

CALVARY COURIER

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 2026

Upcoming Events

Sept. 1st – Mornings with Mommy – “Things that Go”

Sunday School & Christ Teens start September 13th (delayed due to remodel)

Annie @ Hale Centre Theatre (Gilbert) Oct. 10th at 4PM.



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I Need More...SATISFACTION

“He opens your hand, and he satisfies the desire of every living thing” (Psalm 145:16).

“A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work” (Ecclesiastes 2:24). That is what the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes said, and he said it three different times in his book. It sounds simple enough: Somehow find the ability to lean back in your hammock on your day off and say, “What a satisfying life this all is!”

But maybe your expectations for satisfaction in this life are too high. Maybe they are unrealistic. Maybe they are even wrong and pivot around your own self and ego.

The Bible says about God, “He opens his hand, and he satisfies the desire of every living thing” (Psalm 145:16). Many believers bow their heads and speak this verse before they eat their food. In their prayer at their dinner tables they acknowledge that God is the source of their satisfaction. They recognize it too when they pray this part of the Lord’s Prayer: “Give this day our daily bread.”

The Apostle Paul told a young pastor, “If we have food and clothing, we will be content with that” (1 Timothy 6:8). Perhaps those who demand more satisfaction from life are not thinking of the simple but awe-inspiring satisfaction that is the desire of many hearts. They forget that in their work—whatever it may be—they can glorify God with faithfulness and cheerfulness and thankfulness that they have the ability to feed themselves and their family. Those are the aspirations of a loving God for our satisfaction.

Satisfaction in our lives does not come because of what we do but because of what God does. He takes care of us...body and soul. He feeds us. He sent Jesus to rescue us from his great dissatisfaction over our sin. He promises to be with us and bless the work of our hands. He says that what we do for him will not be in vain.

Be satisfied—truly satisfied—with that!

Pastor Martin Spaude



The Lord has blessed our beloved program with seven 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 1st at 10AM.

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

August Worship

Use this Schedule to Prepare Yourself

August 1 & 2	Pentecost 10	(PASTOR SPRAIN)
Theme: God gives to us the greatest blessings of all, forgiveness and eternal life. How won't he provide for us in every time of need and distress? Liturgy: Service of the Word & Sacrament Psalm 139b Lessons: 1 Kings 17:1-6; Ephesians 1:3-10; Matthew 14:13-21 Hymns: Blue: 481, 603, 566, 617 Red: 241, 236, ---, 334		
August 8 & 9	Pentecost 11	
Theme: The true answer to doubt is found in the still small voice of our Savior whispering to us in his Word. Liturgy: Service of the Word Psalm 73 Lessons: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 14:22-33 Sermon: A God's-Eye View of an Unbeliever's Mind: Ephesians 4:17-5:2 Hymns: Blue: 819, 847, 513, 846 Red: 419, 415, 346, 211		
August 15 & 16	Pentecost 12	
Theme: Jesus shows us that the Church is for all people. All have sinned and all need the forgiveness the Lord gives. Liturgy: The Common Service with Communion Psalm 66 Lessons: Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Ephesians 2:13-22; Matthew 15:21-28 Sermon: A God's-Eye View of Someone "Under the Influence": Ephesians 5:3-20 Hymns: Blue: 914, 855, 570, 861 Red: 528, 538, 391, 536		
August 22 & 23	Pentecost 13	
Theme: Jesus is a real human being, the Son of Man. He is also Lord and Savior, the Son of the living God. This unexpected truth is the core of who of saving faith. Liturgy: Service of the Word Psalm 133-134 Lessons: Exodus 34:5-9; Romans 10:5-13; Matthew 16:13-20 Sermon: A God's-Eye View of Marriage: Ephesians 5:21-33 Hymns: Blue: 856, 563, 869, 581 Red: 529, 382, 537, 380		
August 29 & 30	Pentecost 14	
Theme: The Bible explains that if we are part of the Church of God, we will have to bear crosses. Believers suffer in this world, sometimes just because they are believers. Liturgy: Service of the Word Psalm 32 Lessons: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 16:21-26 Sermon: A God's-Eye View of Society: Ephesians 6:1-9 Hymns: Blue: 831 (note the blue has 5 verses), 694, 704, 405 Red: 428, 465, 452, 405		

Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of himself, he got for himself us, making us citizens of his eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For, giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living have on us. When we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others?” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, nor do we become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God himself, for God is Love. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

From Calvary’s Stewardship Committee

Update on the 50th Anniversary Special Projects

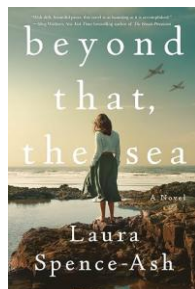
Update on the 50th Anniversary Special Projects: Much has been done for the renovation of the **Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and Sanctuary**. The kitchen is almost done. The bathroom floor tile has been laid, as has been the tile on the wall. The coffee room is in the process of being redone with sheet rock on the wall and updated electrical. We hope to have the work done by the 3rd weekend of August. Thanks to all who have been helping with this.

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 50th Anniversary. The fund has over \$46,000 in it to date.

Along with the 50th anniversary renovations, the roof underlayment on the church was replaced and the parking lot repaved. We rejoice to have these projects completed as we maintain our property, so it doesn’t all into disrepair.

August Book Club

The August Book Club selection is *Beyond That, The Sea* by Laura Spence-Ash. The discussion will take place at Calvary on Sunday, August 30th at 3PM. Any questions, contact Liz Hawkes at 480-309-5490.



August Worship – What Makes Christians Different/Unexpected Truths

Our worship services in August will follow this pattern:

August 1 & 2: Pentecost 10	Christians trust God to provide
August 8 & 9: Pentecost 11	Christians live as wheat among the weeds
August 15 & 16: Pentecost 12	The Church is for all people
August 22 & 23: Pentecost 13	The Son of Man is God
August 29 & 30: Pentecost 14	The Cross come before the Crown

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

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 – Starts August 5th at 7PM



There is no controversy in the scientific community about whether evolution has occurred.” (The National Academy of Sciences)

Are scientists really certain about evolution? Join us for a new Bible study that looks at Creation vs. Evolution. This course will help us learn how to talk with our evolutionist friends in a way that provides opportunities for us to share the gospel message about Jesus. In this way, we can reflect God’s love to others.

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.

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. The Traudt children attending Pilgrim are Micah, Aaron and Grace. Jenna Traudt attends Arizona Lutheran Academy. You can give using one of the forms at church or online at: ACSTO.org.

The 2026 WELS AZ/CA District Convention Summary

On June 8-10, 2026, the Arizona-California District of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) met for its 36th biennial convention at the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Ariz. A significant portion of the convention focused on elections. Delegates reelected Pastor Joel Heckendorf (Light of the Valleys, Reno, Nev.) to serve as District President, Pastor Aaron Boehm (Shepherd of the Hills, La Mesa, Calif.) as First Vice President, Pastor Aaron Bublitz (Heritage, Gilbert, Ariz.) as Second Vice President, and Pastor Steven Gabb (Hope, Los Angeles, Calif.) as District Secretary.

In his report, District President Heckendorf encouraged delegates to center their ministries around a simple but profound goal: “Show Jesus.” Referencing a compliment paid to a fellow district president – “Thank you for showing us Jesus” – he challenged called workers, lay leaders, and congregations alike to keep Christ at the center of their ministry, relationships, and service. He reminded delegates that the Arizona-California District serves one of the most gospel-starved regions of the country yet possesses the very message people need most. He also highlighted district priorities for the coming years, including strengthening the circuit pastor program, supporting called worker wellness, fostering a caring family culture, prioritizing ministry recruitment, engaging lay leaders, and onboarding new workers into district ministry.

Professor Joel Russow of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary served as the keynote speaker. His four-part presentation, “The Healthy Called Worker,” focused on four areas of encouragement: spiritual, vocational, relational, and personal wellness. Using Philippians 4:4 as a foundation, he reminded delegates that “Rejoice” is the battle cry of the Christian heart and encouraged called workers to find their strength, identity, and joy in Christ. His presentations addressed the unique pressures facing those in ministry while offering practical and gospel-centered encouragement for long-term health and faithfulness in service.

One of the most significant actions of the convention was the adoption of a new district funding model and approval of the 2027-2028 Arizona-California District Financial Plan. Developed through extensive study and collaboration, the new model provides a sustainable and equitable framework for supporting district ministry, simplifies financial processes for congregations, and aligns district operations with changing synodical and legal requirements.



Calvary October Outing



I have secured
15 reservations
for 4 pm Sat.
10/10/26. Group
price \$45 (reg.
\$65).

Reservation
with payment to
Sue Schroeder
(480)776-9827.
First come - first
served basis.
Deadline: 9/13
(No kids under 5
yrs).

With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts, despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. And now, alongside her signature pal dog, Sandy, she's set her sights on making us grin from ear to ear as she inspires a whole new millennium.

Hale Centre
Theatre
50 W. Page Ave
Gilbert, AZ

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August Birthdays

John Nelson - August 1
Blake Corry – August 1
Madison Warskow - August 2
Charlie Kuether - August 3
Leah Cross - August 4
Duncan Maltman - August 5
Peggy Strege - August 6
Monica Wiley - August 7
Gabriel Hasulak – August 7
Jennifer Spaude - August 11
Richard Muenchow - August 12
Lily Hasulak – August 12
Lois Metikos – August 14
Micah Traudt - August 14
Hilda Kuether - August 16
Roger Sprain - August 19
Jordyn Taranec – August 22
Anne Kelsey - August 23
Dakota Christian – August 26
Jean Wynia - August 26
Mike Becker - August 28
Barb Converse - August 30
Jeff Cross - August 30
Brad Reinke - August 30
Grayson Tucker – August 30
Nicholas Taranec – August 31



If your birthday is not listed, please email the office manager, Randi, at office@calvarychandler.net so your records can be updated.

August

1	Isaiah 5-9
2	Isaiah 10-14
3	Isaiah 15-21
4	Isaiah 22-26
5	Isaiah 27-31
6	Isaiah 32-37
7	Isaiah 38-42
8	Isaiah 43-46
9	Isaiah 47-51
10	Isaiah 52-57
11	Isaiah 58-63
12	Isaiah 64-66
13	Jeremiah 1-3
14	Jeremiah 4-6
15	Jeremiah 7-10
16	Jeremiah 11-14
17	Jeremiah 15-18
18	Jeremiah 19-22
19	Jeremiah 23-25
20	Jeremiah 26-28
21	Jeremiah 29-31
22	Jeremiah 32-33
23	Jeremiah 34-36
24	Jeremiah 37-40
25	Jeremiah 41-44
26	Jeremiah 45-48
27	Jeremiah 49-50
28	Jeremiah 51-52
29	Lamentations 1-2
30	Lamentations 3-5
31	Ezekiel 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** month. Thank you.