



Mt. Calvary Messenger

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A Little Note from Pastor's Study

Two Consternations Recur On Trinity Sunday Each Year

“Catholic faith? Are we Romanists, now?”

No, we are not now, nor do we desire to be a part of the Roman Catholic church. “But, Pastor, we just said the ‘catholic faith,’ like three times in the Athanasian Creed.” Yes, yes we did. And, I have good news! At Mt. Calvary, we’ll confess it again every 4th Sunday throughout the Trinity Season this year.

Our Sunday bulletin at Mt. Calvary included this little note concerning our catholicity.

“catholic faith* - The term catholic does not refer to the modern Roman Catholic Church, but rather to the universal, invisible, orthodox, faithful church of Christ on earth. We retain the use of the term “catholic” in the Athanasian Creed in opposition to the papal church of Rome. “Catholic” simply means” universal,” and as such, we boldly confess it from our Lutheran identity.”

There are Christians that eschew the use of creeds in the church. They’ll say things like, “No creed but Christ” and, “no book but the bible.” But, those statements are creeds of their own. We derive the English word creed from the Latin credo, which means, “I believe.” So, our friends in the “no creeds” crowd are creedingly creding a creed against the use of creeds.

The Three ecumenical creeds are: The Apostles’ Creed, Nicene Creed, and Athanasian Creed. Creeds, as a whole, exist to speak contrary to positions held outside the faith. Each of these creeds exist solely to communicate the faith we all hold in opposition to a novel heresy against the faith. Ecumenical refers to that which pertains to the whole Christian church. The ecumenical creeds are embraced and confessed by all of Christendom.

“Did we just confess works righteousness? I thought we’re saved by grace alone.”

We are. This question also comes up every year. The Creed here, is echoing the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 25. We should always hear these words of judgement within the context of Jesus work of Salvation for us. The accounting of our deeds is not done according to human reason. Just as Abraham’s faith was credited to him as righteousness. So, by faith we receive eternal salvation. Let’s consider the sheep and the goats.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 25: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats ... Then the righteous [sheep] will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ... Then [the unrighteous goats] also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’”

Neither the sheep nor the goats can make any sense out of this accounting. Those who are righteous by faith are ever more aware of their sin and their need for salvation day-by-day. Those who condemn themselves by their sin and persistent unbelief are ever self-justifying and judging themselves to be “good” by their own standard apart from faith. And, Saint Paul gives us this useful nugget.

The epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 2: ”But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

The good works are credited to us, sheep. These works themselves are produced by faith, which is a from God, alien to our nature. And, those works are prepared for us beforehand. The works we set out to do may not even be among them. Dear Christians, live in the Word and in the Christian faith. The Spirit produces faith and good works from the Gospel of salvation in Christ Jesus.

Dear Baptized, let us celebrate the faith credited to us as righteousness!

Hang tight – What does happen when we die? Still on the way.

- Pastor

On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, Mt. Calvary of La Grange was blessed to welcome summer staff members of Camp Lone Star and to participate in their commissioning of service at LOMT. We pray God’s blessings on their work this summer.



New Testament Standard Giving

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: “How much should I give?” Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions vary also.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though as Lutherans, we know that we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus’ substitutionary atonement. Yet the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God’s favor by what we do.

Take for example the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all that he has and give it to the poor and then follow him. This rich, young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions.

Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God’s favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know what their duty is, as Christians, in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been “breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

So, we begin to answer the question, “What should I give?” with the question, “What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?”

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe, that is 10 percent, of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if you are too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

“At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns,

shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.” (Deuteronomy 14:22–29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth this: We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1–2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the “Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did.

This our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we also have been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.

If we have been lax in this, let us – like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame – likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God’s giving to us. And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us—with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love—to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry:

lcms.org/stewardship



Pastor, Tell Us What You Really Think...?

No, Heaven Doesn't Need Another Angel

This is one of a host of throw-away platitudes we may say at the death of a Christian. We've inherited... Or, more correctly, we've been infected by the language of a faithless culture around us. In the absence of the faith, in the absence of the certainty of the resurrection promise of Holy Baptism, the pagan world speaks from ignorance to sloppily salve suffering in grief.

None of these words come from an evil intent. It's honorable and good to try to speak peace to those in grief. But, we'd do better to stick to the words and themes of the bible.

"Heaven needed another angel."

No, we don't become angels when we die. Heaven's angels are fixed in number. They are created heavenly beings. (1) They are the messengers of God. The angels are His army, His mighty host. (2) The angels are fearsome in appearance. (3) And, God has charged His angels to protect and defend us from the minions of the Evil One.

The Evil One, Lucifer, the Devil was also one of God's angels. (4) He and one third of the angels in heaven rebelled against God. They were cast out. (5) Satan and His demons (angels) now dwell in hell apart from God and make war to separate us from the Love of Jesus.

God didn't send His Son to suffer and die to redeem the fallen angels. He did that for us. We are loved and have been redeemed and forgiven in a unique way. Saying that we will become them denigrates the Angels. It diminishes God's love for us to deny that our path to eternal salvation remains human and regains our flesh on the last day. Not angels – fully perfected human beings.

"He's gone. She's in a better place."

Where'd he go?! Is she in a better place, like Antigua? He was hooked-up to an awful lot of machines the last time I saw him.

The sciency view of nothingness beyond death leads to language like passing away. They are "gone" in that there's nothing more. When we say someone has gone to a better place. We're agreeing that we don't know where. It's a grief-softening move for those without hope. But, we have great hope and a tremendous promise.

We Christians have more to say than that. We can speak the Words of the scripture to console and correctly locate our loved ones. The blessed dead in the faith are at rest in Christ. The better place to which they've gone has a name. They have gone to heaven! We should leap at the chance to name the place where they are. That's true, consoling, faithful, and beautiful.

The scriptures say that someone has died. (see all of Genesis 5). If we're still uncomfortable saying someone has died, the scripture still give us softer words. These softer words contain and still confess the hope we have.

We can say that they have "gained heaven." "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21)

When should say they are "at rest." "Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been." (Revelation 6:11)

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" (Rev 14:13)

If you got through an old Lutheran church yard (cemetery), you'll see a curious thing. When the grave stones switch from English to German, the common phrases switch too. "Loving mother/father and beloved child" give way to something else. You'll see things like: "Hier Ruhet." "Ruhet in Gott," or "Ruhe' in Christi." These mean: here rests, rest in God, and rest in Christ.

Let's stick with the language in imagery of the Bible.

Hang tight – What does happen when we die? comes next.

1 – (Colossians 1:16)

2 – (Joshua 5:14-15; 2 Samuel 17:45)

3 – (Luke 2:9-10)

4 – (Luke 10:17-18)

5 – (Revelation 8:10-11; 9:1-3)

- Pastor

For Your Information



The Food Pantry is continuing to see a spike in the number of families seeking assistance. For comparison, in June 2021, a total of 175 families visited the Pantry. In June 2022, 187 families were served the first two Mondays, with two more shopping days scheduled before the end of the month.

Your continued support of the AMEN Pantry is greatly appreciated. Shelf stable items always in demand include cereal, oatmeal, cornbread mix, pasta, canned fruit and juice, canned vegetables, dried pinto beans, soups, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, Hamburger Helper, saltine crackers. You may place your donations in the gray plastic bin in the church foyer.

Mt. Calvary volunteers' upcoming work schedule:
Tuesday, July 5, 10:30 am -12:15 pm. (Pantry will be closed Monday, July 4.)
Monday, August 15, 8:30 am - 10:30 am.



THE HAPPY SCRAPPERS quilting activities continue at 9:30 AM on the 2nd & 4th Mondays during the month of July and hopefully resume a regular 9:30 AM Monday schedule in August to allow for vacations and other conflicts. Everyone is invited to stop by at the Blue Fellowship House on Monday mornings for a visit and check out the many finished quilts.

Your interest and support of the LWR quilting project is greatly appreciated. Several volunteers are now working on quilting projects at home so let us know if you may be interested in this activity. If you are interested in supporting this project with a Thrivent Action Team \$250.00 debit card which can be used to purchase batting and twin flat bed sheets, just let us know.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF REPORT/INFORMATION

WHERE DID THE 2021 LWR SHIPMENTS GO?

3/3/2022 – New School Kits	to	Syria
3/3/2022 - Mission Quilts	to	Jordan

SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

AUGUST – School supplies are on sale, many at a fraction of the regular price! Tax Free Holiday/Weekend - Friday, August 5th – Saturday, August 6th & Sunday, August 7th

Education is important for every community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases adults – continue learning despite the hardships they face. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. Items being collected:

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide-college-ruled paper
- 30-centimeter rulers or rulers with centimeters and inches
- Blunt scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Packets of black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2-1/2 inch erasers
- Pencil sharpeners

The LWR School Kit and collection box will be on display in the Narthex beginning mid July.

For your convenience, you may make a cash donation or with a check payable to the Mary Martha Guild so items can be purchased in bulk.

ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

What Happens When We Die?

“In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes,” quipped Benjamin Franklin. He was right about death at least. In 1997, The Onion (a satirical online newspaper) ran this headline: “World Death Rate Holding Steady At 100 Percent.” They were mostly right.

All but two people in the history of the world have died — including God in the person of Jesus Christ! The other two were Enoch (Gen. 5:21-24) and Elijah (2 Kinga 2:11-12). Yet all people fear death, and wisely so. Genesis 5 lays out the pattern of all life since the fall. All the generations from Adam to Noah died.

Death means that, in the end, they will lose control of everything. We do everything we can to extend life and in our day we have done very well at it. The frontiers of medical science continually extend the lives of humanity. Just recently a new study released results that could eradicate cancer at an indeterminate point in the future. Yet still all people will die and some still die quite young.

Physically speaking, death is a process that happens as our vital organs cease to function. Practically speaking, medical science pronounces death when the heart stops without possibility of reviving it or brain waves cease.

Yet, death is much more than the end of our physical life. It is the judgment of God on sin. Since sin cuts us off from the source of our life, God himself, we will die. When God forbid Adam from eating the Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, he warned: “in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (Gen 2:17). When Adam fell, he pronounced his sentence — and ours. “you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:19)

There is also another aspect of death that is not about the end of physical life. The essence of our life, our spirit — our soul is violently separated from our bodies.

What about my body?

For Christians, who are redeemed by the atoning death of Jesus, and united to Him in faith, the soul separated from its body by death is cleansed of its sin, relieved of pain and grief, lives in paradise with Christ and the souls of all who are redeemed. There they wait* for the second coming of Christ. On that day, the Lord will call their bodies from the grave, reunite their souls and bodies, resurrected and perfected to be fit for eternal life.

For souls of those without faith in Christ, cemented in the hardness of their sin and hatred of God, in death they wait* in torment in hell. And, the resurrection of all flesh will also reunite them with their bodies for torment in hell. (In both cases, the waiting* is a little beyond our understanding too.)

The body itself decays and returns to the ground in one fashion or another. God's sentence on all human beings is fulfilled: "to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19) For the soul of Christians, it has become the gate to paradise. For souls of those without faith in Christ, it leads to hell.

Death is unnatural.

That's part of why we fear death and why it causes us pain and turmoil in us. Because we love deeply our parents, spouses, friends and children, it is hard for us to be parted from them in death. It is also difficult to be satisfied with what we can understand about their current state. Many of the things we say about them, we cannot find in scripture. Though it might seem comforting, falseness is not comfort. We are better off being content with what we do know. Our Christian dead are with Jesus, bound to Him in baptismal grace and promise. Unless Christ returns first, we will rise from the grave with them and be transformed to be like Jesus.

Even the waiting is mostly our experience.

Since time is also part of creation, the waiting is beyond our understanding. We are well aware of the passage of time since our loved ones' deaths here on earth. They may not be aware of the passage of time much or even at all. So, we speak of their current state in a couple of seemingly incongruous ways: Their bodies are at rest in the earth. Their souls are at rest with Christ. And, today is the day of salvation. For those outside of creation, today is the end of days.

More I cannot say.

Hang tight – Do the dead perceive us? comes next.

- Pastor

Do the Dead Perceive Us?

No, prob'ly not. And, it's better that way.

We have two examples of the dead interacting from where they await the resurrection of all flesh. These two share little with us. But, we need to know what they do share.

In Luke 16, we have parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. In torment in Hell, the nameless Rich Man is allowed to see Abraham and Lazarus. He speaks with Abraham. There is no interaction between he and Lazarus. The Rich Man sees nothing else of Heaven or Earth. And Abraham defines their positions thusly, "... between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us." (Luke 16:26)

We are prob'ly safe in assuming that this is an abnormal interaction. The Rich Man sees neither Heaven itself, nor the chasm separating them. His address to Abraham directing him to order Lazarus reveals no change of mind or understanding about his own state of lack of authority. He is hardened in his wickedness.

St. John reveals the souls of the martyrs under the altar, who speak. "When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been." (Revelation 6:9-11)

These saints under that altar have no love for the sin in the earth. They are purified of all sin. As a result, they see the whole earth as evil and in need of vengeance. We don't want the souls at rest in heaven to see us. They will only see our sin. Jesus has compassion for us and is saving us. They do not and cannot save us. In part, this is also why we do not pray to the saints. They would cry out for our blood, if they could hear us.

Thanks be to God, that we are separated from there. We have one mediator between God and Man, between Heaven and Earth. Jesus, speaks for us as forgives our sin and prepares a place for us. In faith we await our own admission. In faith we will rest secure. In faith we will receive a crown of glory we do not deserve.

Hang tight – What About the Disposition of Our Remains? comes next.

- Pastor

Mt. Calvary in La Grange is blessed to welcome newest members, Daryl & Susie Kinsey, by profession of faith, on Pentecost Sunday, June 5.



What About the Disposition of Our Bodies?

Gnostics, pagans, agnostics, and atheists all tell us that the body is meaningless. The atheists will say that there is nothing beyond death. The gnostics and pagans will say that the soul is the true nature of a person. Now, freed from this mortal coil, the dead are on to a permanent spiritual existence.

This is not so, dear Christians!

The unnatural, violent separation of body and soul in death is a temporary state. In the resurrection of the dead, the final judgement, and the life everlasting that follows thereafter, we will be reunited with our bodies in perfected glory.

“Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!” (Job 19:23-27 - KNJV)

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.” (Philippians 3:20-21 - ESV)

So, what do we do between now and then?

In Christianity, we have maintained a high view of the body of those who die in faith in Christ. Our treatment of the dead flows out of two understandings. First, we confess that our Lord is not done with this body. He will restore life and vigor to our bodies, and imperfection our souls to the same. Second, we confess the resurrection in the way we treat the bodies of the blessed dead.

We practice rites and rituals at the time of death. These include: the commendation of the dying, comforting of the bereaved, the funeral service, and the committal at the graveside. It's erroneous to say these things are only for the living. We practice these rights for the living and the dead both. Now, there would be no confusion here. The disposition of the dead is determined entirely by the forgiveness of sins by the atoning work of Jesus and faith trusting in that same promise. But, God is not done with the remains. So, we take great care to place the bodies of our loved ones into a safe resting place until the day of resurrection.

The scriptures have some indications of the practices we mimic. Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Leah, and Jacob are all buried in the cave of Machpelah in the field of Ephron the Hittite in Mamre. (Genesis ch. 23, 35, 49, & 50) The Cave of the Patriarchs is a religious pilgrimage site to this day. It is Jews, Christians, and Islamists. The Islamist side of the Herodian building has a wall separating it from the other side.

The committal at the grave site is a significant part of these collected rites. You pastor blesses the body in its casket/coffin for the last time. He blesses the grave itself. In many cases, the Pastor will remain with the body from its entrance into the church, though the funeral and interment, and leave only when the grave it being filled. He does this to serve as a visual representation of Jesus in whose stead and by whose command he speaks. In burial, we place our deceased loved ones to rest in a bed in the earth. There their bodies rest securely under a blanket of earth until the Lord's return.

It is best for us to bury a body in a casket/coffin. Our Christian burial practices are different than the pagans. We confess the resurrection of all flesh. The pagans confess the end of the flesh. In their confession, burning the remains, scattering the remains, or exposing the dead for scavenging are all “natural” treatments of an empty vessel. Since they do not believe in a resurrection, they treat the body like refuse.

Christians have only recently begun to embrace cremation as an acceptable practice. It is not the best option.

“But, Pastor, can't God put them back together?” Yes, but that's the wrong question. What's the best option? Burial of the body with great reverence and care, confesses the resurrection in word AND in deed.

“What about those burned in fire/destroyed in combat/buried at sea?” We will often go to extreme examples to carve-out defenses for less-than-defensible positions. We do our best based upon circumstances. When there's near total loss, we bury what we can. Even the military will place limited remains into a casket.

Burial at sea is also a deliberate, careful practice. The body is sent to rest in “the deep.” Davey Jones' Locker or some other euphemism is a place. It's not a place like cemetery. But, it is a place in its concept. All of the dead buried at sea go to rest together like those buried in a cemetery.

Mandy and I have intent for each other. For our bodies, we prefer to be buried without embalming in meager wooden boxes, preferably a coffin in style. The eight surfaces of a coffin continue to confess the eighth day baptismal promise in which we rest. We do not want a viewing of any sort or an open casket. Everyone knows what's in that box. There's no need to imply something else. And, lastly bury us among other Christians awaiting the resurrection on the last day.

Let us confess Jesus Christ, even in death.

Hang tight – Pennies From Heaven? Still to come.

- Pastor

THE MARY MARTHA GUILD MINUTE



Mary Martha
Guild

JULY MEETING CANCELLED—SUMMER BREAK

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

<p>AMEN Food Pantry Mites</p> <p>Pantry Item For AMEN Camp Lone Star BBQ</p>	<p>Volunteer Tuesday, July 5th @ 8:30 AM LWML Projects Happy Scrappers Quilting for LWR - Monday, July 11 & 25 @ 9:30 AM Donor's Choice Sunday, July 31 Cook 50 lbs. noodles—Committee Members Beverly Albers, Chairman, Robbie Cole, Karen Fitch, Jeanette Huelsebusch, Linda Poncik, & Stell Midgett</p>
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BIRTHDAYS

(2) Mary Walker, (9) Gladys Teinert, (27) Beverly Albers

ANNIVERSARIES

(14) Diane Johnson

AUGUST MEETING

<p>Monday, August 1</p> <p>Welcome Devotion Pantry Item Mite Prayer</p>	<p>Multipurpose Room Fellowship Time – 5:30 Business Meeting – 6:00 PM Janice Teinert Janice Teinert Corn Bread Mix or canned tomato product Brenda Fischer</p>
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BUSINESS MEETING

<p>Project/Activity</p>	<p>Call to Order Minutes & Treasurer's Reports Standing Committee Reports Re-cap of Texas District 42nd Biennial Convention in Houston June 16 – 18, 2022 Donate/Purchase supplies for LWR School Kits</p>
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BIRTHDAYS

(13) Diane Johnson; (18) Betty Pecora.
(19) Artie Schultz; (29) Joan Miertschin

ANNIVERSARIES

(6) Beverly Albers; (7) Nancy Lehmann;
(20) Linda Streicher; (21) Amy Lochte; (24) Karen Fitch; (27) *Judy Zuhn*; (28) *Elsie Michalk*

Everyone is invited to attend Guild Meetings in the Multi-purpose Room at 5:30 PM on the first Monday of the month. All volunteers and support of our projects are greatly appreciated. Contact our Member Development Committee- Karen Fitch 979-561-6190, or any Guild member or feel free to call the Church Office at 968-3938 for more information.

MEN'S CLUB PIT STOP

JUNE 6, 2022

OPENING
DEVOTION
ROLL CALL
TREASURER REPORT

6:07 PM
Pastor Kaspar, John 10
4Officers, 12 Club members, 2 Visitors ; 18 total present
Randy Albers
Lutheran Hour Fund balance: \$141.79
Building Fund Balance: \$3,575.00
Ending General Fund balance: \$12,036.73
Ending Total Bank Balance: **\$15,753.52**

NEW BUSINESS

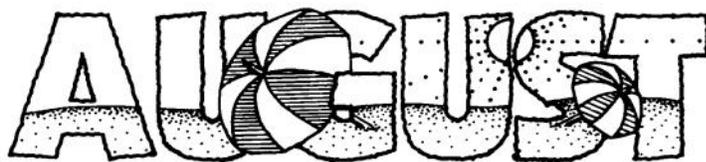
Log-splitting June 25th at 8 am-meet at BBQ Pavilion/bring water/all help welcome
Next meeting moved to July 11th
Cut meat for Camp Lone Star BBQ at Serbin church at 7:30 am, July 31st

NEXT MEETING

Joseph Johnson
Men's Club Secretary

Monday, July 11, 2022, at 6:00 PM at the BBQ Pavilion

-Psalm 78:72 "With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand."



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beverly Albers - July 27
 Brandon & Emily Barber—July 3 (10)
 Velma Beherns—July 23
 Daniel Boening—July 15
 Allyson Brade—July 20
 Kristen Brade—July 15
 Michael & Michelle Dunk—July 7 (15)
 Michelle Dunk—July 31
 Larry Faldyn—July 15
 Daniel Fischer—July 17
 Avery Harbers—July 8
 Drew Harbers—July 8
 Kenneth Harbers—July 26
 Sylvia Hebert—July 21
 Shea Henderson—July 30
 Christopher Hepner—July 1
 Rick Herbrich—July 24
 Gary & Diane Johnson—July 14
 Karen Koopmann—July 11
 Michelle Koopmann—July 22
 James Lehmann—July 26
 Carl & Sharyn Leuker—July 26 (52)
 Sharyn Leuker—July 24
 Anthony Mikulin—July 28
 Diana Petty-Stone - July 25
 Don Pietsch—July 2
 Doris Pietsch—July 21
 Justin Rogers—July 27
 Wendy Rogers - July 27
 William Sagebiel—July 11
 Luis & Lorri Sanchez—July 19 (25)
 Vivian Taylor—July 21
 Gladys Teinert—July 9
 Jason & Kim Von Minden—July 11 (13)
 Mary Walker—July 2
 Kash Wessels—July 18
 Dale Witt—July 9
 Frank Wolf—July 17
 Jettson Wolf—July 21
 Trey Wolf—July 11
 Zach Zahradnik—July 3

Randy & Beverly Albers—August 6 (45)
 Emily Barber—August 21
 Glenn & Velma Behrens—August 31 (70)
 Kadence Blackwell—August 9
 Laramie Blackwell—August 17
 Linda Boening—August 24
 Rebekka Bohot—August 9
 Jordan Fischer—August 3
 La Verne Fitch—August 16
 La Verne & Karen Fitch—August 24 (48)
 Trey Harbers—August 27
 Lance Haselhoff—August 20
 Charlie Herbrich—August 8
 Sarah Herbrich—August 22
 Peggy Hunger—August 28
 Diane Johnson—August 3
 Kevin Karstedt, Jr.—August 18
 Kelli Karstedt—August 24
 Daryl & Susie Kinsey—August 31 (31)
 James & Nancy Lehmann—August 7 (46)
 Neal & Amy Lochte—August 21 (46)
 Joan Miertschin—August 29
 Mark Mikulin—August 21
 Lia Mouton—August 13
 Betty Pecora—August 18
 August Pietsch—August 8
 Don, Jr. & Hannah Pietsch—August 1 (13)
 June Pietsch—August 28
 Tami Pietsch—August 1
 Glenn Polasek—August 19
 George & Brenda Rainosek—August 25 (49)
 Christa Roensch—August 26
 Joe Rogers—August 3
 Cheryl Roitsch—August 24
 Jane Schneider—August 17
 Brandon Schnell—August 10
 Grace Schnell—August 11
 Marlene Schnell—August 22
 Artie Schultz—August 19
 Linda & Harold Streicher—August 20 (45)
 Paul Teinert III—August 7
 Gladys Tschatschula—August 27
 Jarrod Von Minden—August 26
 Jensen Von Minden—August 19
 Weldon Von Minden—August 3
 Dale & Dorothy Witt—August 8 (63)

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

FLOWER CHART OPENINGS

Don't forget that we have a Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the narthex hallway. You can sign up to provide flowers for a special occasion or simply to the glory of God.

Call the church office if you would like more information!

Remembering

We grieve with the family and friends of Verlene Ann Kuntschik who went to be with Jesus on June 20th.

Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Program. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHHS) appreciates support given to our scholarship program. All Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship funds are received through fundraising projects and donations. The TWHHS scholarship program is available to students of Wendish descent and encourages students to learn more about their Wendish heritage. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school for Fall 2022 semester. 2022-2023 scholarship applications will be available beginning April 19th online at texaswendish.org and on the Texas Wendish Facebook Page. The entire process is online and must be submitted digitally by the deadline; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15th, 2022. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.net. In 2021, a total of \$15,000 was awarded in scholarships to thirteen students. **Thanks for your support!**

Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas

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Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

Commuting from Bastrop?

FLHS has some students in the Bastrop community who would benefit from carpooling to Faith during the school year. Are you already coming this direction? Please call Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants to offset expenses associated with our summer camps!

Amazon Wish List

FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support!

All Members of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
You are cordially invited to

The service of Ordination into the Holy Ministry
and
Installation as Pastor
for
Gary Lewis Johnson

Sunday, July 24, 2022 at 3:00 PM
Zion Lutheran Church
103 Keuper Ave., Schulenburg, TX 78956

Dinner Following:
Please RSVP not later than July 11, 2022
To: 979-743-3842
(If not answered, please leave a message)
Or by email to
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For clergy wishing to Process, the color of the day is red.



Installation

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool

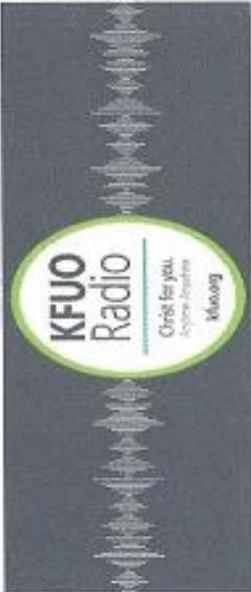
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