

CALVARY NEWS

Our mission: *Providing a community where all can receive and share God's love.*

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From Pastor Zach

For the past three years, I have served as the director for our synod's *Growing in Faith* program (that's me above, presiding at their recent retreat). For those who become synodical deacons, this is the learning program they go through, though anyone is able to take these courses. I'm sharing this with you because of my recent resignation as the program's director.

Continue reading...

While I love this program and believe it is one of the most important ministries of our synod—ask me why sometime!—I wanted to take a moment to reflect on change.

Resignation as director of this program is something I did because of change: When I became director, I was not yet a parent; I hadn't yet become the chairperson of our bishop's worship committee; and I was not serving as chaplain for the Hauppauge Fire Department. All that change led to my decision which brought about more change, for me and for *Growing in Faith*.

As we enter more fully into summer, many of us experience a change in routine. Maybe school has ended, so teachers and students enter into an extended break. Maybe for you, summer means more leisure and travel, and routines aren't as easily kept. Maybe the high temperatures are something that affect your day-to-day, and so you adjust accordingly.

My question for us in the midst of change: What place does church hold in our routine? Is worshiping in community something that you do regularly, which holds you and centers you on a week-to-week basis? Or is tending to your spiritual life something you do on an as-needed basis?

I invite us to consider the ways church might be an anchor for us in the midst of change, particularly the changes that summer brings. Whether that means showing up more frequently to be fed at the Lord's table, or being more aware of that routine which already holds you, we heed the words of Jesus that guide our worship this summer: "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Summer blessings!

Pr. Zach ✚

Pictured: The beginnings of us posing after the recent Growing in Faith graduation, at which we installed their new director, the Rev. Lena Warren.



Worship Leadership

Altar Guild

7/5: Ellen Hoffman
 7/12: Mady Riedell
 7/19: Lori Boyle
 7/26: Ellen Hoffman

Ushers

7/5: Dave & Liz Bender
 7/12: Helga Dyer & Tom Dyer
 7/19: Paula DePaul & Jane Hafner
 7/26: Eva & Michael Decker

Assisting Ministers

7/5: Ellen Hoffman
 7/12: Dcn. Bob Lewis
 7/19: Eric Pentecoste
 7/26: Jeannine Comito



**July 21, 7:30 PM
 at Calvary**

*continuing discussion on
 the Seven Deadly Sins*

*Each participant brings
 their own snack and beverage*

Communion with Creation

Evening Outdoor Worship
 860 Townline Road, Hauppauge

Sunday July 26 6 pm

- brief, spoken service with holy communion
- bring a chair
- if raining, we'll circle up inside and worship
- last Sunday, monthly

Council Update

Calvary's council met June 8.

The following decisions were made:

- Clear trees/overgrowth on property line
- Patch parking lot potholes
- Sponsor the H.F.D. 5K in September

The following discussions were had:

- Solutions for dirty worship space walls?
- Policy agreed upon for benevolence funds
- Policy agreed upon for Scout trailer

The following was noted in a report:

- \$10,000 grant has been received to offset the cost of chairs at Calvary.

The council's next meeting is August 10.

Shower Ari with Love

July 19, after worship

Ahead of her and Michael's wedding in August, Lori Boyle and Deacon Tanya are holding a shower for any who wish to attend! Ari and Michael share so much of themselves with Calvary, it will be great to shower them with love ahead of their big day!

**RSVP to Lori Boyle at
loriboyle@optonline.net
or sign up on the bulletin board**

*Registry can be found
in the weekly email.*

Parsonage BBQ

July 11, 2:00 PM
10 Apple Tree Drive

Pastor Zach and Ana are excited to host the congregation once again! If you are able to sign up on the bulletin board, great! Whether you RSVP or not, **please plan to bring a side dish to share.**

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers will be supplied. Come and stay for as little or as long as you like! **Tie-dye will be happening for kids!**

PINECREST REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Pinecrest is our region's youth and young adult camp for ages 15 and up (age by the end of this year). It is also the oldest Lutheran outdoor ministry for young people in the nation—almost 100 years of history!

Calvary has a long history of participation, and often sponsors young people's attendance. **Questions?** Talk to Pastor Zach or Deacon Tanya, who are both alums! **Register at PinecrestLLM.org**



Beach Bible Study

Where: Sunken Meadow State Park Boardwalk (East End)

When: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, July through August

RSVP: Just show up!

This gathering allows us to receive God's love by the beach. Led by pastors from across Long Island, this year's theme is *Let Justice Flow*, which will focus on God's work for the sake of us and our neighbors throughout time. We'll gather with worship, scripture, discussion, snacks, and our fellow Lutherans.

Calvary VBS

Where: Calvary, 860 Townline Road, Hauppauge

When: August 24-28, 9:00 AM—12 Noon

Sign Up: at longislandlutherans.org or in the weekly email

This year's VBS will have us going on a Jungle Journey with Jesus! If you know anyone with kids who are potty trained through fifth grade, we've got room for them! Registration is \$50 per child, free for Calvary members.

Women of the ELCA Shore-to-Shore Bible Study

Where: Lutheran Church of Our Savior: 231 Jayne Avenue, Patchogue, NY

When: Saturday, July 25, 9:30 AM, RSVP by July 10

RSVP: by July 10 to Lu Anne Blake at (516) 901-8477

The morning will start with a light breakfast, followed by Bible Study, with a break for lunch. Please bring your Bible! There will be a free-will collection to help cover the cost of food. Please bring a box of cereal for the food pantry.

June in Pictures

Before and after property updates, Jeannine Comito and Pastor Zach present a scholarship from Calvary; Pride decorations for Calvary's concert that welcome many people; Dcn. Mark Nocero assists at the baptism of his and Lee's grandchild (St. Andrew's, Smithtown).



Save the Dates! *advance notice about exciting events*

Middle Schoolers Retreat

November 13-November 15, Camp Johnsonburg, NJ, run by Pinecrest

Meet middle schoolers from across the church at this fun, camp-style weekend!

Hauppauge Fire Department 5K Walk/Run

September 5, 9:00 AM

Sign up at elitefeats.com and make sure to select the Calvary team!

Building for Community

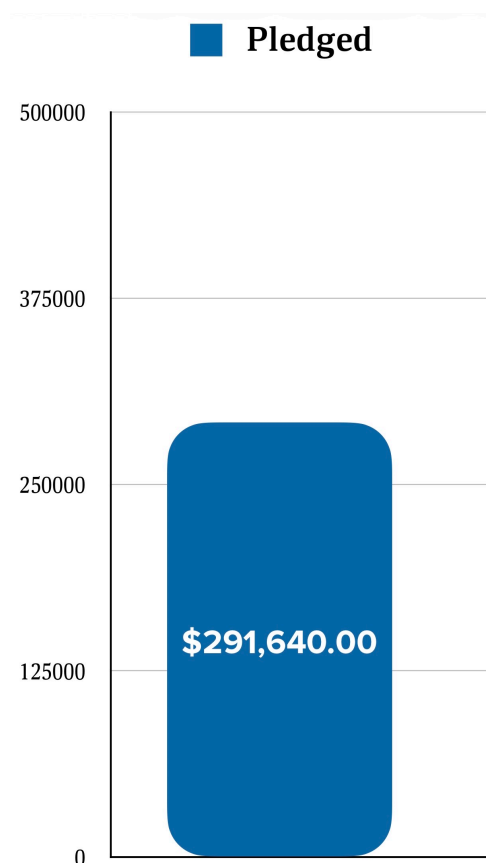
Faith in the Future

At the annual meeting, we voted to begin a fundraising effort for our building: repairing bathrooms, updating the kitchen, repaving the parking lot, and creating a space that better serves our ministry. After two weeks of receiving pledges, we are just about at 60% of our goal. The total amount pledged is \$291,640. Thank you to everyone supporting this effort, from prayers to pledges, and thanks be to God working through us!

Pledge online: longislandlutherans.org/campaign

Thanks to those who attending the campaign forum held on May 31. Good questions were asked! For those who couldn't make it, here are some of the things we covered:

Where will the money we give go until it is spent? An account with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. This is a safe investment that provides loans to other congregations, with a guaranteed return similar to a money market account.



Can I give to part of the project? Designated giving is welcome! Would you like to give specifically to the kitchen or the parking lot? Note it on your gift.

How can I give? You can give by check, cash, or online. You can give through gifts of stock, qualified charitable distributions from IRAs, or pretty much any way you can think of! Need the paperwork to give a special gift? Email the church office!



Pumpkins!

Make an impact

Important Dates: 10/2 delivery; 10/10 PumpkinFest

Did you know, Calvary's pumpkin patch has been the largest fundraiser at Calvary since our first one in 2016, raising \$70,000? If we counted the number of adults and children who visited Calvary to buy pumpkins, take photos or just visit over the years, would you believe (our rudimentary math of at least 100 people per each weekend day and Columbus Day times 77 days) that number would exceed 10,000 people? Did you know Calvary's Pumpkin Patch has been designated as one of the top five events or attractions in Hauppauge? Or that we're one of the largest sellers of pumpkins that our provider delivers to in New York?

Is the pumpkin sale a big event to undertake? YES. Do we need help? Yes! At the annual meeting, we voted overwhelmingly to continue our sale, and we need volunteers with new ideas to help us manage the event for this year, and the coming ones, to make it better than ever!

If you have some creative ideas or want to help to manage the sale, please speak with Bob Munder or Pastor Zach.

We're looking forward to another fall filled with pumpkins!



Lesser Festivals and Commemorations

Lesser festivals in the church calendar celebrate the life of Christ, the witness of those who are accompanied and testified to him, and the gifts of God in the church. *Commemorations* illustrate various aspects of the church's life and mission through the lives of people who have followed Christ in succeeding generations.

July 3: Thomas, Apostle

This apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India.

July 6: Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

July 11: Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

July 22: Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

July 23: Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman.

July 28: Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750

This German-born musician has done much to enrich the life of the church. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music.

July 29: Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

PRAYER LIST

*If you or someone you know is in need of prayer,
for hardships or joys, please inform the church office.*

In Our Prayers

To add or remove names, please notify the church office.

The friends and family of Art Schaeffler and Laurie Mueller; Marianne Carrano; Isabela Delgado, Miro (Cheryl Gittens); **Agnes Mulick, Ruth Elsener** (Paul Elsener); **Douglas Bird** (Laura Aupperle); **Eileen Hausle; Grayson Danielski** (Colleen Oriano); **Jay Kamean, Kwok Mak, Olivia Carone** (Jackie Narkiewicz); **John Stuerzel; Ed DiMarco; Seminarian June Bradshaw; Marion Buroker, Jennifer Hubbard** (Pat Sheridan); **Diane Toto, Nicholas** (Mady Riedell and Bob Munder); **Kim Lauricella, John Malley** (Paula DePaul); **Aleya Warner** (Barbara Morecraft); **J.R. Hoffman, Ellen Thompson** (Ellen Hoffman); **Carol Manganaro** (Lewis family); **Beverly Strada-Bushley, Brooklyn Reed, Holli Phillips** (Pam Vanek); **Larry Shen** (Bob LaRocco); **Patty Cesaro; Easton Clarke** (Dianne Davis); **Holly Schank; Judy Boyle** (Patty Cesaro); **Nitza Greco** (Jeannine Comito); **Mark Dyer; Eileen Walter; June Buttner-Stransky, Heather Williams** (Holly Schank); **Ray Jackson; Doris Peterson**

Visited at Home

Larry Bomgardner, Paul Chmara, Doris DeVoe, Arlene Pisano, Joann Hansen, Barbara & Bob Kubik, Flo Walsh

In the Military

Tom Juliano; William Downey, Jr. (Einsfeld); **Kyle Satterwhite** (Dyer); **Tram Walter**

Ministries & Organizations

Hauppauge Fire Department; United Lutheran Seminary; Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Ministries; Metropolitan New York Synod; ReconcilingWorks

July Events

Please submit August events by July 24.

Weekly worship, Sundays at 10:00 AM! Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10:30 AM on Zoom

July 2, 5:30 PM: Revival!

July 9, 12:30 PM: pumpkin meeting

July 11, 2:00 PM: parsonage barbecue

July 12, 12:30 PM: Pinecrest beach day

July 13, 7:30 PM: finance committee

July 19, after worship: Ari bridal shower

July 24: newsletter deadline

July 26, 6:00 PM: outdoor worship

July Calendar

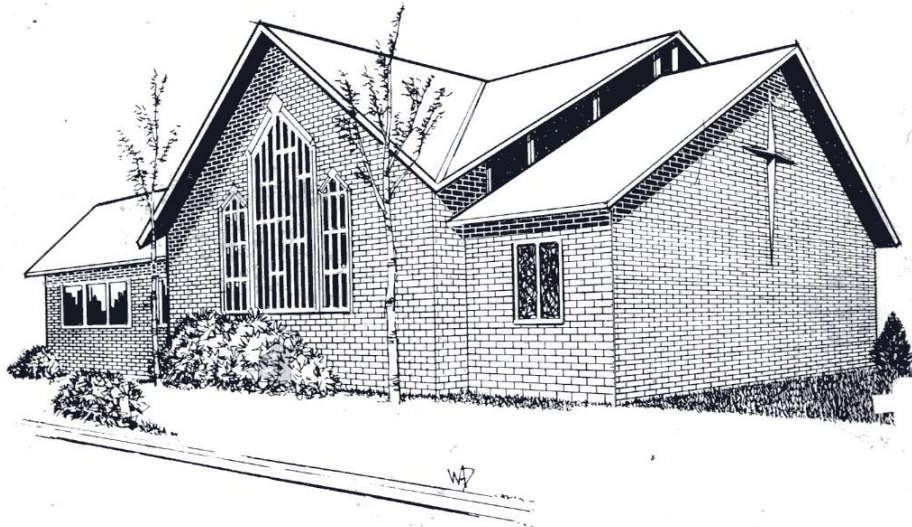
Plug in to Calvary's ministries this month! Need a Zoom link for Bible study? Reach out to the church office. Have something to submit to next month's newsletter? Do so by July 24. Worship and praise God every Sunday at 10:00 AM!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 AM Arbor's service	2 5:30 PM Revival!	3	4
5 10 AM worship	6	7 10:30 AM Bible study	8	9 12:30 PM pumpkin meeting	10	11 2:00 PM parsonage barbecue
12 10 AM worship 12:30 PM beach day	13 7:30 PM finance	14 10:30 AM Bible study	15 12:30 PM senior lunch	16	17	18
19 10 AM worship Ari bridal shower	20	21 10:30 AM Bible study 7:30 PM Bible & Brew	22	23	24 newsletter deadline	25
26 10 AM worship 6 PM outdoor worship	27	28 10:30 AM Bible study	29	30	31	



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A Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Calvary is committed to fostering a diverse community—one where all can receive and share God's love, and this means everyone, including you!

Calvary welcomes... people of varying sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; all races, ethnicities, cultures, citizenship, and immigration statuses; any physical, mental, and emotional abilities; any shape, size, and age; anyone struggling with addiction or on a recovery journey; and whatever your marital status, family structure, political affiliation, faith tradition, education level, economic status, employment, or talents!

Regardless of who you are, there is always a place for you here.

As a community of faith, we encourage and provide opportunities for one another to learn and grow together, so that the values of justice, racial equity, and accessibility continue to expand and embrace all people.

Join us in answering God's call to be a more welcoming and nurturing church!