



CALVARY COURIER

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 2026

Upcoming Events

July 26th Book Club @ 3PM

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

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



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Healing Comes from Only One Source, God Alone

“Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD.” – Isaiah 38:2

Have you ever received news that wasn't good? None of us like to be on the receiving end of bad news. “Sorry, but you haven't been selected for the team.” “I hate to tell you this, but you have three cavities.” “There's rain in the forecast for the entire weekend we're on the Rim.” “We're downsizing and you have to find work elsewhere.”

Bad reports like these can sometimes be devastating. Maybe you have been practicing a lot in order to make that team. Or you thought you were brushing your teeth thoroughly every day. Or you were planning on a steady income or looking forward to a restful vacation. Maybe we haven't encountered any of these bad things, but I'm certain that each of us can name several times when we were devastated with bad news.

Hezekiah was a king of Judah. He was a good king who tried to rule the kingdom according to God's ways. Yet one day he heard some of the worst news he could ever imagine. This is how the Bible tells the story: ***“In those days Hezekiah became sick and was dying. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz came to him and said, ‘This is what the Lord says. Give instructions to your household, because you are going to die. You will not survive.’ So Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord. ‘Please remember, Lord, how I have walked before you in truth and with my whole heart. I have done what is good in your eyes.’ Hezekiah wept bitterly.”***

What would you do if the Lord came to you and said, “Give instructions to your household because you are going to die?” Those words surely frightened Hezekiah. What was the very first thing Hezekiah did? He prayed! Hezekiah did not try to fight against God's words. He did not complain about God. He did not defiantly seek out the best doctors in the kingdom. He did not shake his fist at God in anger. He did not feel sorry for himself by crying or pouting. Instead, Hezekiah humbly prayed. He pleaded with the Lord to help him get through this trial. He went first to God, because Hezekiah knew that there is only one who has the power over life and death. And he knew that all healing comes from only one source, God alone.

Have you ever pleaded with God? Have you ever needed to bow before the Lord at your weakest moment and pray for his strength and help? Hezekiah is a good example for us to follow when bad news comes our way. He shows us that the first one we need to go to for help is the one who has promised to help us every time we come to him. We have a Father in heaven who hears us because Jesus paid for our sins and clothes us in his righteousness. God even listens to us as his own child. We can go to him whenever we hear bad news. Pour out your heart to the Lord and bring your problem to him. You can be certain that your prayer will be heard and that God will give you an answer as he helps you in your struggle.

You might wonder whatever happened to Hezekiah. The Bible gives us the rest of the story: ***“Then the word of the Lord came to Isaiah. ‘Go back and tell Hezekiah that this is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says, I have heard your prayer and I have seen your tears. Now then, I will add fifteen years to your life’.”***

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. ***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.

In the meantime....

Here are some pictures from the Sunday School Fun Day in May!



Scan this with your phone to donate to Calvary.

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

July Worship
Use this Schedule to Prepare Yourself

July 4 & 5	Pentecost 6
Theme: This weekend is the 250th 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 country. We rejoice most of all to be citizens in God's kingdom. Liturgy: Service of the Word & Sacrament Psalm 146 Lessons: Daniel 1:3-21; Romans 13:1-7; Matthew 22:15-22 Hymns: Blue: 775, ---, ---, 774 Red: 618, 617, 620, 619	
July 11 & 12	Pentecost 7
Theme: The Bible describes the supernatural process by which God calls people to faith through the gospel . He promises that his Word always accomplishes his purpose. Liturgy: Service of the Word Sermon: A God's-Eye View of the Bible: Ephesians 3:1-13 Psalm 65 Lessons: Isaiah 55:6-11; 1 Corinthians 3:5-11; Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 Hymns: Blue: 644, 642, 633, 640 Red: 324, 279, 735 (CWS), 293	
July 18 & 19	Pentecost 8
Theme: Jesus uses the imagery of wheat and weeds to talk about the difference of believers (wheat) and unbelievers (weed). We live as wheat among the weeds, being faithful, fruitful, and mindful of the coming harvest. Liturgy: The Common Service with Communion Sermon: A God's-Eye View of Prayer: Ephesians 3:14-21 Psalm 19 Lessons: Isaiah 44:6-11; Romans 1:18-25; Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 Hymns: Blue: 873, 491, 641, 719 Red: 472, 613, 541, 412	
July 25 & 26	Pentecost 9
Theme: The Bible helps Christians keep worldly wealth in perspective. True wealth is spiritual wealth. It can only be found in God and his eternal blessings for us in Christ. Liturgy: Service of the Word Sermon: A God's-Eye View of the Church: Ephesians 4:1-16 Psalm 67 Lessons: 1 Kings 3:5-12; 1 Timothy 6:17-21; Matthew 13:44-52 Hymns: Blue: 898, 717, 807, 804 Red: 545, 477, 421, 432	
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.	

Go ... Sell All You Have?

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor? As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties. So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock. This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

If we love God and his gifts of forgiveness given through the Means of Grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up his Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What’s more, he provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth. Don’t let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

From Calvary’s Stewardship Committee

Update on the 50th 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 demolition is mostly done, hence the removal of the green roll off. Much work has been done in the kitchen, bathrooms and the storage closet in the fellowship hall. 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.



July Worship – What Makes Christians Different

Our worship services in July will follow this pattern:

July 4 & 5: Pentecost 6	Christians live in two kingdoms
July 11 & 12: Pentecost 7	Christians are planted by the Word
July 18 & 19: Pentecost 8	Christians live as wheat among the weeds
July 25 & 26: Pentecost 9	Christians seek spiritual wealth

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

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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.



BIBLE CLASSES WILL BE TAKING A BREAK IN JULY! NO CLASSES.

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 will be starting a new Bible Study in August.

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.

**EVENT
CANCELLED**



Book Club: In July, we will be discussing *The Foxhole Victory Tour* by Amy Lynn Green. An eclectic group of entertainers join a USO variety show during World War II. As they tour North Africa, they are competing among themselves for a chance to tour with Bob Hope. But as they face danger on their tour, can they actually form friendships as they continue to compete? Join our discussion on July 26th at 3PM. If you have any questions, contact Pam Abbe.

ATTENTION: THE PARKING LOT WILL BE REPAVED MONDAY- WEDNESDAY, JULY 13-15TH



The 250th anniversary of America, also called the United States Semiquincentennial, commemorates 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

The Semiquincentennial, or Freedom 250, will be officially celebrated on **July 4, 2026**, marking a quarter-millennium since the United States declared independence from Britain. This milestone honors the founding of the nation, the ideals of liberty and equality expressed in the Declaration of Independence, and the historical journey of the American people over 250 years. The Declaration of Independence, primarily authored by Thomas Jefferson and signed by 56 delegates, formally announced the colonies' break from British rule and laid the foundation for the United States. The anniversary reflects on the American Revolution, the establishment of the republic, and the diplomatic efforts of figures like Benjamin Franklin, who helped secure international support for independence. (from the U.S. Department of State)

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. You can give using one of the forms at church or online at: ACSTO.org.

If you have any updates to your address, phone, email address, or want to add a new picture please email the Office Manager, Randi, at office@calvarychandler.net or text at 602-317-7435.

Thank you!

July Birthdays

Caleb Warskow July 5
Samariah Robinson July 5
Paul Taranec July 5
Caleb Cole July 6
Laura Muenchow July 10
Rodger Johnson July 14
Mark Mundt July 14
Ross Maltman July 14
Kay Nelson July 17
James Schroeder July 19
Olivia Caswell July 20
Logan Caswell July 20
Briella Spaude July 22
Aleya Converse July 25
Jill Becker July 26
Bridget Spaude July 28
Donna Lane July 28
Paul Swain July 30



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

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 month. Thank you.