



# CALVARY COURIER

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 2026

## Upcoming Events

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Mornings with Mommy – “Things that Go”

(No Mornings with Mommy during the summer while the remodel is taking place.)



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## Rest for Those Who Fall Away

*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel. (Gen 3:15)*

Another day dawns, and the world continues to spin through the vast expanses of space, perfectly positioned just close enough to the sun to enjoy its light and warmth. The intricacy and delicate balance of the earth are all fingerprints of a great Creator—a being of power and wisdom, who delights in beauty and order. And the crown of his creation... is you. So now what? What are we here for? What’s our purpose in life? What does this powerful, wise Creator want from us, anyway? And what’s it all got to do with Jesus?

What God wants us to do is what he himself did after the six days of creation, find rest—the very definition of the word sabbath. Rest from the notion that you always have to be busy, always have to be striving, always have to be doing something to earn God’s blessings or prove yourself worthy. He already loves you more than you can comprehend and delights in giving you good gifts. Rest from the demands and obligations and conditionals that many religions insert into their dogma. God gives us the best he has to offer not as a contract or treaty, but as a gift from a loving Father. Rest is all wrapped up in one person: **Jesus**.

But look around the world, and you’ll see some common themes: sorrow, hurt, pain, and frustrations persist. This is a lack of rest. Why? Because human beings mess things up: Relationships. Communities. Governments. The planet itself. People hurt one another and betray one another’s trust as they pursue their own self-interests. Look around and you’ll see that things are not as they should be. Things could be better. They *should* be better. This world is not the perfect place it was intended to be.

Adam and Eve messed things up. They heard the devil’s lies and bought into the claim that God was hiding something from them... that God hadn’t told them the whole story... that they should take matters into their own hands to get something more than the peace and perfection that was already theirs. And so they ate the fruit, pursuing their own self-interests. They quickly realized that this *didn’t* empower or enlighten them; on the contrary, they were filled with fear and shame. Through their disobedience, they’d propelled all Creation into a mess of greed, mistrust, brokenness, and sorrow that persists to this day.

But God gave Adam and Eve rest. He didn’t tell them to fix themselves. He didn’t pile on guilt and shame. He didn’t give them a checklist of things to do to make it up to him or to prove that they were really sorry; they didn’t even have to speak the words. Instead, he told them—as he tells us today—I will fix this. Sin brings only pain and sorrow, but I will make you garments and clothe you in them to cover the shame and guilt you feel. (Isaiah 61:10) I will come down to earth as a woman’s child, as Immanuel—“God with Us,”---and I will crush the one who deceived you, rendering him powerless. (1 John 3:8) And I will destroy death itself (1 Corinthians 15:26), endure sin’s punishment in your place (Isaiah 53:5), and restore the peace and perfection that you threw away (1 Corinthians 15:57). All that is necessary to make things right I myself will do, checking all the boxes as your substitute.

Life in this sin-sick world isn’t easy, but we can find rest—even now—in what God has done on our behalf.

Pastor Martin Spaude



May's "Flowers, Birds, and Mother's Day" session was im-peck-able! The children loved coloring Mother's Day cards and making tissue paper flowers with painted handprint pots they decorated in the arts and crafts center. The little blossoms thoroughly enjoyed the split pea filled gardening themed sensory bins and pulling around play flowers in a wagon to plant in our garden in the gross motor skills center. We ended with a delightful spring treat: lemon flower shaped cookies.

The Lord has blessed our beloved program with 7 wonderful years! We are grateful to God for this incredible continued blessing. We would also like to thank the members of Calvary for their support, time, donations and prayers.

Our next session "Things That Go" will be on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 10AM. ***Due to Calvary's renovation, Mornings with Mommy will not meet during the months of June, July, and August.*** If you or someone you know would like to volunteer in the fall, please speak with our Director, Bridget Spaude.



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**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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Worship: 6PM Saturday/9AM Sunday

## June Worship

Use this Schedule to Prepare Yourself

### June 6 & 7

### Pentecost 2

Theme: Christians are sinners whom God has mercifully brought to faith and promises them salvation. It is only by God's grace that we are children of God

Liturgy: Service of the Word & Sacrament

Psalm 119b

Lessons: Exodus 3:1-15; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Matthew 9:9-13

Sermon: A God's-Eye View of Election: Ephesians 1:1-14

Hymns: Blue: 575, 738, 706, 816

Red: 384, 525, 336, 446

### June 13 & 14

### Pentecost 3

Theme: Jesus is the only way to the promised land of heaven. Jesus leads us all the way there.

Liturgy: Service of the Word

Psalm 100

Lessons: Numbers 27:15-23; 1 Corinthians 4:1-7; Matthew 9:35—10:8

Sermons: A God's-Eye View of Christ's Power and A Christian's Position: Ephesians 1:15-23

Hymns: Blue: 632, 897, 638, 639

Red: 282, 546, 288, 281

### June 20 & 21

### Pentecost 4

Theme: God wants his people to keep the faith and preach the Word even in the face of opposition and persecution.

Liturgy: The Common Service with Communion

Psalm 91

Lessons: Jeremiah 20:7-13; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Sermons: A God's-Eye View of Your Past and Present: Ephesians 2:1-10

Hymns: Blue: 874 (note the blue version has 3 verses), 797, 823, 895 (note the blue version has 6 verses)

Red: 289, 403, 349, 544

### June 27 & 28

### Pentecost 5

Theme: Christians love and serve God above all. We love because he first loved us

Liturgy: Service of the Word

Psalm 27

Lessons: Exodus 32:15-29; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Matthew 10:34-42

Sermons: A God's-Eye View of Others: Ephesians 2:11-22

Hymns: Blue: 876, 702 (the blue has only 4 verses), 704, 5711

Red: 457, 453, 452, 463

**Pastor/Teacher Scholarship Fund:** Calvary has a special fund to help any of our members who are attending Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, MN. And Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon, WI., preparing to be pastors and teachers in our WELS. Currently the fund has \$3332.00 in it. We do have one member, Tyler Altman, attending MLC in the pastoral track program. Cost for tuition, room and board at MLC is \$25,000.00 per year. Any donations to this fund would be greatly appreciated.

## What Do You Want?

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since he is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before him and his provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving his gifts in church on the weekend (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though he has promised that he will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through his Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with his gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever he leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for the wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as his sheep.

*From Calvary’s Stewardship Committee*

## June Worship – Say It Out Loud

Our worship services in June will follow this pattern:

June 6 & 7: Pentecost 2	<i>God loves sinners</i>
June 13 & 14: Pentecost 3	<i>Jesus leads us</i>
June 20 & 21: Pentecost 4	<i>Keep the faith</i>
June 27 & 28: Pentecost 5	<i>Love God above all</i>

## Update on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Projects

Plans have been drawn up for the renovation of the ***Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and Sanctuary***. Work has begun on the renovations. The bathrooms in the fellowship hall are the first being worked on, with a new sewer line having to be installed. Thank you to all who have been helping with this. After the sewer line is installed, work should proceed more quickly.

A special offering fund for the 50th Anniversary is available if you are moved to make special offerings to help with these projects. Please place your donation in an envelope with your name on it and marked 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The fund has over \$46,000 in it to date.

## **Summer Sermon Series: A God's Eye View** (taken from the book of Ephesians)

June 6 & 7 – A God's-Eye View of Election: Ephesians 1:1-14

June 13 & 14 – A God's-Eye View of Christ's Power and A Christian's Position: Ephesians 1:15-23

June 20 & 21 – A God's-Eye View of Your Past and Present: Ephesians 2:1-10

June 27 & 28 – A God's-Eye View of Others: Ephesians 2:11-22

July 4 & 5 – This weekend is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America. We give thanks to God for the blessings given to our country and making us citizens of such a county. We rejoice most of all to be citizens in God's kingdom.

July 11 & 12 – A God's-Eye View of the Bible: Ephesians 3:1-13

July 18 & 19 – A God's-Eye View of Prayer: Ephesians 3:14-21

July 25 & 26 – A God's-Eye View of the Church: Ephesians 4:1-16

### **August 1 & 2 – Pastor Spaude on vacation**

August 8 & 9 – A God's-Eye View of an Unbeliever's Mind: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

August 15 & 16 – A God's-Eye View of Someone "Under the Influence": Ephesians 5:3-20

August 22 & 23 – A God's-Eye View of Marriage: Ephesians 5:21-33

August 29 & 30 – A God's-Eye View of Society: Ephesians 6:1-9

September 5 & 6 – A God's-Eye View of a Christian's Uniform: Ephesians 6:10-24

### **The Calvary Columbarium**

Calvary Lutheran Church of Chandler, Arizona, has a columbarium on its property for the use of its members and their families. The columbarium offers an economically feasible way to handle the final resting place needs of its members.

The columbarium contains small compartments or "niches" to hold the cremated remains of loved ones. Our columbarium has single niches (which can contain one cinerary urn) and double niches (which can contain two cinerary urns.) Single niches cost \$1,250 and double niches cost \$1,500.

Included in the cost are a brass urn and a granite face plate engraved with the name of the deceased. Payment plans are available. There are funeral arrangement packets in the literature racks above the back counter in the church entryway that contain columbarium order forms. For more information, talk with Pastor Spaude.



### Sunday Morning Bible Classes

**Sunday Adult Bible Study:** Dragons, angels, talking frogs, locusts with scorpion tails, seven-headed monsters, a woman with wings. Oh my. What is this? Characters from the latest sci-fi film? No. They are details from a 2,000-year-old vision the Apostle John received on the Greek island of Patmos. This vision is recorded in the last book of the Bible: *Revelation*. Join our Sunday morning Bible Class for a multi-media Bible study of this fascinating New Testament book. Revelation: Get Pumped for the End.

### Wednesday Evening Bible Class

We are studying **My Life for the Kingdom: The Story of Joseph**. Part of the story of Joseph and his brothers is perhaps one of the more famous biblical accounts, popularized today by the successful Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical. In *My Life for the Kingdom: The Story of Joseph*, the biblical account of Joseph in Genesis showcases how God's grace, revealed in his promises and their fulfillment, was ever-present for Joseph and his family. Through these lessons, students will be encouraged to trust in God in difficult circumstances and motivated to dedicate their lives to the welfare of God's kingdom. Also included is a timeline of Joseph's life to help the participant visualize the relationship between the events recorded in the scriptures.

### NO Vacation Bible School this Summer

There is no Vacation Bible School at Calvary Lutheran Church this summer. We are taking a ONE year break from VBS, but it will return for Summer 2027. God has blessed us with an opportunity to remodel some of spaces we use for VBS. Instead of disrupting our weekly Family Bible hour during the school year, it will be done this summer.

This work is being performed in preparation of celebrating 50 years of our LORD allowing Calvary Lutheran Church to share God's Word with our community. We are looking forward to a new and updated look to our fellowship hall building with renewed functionality.

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### Cornhole Family Event

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Family Circle Cornhole event was held. Pastor Spaude, Deb Spaude and Hilda Kuether were the hosts.

The event featured "Make your own pizza" and, of course, cornhole games. A certain family (see if you can guess, answer will be on the back page of the Courier) came with their own handmade cornhole game that was painted and shellacked to perfection. Each member of this family played to win!

A great time was experienced by all! Hope to see you at this event next year!



**Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO):** Christian education is important. Helping our children to grow in their faith in their Savior Jesus is vital for their eternal welfare. Providing an education in a Christian environment where they can learn math, science, history, and all subjects, through the lens of God's Word will prepare them for living productive, Christ-centered lives in this world.

We are blessed to have Pilgrim Lutheran School in Mesa and Emmanuel Lutheran School in Tempe to help with the Christian education of our children. To help with the cost of this Christian education, Arizona's Private School Tax Credit Program is incredibly important. Through this program, you can support Christian education. You can participate in the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Arizona state taxes. We have some member children who attend Pilgrim Lutheran School that you can recommend for a scholarship with your tax credit donation to ACSTO. We are featuring especially Jenna Traudt. The other Traudt children attending Pilgrim are Micah, Aaron and Grace. You can give using one of the forms at church or online at: [ACSTO.org](http://ACSTO.org).



June 14<sup>th</sup> will be chock-full of patriotic celebrations, not only because it is the U.S. Army's 250th anniversary but also due to it being Flag Day.

The holiday, like the name suggests, commemorates the date the United States approved the design for its national flag, an enduring symbol of freedom. However, it would take more than a century from when the flag resolution was adopted for the day to be formally observed by communities across the country.

Flag Day was first celebrated in the late 1800s by educators around the U.S., according to the National Constitution Center, and in May 1916, President Woodrow Wilson declared that June 14 would be forever known as the day of the flag.

Flag Day became a national holiday some thirty years after Wilson left office, which was when President Harry Truman signed congressional legislation into law. Truman also directed, in a proclamation, that the U.S. flag be displayed on all government buildings on that day.

America has honored the adoption of both stars and stripes in several ways since, from displaying the pennant outside of homes and federal buildings to incorporating it in patriotic parades or processions. The country's armed forces have also incorporated the well-recognized insignia on uniforms and in ceremonies.



## June Birthdays

Rebekah Christian	June 4
Elroy Bartsch	June 7
Kylan Rasmussen	June 8
Kenneth Marks	June 8
Christine Bartsch	June 9
Grace Traudt	June 12
Lilianna Coker	June 13
Gail Sachs	June 13
Phillip Cross	June 16
Dianne Bartsch	June 19
Christopher Fong	June 20
George Grafakos	June 27
Quinn Corry	June 29
Kristen Salzwedel	June 29



If your birthday is not listed, please email the office manager, Randi, at [office@calvaryhandler.net](mailto:office@calvaryhandler.net) so your records can be updated.

## June

1	Ezra 3-5
2	Ezra 6-7
3	Ezra 8-9
4	Ezra 10
5	Nehemiah 1-3
6	Nehemiah 4-6
7	Nehemiah 7-8
8	Nehemiah 9-10
9	Nehemiah 11-12
10	Nehemiah 13
11	Esther 1-3
12	Esther 4-7
13	Esther 8-10
14	Job 1-4
15	Job 5-8
16	Job 9-12
17	Job 13-16
18	Job 17-20
19	Job 21-24
20	Job 25-29
21	Job 30-33
22	Job 34-37
23	Job 38-40
24	Job 41-42
25	Psalms 1-9
26	Psalms 10-17
27	Psalms 18-22
28	Psalms 23-30
29	Psalms 31-35
30	Psalms 36—39

CORNHOLE ANSWER: The Traudt Family

If you would like to submit information for the monthly Courier, please email it to Randi at [office@calvaryhandler.net](mailto:office@calvaryhandler.net) by the 15<sup>th</sup> month. Thank you.