

CALVARY COURIER

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 2025

Upcoming Events

Mornings with Mommy—
Tuesday, July 8th @ 10AM
“All About Art”



Sunday, July 27th -
Quarterly Voters' Mtg



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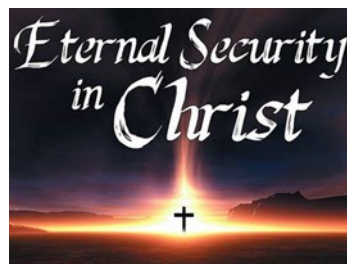
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I Need More...SECURITY

Everyone knows disappointment sooner or later. It's that time when the car broke down, when national security was breached, when we lost our job. It's that time when doctors couldn't cure us or our loved ones, our investments disappeared, friends disappointed us, or when we disappointed ourselves.

We try to limit disappointment or prevent disappointment from becoming a disaster. We make promises. We buy insurance. We do our homework before making big decisions. We search for what is “guaranteed or your money back.” We go to the doctor recommended by trustworthy friends.

What we're really looking for is security. We just want something we can count on; something that is stable; something that is safe and stays that way. But isn't it striking that even with all the protection agencies, certifications, types of insurance, promises, and money-back guarantees in today's world, we're still left searching for more security?



When it comes to things that can threaten our sense of security, the possibilities appear endless. You probably have had that sinking feeling and said to yourself, “There's always something. What am I supposed to do? If it's not one thing, it's another. Either this or that...”

At such trying times, find strength from these verses in the Bible: **“For I am convinced that neither death nor**

life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39).

Notice: “neither” this, “nor” that “will be able to separate us from the love of God...” The love of God is a faithful, stable and dependable love. And if we want proof of that, we need only consider how God sent his only Son for us. Jesus came and died on the cross, and he rose again. Our sins weren't too much for him to bear. Death itself could not hold him in his grave. Satan could not stop him from carrying out his mission.

Many religious leaders hated Jesus. One of his own disciples betrayed him. One denied him. The rest abandoned him. And the vocal majority crucified him. Did any of these prevent Jesus from keeping God's promise to save us? No! God's love prevailed for the whole world, and now whoever believes in Jesus has eternal life!

God's love will never disappoint you. Nothing in all creation can separate you from God and the power of his love in your life. For Jesus came, he died, and he rose again. We have this as our security: God's love is guaranteed.

Pastor Martin Spaude





What a fun time we had at our June session! This was our one Saturday session of the year, giving dads the opportunity to attend as well. Our theme was "Under the Sea," so we started our circle time with the story of Jonah and a fun poem about fish. Arts and crafts activities included a wave painting with sea creature stickers, a huge mural for everyone to color, tissue paper baggie fish, and do a dot ocean animals. We had our large sensory bins with blue fish gravel and more ocean animals, plus a smaller bin with kinetic sand and smaller sea creatures. Children also enjoyed a puzzle with a magnetic fishing rod, building with fish connectors, and a snack of goldfish at the end of our session! June was a smaller session, with nine children, six moms, and one dad in attendance. We had two new families this month.

Our July session will be held on **Tuesday, July 8th at 10AM**, and the theme will be "All About Art!" You can register on the church website. If you have questions about our program or are interested in helping out, please contact Bridget Spaude or Rachel Traudt.



Calvary's Mission Statement

As members of this congregation, our constant aim is to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with all people based on the inspired, infallible Holy Scriptures and to exemplify our faith through Christian living commissioned by our Savior.



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July Worship

Use this Schedule to Prepare Yourself

July 5 & 6	Pentecost 4
<p>Theme: Called workers carry out their calling, not because of what they might gain from the flock, but because of what the flock might gain from Jesus through the public ministry.</p> <p>Liturgy: Service of the Word & Sacrament</p> <p>Psalm 67</p> <p>Lessons: Ezekeil 2:9—3:11; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Luke 10:1-12, 16-20</p> <p>Hymns: Blue: 898, 901, 895, 896 Red: 545, 570, 544 (note the blue has 1 extra verse), 542</p>	
July 12 & 13	Pentecost 5
<p>Theme: Christ has sent us free to bear any cost and go any distance to serve a neighbor as Christ himself would serve them.</p> <p>Liturgy: Service of the Word</p> <p>Psalm 25</p> <p>Lessons: Ruth 1:1-19a; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 10:25-37</p> <p>Hymns: Blue: 726, 768, 893 vs. 1, 7, 4, 506 Red: 490, ---, ---, 611</p>	
July 19 & 20	Pentecost 6
<p>Theme: Without Jesus speaking to us though his Word, there is no hope for eternal life in heaven, Let us listen to Jesus, giving him our undivided attention.</p> <p>Liturgy: Common Service with Communion</p> <p>Psalm 119B</p> <p>Lessons: Genesis 18:1-14; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:38-42</p> <p>Hymns: Blue: 632, 645, 522, 893 vs. 1, 9, 4 Red: 282, 290, 369, ---</p>	
July 26 & 27	Pentecost 7
<p>Theme: Prayer is a privilege, based entirely on the unearned relationship we have with God, our Father, through Jesus. May we always pray boldly and frequently.</p> <p>Liturgy: Service of the Word</p> <p>Psalm 145</p> <p>Lessons: Genesis 18:20-32; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 11:1-13</p> <p>Hymns: Blue: 722, 721, 719, --- Red: ---, 411, ---, 409</p>	



Allen Knepprath June 11, 2025

July Bible Class

There will **NOT** be Sunday or Wednesday Bible Classes in July.
We will start back up again in August.



The Wednesday Night Bible Class will be starting up on Wednesday, August 13th at 7PM. The class will be doing a study on *The Anti-Fragile Christian*:

What's the opposite of fragile? Not simply something that doesn't fall apart under pressure, but something that gets *better* under pressure. That's anti-fragile: when hardships and stress make something *stronger* and *more* resilient. "The Anti-Fragile Christian: A Study on How God Uses Hardships to Develop Virtue" is a bible study that focuses on how God promises to use the hardships of this world to actually fashion and shape his Christians, to actually *build our character*. God didn't invent evil, but he uses it for our good. To aid us in this, we'll look at a Confessional Lutheran assessment of the classical seven virtues, examine where they fit within Scripture and how God uses pain and suffering in his work of growing us in virtue. Chapters include:

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| 1. Ethics under the Cross | 5. Self-control under the Cross |
| 2. The Law under the Cross | 6. Wisdom under the Cross |
| 3. Justice under the Cross | 7. Agapé Mercy under the Cross |
| 4. Courage under the Cross | 8. Faith under the Cross |
| | 9. Hope under the Cross |

Paramount Principles for Marriage

Pastor Spaude is looking at providing a marriage enhancement seminar to help married couples make their marriage stronger in the Lord. This is intended for newly married couples all the way up to longtime married couples. Based on the book *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* by Dr. John M Gottman PH.D.. His research for the book is based on a much more rigorous "scientific" approach to analyzing relationships. Rather than relying on the self-reporting method where couples don't have an incentive to be truthful, Gottman observed couples interact while hooked up to sensors. That enabled him to pinpoint when couples were really dealing with a hot topic.

Pastor Spaude is looking to see if there is interest in providing this marriage tool in the fall of 2025 or early winter of 2026. There is a sign-up sheet on the back counter of church where you can sign up to say that you are interested. (This does not lock you into attending.) If there is enough interest, the class will be offered at a time and a place that the majority who have signed up want. (This will be a seminar offered on two Saturdays for four hours each Saturday. Baby sitting and lunch will be provided.)

"We tracked the fates of seven hundred couples in seven different studies. We didn't just look at newlyweds but also at long-term couples who were first assessed while in their forties or sixties. In addition, we analyzed couples who had just had their first baby and couples parenting preschoolers and teenagers... I measured their heart rate, blood velocity...and asked the couples...what they were thinking and feeling when...their heart rate...suddenly surged during a marital discussion. Then I kept track of the couples, checking in with them at least once a year till the study's end to see how their relationship was faring." – *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*, p. 8, 9



Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship

In most parts of our country spring is the time for planting seeds and watching trees become green again with new leaves. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (CW 595). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, may we ripen and increase, fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace. (verse 1)

In looking at being fruitful trees, we realize that the tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28). He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

Laden branches freely bearing gifts the Giver loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by sharing, patience, kindness, gentleness. (verse 2)

Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for his purposes. But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, teach us, as the years fly faster, goodness, faith, and self-control.

Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel he has shone on us. This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

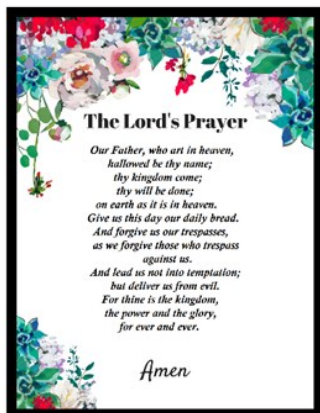
Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, may we grow till harvests cease; till we taste, in life unending, heaven's love and joy and peace. (verse 4)

Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does he cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel. The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in him!

From Calvary's Stewardship Committee

Summer sermon series



Jesus' disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples." The Lord responded with the words of what we now call The Lord's Prayer. In our summer worship services we will be taking a look at this model prayer the Lord gave us.

July Worship – Undivided Attention

We live in a world where a thousand things are competing for our attention. There is the real danger that we focus on the frivolous and ignore the indispensable. As a result, we often talk about the importance of being “free from distraction.” But the stakes are higher than that. We need to be *freed* from distraction. We need the spiritual power to give our undivided attention to that which truly makes a difference, not only here and now, but also in eternity. A life focused on all the right things is only possible because of a Savior who is always focused on us. On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to give his followers power and focus. Still today, through his Word, Jesus grants those gifts to his disciples.

We have come to the second half of the Church Year. In the first half, we focused on the life of Christ. In this second half, we turn our attention to all the teachings of Christ. May we give them our undivided attention.

Our worship follows this pattern.

July 5 & 6: Pentecost 4	<i>On the Want for Workers</i>
July 12 & 13: Pentecost 5	<i>On a Neighbor in Need</i>
July 19 & 20: Pentecost 6	<i>On the One Thing Needed</i>
July 26 & 27: Pentecost 7	<i>On the Privilege and Purpose of Prayer</i>

Interesting facts about the United States:

The U.S. spends more on its military than the next seven highest-ranking countries in military spending combined.

The internet was first conceptualized in the United States.

The U.S. owns the GPS (Global Positioning System).

The US has the 4th longest river system in the world.

The American flag has had 27 versions.

The US has the largest economy in the world.

Washington, DC wasn't always the capital of America.

The GPS is operated and maintained by the U.S. Air Force.

100 acres of pizza are served in the U.S. every day.

The United States has the world's largest coal reserves? However, China is the world's biggest consumer and producer of coal.

The United States experiences the highest rate of tornadoes of any country in the world. On an average, the country deals with more than 1000 tornadoes every year.

The horizontal width of the U.S. is 2860 miles and the vertical length of the country is 1582 miles. Hawaii is the widest U.S. state from east to west.

The United States is one of the 17 megadiverse countries (megadiverse refers to a country where the majority of Earth's species and a high number of endemic species are found) of the world. The other sixteen countries include Australia, Brazil, China, Columbia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, and Venezuela.

Three U.S. presidents died on the 4th of July. Thomas Jefferson and John Adam died on July 4, 1826, while John Monroe died on July 4, 1831.





Thank you!

The Ladies Guild thanks you for all the food donations.

Our pantry shelves are full!

Sunday Morning Bible Classes:

After our July break, the Sunday morning Bible Class will start up on Sunday, August 10th at 10:25AM. The class will finish up the section on **Defenders & Defamers: *it's more than history; it's your heritage!***

The last two lessons will be:

Lesson 9: Baptist. Alliance. Presbyterian. United Methodist. Reformed. Pentecostal. The Amish. The Hutterites. Where did all these church bodies and Christian groups come from? What do they teach?

Lesson 10: Are Mormons Christians? What exactly is a Scientologist? What's the difference between a Quaker and a Shaker?

Following those lessons we will take up the topic of: **Just Jesus**

Re: Heaven, Hell, Holy Scripture

The Rich Man & Poor Lazarus; The Pharisee & Tax Collector (Luke 16; 18)

Re: Forgiving & Being Forgiven

The Unmerciful Servant; A Mustard Seed Faith (Matthew 18; Luke 17)

Re: Why "Bad" Things Happen to "Nice" People

The Healing of a Blind Man; The Raising of Lazarus (John 9; 11)

Re: Proper Priorities

The Feeding of the 5,000; "I Am the Bread of Life"; The Wise and the Foolish Builders (John 6; Luke

July Birthdays

Best wishes to the following who celebrate birthdays this month:

Caleb Warskow	July 5
Samariah Robinson	July 5
Caleb Cole	July 6
Laura Muenchow	July 10
Rodger Johnson	July 14
Ross Maltman	July 14
Mark Mundt	July 14
Kay Nelson	July 17
James Schroeder	July 19
Olivia Caswell	July 20
Logan Caswell	July 20
Briella Spaude	July 22
Jill Becker	July 26
Bridget Spaude	July 28
Donna Lane	July 28
Ian Wolfe	July 29
Paul Swain	July 30



Through My Bible in a Year July

- 1 Psalms 40-45
- 2 Psalms 46-51
- 3 Psalms 52-59
- 4 Psalms 60-66
- 5 Psalms 67-71
- 6 Psalms 72-77
- 7 Psalms 78-80
- 8 Psalms 81-87
- 9 Psalms 88-91
- 10 Psalms 92-100
- 11 Psalms 101-105
- 12 Psalms 106-107
- 13 Psalms 108-118
- 14 Psalms 119
- 15 Psalms 120-131
- 16 Psalms 132-138
- 17 Psalms 139-143
- 18 Psalms 144-150
- 19 Proverbs 1-3
- 20 Proverbs 4-7
- 21 Proverbs 8-11
- 22 Proverbs 12-15
- 23 Proverbs 16-19
- 24 Proverbs 20-22
- 25 Proverbs 23-26
- 26 Proverbs 27-31
- 27 Ecclesiastes 1-4
- 28 Ecclesiastes 5-8
- 29 Ecclesiastes 9-10
- 30 Song of Songs 1-8
- 31 Isaiah 1-4

If you would like to submit information for the monthly Courier, please email it to Randi at office@calvarychandler.net by the **15th** of the prior month. Thank you.