

“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.” ~ Matthew 13:43



## National Conventions | Pastor Dan Quiram

Probably everyone who reads this article is aware of the National Conventions happening this summer. The Republican Convention met in Cleveland, Ohio, July 18th -21st and the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia, PA, wraps up this week, July 25th - 28th.

But were you aware that the National Convention of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod met in Milwaukee, WI, July 9th – 14th (Saturday – Thursday)? Synod Conventions are held every three years and this year happens to fall in the same month as the political conventions. I’m wondering if there isn’t a special message contained in that programing!

The purpose of the National Convention of our Church Body includes:

- Opportunities for worship, nurture, inspiration, fellowship, communication
- Principal legislative assemble
- Amends Constitution and Bylaws
- Considers and takes action on reports and overtures
- Handles appropriate appeals
- Establishes general positions and policies of the Synod
- Evaluates positions, programs policies, directions, priorities to provide responsible service on behalf of its members
- Authorize affiliation association, discontinuance with other church bodies, syn-

ods, or federations.

- Elects national officers and members of boards and commissions.

Each circuit of every district in Synod sends one pastor and one lay delegate to the National Convention. There are other officials and advisory delegates who also attend.

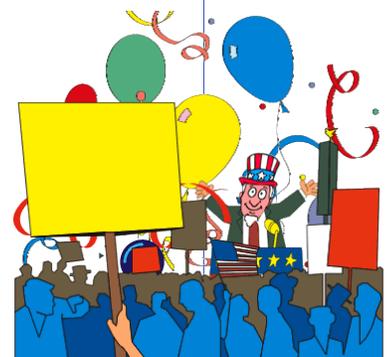
Our part here at Calvary is to cover the Convention in Prayer – for our Synod President, those nominated to serve in the role of other elected officers, the delegates, the Floor Committee members and all the work they do before, during and after the convention. Pray for those who continue to lead in various capacities, those who serve as delegates, those who have no vote but attend, and so many others – that the work of the convention might be God-pleasing and God would bless the ministry and witness of the LC-MS.

If you would like to know the results of the meeting, voting, etc., check out these links: <http://blogs.lcms.org/reporter> or <http://www.lcms.org/>.

May Jesus who is Lord of the Church and King of all creation guide the hearts and minds and votes of all who participate in conventions this summer so that His Kingdom may come among us mightily.

~ Pastor Dan

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JULY/AUG. READERS

# Tending the Flame Conference | *reprinted from Sally Hiller*

**7/3**

Isa.66:10-14 Ps.66:1-9  
Gal.6:1-6) 7-16  
8:30 Manfred Reek  
10:00 Beverly Karageorge

**7/10**

Deut.30:9-14 Ps.25:1-10  
Col.1:1-14  
8:30 David Sitter  
10:00 Alasaro Lucas

**7/17**

Gen.8:1-10a Ps.15 Col.1:15-28  
8:30 Scott Ruhl  
10:00 John Trotz

**7/24**

Gen.8:20-32 Ps.138 Col.2:6-15 (16-19)  
8:30 Ronnie Segal  
10:00 Cara Lucas

**7/31**

Eccles.1:2-12- 14; 2:18-23,  
Ps.14:1-12 Col.3:1-11  
8:30 Kaylee Hoerl  
10:00 Tomi Lucas

**8/7**

Gen.:15:1-6 Ps.:33:12-22  
Heb.11:1-3, 8-16  
8:30 Olive Abt  
10:00 Cynthia Hoerl

**8/14**

Jer.23: 23-29 Ps.82  
Heb.11:29—12-2  
8:30 Scott Ruhl  
10:00 John Trotz

**8/21** Isa.58:9b-14 Ps.103:1-8

Heb.12:18-29  
8:30 Manfred Reek  
10am Beverly Karageorge

**8/28**

Prov.25:6-7 Ps.112 Heb.13:1-8,15- 16  
10am Single Service/Church Picnic  
10:00 David Sitter

*Readers are always needed—please contact Amanda Richter, if interested. Please arrive early in time to check the bulletin for changes in scripture. If you cannot read, please find a substitute for your scheduled day and notify the church office before Wednesday.*

*Thank you for your service as readers!*

Registration fee is \$95 until July 15 - [register now](#)

You may be getting tired of receiving these reminder emails but I wanted to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to register before we start the late registration fee.

Tomorrow, July 15, is the last day to register for \$95. Beginning Saturday, July 16 the late registration fee of \$105 will apply.

[Register now \(link\)](#)

**Conference Schedule**  
**Friday, July 29**

11:00 am	Registration Begins
1:00 pm	Workshops session 1
2:30 pm	Workshops session 2
4:00 pm	Workshops session 3
5:15 pm	Dinner break (also for Youth & Children's program)- dinner at
7:00 pm	General Session I - Welcome & Opening
9:00 pm	General Session ends
11:00 pm	Youth Curfew

**Saturday, July 30**

7:30 am	Continental Breakfast - provided
9:00 am	General Session II
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am	Workshops session 4
12:15 pm	Lunch - Provided
1:30 pm	Workshops session 5
3:15 pm	Plenary Session III
4:30 pm	Worship
6:00 pm	Dinner event - included with registration
7:30 pm	Evening celebration/entertainment
9:00 pm	Conference ends



New this year is a room for Bible Journalers and those interested in Visual Faith.

Help us go green! Download the Tending the Flame app!

For our Tending the Flame attendees (and curious onlookers), the SED now has a free app available for download to your mobile device! New for this year's conference, the app will provide scheduling and workshop information, presenter bios, and allow each user to conveniently select and create a personalized schedule of workshops.

Preview the conference schedule and events, and begin to plan your weekend today!

Download the official  
Tending the Flame App

via **Yapp**



Download the app on iOS or Android:

1. Visit <http://my.yapp.us/TTF2016> on your device and follow instructions on page
2. You'll be asked to install Yapp from the app store (if you don't have it already).
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Don't have an iOS or Android device? You can view this app from your desktop browser by clicking the my.yapp.us URL above.



This is your opportunity to learn, share experiences, connect, and network.

Find out more on our webpage at [www.se.lcms.org/ttf2016](http://www.se.lcms.org/ttf2016)

Hotel info and avoid late registration fee

**Bad news!** - There are no more rooms available at the Virginia Crossings in our room block.

**Good News!** - There are several hotels very close by that have available rooms at comparable rates. Please contact the hotels below if you still need a room for the conference.

- Courtyard Marriott, 10077 Brook Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059 - [804-266-6900](tel:8042666900)
- Springhill Suites, 9701 Brook Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059 - [804-266-9403](tel:8042669403)
- Hampton Inn, 1101 Technology Park Dr., Glen Allen, VA 23059 - [804-261-2266](tel:8042612266)

**Good News!** Registration is still open the fee is \$95 but beginning July 16 the late registration fee of \$105 will apply.

**Thank you** to all of you who have already registered. We will be sending confirmation emails July 25th.

Find out more on our webpage at [www.se.lcms.org/ttf2016](http://www.se.lcms.org/ttf2016)

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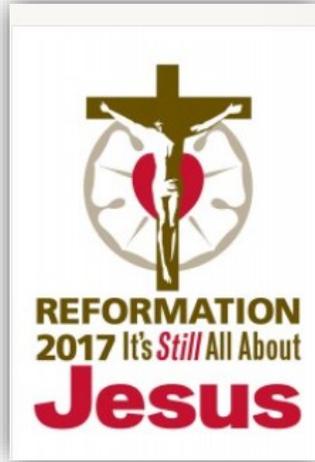


## Reformation Relevance: ‘This heavenly righteousness is given to us by God’

This month’s column is from Martin Luther’s 1535 Commentary on Galatians. If you want to find a good place to start reading a little Luther, this is the place to begin. The following is just a sample of the Gospel-laden Luther at his best.  
— Editor

But such is human weakness and misery that in the terrors of conscience and in the danger of death we look at nothing except our own works, our worthiness, and the Law. When the Law shows us our sin, our past life immediately comes to our mind. Then the sinner, in his great anguish of mind, groans and says to himself: “Oh, how damnably I have lived! If only I could live longer! Then I would amend my life.” Thus human reason cannot refrain from looking at active righteousness, that is, its own righteousness; nor can it shift its gaze to passive, that is, Christian righteousness, but it simply rests in the active righteousness. So deeply is this evil rooted in us, and so completely have we acquired this unhappy habit! Taking advantage of the weakness of our nature, Satan increases and aggravates these thoughts in us. Then it is impossible for the conscience to avoid being more seriously troubled, confounded, and frightened. For it is impossible for the human mind to conceive any comfort of itself, or to look only at grace amid its consciousness and terror of sin, or consistently to reject all discussion of works. To do this is beyond human power and thought. Indeed, it is even beyond the Law of God. For although the Law is the best of all things in the world, it still cannot bring peace to a terrified conscience but makes it even sadder and drives it to despair. For by the Law sin becomes exceedingly sinful (Rom. 7:13).

Therefore the afflicted conscience has no remedy against despair and eternal death except to take hold of the promise of grace offered in Christ, that is, this righteousness of faith, this passive or Christian righteousness, which says with confidence: “I do not seek active righteousness. I ought to have and perform it; but I declare that even if I did have it and perform it, I cannot trust in it or stand up before the judgment of God on the basis of it. Thus I put myself beyond all active righteousness, all righteousness of my own or of the divine Law, and I embrace only that passive righteousness which



is the righteousness of grace, mercy, and the forgiveness of sins.” In other words, this is the righteousness of Christ and of the Holy Spirit, which we do not perform but receive, which we do not have but accept, when God the Father grants it to us through Jesus Christ.

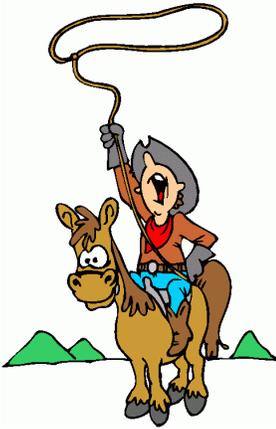
As the earth itself does not produce rain and is unable to acquire it by its own strength, worship, and power but receives it only by a heavenly gift from above, so this heavenly righteousness is given to us by God without our work or merit. As much as the dry earth of itself is able to accomplish in obtaining the right and blessed rain, that much can we men accomplish by our own strength and works to obtain that divine, heavenly, and eternal righteousness. Thus we can obtain it only through the free imputation and indescribable gift of God. Therefore the highest art and wisdom of Christians is not to know the Law, to ignore works and all active righteousness, just as outside the people of God the highest wisdom is to know and study the Law, works, and active righteousness.

It is a marvelous thing and unknown to the world to teach Christians to ignore the Law and to live before God as though there were no Law whatever. For if you do not ignore the Law and thus direct your thoughts to grace as though there were no Law but as though there were nothing but grace, you cannot be saved. “For through the Law comes knowledge of sin” (Rom. 3:20). On the other hand, works and the performance of the Law must be demanded in the world as though there were no promise or grace. This is because of the stubborn, proud, and hardhearted, before whose eyes nothing must be set except the Law, in order that they may be terrified and humbled. For the Law was given to terrify and kill the stubborn and to exercise the old man. Both words must be correctly divided, according to the apostle (2 Tim. 2:25 ff.).

*Excerpted from Martin Luther, Luther’s Works, Vol. 26: Lectures on Galatians, 1535, Chapters 1-4, ed. Jaroslav Jan Pelikan, Hilton C. Oswald and Helmut T. Lehmann, Vol. 26 © 1963, 1991 Concordia Publishing House. Used with permission.*

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## Calvary Board Round-Up | Jim McWilliams



Even though it's summer and folks are on vacation, we wanted to check-in on what some of Calvary's Boards and Committees are up to...

### BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY

- ◆ Ongoing search for Interim Pastor
- ◆ Contacting members by phone we haven't seen in a while
- ◆ Overseeing confirmation
- ◆ Discuss/survey congregation regarding possibility of one Sunday service
- ◆ Work with vacancy pastor
- ◆ Clean up mailing list
- ◆ Oversaw recent elections \*
- ◆ Keep homebound list updated
- ◆ Find new people to work with homebound
- ◆ Work with District since Pastor Poulson retired
- ◆ Pulpit coverage when Pastor Quiram is away

### PROPERTY

- ◆ Getting estimates of costs to get roof on school building repaired
- ◆ The brick on top of school building toward Grace house needs scraping and painting
- ◆ Classrooms that are currently in use occasionally need repairs
- ◆ Repair projects associated with the Marietta house and Grace house
- ◆ Exit light replacement is ongoing and progress is being made
- ◆ Shrubs replaced by Scouts
- ◆ Playgrounds need weeding and this will be accomplished by Scouts
- ◆ Small parking lot needs weeding, also to be accomplished by Scouts
- ◆ Holes in Old Harford Road parking lot need repair by professional paving contractor
- ◆ Ongoing general maintenance, replace light bulbs, minor repairs, etc.

### STEWARDSHIP

- ◆ Consecration Sunday (October 2, 2016)
- ◆ Socks and Undies Sunday
- ◆ Holiday turkeys. (November 2016)
- ◆ Miracle of Christmas. (December 2016)
- ◆ Shred-IT Saturday (April 29, 2017)
- ◆ Signage advertising ECLC/Pre-School program

### OUTREACH

- ◆ "Hands to Serve" service event like the one held during the Anniversary Celebration year, is being planned for mid-September/early October. If you are interested in helping or leading one of the service projects, please contact Bridget Mainley, [bmainley@gmail.com](mailto:bmainley@gmail.com). Stay tuned for more details!
- ◆ A Wednesday evening prayer meeting from 6 pm to 7 pm, at Calvary's altar, began on

July 6. The purpose is to seek the Lord's will for our congregation and pray for the needs of the congregation. Reminder cards will be made available.

- ◆ Guiding Hand tutoring will be available two days a week on Tuesday and Wednesday for 1.5 hours per day. Tutoring for grades two through five is available. Our purpose is to establish a relationship with the child and family. Open to the community.
- ◆ Food and Fellowship on the 4th Saturday of the month from 4pm-6pm to be held outside, weather permitting. Need help with setup/teardown and members available to visit with guests.
- ◆ Working with LINC and Family Promise organizations. The goal is to be able to house and feed for one week, up to 14 people, four times a year. We have been promised help from one other congregation and there is a possibility of help from a second congregation.
- ◆ Second Saturday of the month Mission Outreach is an ongoing effort in cooperation with St. Mathias Episcopal Church on Belair Road. The Calvary mission team prepares lunch and serves it, at St. Mathias, for from 90-150 people who are homeless or in otherwise needy circumstances.

### BOARD CHAIRS & MEMBERS \*

- ◆ **Lay Ministry** | Pat Bell, Chair  
*Member(s):* Ed Hawkins, Betty Huccke, Carole & Richard Nolet, Cheryl Reek, Mark Osborne, Jim Struder
- ◆ **Stewardship** | Manfred Reek, Chair  
*Member(s):* Ed Haupt, Jim & Ann McWilliams, Scott Ruhl, Mary Jo Ford, Laura & David Sitter
- ◆ **Education** | Sharon Koogler, Chair  
*Member(s):* Jamea Christian, Cindy Hoerl, Kris Sabatino
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- ◆ **Youth** | Allison Baptiste, Chair  
*Member(s):* Rosa White, Andrea Taylor, Jonathan Scruggs



## “Notes” from Worship & Music | Barb Sommer

This is the weather we’ve been wishing for during the long, dark winter, and during the damp cold spring. Hot and sweaty! Even we forgot that it gets so humid around here. The meetings and schedules should be a little lighter; the time to sit and enjoy the evening breeze and sky is most relaxing. Still work goes on for those employed; children go to camp or grandma’s, or even to get ahead with summer courses at school. Work at church continues since God doesn’t go on vacation and his people still call on him no matter what the season. At a recent worship service we heard the question, “Who is my neighbor?” We may see more of our neighbors during the summer as people work outside, kids play until twilight, pets and owners get their exercise, and we find out names and addresses of those whom we meet. Take time to talk to your neighbors as you learn their names and hear of their interests and concerns. Pray for them. Invite them to worship. This is the season of growth, in your garden, in the parks, and in relationships. Pentecost season color is green to remind us that the Holy Spirit is in charge of this growth in our hearts. You won’t see much growth if you stay on the porch rocking chair or the blanket on the beach. Get up and share the joy you have found in your life through your

faith in Jesus.

He is the one who got you through your tough times, who so abundantly blessed you. We will meet more neighbors in our community as we become more active in the new outreach programs of Family Promise (housing 2-3 homeless families four times a year) and the Urban Community Outreach programs in the Grace House (counseling, education activities, support groups). We will be asking you to express your support in an upcoming voter’s meeting. We will also be looking for people willing to canvass the neighborhoods around the church to find out their needs and interests.

A group is working on the programs and physical needs of the houses. Next we will find people who can paint, patch walls, replace windows, lay tile, search out appliances, etc. This we can do as individuals and as a congregation! We hope to start the Grace House programs, supported by LINC and the Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland, in the fall. The Family Promise Program will start in spring, 2017.

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### TO SUBMIT NEWS OR FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CALVARY’S NEWSLETTER, CONTACT:

- **Board of Public Relations**  
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- Make sure you’re getting the digital version of the newsletter and other congregational communications—sign-up outside the narthex or send your name and current email address to [calvarylutherancs@gmail.com](mailto:calvarylutherancs@gmail.com).
- Upcoming publications, dates and deadlines are:  
⇒ **September** issue: deadline August 27

## The Power of Prayer | Pat Bell

"Standing in the Need of Prayer" written by Moses Hogan is a gospel hymn known by many. We often find ourselves in need of intercessory prayer. Praying for others can put a spiritual wall of protection around those requesting prayer. Prayer is a ministry of the church that uses this power God gave the church to call upon him in times of need and times of praise and thanksgiving.

**Calvary's Prayer Circle** has been using this power of prayer for years. They are waiting for your call!

Ruth Pfeffer, chair 410.252.7169  
Betty Heilman, 410.666.2806

Marlene Kluge, 717.235.7879  
Laura Sitter, 410.668.1617  
Pat Peters, 410.569.3459  
Lynne Funck, 410.661.1763

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Calvary has a **Prayer Ministry Team** that meets every Sunday during the Bible Study hour praying for the needs of others and for Calvary's renewal. All are invited to join them for prayer any Sunday during the entire time or any portion of the time they meet. Prayer requests can also be given to the group leader, Joan Colliflower, 410.426.3919.



## Reformation Relevance: “Only God Rules Over the Souls”

*In his “Temporal Authority: To What Extent It Should Be Obeyed” from 1523, Luther distinguishes the two kingdoms of church and state and the types of law that govern each. In particular, he notes that when it comes to the salvation of souls, only the Word of God should be taught and accepted. — Editor*



voice of a stranger, but flee from him.” From this it follows that with such a wicked command the temporal power is driving souls to eternal death. For it compels them to believe as right and certainly pleasing to God that which is in fact uncertain, indeed, certain to be displeasing to him since there is no clear word of God for it. Whoever believes something to be right which is wrong or uncertain is denying the truth, which is God himself. He is believing in lies and errors, and counting as right that which is wrong.

It is to be noted first that the two classes of Adam’s children — the one in God’s kingdom under Christ and the other in the kingdom of the world under the governing authority, as was said above — have two kinds of law. For every kingdom must have its own laws and statutes; without law no kingdom or government can survive, as everyday experience amply shows. The temporal government has laws which extend no further than to life and property and external affairs on earth, for God cannot and will not permit anyone but himself to rule over the soul. Therefore, where the temporal authority presumes to prescribe laws for the soul, it encroaches upon God’s government and only misleads souls and destroys them. We want to make this so clear that everyone will grasp it, and that our fine gentlemen, the princes and bishops, will see what fools they are when they seek to coerce the people with their laws and commandments into believing this or that.

When a man-made law is imposed upon the soul to make it believe this or that as its human author may prescribe, there is certainly no word of God for it. If there is no word of God for it, then we cannot be sure whether God wishes to have it so, for we cannot be certain that something which he does not command is pleasing to him. Indeed, we are sure that it does not please him, for he desires that our faith be based simply and entirely on his divine word alone. He says in Matthew 18 [16:18], “On this rock I will build my church”; and in John 10 [:27, 14, 5], “My sheep hear my voice and know me; however, they will not hear the

Hence, it is the height of folly when they command that one shall believe the church, the fathers, and the councils, though there be no word of God for it. It is not the church but the devil’s apostles who command such things, for the church commands nothing unless it knows for certain that it is God’s word. As St. Peter puts it, “Whoever speaks, let him speak as the word of God” [1 Pet. 4:11]. It will be a long time, however, before they can ever prove that the decrees of the councils are God’s word. Still more foolish is it when they assert that kings, princes, and the mass of mankind believe thus and so. My dear man, we are not baptized into kings, or princes, or even into the mass of mankind, but into Christ and God himself. Neither are we called kings, princes, or common folk, but Christians. No one shall or can command the soul unless he is able to show it the way to heaven; but this no man can do, only God alone. Therefore, in matters which concern the salvation of souls nothing but God’s word shall be taught and accepted.

— Excerpted from Martin Luther, *Luther’s Works*, Vol. 45: *The Christian in Society II*, ed. Jaroslav Jan Pelikan, Hilton C. Oswald, and Helmut T. Lehmann, Vol. 45 (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1999), 105-106. Reproduced by permission of Augsburg Fortress.



## Worship & Music | *cont'd from page 5*

The Calvary summer camp, in its fourth week, is an exciting place to be! We have kids from two years old through fifth grade with about 50 registered to attend during the eight weeks it is held. We have neighbors, former students, teen helpers from the neighborhood and fellow churches, faithful church members who show up at 6:00 AM for registration, dedicated leaders who also show up at 6:00 AM., teachers with excitement and vision to follow through on weekly themes, trips, crafts, games and learning sessions. Please walk to the back end of the grassy play lot to see the new butterfly garden,, which they dug and planted, in memory of Bobby Chapman. God is working among us.

Summer Sundays services continue at 8:30 outside and 10:00 AM inside. Ask your friends and neighbors to come. The messages and music have been uplifting. We thank Joann Applestine and Laura Higgins for being Cantors, Amy Crumb, Manfred Reek, Kris Sabatino, and Kevin Burns for being our musicians.

The annual church picnic will be on August 28th with a combined church service at 10:00 AM preceding the lunch. Those whose last names begin with A-P, bring salads, fruit, vegetables; those whose last name begins with -Z, bring desserts, cookies, bars. It is a wonderful day of fellowship. Mark your calendars.

See you in church!



### We're Truly Thankful...

#### To God, give the Glory for:

- ✠ Michael Bell for his very interesting historical comments at our July 4th celebration.
- ✠ Lynford and Cynthia Johnson for digging up daisies and potting them for sale. We made \$56.00 to go toward utilities for our houses.
- ✠ Roger Gericke and Barb Sommer for cleaning out more of the Grace House. There were some treasures, plus junk.
- ✠ Laura and Dave Sitter for donating compost for the gardens.
- ✠ Joan Colliflower and her staff of volunteers, for directing a successful year of offering homework help to neighboring children.
- ✠ Bridget Mainley for all the publicity we see giving us visible reminders of programs, upcoming events, themes of the day.
- ✠ The Boy Scout troop and parents, under the leadership of Martin Mackey, who worked a long Saturday to help Martin with his Eagle Scout project. Lots of old bushes pulled and replaced with new azaleas along Old Harford road. A wonderful change!

#### To Calvary Lutheran Church in memory of:

- ✠ Rose Hebbel, the gifts of Ms. Laura M. Casciero and Ken & Pat Davis.

Thanks to all of you!

### JULY/AUGUST COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 7/3**  
8:30am Lynford Johnson  
10am John Robinson
- 7/10**  
8:30am Robert Chapman  
10am Jim Struder
- 7/17**  
8:30am Manfred Reek  
10am Alasaro Lucas
- 7/24**  
8:30am Gage Stinchecum  
10am Tomi Lucas
- 7/31**  
8:30am Mike Bell  
10am John Robinson
- 8/7**  
8:30am Lynford Johnson  
10am Jim Struder
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*We thank you for your service and hope that you find joy in your service to the Lord.*

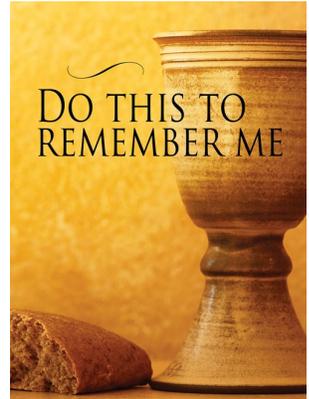


**SUMMER WORSHIP**

Calvary Lutheran Church  
Casual Summer Worship Schedule

June 19—August 28th  
8:30am—Outdoor Worship | 10am—Indoor Worship

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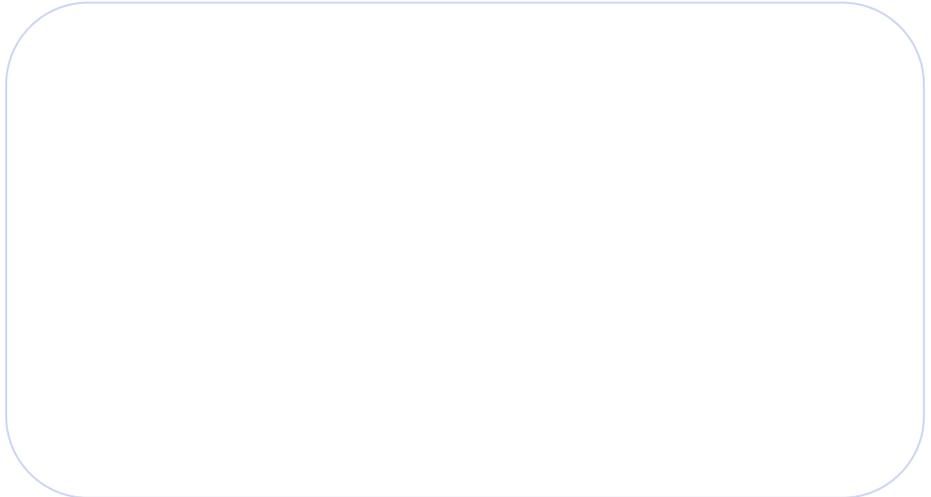
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# CROSS CONNECT

Calvary's Newsletter is published monthly by the Board of Public Relations for Calvary Lutheran Church & School. Its purpose is to inform the community, members and friends of Calvary of activities, programs, and most of all, the Lord's blessings upon us all. A parish paper has been in publication since January 1932.

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## Mark Your Calendars!



**Intentional Interim Pastor Update**

August 7, following the 10am service, there will be a congregational meeting to call an Intentional Interim Pastor.

Information about the candidates will be mailed to the congregation prior to the meeting.

Before the balloting, Pastor Quiram will present a refresher on the IIP Program, explaining to the congregation the differences between an IIP and a vacancy or settled pastors.

Contact Pat Bell or any Council member for more information.



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## **Calvary Cares—Information on potential ministries | Church Council**

At a recent congregational meeting, a subcommittee was formed (*Barb Sommer, Rich Nolet, Dave Kurrle and Bridget Mainley*) to further explore, define the process and level of commitment and make recommendations to the Church Council and congregation as to the two community service/outreach ministry opportunities currently before Calvary for consideration. The subcommittee is presently gathering this relevant information and also addressing many of the questions raised at that meeting.

The subcommittee's ultimate goal is to get specifics, data and other information out to the congregation in advance of a congregational/voters meeting. We're hoping to have this ready and distributed sometime in August for a meeting to be set shortly thereafter, but this is largely dependent on some outside consultants as we continue to work to gather the data and find answers. We will continue to provide periodic updates, like this article, and the congregation will be kept informed, provided with all the data we have and given ample notice prior to any meeting.

Until then, if you have any questions, please contact any member of the Church Council or the subcommittee mentioned above. We hope that through your own prayer and reflection, you feel God's presence leading you and Calvary in the way He wishes us to move forward.

*(The following is abridged/updated from a letter by Tina Jasion and other information previously provided to the congregation.)*

As we approach the 500th Anniversary of Luther's Reformation, we are reminded of his revelation of God's grace and how that motivated him to support change. We are reminded the church exists in this world as the Body of Christ, serving as ambassadors of reconciliation. When congregations are working well, they serve as places of welcome, reconciliation, aid and blessing to their community. For many urban congregations, like Calvary, who have existed in the same location over many decades, the neighborhoods have changed, membership is aging and outward-focused ministry has declined.

However, this does not alter the many opportunities congregations have to serve. We need to constantly reflect, evaluate and modify our part in God's mission of "making disciples of all people." By adopting to a changing world around us, we'll be positioned to move forward in the future.

Social services have replaced much of what "the church" used to provide, but these agencies are not a replacement for the Gospel. Merely inserting ministries with familiar social services is not the answer. These band-aid strategies fail to address the underlying problems.

The Gospel provides help to a broken world. "He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds" ~ Psalm 147:3. In the midst of these challenges, God promises a peace which passes all understanding, and often times, problems are resolved in the process.

By being with people in their suffering, we/the church have the privilege of comforting others. When people are hurt and stripped of pride, they can become sensitive to God's ministry on their behalf—"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" ~ Matthew 5:3. Being with people in times like these provides an opening to a Christ-centered relationship. God has given us this opportunity to walk with others.

We believe God has given LINC Baltimore a big vision of mobilizing a movement of God's people and transforming communities through Christ's love. This transformational process benefits those who are being served and those doing the serving. We ask your prayerful consideration and faithful partnership in developing the Urban Community Center and Family Promise partnerships.



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### Grace Place, Old Harford Road | “Urban Community Center”

The LINC Baltimore Urban Community Center will offer support groups, classes, peer and professional counseling. Calvary has the facility and LINC Baltimore the leadership and training to cultivate a mission-minded culture and assist in developing community partnerships.



The proposal for the Urban Community Center Partnership brings together the gifts of Calvary Lutheran Church and LINC Baltimore. These partnerships can provide for the birth of new ministry, which fits into our current context and brings together the multiplied gifts of each partner.

Calvary understands that community matters. We understand the mission happens outside our doors. The Holy Spirit encourages us to be active in the neighborhoods around us because Jesus first loved us. We want to reach out to those who don't know that and tell it to them, but we're often unsure how to do that.

Providing a community center is one way this might happen, where “strangers” can come to receive needed services—where we can meet and bless them, listen and learn from them, eat together, serve them and share the Good News of the Gospel with them.

This Community Center ministry will:

- Provide peer support and counseling for groups and individuals;
- Cultivate a climate of welcome, hospitality and relational care (compassion, empathy, understanding);
- Create movement from “stranger” to “acquaintance” to “friend” - as we minister, we learn of their needs and offer them the love and care of Jesus through various services; moving from stranger to friend, offers the opportunity to move into a worship and sacramental relationship;
- Provide one-on-one appointments and small groups focusing on a variety of situations in a safe and confidential environment—grief support, parenting, nutrition, financial literacy, prayer support, etc.

### Next Steps/What This Means for Calvary:

- Calvary votes whether to commit to LINC to enter into this partnership and build a bridge between Calvary and the people served through the center;
- Provide prayer and minimal staffing support from within the congregation;
- Identify 2-3 Calvary members as the Development Team; meet monthly, work towards milestones to develop the Center; agree on and secure financial support commitments with assistance from LINC;
- Ensure regular communication between the congregation, its leaders, the pastor, Center Director and LINC, as determined through the development team;
- LINC Baltimore to establish and run programs, solicit community partners and potential funding sources; LINC will secure paid staff and trained volunteers;
- Lutheran Mission Society has agreed to also support the program by providing social work expertise;
- Calvary supports the actual physical plant through providing the space to meet, utilities, upkeep and maintenance.

### Mercy House, Marietta Avenue | “Family Promise Baltimore”

Family Promise is a hospitality sheltering network serving families with minor-aged children. Over a 12-month period in Baltimore ending June 30, 2015:



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- 2,046 families in the City experienced unfortunate homelessness;
- There are only 344 beds available in four shelters to accommodate families with children, two of which do not accept men or boys over 13.

There is a great need for homeless families to have a place to stay together while they try to get their lives together, i.e., grow stronger spiritually, find jobs, keep kids in school, provide food, etc. Understanding the call of Jesus to provide for widows, orphans and the needy, Calvary can become part of the blessing in serving to restore these families.

Family Promise is a national organization, which has helped establish hospitality networks in 200 cities throughout the US. Church congregations partner to assist families experiencing homelessness in regaining independence and stability while staying together. The program works as follows:



- 13-15 Host Congregations (Family Promise currently has 5-6 churches in our area committed; they will not begin the program with less than 10 churches) in an area will provide hospitality (lodging, fellowship, meals) for 2-5 families (14 people max.) for one week each quarter;
- 15-30 Support Congregations (i.e., St. Luke's has committed; Messiah Episcopal is considering) in the area will assist in providing fellowship and meals;
- The Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church Day Center (12056 Etting Street, 21217) will serve as a day-time home base, where the Family Promise staff will have office space, children will be transported to and from school, people will train for employment, families will have access to showers and laundry facilities and case management services will be administered;
- Family Promise will partner with qualified local social services agencies to provide support services to help these families successfully regain their independence;
- Family Promise provides daily transportation between the Host Congregation and the Center;
- Members of Host and Supporting Congregations provide volunteers to assist with fellowship, meals and overnight supervision.

### **Next Steps/What this means for Calvary:**

- Calvary congregation will vote to decide if it will formally partner to become a Host Congregation; if so, Calvary signs the covenant with Family Promise;
- Family Promise Baltimore is targeting sometime mid-2017 to begin this program;
- Calvary identifies a Program Coordinator and Team to arrange for hospitality support for 2-3 days of each hosting week;
- Calvary supports the actual physical plant, providing the shelter/housing, utilities, upkeep and maintenance.

Please continue to keep the work of the Lord at Calvary in your prayers as we search for God's path forward for us.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTES



**SANDTOWN, BALTIMORE MD:** Once again, members of the SED are invited to join in a prayer walk in Sandtown in Baltimore MD to lift up the community, and to pray for an end of all violence. On **Sunday, August 14 from 2pm-3pm** there will be an opportunity to engage with the residents of the community as we walk and pray through the streets of this neighborhood. Please remember this neighborhood, for the power of God to be present in and through the conversations, and for the unfolding of a ministry action plan that brings hope and light to the lives of all.

**FLEA MARKET/MOVIE NIGHT:** St. Luke Church, 7001 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21234. Flea Market series starting June 11th and continuing the second Sat. of every month through November - Rain or Shine. We are looking for donations of items to sell to benefit the St. Luke Food Pantry and the ELCA Hunger Campaign. A box will be in the Narthex/ back of the church, all summer to collect items. Interested in renting a table to sell your own items, contact Linda at [stlukeflea@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeflea@gmail.com). We need vendors! Movie Night/Fundraiser on June 24th from 6:30pm – 9:00 pm. Tickets available at the door for \$3.50 per person. All food is available for purchase. There will be a Kids movie (“Jonah”) in the Fellowship Hall and Adult Movie in the Sanctuary (“War Room”). The money raised will be divided between St. Luke Food Pantry and ELCA Hunger Campaign.

**BALTIMORE CITY POOLS:** Open for Weekends Only May 28th – June 24th; full pool schedule starts June 25th. For complete pool schedule, visit: <http://bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/recreation/aquatics>. For a list of Baltimore City pools and splash pads visit: <http://bcrp.baltimorecity.gov/recreation/aquatics/swim-schedule>

**YOUTH BMORE SUMMER:** The YOUTH BMORE Summer 2016 BLOCK PARTY TOUR is coming to the Goodnow Recreation Center at 5311 Goodnow Road, on **August 6, 2016 from to 2pm-6pm**. Free Food, Fun, Live DJ, Dancers, and Celebrities! <https://www.facebook.com/TheBaltimoreCityYouthCommission/photos/a.397313080328751.90025.394738487252877/1160373354022716/?type=3&theater>

**BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY:** Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's Back to School Rally And Community Day Family Expo In Partnership with the National Urban League, **Saturday, August 6, 2016, 11am—5pm**, Baltimore Convention Center Expo Hall, 1 W Pratt Street. Free Backpacks & School Supplies (while they last); Info & Resources; FREE Childhood Immunizations (Must bring current shot records); Live Music; Empowerment Stage; GameZone, HealthZone, and More! Children must be present with a parent or legal guardian. Parents must show valid state-issued photo ID to verify Baltimore City residency. Hall pass distribution 11 AM – 2 PM, Backpack Distribution 2 PM – 5 PM, For more information, call 443-984-1650 or email: [Back2SchoolRally@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Back2SchoolRally@baltimorecity.gov)

**STRAND THEATER:** The Strand Theater Company, a Baltimore troupe devoted to spotlighting women's voices, has been without a fixed address for two years -- until now. With funding from a Maryland state grant, the company closed on the purchase of a 50-seat venue previously occupied by Performance Workshop Theatre at 5426 Harford Road in the Hamilton-Lauraville neighborhood. To read more go to: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/entertainment/arts/artsmash/bal-woman-focused-strand-theater-buys-new-home-in-hamilton-lauraville-20160610-story.html>. To learn more about the Strand Theater Company go to: <http://www.strand-theater.org/>.



**HARBEL'S 1ST ANNUAL SHRIMP FEAST & BULL ROAST:** Martins East, **Friday, October 21, 7pm-11pm**. Extensive menu includes: Steamed Shrimp, Blue Ribbon Beef, Fried Chicken, Turkey and Ham sliced the way you like, Soups, Mac n Cheese, Baked Ziti, Wings, B-B-Q Pork Ribs, Italian Meatballs, Hot Dogs & Kraut, Corn on the Cob, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Ice Cold Beer, Soda, Tea and more. Great Food – Great Times-For a Great Cause. Your support makes a difference! Get your tickets NOW at [www.harbel.org](http://www.harbel.org), \$50.00/per person or reserve your tickets by calling [410.444.2100](tel:410.444.2100) or emailing Mary Eileen Mullen at [mmullen@harbel.org](mailto:mmullen@harbel.org) <http://harbel.org/PDF/ShrimpFeastFlyer0716.pdf>.

### FOR YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY...

**SAVE THE DATE:** An Annual Celebration on National Night Out Against Crime, **Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm**, on the South Shore of Lake Montebello (at the pavilions next to Montebello Elementary Middle School). Join us for FREE food, entertainment, community crime prevention information, school back pack give away, and more. Meet your police officers and firefighters,



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and see the Baltimore Police Helicopter. An Initiative of: 2nd District City Councilman Brandon Scott, the Ednor Gardens Lakeside Civic Association, the Coldstream Homestead Montebello Community Corp., the Northeast Police District & HARBEL. Funded by: MECU through The Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts. <http://www.necop.com/PDF/NationalNightOut2016.pdf>

**CITY VACANT NOTICES:** The most significant code violation in Baltimore City is a Vacant Notice. In the past Code Enforcement would only issue a Vacant Notice if the property was unoccupied and unfit for habitation. Indications were open or no windows and the ability to gain entrance through an open door or window. Also, if the property was obviously uninhabitable. Code Enforcement has expanded the definition of a vacant property to include the following:

1. Two open Violations on the property for 40 days
2. Six sanitation notices on the property for over 1 year. High grass and weeds is one of the sanitation notices.

If you have a problematic property in your neighborhood, report it to 311, as it increases the likelihood the property will receive a Vacant Notice, and that improves the City's and community's ability to act on the property. Also, when you contact 311 by phone, online, or via the 311 App on a smart phone you will receive a Service Request Number or an SR#. Please ensure you capture and preserve that number, as it is very helpful in following up on 311 service requests with city officials.

**EMAIL SCAM:** Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh is warning consumers about an email scam in which computer hackers seek to steal personal identifying information by masquerading as his office. Scammers have been using an email address that appears to be from the Office of Attorney General, with the subject line, "The Office of Attorney General Complaint," and a note that says a complaint has been filed against the consumers' business. The email uses click-bait — a link that allegedly sends people to a document to file a response but actually links to a zip file that installs malware. Here is a link to the Baltimore Sun article concerning this scam: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-bz-consumers-warned-email-scam-20160622-story.html>

**ILLEGAL DIRT BIKES TIP LINE: 443-902-4474.** (Text a tip, photo, video or leave a voicemail). Dirt bikes are defined as any motorcycle or similar vehicle designed for use on rough surfaces such as dirt roads or trails, which are not registered under the Maryland Vehicle Law. Examples of dirt bikes include minibikes and all-terrain (ATV) either of the three or four wheel variety. No person may drive or ride any dirt bike or other unregistered motorcycle or similar vehicle on any public or private property that is located within the City of Baltimore. In addition, no person may possess any dirt bike or any unregistered motorcycle with the City of Baltimore. No service station or any person may sell or dispense motor fuel for delivery into any dirt bike or unregistered vehicle. Any person who violates this ordinance with the City of Baltimore is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each offense or imprisonment for not more than 90 days. You Can Remain Anonymous. The following is a link to an article in the Baltimore Sun concerning the Baltimore Police Department's formation of an anti-dirt bike task force: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-city/bs-md-ci-dirt-bike-task-force-20160707-story.html>

**THE ZIKA VIRUS:** The Baltimore City Department of Health has created a page on their website to inform the public about the prevention and issues pertaining to the Zika Virus. You can view that page at: <http://health.baltimorecity.gov/zika-virus>

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF:** Dates August 5-6, October 7-8, 9am-5pm. Extended to 7pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Citizen Convenience center, 2840 Sisson Street, Must be a City resident and have proof of residency.

**SUMMER HEAT:** With a heat indexes in the 100s, Baltimore City Health Commissioner Dr. Leana Wen has issued warnings for residents. The heat index is a measure of air temperature and relative humidity and indicates how hot it feels to individuals outside. This is Baltimore City's first Code Red declaration of the season. "Heat is a silent killer and a public health threat, particularly for the young, the elderly and those in our city who are the most vulnerable," Dr. Wen said. "With tomorrow's extreme heat expected, it is important for all residents to protect against hyperthermia and dehydration. Please be cautious and remember to stay cool and hydrated." The Health Commissioner may declare a Code Red alert during periods of heat that are severe enough to present a substantial threat to the life or health of vulnerable Baltimore citizens. Once a Code Red declaration is made, public messaging activities are undertaken to encourage safety when outdoors. During Heat Alert actions by the Health Commissioner and Mayor, the following cooling center may be open (8:30am-4:30pm) always call for availability):

- Northern Community Action Partnership Center, 5225 York Road, (410) 396-6084
- Southeastern Community Action Partnership Center, 3411 Bank Street, (410) 545-6510



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- Eastern Community Action Partnership Center, 1400 E. Federal Street, [\(410\) 545-0136](tel:(410)545-0136)

The Health Department's Division of Aging and CARE Services may also open (9am-7pm) the following senior centers during these emergencies: Waxter Center for Senior Citizens: 1000 Cathedral Street, [\(410\) 396-1324](tel:(410)396-1324). During periods of extreme heat, the Baltimore City Health Department recommends that city residents:

- Drink plenty of water and avoid alcohol and caffeine
- Reduce outside activities and stay inside in air-conditioned locations
- Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles, even for short periods of time
- Check on older, sick, or frail neighbors who may need help responding to the heat
- Watch out for signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke, which include: Confusion; Hot, dry, flushed skin or cool and clammy skin; Lightheadedness; Nausea

Call 911 immediately if any of these symptoms occur. "We can prevent heat from killing our citizens," Dr. Wen added. "It's important to stay cool, stay hydrated, and stay in touch with your neighbors, especially seniors and medically frail individuals who live alone or without air conditioning during times of extreme heat." For more information on Code Red, citizens can check the Health Department website, and the agency's social media accounts (@Bmore\_Healthy and on Facebook). City residents who want information on the closest cooling center or who are concerned about a neighbor can call 311. Any city resident experiencing the signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke should call 911.

## LECTIONARY SUMMARIES FOR JULY | AUGUST

**7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** ((3 July 2016): *Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18; Luke 10:1-20*)

### **The Lord Grants Peace and Life to His Church**

The Lord restores Jerusalem, His Church, because she is the mother of His children, whom He comforts "as one whom his mother comforts" (Is. 66:13). We are "satisfied from her consoling breast" with the pure milk of the Word, and we "drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance" (Is. 66:11). The messengers of Christ bestow such gifts upon His Church. For He sends them out "as lambs in the midst of wolves" (Luke 10:3), bearing in their bodies the sacrifice of His cross, by which "the kingdom of God has come near" (Luke 10:9, 11). Wherever He enters in with this Gospel, Satan is cast out and falls "like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18). Thus, we do not "boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:14). Rejoicing in this Gospel, we "bear one another's burdens" in love, according to "the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).

**8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** (10 July 2016): *Leviticus (18:1-5) 19:9-18; Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37*

### **Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan**

The Law commands that "you shall love the Lord your God" with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Luke 10:27), and that you shall "love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:18). Love fulfills the Law because love does no harm to the neighbor. Christ Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who with divine compassion saves you from all evil. He takes your sin and death upon Himself and bears these in His body to the cross. He binds up your wounds with the healing balm of His Gospel, and He brings you into His Church, where He takes care of you at His own expense (Luke 10:34-35). By such mercy, He proves "to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers" (Luke 10:36). Therefore, "you go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). By "your faith in Christ Jesus" and "because of the hope laid up for you in heaven" (Col. 1:4-5), you have the same love for others as the Lord Jesus has for you.

**9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** (17 July 2016): *Gen. 18:1-10a (10b-14); Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:38-42*

### **The Word of Christ Is the One Thing Needed**

"The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre" (Gen. 18:1) and received his hospitality. But Abraham received the gracious promise of a son. Though Abraham and Sarah were very old, nothing is "too hard for the LORD" (Gen. 18:14). His Word appointed the time and fulfilled the promise. In the same way, the Lord Jesus "entered a village" and received Martha's hospitality (Luke 10:38). "Martha was distracted with much serving" because she was "anxious and troubled about many things" (Luke 10:40-41), but her sister Mary "sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching" (Luke 10:39). The service of love is no sin, but "one thing is necessary" for both faith and love — the Word of Christ (Luke 10:42). Thus, the ministers of Christ are sent "to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints" (Col. 1:25-26).



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**10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** (24 July 2016): Gen 18:(17–19) 20–33; Col 2:6–15 (16–19); Luke 11:1–13

**The Prayer of the Church Is the Voice of Faith**

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of faith by teaching them how to pray. He promises us: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). If earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, “how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him” (Luke 11:13). Thus, father Abraham was bold in his prayer because he believed the gracious promise of the Lord, that he would “surely become a great and mighty nation” (Gen. 18:18). When we pray in Jesus’ name, we also hold “fast to the Head” (Col. 2:19), “rooted and built up in him and established in the faith” (Col. 2:6–7).

**11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** (31 July 2016): Eccl. 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26; Col. 3:1–11; Luke 12:13–21

**Faith in Christ Is Rich toward God**

To live for earthly things “is vanity and a striving after wind,” and work that is driven by such vanity “is an unhappy business” (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for “all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow” (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your “covetousness, which is idolatry” (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For “one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15). But “Christ who is your life” (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be “rich toward God” in Him (Luke 12:21).

**12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** (7 August 2016): Genesis 15:1–6; Hebrews 11:1–16; Luke 12:22–34 (35–40) - **The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom**

The Lord Himself was Abraham’s shield and great reward. For “the word of the LORD came to him” and sustained the patriarch’s faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham “believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness” (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted “descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore” (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire “to give you the kingdom” (Luke 12:32). Therefore, “do not be anxious about your life,” but instead “seek his kingdom” (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming” (Luke 12:35, 40).

**13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** (14 August 2016): Jeremiah 23:16–29; Hebrews 11:17–31 (32–40); 12:1–3; Luke 12:49–53 (54–56) - **Christ’s Suffering and Death Bring Division**

The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is “like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces” (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing Baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able “to interpret the appearance of earth and sky” (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on “Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith” and “run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1–2).

**14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** (21 August 2016): Isaiah 66:18–23; Hebrews 12:4–24 (25–29); Luke 13:22–30—**The Cross of Christ Is the Way into the Kingdom of God**

With the cross of Christ, the time has come “to gather all nations and tongues” (Is. 66:18). The sign of the cross is set forth in the preaching of the Gospel, the declaration of the Lord’s glory “among the nations” (Is. 66:19). Many “will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God” (Luke 13:29), but only by the narrow way of the cross. Those who refuse to follow Christ crucified will ultimately find only “weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Luke 13:28), whereas Christ’s disciples, called from all the nations, will eat and drink with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They will come into “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Heb. 12:22).

**15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** (28 August 2016): Proverbs 25:2–10; Hebrews 13:1–17; Luke 14:1–14

**We Are Humbled and Exalted by the Cross of Christ**

“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,” Jesus proclaims, but “he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:11). For your hope is in the name of the Lord, who humbled Himself unto death on the cross and was exalted in His resurrection. So, are you humbled by His cross, and “at the resurrection of the just,” He will say to you, “Friend, move up higher” (Luke 14:10; 13–14)? By His grace, the King will honor you “in the presence of a noble,” where your eyes will gaze upon the Prince, His dearly beloved Son (Prov. 25:7). As He has dealt so graciously with you, “do not neglect to do good and to share what you have” (Heb. 13:16) and “do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers” (Heb. 13:2). Humble yourself and exalt your neighbor.



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Parish Nurse Video Lecture Series

July lecture: 'Surviving Loss'

'Surviving Loss,' with Hope Knight, parish-nurse representative for the LCMS Oklahoma District, is the fourth lecture in LCMS Health Ministry's free video lecture series for parish nurses.

The lecture will be released July 1 at lcms.org/health/parishnursing, where archived lectures also are available.

During the lecture, Knight will address loss from a broader perspective — not just loss from death. Parish nurses will benefit from this discussion about losses due to changing health, lost work, loss of material possessions and all losses that are common to human existence.

In addition, watch for these upcoming lectures:

- August — 'Guilt and Forgiveness and the Effect on Health,' with the Rev. Dr. Mark Rockenbach, associate professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis;
October — 'Care for the Aging,' with Cynthia Rutan, parish-nurse representative for the LCMS Northwest District; and
December — 'Parish Nursing as a Vocation,' with the Rev. Dr. Patrick Ferry, president of Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wis., and Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Mich.

For more information about the video lectures — which are being produced throughout the year — email Tracy Quaethem, manager of LCMS Life and Health Ministries, at tracy.quaethem@lcms.org

Tending the Flame

Summer Outreach Conference July 29 -30, 2016

with Keith Anderson author of The Digital Cathedral



This summer more than 300 people with a passion for connecting people will gathering for a two day outreach conference - Tending the Flame. JOIN US!

Plan now to JOIN US!- We will be in Richmond, Virginia, July 29 & 30, 2016.

- Keith Anderson is the keynote speaker
Five sessions of workshops
Bible study and worship
Jeff Smith, Christian entertainer
A Teen/Youth Program
VBS style programming for school age children
Child care for the little ones

This is your opportunity to learn, share experiences, connect, and network.

REGISTRATION FEES Take advantage of early registration fee. \$75 until June 1 \$95 June 1 to July 15 \$105 late registration after July 15 Youth/teens - \$35 Children under age 3 - free

Publicize your business, service or event here—reasonable rates available. Email calvarylutherancs@gmail.com for more information

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