



CALVARY COURIER

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 2026

Upcoming Events

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

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



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Jesus is... King of Kings and Lord of Lords

“On his garment and on his thigh this name is written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.” (Revelation 19:16)

We live in a world that is often affected by tragedy and disaster. Terrorist attacks, war, crime, disease, natural disasters—these are just some of the evils that affect our world. As sinful people living in a sinful world, these are sad realities that we must sometimes face. Even if we aren’t directly affected by any great tragedy, problems still affect us all.

Evil in the world around us and problems in our own lives can make us afraid. They can make us feel weak and helpless. Sometimes evil seems to have the upper hand. Sometimes it seems like this world is out of control. We might wonder, “Where is God? Who is in control?”

Our Savior Jesus is in control. The Bible assures us, “The Lamb will overcome them, because he is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Those who are with him are the called, the elect, and the believing” (Revelation 17:14).

Jesus, “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,” is King and Lord supreme. He is in control of all things. He rules for the good of his people. His ultimate goal is to bring us safely to our eternal home in heaven.

The evidence of his rule is seen in God’s plan for our salvation. On the cross, Jesus conquered sin, death and the devil. He wasn’t caught off guard and forced to die. He has always been in control, even on the cross. Jesus willingly gave his life for us, only to take it up again. His death on the cross seemed like defeat, but he rose victorious. He has power over life and death. His resurrection is certain proof of our salvation and assures us of his loving rule.

He remains in control today, despite how it may appear to our human eyes. The Savior, whose love moved him to die for us, is the same Savior whose love leads him to rule everything for our eternal good. That truth calms my fears. It gives me strength to face the difficulties of life.

Especially in difficult times, I need to go to the one who is in control. I need to draw near him through his Word, the Bible. There I hear his promises. There I receive his comfort and reassurance.

He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. What comfort I find in that truth!

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, 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

September Worship

Use this Schedule to Prepare Yourself

September 5 & 6

Pentecost 15

Theme: God calls us to be first responders when we see people in trouble because of sin. Our motive is the grace of God and his desire for the salvation of all.

Liturgy: Service of the Word & Sacrament

Psalm 32

Lessons: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Galatians 2:11-16; Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon: A God's-Eye View of a Christian's Uniform: Ephesians 6:10-24

Hymns: Blue: 839, 559, 654, 402

Red: 389, 393, 304, 103

September 12 & 13

Pentecost 16

Theme: Forgiveness we have freely been given through Jesus. Forgiveness of others we want to freely give out thanks to our Lord.

Liturgy: Service of the Word

Psalm 103

Lessons: Genesis 50:15-21; Ephesians 4:29—5:2; Matthew 18:21-35

Hymns: Blue: 623, 583, 624, 697

Red: 238, ---, 234, 458

September 19 & 20

Pentecost 17

Theme: God is not fair, thankfully. He does not give us what we deserve for our sins but treats us with grace and mercy.

Liturgy: The Common Service with Communion

Psalm 89

Lessons: Jonah 3:10—4:11; Romans 9:6-16; Matthew 20:1-16

Hymns: Blue: 581, 575, 718, 584

Red: 380, 384, 466, ---

September 26 & 27

Pentecost 18

Theme: God wants to see in us the grace and fore

Liturgy: Service of the Word

Psalm 25

Lessons: Ezekiel 18: 1-4,25-32; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:23-32

Hymns: Blue: 526, 655, 654, 588

Red: 120, 306, 304, ---



Stewardship Tools

Stewardship in the First Commandment

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer his just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in his Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love him. Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that he always keeps his promises. So, we should trust him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment: *This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave.* (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don’t have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of his gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All his promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect this belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God’s work.

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. We are just waiting for the counter tops and sinks to arrive. The bathroom floor tile has been laid, as has been the tile on the wall. The sink cabinets have been installed, and the new toilets have arrived. We are waiting for the counter tops and sinks to be installed and for the partitions to come in. The teen room is waiting to be painted. After this is done, the flooring can be installed. The coffee room is mostly done, and the cabinets have been stocked in that room. The hope is to have the project done by the end of August or shortly thereafter.

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.

September Worship

Our worship services in September will follow this pattern:

September 5 & 6: Pentecost 15	<i>I am my brother's keeper</i>
September 12 & 13: Pentecost 16	<i>Forgiveness is for me</i>
September 19 & 20: Pentecost 17	<i>Grace is amazing</i>
September 26 & 27: Pentecost 18	<i>Real repentance looks different</i>

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



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.



Sunday School starts on the Sunday after Labor Day, Sunday September 13th at 10:15AM. Sunday School provides structured lessons that help children understand the Bible, the life of Jesus, and Christian teachings, forming a strong foundation for faith development.

FREE!!!!



Nativity set from Japan. Free to a good home.
Contact Liz Hawkes at 480-309-5490.

September Birthdays

Marilyn Matter	Sept. 2
Joanne Bartsch	Sept. 3
Dianne Wolf	Sept. 4
Kris Taranec	Sept. 4
Dorothy Converse	Sept. 5
Bennett Spaude	Sept. 12
Leann Durham	Sept. 13
Karen Swain	Sept. 14
Tatum Corry	Sept. 18
Theo Warskow	Sept. 18
Allen Kaniasty	Sept. 23
Jason Buck	Sept. 28
R.J. Jahnke	Sept. 29
Shane Zorn	Sept. 29
Tim Tucker	Sept. 29



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

September

1	Ezekiel 5-9
2	Ezekiel 10-13
3	Ezekiel 14-17
4	Ezekiel 18-21
5	Ezekiel 22-24
6	Ezekiel 25-28
7	Ezekiel 29-32
8	Ezekiel 33-36
9	Ezekiel 37-39
10	Ezekiel 40-42
11	Ezekiel 43-45
12	Ezekiel 46-48
13	Daniel 1-3
14	Daniel 4-6
15	Daniel 7-9
16	Daniel 10-12
17	Hosea 1-6
18	Hosea 7-14
19	Joel 1-3
20	Amos 1-5
21	Amos 6-9
22	Obadiah
23	Jonah 1-4
24	Micah 1-7
25	Nahum 1-3
26	Habakkuk 1-3
27	Zephaniah 1-3
28	Haggai 1-2
29	Zechariah 1-7
30	Zechariah 8-14

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.