say that you have a product, but you want to know more about it. For instance, you would want to find out what people like about it. And learn about what areas may need improvement. And uncover any new ideas to make your product even better.

Well, that's what we are going to be doing here at Calvary. One of our congregation's goals is to increase membership. To help reach that goal, we need to gain a keener insight into our church. Researching our members will help provide us with that valuable information.

The first step will be focus groups, which will consist of six to ten people per group. Each group will discuss a myriad of topics about Calvary. These topics will be developed from input derived from each of the Calvary committees. In order to get a good cross-section of the congregation we will

conduct focus groups of young families, middle-agers, seniors, visitors, new members, and former members.

Another resource for our research will be information acquired from various books and articles regarding what is important to people seeking a church.

The focus group sessions will be conducted during the upcoming months. The results of the research will be presented to the congregation this fall.

This research, conducted by the Evangelism Committee, is part of the overall church-wide program by the church council and all committees and groups to: 1) Engage Calvary members in witnessing for Christ and 2) Increase the membership at Calvary.

As a wise man once said, "When you are through improving ... you're through."

— submitted by Tom Thiede

## Time & Talent Survey

The Stewardship Committee has put together a new Time & Talent Survey for our congregation. The survey was mailed out to congregation members at the end of June and is also available online on our website.

We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider how and where you can best serve and then fill out a survey, either

on paper and turn in to the church office or (easier!) online. Just visit our homepage ([www.calvarylc.com](http://www.calvarylc.com)) and click the Time & Talent Survey button to begin.



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Dear Friends,

Our Vacation Bible School week is quickly approaching – August 3 – 7! Many of the children who attend this program are not members of our congregation, and so it provides us with a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of Christ Jesus with children who may not have a church home. Last year, there were approximately 70 children who participated in our program, and we are anticipating even more children this summer.

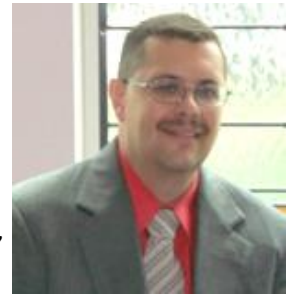
On the Thursday evening of Bible School week (August 6), we will gather for a potluck supper and a program presented by the children. The supper begins at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, and the program begins at 7 pm in the nave. Everyone in our congregation is encouraged to attend the supper and the program.

In adopting our congregational goals this past January, our leaders and members have announced their commitment to getting serious about evangelism and outreach. The potluck supper before the VBS program on Thursday, August 6th is Calvary Church's biggest outreach opportunity of the year. On that evening, our building will be teeming with young families who do not know other attendees and are looking for a welcome and someone to sit with. Initiating table fellowship in a room full of strangers is a very uncomfortable and awkward experience. Have you ever gone somewhere for the first time, and walked around a crowded room with a plate filled with side-dishes and thought "where are we going to sit?" What a difference it makes when someone spots you and says "there is room here at our table if you would like to join us." Such a welcome is powerful. You have the opportunity to offer this welcome!

During the meal, you will have the opportunity to get to know our guests, share a little more about Calvary, and to invite them to join you for worship. I will, of course, be sending each family a letter thanking them for bringing their children and joining us for the program. However, this is not as effective in terms of outreach as having members of Calvary connecting with them



## From the Pastor's Study



on Thursday evening. Once these families leave the building on Friday, our efforts are intended to attract them back. On Thursday evening, they are here and our members have the opportunity to form relationships with them. When people feel that they have made a connection with members of a congregation, they are much more likely to return to that congregation than to visit one in which they do not know anyone.

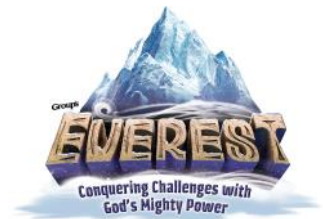
Please mark your calendar and plan to join us here at Calvary on Thursday, August 6, at 5:30 pm. Please bring a hot dish and a welcoming smile to share with our guests!

In Christ Jesus,

*Pastor*

### "Everest" VBS: August 3-7

Sign-up your little climbers for an epic expedition of praying and playing! The cost is \$15 per child. Children age 3 (fully potty trained) through 5th grade are invited to attend. More information is available on the church website, or contact me!



This week is not just for kids! We are running this week, in-house; which means we will need your help. Whether you can help for an hour, a day, or the whole week. We need help before during and after VBS, both behind the scenes and hands-on.

Don't miss out on *this awesome week, that is fun filled, high energy, and God driven!!*

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## It's About Our Family

### Births

Congratulations to Samantha & Joey Bland (daughter of Kim Nyka) on the birth of a son, Owen on May 28.

### Deaths

Our deepest Christian sympathies to Sue Rowe and family on the death of her father-in-law, James, on May 22 and brother-in-law, Gary on May 24.

Condolences to the family & friends of former member Dena Deibert who passed away on June 13.

Sincere Christian sympathy to Ed & Eleanora Ramthun on the death of a godson, Dale Ramthun, on June 17.

*Please inform the church office of any births, deaths, illnesses or if you have change of address/contact information or a change in any other family situation.*

## Thank You Notes

**From Emmaly Roser:** Dear Calvary family, Thank you very much for the beautiful journal with my name and congregation's name inscribed upon it. It means a lot to me to receive this gift and to know that you are praying for me. I am looking forward to using this journal, and thinking of your generosity as I do so. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Sincerely, Emma Roser

**From Heifer International:** Thank you for your generosity and gift to Heifer International. The end of extreme poverty is within our grasp, and your help matters. Thank you for investing in Heifer International to help make a better world—one family at a time.

## Prayers

Please check the weekly bulletin for those people needing our urgent prayers. If you have any prayer requests, please call or email the church office. We ask for continued prayers for:

**Ongoing prayer concerns:** Lori Smith; Bev Meinke; Elizabeth Bruns (mother of Carol Rooney); Chris Clemens (father of Jessie Brovold); John Kirch (brother of Laurie Kretschmann); Mark Rogers (son-in-law of John Ellison); Brian Holman (grandson of Ron & Jean Holman); Mary Ellen Puls (sister of Craig Busche); Mark Williams (son-in-law of Nancy & Jim Marsho); Maureen Schulz (sister-in-law of Sallie Schulz); Tyler Volcensek (great-

grandson of Ginnie Cox); Ginny Mc Bride (friend of Judy Kestly); Sara Schmidt (daughter of Rev. Cathi Braasch); Jonathan Burmeister (friend of Calvary); Reese Schisel (cousin of Nick Huettl); Carol Bzdusek (sister-in-law of George & Terry Bzdusek); Gordon Evans (friend of Chet Elliott); Susie Nelson (cousin of Mark Trudell); Steve (neighbor of Jean & Rich Bloomberg).

**Shut-Ins:** Dorothy Larsen; Lowell Sonderman; John Ellison; Marge Fuller; Dottie Riemer; Ruth Yankus; Liz Gjenvick; Jean Anderson; Sam & Mary Moen; June Johnson; Donna Polizzi; Marj Skarie; Mickey Rash; Bill Rash Jr. (son of Mickey Rash).

## July Calendar Highlights

*Check the church calendar for complete listings.*

Fri	3	Church Office closed
Sat	4	Independence Day; Hospitality Tent; Worship; Name Tag Weekend
Sun	5	Worship; Name Tag Weekend; Youth Camp Blessing
Mon	6	Summer Camp begins!
Tue	7	Handbell Technique Clinic
Sun	12	Worship; Summer Choir
Mon	13	Serenity Inn Meal Program
Tue	14	Handbell Technique Clinic; Deacon Meeting
Fri	17	VBS Set Building
Sun	19	Worship; Food Sunday
Tue	21	Crossroads Deadline; Council Meeting
Thu	23	Men's Ministry Gathering
Tue	28	Handbell Technique Clinic
Thu	30	Crossroads Assembly
Fri	31	VBS Decorating; Starry Nights

## Luther Manor Honors Calvary Volunteers

We are delighted and proud to report that the following Calvary members were honored as volunteers at Luther Manor during *National Volunteer Week* this year: Eleanore Hahn, Sue, Addison & Preston Mey-

er, Rev. Jack & Donna Trethewey, and Randy & Sue Wizner.

Cheryl Schmitz, Director of Volunteer Services at Luther Manor said, "We greatly

appreciate this caring support, which enables us to enhance our ministry to the older adults we serve."

## July Mission of the Month: The Women's Center in Waukesha *submitted by Linda Berger*



The mission of The Women's Center is to provide safety, shelter, and support to women and their families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse, and to facilitate their development. Programs and services include our emergency shelter, 24-hour Hotline, domestic violence and sexual assault counseling for women and their children, transitional living, legal advocacy, community education and violence prevention, life-skills development, employment counseling,

and on-site childcare for children of women utilizing any one of these services. Our services are free, and we provide translation and interpretation in any language!

Calvary has had a long-term commitment to support the great work of the Women's Center shelter. Through your loving hearts and God-given talents and treasures please consider the following ways to show how Calvary cares in our community:

1. Pray for the women and children in need of the Women's Center love and support, and for the people serving them.
2. Provide emergency resources which are essential in helping survivors transition to a life of independence:
  - Gas gift cards (provide a monetary amount noting on your check or giving envelope "WC Gas Card")
  - New twin-size bed linens (find sales/clearances or stop in at Goodwill on Bluemound occasionally)
  - Towels of various sizes, size 4+ diapers
  - Non-perishable food items

*There will be a labeled bin in the church narthex (lobby area) for these donations.*

3. Help out at the Women's Center with these projects:

- Dire need of experienced painters
- Gardeners to pull weeds and dig holes
- Strong lifters/heavers to move stones

*There are no deadlines; they will work with any schedule - weekends, evenings, as well as weekdays. Mary Ackers (262/522-3845) is the contact person for project work.*

4. You can also support the Women's Center with your financial support. Donations to Mission of the Month for July go toward helping this worthwhile shelter & support center. Checks should be made payable to *Calvary Lutheran Church* and note "July Mission of the Month".

*If you would like a tour or more information you may contact Nicole E. Rogers, 262-522-3804 or [nrogers@twcwaukesha.org](mailto:nrogers@twcwaukesha.org). Linda Berger can also forward your questions or interest if needed: [dberger6@wi.rr.com](mailto:dberger6@wi.rr.com) or 262-366-5599. We invite you to take a minute to visit their website (<http://twcwaukesha.org/>) to learn more.*



### July Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Calvary's Cupboard last month. Items collected are taken to the Waukesha Food Pantry. The next Food Sunday is **Personal Products Sunday**, with collection *July 18th and 19th, 2015*. Recommended items include bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Other items of need are canned meats, fruits or vegetables, soups, pasta, and cereals. If you prefer to make a monetary contribution, please mark your envelope or check with the notation "Food Pantry".



### Update to April Mission of the Month — submitted by Judy DeBruine

Thank you to all who responded to Compassion's Water of Life program and also to child sponsorship needs.

Through your generosity our congregation has provided 63 units for clean drinking water this year and the lives of 5 young people were changed when they were sponsored.

## High School Students Mission Trip 2015

As this issue of the Crossroads goes to print, our high school students are in Bayou La Batre, Alabama serving through Youth Works. Those participating are Anna, Elise, & Mary Baumgartner, Daniel Berger, Mandi Rian, Laura Steiner, and chaperones Angie Schatz and Brad Meyer. Below are a few pictures shared via email from the beginning of the week.



### Ready to head out...Alabama or bust!!

Pictured above, left to right: Mandi Rian, Daniel Berger, Anna Baumgartner, Elise Baumgartner, Laura Steiner, Mary Baumgartner, Brad Meyer, Angie Schatz.



## Calvary Celebrates and Honors the 2015 Graduates



On Sunday, June 7, Calvary celebrated and honored our most recent high school and college graduates. High school graduates received a gift of an engraved journal from the deacons. The congregation enjoyed cake and fellowship time with the graduates following worship.

Pictured at left (left to right): Anna Baumgartner, Emmaly Roser, Rebecca Steiner, Nicole Wahlgren.

We invite your prayers for our high school graduates as they prepare for the next phase of their education beginning in the fall and for our college graduate as she prepares to enter the workforce in service to the Lord.



**Anna Baumgartner** graduated from Arrowhead High School and will be attending UW-La Crosse in the fall. Anna plans on majoring in Communications and minor-ing in Spanish & Psychology.



**Emmaly Roser** graduated from Brookfield Central High School and will be attending WCTC in the fall. Emma plans on Studying graphic design and web design..



**Nicole Wahlgren** graduated from Brookfield Central High School and will be attending UW-Madison in the fall. Nicole plans on majoring in Mechanical Engineering and minoring in Art.



**Rebecca Steiner** graduated from Bethel University in St. Paul, MN with a B.A. in Youth Ministry. Becky looks forward to serving in God's kingdom, helping young people to grow in their faithfulness to God.

## Mission Servant Week: 'Thank You Mission Servants ! — submitted by Linda Berger

Through Christian love and hands at work we will bless those in need with bags and bags of toiletry items and clothes, a shopping cart of food, school supplies in backpacks, health kits, and beautiful comforting fleece blankets. Thank you to all who donated, painted, raked, sewed or knotted, wrote notes of encouragement, contributed to Bible purchase, and the new Kids on a Mission group for sharing their gifts of love!

I would like to emphasize Mission Servant Week has adapted as our congregation changes and we have heard some great new ideas for projects that we can work on during the year and for next year's week of service. We'd like to hear everyone's ideas!

Please feel free to email or call Linda Berger (262-938-9632), Ernie Kretschmann (262-782-4989) or Erica Zipp (414-530-9461).



At left: Kids on a Mission  
At right: Letter writing to men & women serving overseas in our military.  
Below: Waukesha Food Pantry food collection



At right & left: Calvary property clean-up



At left: Fleece blanket making for LWR  
At right: Random Acts of Christian Kindness  
Above: Collections for SVdP and LWR health & school kits.



## A Message from Bishop Bradosky (reprinted from the June NALC newsletter)



Dear followers of Jesus in the North American Lutheran Church:

In celebration of the Holy Trinity I am sharing a part of my message delivered to the Carolinas Mission District Convocation. (Please take a mo-

ment to read John 3:1-17.)

I am always fascinated by the way parents pick names for their children. Our daughter and son-in-law named our first grandchild "Ramsay." It has no connection to either family, and I believe they watch cooking shows and had some fondness for Chef Ramsay. But the other day I looked up the meaning of his name and discovered it comes from an Old English word for "wild garlic island." Such profound insignificance caused me to look a little more deeply for the meaning of our second grandson who they named "Brody." I learned that it comes from a Gaelic word meaning "ditch."

You can tell we live in a world where how it sounds is more important than what it means. This is not a concern I will raise in the course of our family discussions, nor am I overly concerned that they will be ridiculed because of their names. They are both going to be big boys! I will probably be the only one who will take the time to research the origin and meaning of their names.

We live in a world where not many want to dig deeply. We are often satisfied to live our lives only scratching the surface of meaning and purpose when God invites us to go so much deeper.

In John 3, Jesus was inviting Nicodemus to go deeper. I learned a lot about names and their meaning when I studied in the Holy Land. It was while we were there that Kristi and I picked the names for our children. One of the most important things I learned was that people in Semitic cultures do not give out their names as freely as we do. We introduce ourselves with our name. In Semitic cultures they want to get to know you before they give you their name. They believe your name

is deeply connected with your identity, so if you give a person your name you have given them your identity. To know a person's name is to be connected to them, to be in a relationship with them. It is an act of intimacy to call a person by name.

On Trinity Sunday we celebrate the name of God and the nature of God. Trinity is neither a theological concept, nor a philosophy principle. It is the essential nature of God. We worship a God who has revealed Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We worship a God who has entered history, entered our humanity, and offers us His continuous and powerful presence to the end of time. This God has demonstrated His nature as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in creation, redemption and sanctification. This same Lord created us, redeems us and makes us holy.

The name of God is revealed to Abraham and proclaimed to Moses. Israel is warned against profaning the name of the Lord or taking it in vain. Priests were to minister in the name of the Lord and to call on the name of the Lord was an act of worship. When you refer to the name of the Lord you are referring to God's entire character and person. In fact, His name is so holy it cannot be pronounced. When you watch Hassidic Jews read the Scriptures you can see them bow in reverence and instead of saying His name they say, "the Lord" or "Elohim" (God's job description — what He does.)

In the New Testament we find a similar understanding in reference to the name of Jesus. Salvation is through His name, believers are to gather in His name, we are to pray in His name. Worship, service and suffering are offered in the name of Jesus. Martyrs die while naming the name of Jesus Christ. It is at the name of Jesus that every knee will one day bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

From the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit comes with power to comfort, guide and strengthen the entire Body of Christ, the Church — all who believe in Christ Jesus for the sake of fulfilling His mission and ministry — until He returns in power and glory.

To call upon the revealed name of the Holy God is to acknowledge His presence, to re-

member that He has called us into a life-giving relationship with Him through faith in Jesus Christ and through the work of the Holy Spirit. To contemplate the meaning and implication of the invocation alone is a profound act of worship that could keep us occupied eternally. We keep waiting for the pastor to say something profound about our life and our faith. What is more profound than the name of God, the nature of God and being in the presence of God?

When church bodies, institutions or any other group take the name of the living God and conscript it for any other purpose or agenda, they commit heresy, transgress the commandments, pervert the doctrine of the Trinity and engage in blasphemy. To attempt to rename God with words that better fit our agendas or issues is nothing short of open rebellion against God. It is to reject revelation in favor of our own perverse insight.

During my first meeting with General Secretary Berhanu of the Ethiopian Evangelical Lutheran Church Mekane Yesus, I was questioned continuously for 20 minutes about what I believed. When I said, "Berhanu, I feel like I am being interrogated." He said, "You are!" "Why all the questions?" I asked. He said, "Our prior experience has taught us that just when we thought we were on the same page we discovered we were really worlds apart."

He told me the story of a Lutheran professor from the United States who came to teach a course of the Gospels at the seminary. When approaching the first miracle story of Jesus' changing water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana, he told the students that his wife was a professor of chemistry who assured him that it is chemically impossible for water to become wine. He further told the students that miracle stories were added later in order to convince people of Jesus' divine nature.

The students were shocked and asked for clarification. The professor repeated his teaching and, one by one, the students closed their books and walked out of the class. The professor protested their action to no avail. He said, "This is the new method for

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studying the Scriptures,” and that they needed to be open to learn.

A few minutes later the president of the seminary entered the classroom and asked the professor if what the students reported was true. The professor repeated his teaching and perspective.

Without hesitation the president said, “You must leave now!” When asked, “Why?” the president said the professor had perverted the doctrine of the Trinity. The professor protested that he wasn’t teaching about the Trinity but about miracles and the impossibility of changing water into wine.

The president asked the professor if he believed that the Father and the Son are one? “If you believe they are one, do you also believe the Son has the same power that the Father has? If the Father has the power to create water and all the chemical reactions in producing wine, then the Son has the same creative power to do with water and all the other chemicals what He wills! There is no question in our minds that the Son can do what the Father did in creation. There is no doubt that He can turn water into wine.”

“One more thing,” said the president, “we would rather graduate pastors who enter the world looking for the miracles of God rather than send out those who live in the midst of God’s miracles denying their existence.”

The nature of God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — are intimately connected. You can’t tamper with the identity of one and not affect the other two. It is for this reason that the Scriptures norm our life and faith — not human wisdom. Those Scriptures are the authoritative norm for all matters of life and faith. All doctrines and actions are judged by that Word.

We have been entrusted with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Nothing is more urgent in our day than a Church that believes the Gospel and makes it the fundamental starting point and directing power for its life. This Church must stand firm in its assertion that the Gospel is true — universally true — for everyone in all parts of the world in every point in history.

The NALC must stand over and against the rampant relativism espoused by those who claim to be the Church, yet reject the Gospel in favor of the cheap manmade substitutes of universalism, arbitrary acceptance, and inclusivity.

The very thought that we could redesign and improve God’s grace in favor of our own version of what it means to be gracious is apostasy. The grace of Jesus Christ, His life-giving love and salvation through His atoning sacrifice and death on the cross is the only and all-sufficient grace of the Church — the only saving grace and the only Gospel we proclaim.

Then if that Gospel is true, if it tells us where all of history is headed, then mission must follow! If the Gospel is true, then the story must be made known. Jesus didn’t write a book, but He left behind a community that would make known the Gospel — the Good News of the Kingdom of God — by embodying that Gospel in its life and in its deeds and announcing it in its words. Jesus left behind a community of His disciples.

He charged His disciples, His Church, with the mission we have before us: “Go and make disciples of all nations!” This time between His first coming and His second coming is the time for the witness of His Church. Mission is not optional but an essential part of redemptive history. The Gospel is true and must be shared universally. This is the nature of making disciples: to lead others to faith in Jesus, to teach the one holy catholic and apostolic faith, to live the faith in our various vocations and to equip all the faithful to pass on this faith and guide others in living the faith. When those we teach and equip are able to disciple others we know our teaching and example of living the faith is firmly rooted in their lives.

The Gospel text referenced earlier is the story of a man who had a secret — Nicodemus. He is a Pharisee and religious leader, but he cannot bring himself to admit to his friends and other Pharisees that he believes Jesus is the Messiah. Not wanting to be seen publicly, he comes to Jesus under the cover of darkness. Nicodemus, like many Christians, is living a secret life. Secret sins are bad enough, but keeping our faith a secret pre-

vents the Church from fulfilling its mission. Keeping our love for Christ a secret deprives our lives of needed transformation and renewal.

Jesus tells Nicodemus, “You must be born again.” Nicodemus protests and tells Jesus, “There is no going back, there is no starting over.” In spite of his protests Jesus says, “Yes you can!”

Think of it. Before we are born we are surrounded by darkness, we are restricted in our movement, dependent and powerless. That described the life of Nicodemus. When we are born we are thrust into the light, we are set free to move, to have a will and soon realize that our cries can bring adults to their knees. Our lives are transformed at birth!

Kristi and I marveled at the birth of our grandchildren. It was more amazing and emotional than the birth of our own children, as we watched our joy become the experience of our child. The joy overflowed in tears and tender embraces. It really doesn’t matter who is present or walking by. I am convinced that birth is such an overwhelming emotional experience because it proclaims love’s transforming power.

Jesus is telling Nicodemus that there is still hope. Nicodemus is living his life in darkness. His identity and priorities are preventing him from honesty and integrity. He is more concerned about what others think than he is with the truth and a willingness to be transformed. Jesus is telling him and us that the Holy Spirit is available right now to go to work in our lives to give us a new beginning, a new birth, a life-changing transformation.

This life-transforming power is conferred on us in our Baptism, a power to be utilized daily. Baptism changed my name. Prior to my Baptism I was John Frederick Bradosky. After baptism I was no longer just John Frederick Bradosky. I became John Frederick Bradosky Christian. The name of Christ was added to my life. I became a part of something larger — something even more important than my family heritage. I became a new person in Christ. He gave me His name!

The power for that new birth and new life is just this: “For God so loved the world that he

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## Cal's Committee Corner: Youth & Family

The purpose of the Youth & Family Committee is to develop and support a vision for youth ministry that is intentional in providing age-specific (youth) and life-stage-specific (family) faith formation programs and activities. The objectives of the committee are as follows:

- Provide opportunities for participants to grow in their knowledge of Holy Scripture, and how it applies to their daily lives.
- Encourage youth members to develop their own devotional and prayer lives, and assist parents/guardians in engaging their families in Christian discipleship and prayer.
- Foster a sense of community among our youth members, both within their peer groups, and the congregation at-large.
- Connect families within our congregation, and others whom we may reach, with sound Christian resources and opportunities for fellowship.
- Equip youth and families to share their faith in Christ Jesus with others,

and to invite visitors to worship and congregational events.

The Youth and Family Ministry Committee shall have the special responsibility for the development of programs and activities for the children (birth through high school) and families of our congregation. This committee shall report thereon to the Congregational Council. This committee oversees several diverse ministry areas including: Little Lutherans, Family Ministry, Youth Ministry, Vacation Bible School, and other various events.

*Little Lutherans* – This ministry area serves our youngest children, Birth to 2nd grade. The main purpose of this ministry area is to introduce children to the Christian Faith, and ensure they know that God Loves Them! Some programs may include: Little Lambs playgroup, Blessing Bags, and Church Nursery.

*Youth Ministry* – The main focus of our youth ministry is to nurture children, youth and young adults in the Christian faith so they can build a personal relationship with God and grow independently in their faith. The elementary group is for youth in 3rd, 4th,

and 5th grades. The middle school group is for youth in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The High School group is for youth in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. Some programs may include: Youth Group Meetings, Retreats, Church Camp, Mission Trips, and Service Projects.

*Families In Real Ministry (FIRM)* – This ministry area focuses on assisting families of all shapes and sizes in building strong relationships with others in the family of Christ, and in bring our Christian faith/fairth practices into the home.

*Vacation Bible School (VBS)* – This committee oversees the preparation, implementation, and evaluation of Calvary's annual VBS. This is usually carried out by a sub-committee.

This committee shall have five to seven members and the council liaison working collaboratively with Calvary's Youth Director. Two members of the committee shall be younger than age 18.

For more information about the Youth & Family Committee, see Council liaison Rich Baumgartner.

## A Message from Bishop Bradosky

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gave His only Son, so that all those who believe in him would not perish but have eternal life." Luther writes that this one verse is "the Gospel in a nut shell."

We use the word "so" in two different ways. One is a diminutive way, "Sooo or So What!" But here it is used in just the opposite way. "For God so loved" is not the least but the greatest level of love the world could ever know or that you and I could ever experience. Only such love could produce loving results within us. Only this love could make us new, set us free and transform our life.

This word tells us that God was not willing to keep His love for us a secret. This was the way God revealed His love for us: by sending

His only Son, Jesus. Our celebration of the Trinity is a way to praise God for revealing Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. There are no secrets with God; everything is revealed, in the open, in the light. In Jesus there are no secrets. He plainly tell His disciples, "Everything I have heard from the Father I have made know to you."

In response to this profound truth, let us proclaim the truth and stop living secret lives! Let us cease keeping our faith in Jesus a secret and our love for Jesus suppressed. We must learn more about our faith and share our faith with others. Take time to nurture those relationships, like Jesus did with Nicodemus, so we can share the truth of the Gospel. These relationships matter more than anything else in life. They have eternal signifi-

cance. Testify to your faith. Be a witness to the difference Jesus has made in your life. Let the Holy Spirit you first received when you were baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit continue to transform your life with the power of His love, forgiveness and new life. This is what it means to love Jesus, to follow Jesus and to be His disciples.

What is in a name? Everything we need for life, love, forgiveness, salvation and transformation. In His name is our identity, for He has given us His name!

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit! Amen.

## Music Notes from Gene Traas

### Handbell Tech: Learn a New Skill!

Instructor: Director of Music Ministry Gene Traas

Sessions: Tuesdays July 7, 14, 28 (note: no session on the 21<sup>st</sup>), 6:00PM in the handbell stalls of the Sanctuary

Goals: Sense of accomplishment, mild handbell indoctrination, possibly enough motivation to join Celebration Ringers

Fee: Just three hours of your time

In just three sessions, you, too, can swing large metal objects and make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Originally this class was intended only for established Celebration Ringers members, but a few Ringers asked that I open it up to all Calvary members (ages 10-110). You'll learn how to hold the bell, basic ringing skills, and if all goes well, the opportunity to play at Sunday worship during the summer.

See Director of Music Ministry Gene Traas, or email [music@calvarylc.com](mailto:music@calvarylc.com), for more information.



### STAR-burst

STAR is Calvary's Short Term Assistance Responder ministry team. It has served the congregation the past 4 years by bringing meals to members and helping with transportation, as well as sending birthday and anniversary cards, making small home repairs, and overseeing funeral luncheons and receptions. But fewer volunteers, a greater availability of prepared meals in most grocery stores, and the Elmbrook Senior Taxi Service have brought about a bit of a "burst" in the original focus of STAR.

Therefore, at the end of June, the meal provision facet of the ministry will be discontinued and the transportation facet will be limited.

We would like to offer Calvary members rides to church services if they are unable to drive. If you would be willing to drive a Calvary member to church and/or back home after church, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the narthex glass door. Members who need a ride to church will be given this list with the contact information for all willing drivers. The member needing a ride will then contact people on the list to arrange pick-up time and place. Depending on the number of volunteers, you would not be called on more than once a month, and generally it would be even less often.

For other transportation needs, Information about the Elmbrook Senior

Taxi Service can be viewed on their website: <http://www.ci.brookfield.wi.us/index.aspx?NID=108> or you can call them at 262-785-1200 Monday through Friday from 9am to 3 pm.

Our card ministry, fix-it ministry, and funeral luncheon ministry will continue to function as they always have.

Many thanks to everyone who has been and will be part of this important ministry!

For further information, please contact Grace Gunnlaugsson –

262-369-3910 or [gracemg@mac.com](mailto:gracemg@mac.com).

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Now the Lord is the  
Spirit, and where the  
Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

## Calvary Son Races to Victory

A rainy late afternoon caused a small amount of chaos in the USA Cycling Professional Championships men's road race Monday, but a strong move made the final stretch into a victory parade for Matthew Busche.

Busche pulled away from a group of about 10 riders late in the race to win his second national road title. He was five seconds faster than the second place cyclist in front of a rain-soaked but enthusiastic crowd in downtown Chattanooga.

Busche, the only Trek Factory Racing Team member in the race, finished the 111.4-mile race — with four climbs over Lookout Mountain and 11 up the steep Kent Street hill in North Chattanooga — in 4 hours, 35 minutes, 21 seconds.

Matthew is the son of Calvary members Craig & Cindy Busche.  
Well done, Matthew!



**Calvary Worship Schedule:** Saturday at 5 pm ■ Sunday at 9 am

<b>Serving at Worship</b>	<b><u>July 4 &amp; 5</u> Sat. 5p; Sun. 9a Name Tag Weekend</b>	<b><u>July 11 &amp; 12</u> Sat. 5p; Sun. 9a</b>	<b><u>June 18 &amp; 19</u> Sat. 5p; Sun. 9a Food Sunday</b>	<b><u>June 25 &amp; 26</u> Sat. 5p; Sun. 9a</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Emily, Kitty	Conner, Gwen	Jared, Emily	Kitty, Gwen
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Brodell, Tyne	Young, Tschetter	Chesner, Altmin	Sadowsky
<b>ASST MINISTER</b>	Bonier	Tyne	OPEN	OPEN
<b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b>	Angie	Anna & Elise	Angie	Pr. Roser
<b>DEACONS (HOSP)</b>	[Sat] Lydia [Sun] Ron, Grace, Sue (Ruby)	[Sat] Ernie [Sun] Karen, Carol, Terry (Donna)	[Sat] Lydia [Sun] Mary, Grace, Carol (Donna)	[Sat] Ernie [Sun] Karen, Terry, Keith (Ruby)
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Lukasik			Pierce
<b>GREETERS</b>	[Sat] Chesner, Trudell [Sun] Corcoran, Marsho	[Sat] Trudell, Langelin [Sun] Young, Roush, Zastrow	[Sat] Anderson, Cox, Ketelsen [Sun] Rooney, Lau	[Sat] Marshall, Foster [Sun] Sayas, Long
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Hauch			Council
<b>LECTOR</b>	Tina Baumgartner	Tom Thiede	Grace Gunnlaugsson	Lee Tyne
<b>MUG-A-NEWCOMER</b>	Lee Tyne	Lori Smith	Kevin Wahlgren	Ed Ramthun
<b>POWERPOINT</b>	[Sat] Mark [Sun] Sue	[Sat] OPEN [Sun] Ron	[Sat] Mark [Sun] Sue	[Sat] Ron [Sun] Larry
<b>USHERS</b>	Rooney, Pierce	Zipp, Altmin, Elliott, Meyer	Bonier, Citraro, Wahlgren, Gunnlaugs- son	Sayas, Schatz, Nyka, Grospitz

## July Birthdays

	<b>Date</b>		<b>Date</b>		<b>Date</b>
Kramer, Breanne	1	Foley, Diane	14	Rupnick, Sandra	21
Ozburn, William	2	Kramer, John	14	Clayton, William	22
Simonson, Robert	2	Charland, Margaret	16	Lentz, Gary	22
Griese, Jeffrey	3	Long, Patricia	17	Berger, Emily	23
Liu, Sophia	3	Bednall, Andrew	18	Snyder, Barbara	23
Bentley, William	4	Rooks, Austin	18	Steiner, Laura	23
Gall, Kyle	4	Schubert, Erika	18	Hergott, Simone	25
Johnson, June	5	Spicer, Sally	18	Miedtke, Helga	25
DeBruine, Judy	6	Springer, Thomas	18	Altmin, Martha	26
Springer, Kris	8	Zimmerman, Robert	19	Grono, Joanne	26
Hanke, Bruce	10	Ketelsen, Jeanette	20	Hahn, Eleanore	26
				Meinke, Beverly	26
				Sanders, Kimberly	26
				Schmelzer, Diane	27
				Konczak, Lee	28
				Giuliani, Charles	29
				Griese, Melissa	29
				Polzin, Harriet	30
				Schatz, Megan	30
				Olson, Wayne	31

## July Anniversaries

	<b>Date</b>	<b># of Years</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b># of Years</b>
Rooney, Carol and George	1	48	Kurtz, Thomas and Patricia	18	51
Lentz, Gary and Jacqueline	9	15	Langelin, Scott and Peggy	18	34
Moen, Sanford and Mary	10	61	Gall, Cable and (Sarah)	29	9
Johnson, Wayne and Bonnie	15	26	Pierce, Keith and Karen	30	27
Bloomberg, Richard and Jean	17	22	Schwenn, Darrel and Shirley	31	61
Hubbard, Brian and Laura	18	28			

## JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> HS MISSION TRIP Mallards Game Outing <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship	<b>29</b> <u>Out: Pastor Roser</u>	<b>30</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Families Anon <b>7:30 PM</b> Non-Smoking AA	<b>1</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Evangelism Committee	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED OFFICE CLOSED <b>12:00 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>4</b> INDEPENDENCE DAY <i>Name Tag Weekend</i> <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship
<b>5</b> <i>Name Tag Weekend</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship-Youth camp blessing	<b>6</b> <u>Out: Pastor Roser</u> SUMMER CAMP	<b>7</b> SUMMER CAMP <b>9:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Handbell Technique Clinic <b>6:30 PM</b> Amazing Grace Adult Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Families Anon <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship & Music Committee <b>7:30 PM</b> Non-Smoking AA	<b>8</b> <b>COUNCIL REPORTS DUE</b> SUMMER CAMP <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>9</b> SUMMER CAMP <b>9:30 AM</b> Calvary Knitting Group <b>2:00 PM</b> Foster Small Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Mutual Ministry Team	<b>10</b> SUMMER CAMP <b>12:00 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>11</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship
<b>12</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Summer Choir <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship	<b>13</b> <u>Out: Pastor Roser</u> Serenity Inn Meal Program <b>7:00 PM</b> Christian Clowns	<b>14</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Handbell Technique Clinic <b>7:00 PM</b> Deacon Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Families Anon <b>7:30 PM</b> Non-Smoking AA	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Exec Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> - <b>4:00 PM</b> VBS Set-Building <b>7:00 PM</b> Mutual Ministry Team	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> - <b>4:00 PM</b> VBS Set-Building <b>12:00 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>18</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship
<b>19</b> FOOD SUNDAY <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship - YOUTH SUNDAY	<b>20</b> <u>Out: Pastor Roser</u> <b>9:00 AM</b> Monday Morning Movie	<b>21</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>11:00 AM</b> Heritage Place <b>12:00 PM</b> CROSSROADS DEADLINE <b>1:00 PM</b> Rebekah Circle <b>7:00 PM</b> Congregation Council <b>7:00 PM</b> Families Anon <b>7:30 PM</b> Non-Smoking AA	<b>22</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Ruth Circle <b>9:30 AM</b> Foxbrook Chapel Svc <b>10:30 AM</b> Care-Age Chapel Svc <b>6:30 PM</b> Men's Ministry Gathering	<b>24</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>25</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship
<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship	<b>27</b> <u>Out: Pastor Roser</u> <b>4:00 PM</b> Meal Program	<b>28</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Handbell Technique Clinic <b>7:00 PM</b> Families Anon <b>7:30 PM</b> Non-Smoking AA	<b>29</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Crossroads Assembly	<b>31</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> - <b>4:00 PM</b> VBS Decorating <b>12:00 PM</b> AI Anon <b>6:00 PM</b> Starry Nights	<b>1</b> <i>Name Tag Weekend</i> <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship