**CALVARY CALLER**

 July, 2021

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 **Pastor Julie Barger**

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 **Pastor’s Ponderings-**

Congratulations to all those who graduated this year or completed a satisfactory year of education. What an accomplishment! This year, in particular, has been a year when summer vacation couldn’t come fast enough! It was a challenging year with the pandemic that called for lots of flexibility and problem-solving. It wasn’t easy for parents, students or staff! This year taught us a lot more about life and persevering in times that are tough. That’s an important lesson for our life journey.

Knowledge of God’s ways is equally important for helping us to thrive in life. Psalm 119 verse 105; *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”* Like a giant spotlight, God’s word helps us to understand more about what’s important in life and what helps lead us to God. Jesus is the living Word of God that shines with wisdom and truth. When we are faced with a decision, we can feel unsure about what to do. But if we look to God’s Word, Jesus, to guide us, we find the path we are called to. It may not be the easiest choice, but it is the one that brings us closer to God. We can look to Scripture for wisdom and faith. We can talk with people we trust for God’s wisdom that speaks through faithful conversations. Look, listen and learn God’s illuminating word and you’ll be spot on!

Blessings,

Pastor Julie



**Worship**

*\*\*\*We are continuing worship with Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. in July. As part of our yoking with St. Paul, I am at Calvary on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, and we will have lay leaders on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. \*\*\**

We are so grateful to the talented lay leaders we have at Calvary who lead worship faithfully. With this plan, Thursdays will help to balance out numbers between the days and meet people’s schedules better. Our Sunday mornings will continue at 8:30 am with no pre-registration.

We thank you for continuing to wear masks and to distance when necessary for both services. With this add of Thursday night worship, we need a few more people to help with ushering, lecturing, altar guild, etc. We would like a person to help record the service on Thursday nights so it will be available to watch Sunday mornings for those who cannot attend.

We are so thankful to Joe Bitto for all his work recording worship over these past many months. He needs a vacation! Please see me or Jennifer if you can help in any of these ways. See any of the task force members if you have questions or input. We thank you for your cooperation!

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***Synod Golf Tournament***

*Tuesday, August 10th, at Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola*

*Shot-Gun Start at 8:30a*

*Anyone who is a member of the ECSW is invited!*

18 holes, event prizes plus additional prizes and giveaways!

\*They are supporting St. Joe’s Food Pantry again; please bring unexpired canned can food items\*

* Cost is $60 – includes, golf, cart, lunch and prizes
* Please register by 07/25
	+ You can write a check to Sue Schultz – her address is on the form on the church bulletin, or call the church office.
* 8a check in, 8:15a instructions and tee off at 8:30.
* Rain date TBD, call 715-445-3831 (the course)
* Located half mile north of Highway 161 on Water Street off Highway J.
* Any questions: please call 920-419-5581 or email at revcat09@gmail.com – Dennis Ellison, event coordinator

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



Figure 1: Bella Dow (middle) and friends on a canoe trip at Confirmation Camp

**Bible Study Update**

Adult education continues with the weekly text study email every week and a ZOOM and in person discussion on Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul.

See Pastor Julie for more details.

*\*No Bible study July 5th\**

*Our homebound members greatly appreciate prayers and communications from you. Here are their names: contact Pastor Julie or Jennifer for more information.*

*Gail Winter*

*Nancy Hartfield*

*Helen Christoffel*

*Shirley Puls*

The Whitehouse family would like to say thank you for all the prayers and the food. We are very grateful for all the gifts cards also that we have received from the families of Calvary. The Calvary church has been very great to our family.

Sincerely,

Darrick & Jennifer, Nicolas & Zachary



Figure 2: Drawn by Darrick Whitehouse

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18:

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

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***ANNIVERSARIES***

07/07, Brian & Quin Koehl

07/11, Scott & Roxanne Spiering

07/11, Steve & Sue Becker

***BIRTHDAYS***

07/05, Nick Whitehouse

07/09, Katherine Wirrer

07/11, Cass Shimanek

07/12, Darlene Laurin

07/16, Jean Hoffman

07/19, Barb Jensen

07/23, Cheryl Phillipps

07/24, Garth Landon

07/30, Don Stutzman

07/30, Zach Whitehouse

\*\*06/05, Brenton Dow

My apologizes, his name was misspelled\*\*



***In Our Prayers***

In thanksgiving for freedom to live out our faith.

Bill, Amy, Laurie, Sue, John, Joan, Carol, Jeff, Margaret, Jane, Louise, Deanna, River, Darrick, Scott, Melody

We ask that you obtain permission from the person to have their name made public.

Your prayers do make a difference. Thank you, Pastor Julie

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*During this time of safety at home, prayer requests can be made by emailing the office at* contactus@calvarytr.org, *or by calling* *the church and leaving a message for Jennifer or Pastor Julie.*

*In order to include names on our prayer list, we must have the direct and explicit permission of the person involved.*

**The deadline for putting something into the August newsletter is July 15.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTARY - JUNE 8, 2021**

Pastor Julie opened the meeting with a Care for Creation devotional taken from the Stewardship Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Illinois on the issue of world hunger. All of us can do our part in helping to eliminate world hunger by being more generous with our abundance of gifts.

Pastor’s Report touched on how this was a month of transition going from pre-recorded services to in-person worship services. Worship services will continue to be videotaped for those who are unable to attend in person. Pastor has been making more visits in person. Confirmation students have met two times for in-person classes already.

Pew envelopes have been updated to include CARELink as a benevolence offering. An upcoming Newsletter article will be published to members on what CARELink is and how anyone can contribute to this program.

Security Committee is looking at a doorbell system for front church doors. The system is for people looking to gain access into the church building. Doors remain locked at all times.

Pastor Julie will be attending the Synod Assembly May 14th and 15th.

Council has decided not to hold a rummage sale this year due to lack of volunteers needed to set up and clean up.

Council is reviewing a time frame to hold their annual retreat.

Task Force Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for May 24th. Scheduled meetings going forward would be held on an “as needed” basis with the continued monitoring of COVID.

The Joint Executive Committee Meeting met on April 28th and meeting minutes are on file.

Spring work day at Calvary is scheduled for Saturday, May 15th and Saturday, May 22nd from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Rain date is June 13th.

Pastor Julie will include in upcoming Newsletter, an article requesting input from congregation on ideas they may have that congregation could work towards a new goal now that the mortgage for the building has been paid off.

Pastor Julie and Council discussed getting confirmation kids more involved in church by having them share their spiritual gifts/interests in areas that they would like to serve within the church. Pastor Julie would also like to see a mentor assigned to kids who would have similar interests.

Council has approved holding Thursday night worship services starting in June.

An e-mail will be sent out to members requesting names of those students graduating from high school or college so that they may be honored for their endeavors.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8th at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Braun

Calvary Church Council Secretary

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| **January 1 - May 31, 2021** |
| **General Budget (GB)** |  |  | **Capital Improvement Fund** |  |
| Income and Expense Report |  |  | Income and Expense Report |  |
| General Fund Income | $37,844.38 |  | Beginning Balance (Jan 1) | $13,039.94 |
| General Fund Expenses | $33,375.25 |  | Cap Improvement Income | $3,712.74 |
| General Fund Balance | $4,469.13 |  | Expenses | $2,384.92 |
|  |  |  | Ending Balance | $14,367.76 |





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**July 2021**

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***growing in faith through worship and service.***