

CALVARY NEWS

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

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Above: Ari and Michael "tie the knot" on a beautiful day in August! At the end of the article: Melanie, Bob, Dcn. Bob, Cheryl, and Jane gather for a graveside service.

From Pastor Zach

Calvary's mission is to provide a community where all can receive and share God's love. That is our North star. And, this month, I share two stories that perfectly capture how we do that so well!

Continue reading...

Certainly one way that people share love is when they choose to respond to the call of marriage. It is a call that Ari and Michael have entered into and promised to uphold publicly in the presence of their friends and family. And while their wedding was not held *at* Calvary, it was absolutely a witness for Calvary in the way that they chose to bring Church to their loved ones. When we provide a community, it's not always in our building, but it is always centered on the love of God!

One way that we've recently receive love is in the way a group gathered to commend one of our homebound members, Paul Chmara, to God at the place he had been laid to rest. For those who knew him, Paul was a beacon of light and joy. Though he had his bad days (who among us doesn't?), visiting him with the intent to bring the love of God often left one reflecting on the way he helped us to receive God's love: through his smile, his jokes, his stories, and his simple routines that took on an air of humor ("Can ya get me two cups of coffee?" he'd say). So when we gathered, after he had been buried, to offer prayer and commend him to God, we did so grateful for the ways he shared God's love with us. This, too, was a way of providing community centered on the love of Jesus out in the world.

There is plenty coming up this fall as we begin another program year with Rally Day on September 13, and I'm looking forward to seeing each of you participate and show up for this community. In all of it, the way you share of yourselves through your time, talent, treasure, and prayer—most importantly—is what allows Calvary to continue its mission. So, thank you!

Pr. Zach ✝



Worship Leadership

Altar Guild

9/6: Ellen Hoffman
9/13: Lori Boyle
9/20: Mady Riedell
9/27: Laura Aupperle

Ushers

9/6: Eva & Michael Decker
9/13: Jane Hafner & Paula DePaul
9/20: The Mansfield Family
9/27: Bob Munder & Mady Riedell

Assisting Ministers

9/6: Eric Pentecoste
9/13: Karen Kraemer
9/20: Jeannine Comito
9/27: Eva Decker



Communion with Creation

Evening Outdoor Worship
860 Townline Road, Hauppauge

Sunday Sept 27 6 pm

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

August 15, 7:30 PM
at Calvary continuing discussion
on the Seven Deadly Sins

*Each participant brings their own
beverage and snack if desired!*

Next Month:
movie discussion on
"Angels and Demons"
at Jack Dolan's Pub
October 20



Veterans Help

through September 13

Help local veterans by supporting Beacon House.
We are collecting detergent and laundry supplies
at church through September 13.

Thank you to Karen Kraemer
for organizing this effort!



Save the Date!

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!



hear & celebrate

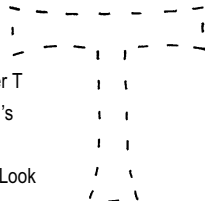
Marked with the cross of Christ

At baptism the pastor traces the symbol of a cross on the forehead of each newly-baptized person saying, "You are marked with the cross of Christ forever."

Trace these crosses with pencil or crayon. Each one has a different name and meaning but they all remind us of the power and wisdom of God.

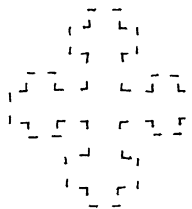
TAU CROSS

This looks like the letter T and reminds us of God's command to Moses in today's First Reading (Look in your Bible for Numbers 21:8-9.)



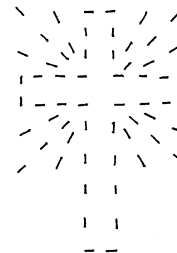
CROSS CROSSLET

This looks like four little crosses and one big one. We carry the story of Jesus to the four directions of the world: north, south, east, and west.



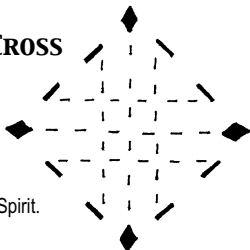
CROSS OF GLORY

Imagine a bright sun with sun rays behind this cross. Jesus' love for us is glorious!



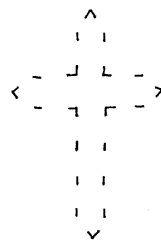
THREE-PART CROSS

Trace three lines in each direction and remember that God is three in one: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



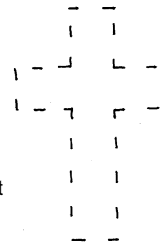
PASSION CROSS

The passion story of Jesus tells about his suffering, death, and resurrection. The pointed ends on this cross remind us of the pointed nails they placed in Jesus' hands and feet.



LATIN CROSS

This is most familiar to us. We trace this cross over each person at baptism.



Trace the sign of the cross in the air with your finger, then on your forehead, then on a family member or friend.

Pumpkins and Pumpkinfest



Important Dates: Volunteers Needed

Saturday – September 26 – Set up – 9 AM

Saturday – October 3 – unpack – 9 AM (bagels!)

Saturday – November 7 – cleanup – 9 AM (bagels!)

PumpkinFest is alive and well for 2026 and will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026. If you know a craft vendor who would like to rent a table at PumpkinFest, please contact Ana Dean for details.

As part of our ongoing efforts to give back to the community, we are once again offering free booth space to community organizations at PumpkinFest. So far, we have commitments from a number of organizations, including Pal-O-Mine and the Hauppauge Public Library to participate in PumpkinFest. If you know of an organization that would like to promote its services and connect with the community at PumpkinFest, please let Ana Dean, Pastor Zach, or Bob Munder know so we can reach out to them.

Social Ministry

Fall food collection: coming up soon

Beginning in October we will be collecting non-perishable food items to help families, particularly those with children, by providing food. We work with PRONTO, who will collect all food which will be given to families in our community.

This will help many people have sides with their turkey dinner for a Happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your donations.

Melanie Einsfeld
Social Ministry



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.

September 2: Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns

September 13: John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

September 14: Holy Cross Day

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

September 16: Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258

Cyprian served as bishop during a time of persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith, and provided medical care during an epidemic.

September 17: Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

September 18: Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

September 21: Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

September 29: Michael and All Angels

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

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 Family and Friends of Kai Donaldson and Doris Peterson; Steven Jacobson (Mansfield); **Marianne Carrano; Isabela Delgado, Miro** (Cheryl Gittens); **Agnes Mulick, Ruth Elsener** (Paul Elsener); **Douglas Bird** (Laura Aupperle); **Eileen Hausle; Grayson Danielski** (Colleen Oriano); **Olivia Carone** (Jackie Narkiewicz); **John Stuerzel; Ed DiMarco; Marion Buroker, Jennifer Hubbard** (Pat Sheridan); **Patrick Kennedy, Diane Toto, Nicholas** (Mady Riedell and Bob Munder); **Jennifer Neuhaus, Kim Lauricella, John Malley** (Paula DePaul); **Aleya Warner** (Barbara Morecraft); **J.R. Hoffman, Ellen Thompson** (Ellen Hoffman); **Carol Manganaro** (Lewis family); **Bill Harbourne, 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); **The Dyer Family; Eileen Walter; June Buttner-Stransky, Heather Williams** (Holly Schank); **Ray Jackson**

Visited at Home

Larry Bomgardner, Doris DeVoe, Arlene Pisano, Joann Hansen

In the Military

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

September Events

Please submit October events by September 18.

Weekly worship, Sundays at 10:00 AM! Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10:30 AM on Zoom
 September 5, 9:00 AM: Hauppauge Fire Department 5K Fundraiser
 September 9, 7:30 PM: renovation forum on Zoom (link to be emailed out that day)
 September 10, 7:30 PM: finance committee meeting on Zoom
 September 11, 7:00 PM: 9/11 anniversary ceremony at the Hauppauge Fire Department
 September 13, 10:00 AM: Sunday School begins, church picnic after worship
 September 15, 7:30 PM: Bibles & Brews at Calvary
 September 16, 12:30 PM: senior lunch
 September 20: renovation forum after worship
 September 21, 7:00 PM: council meeting on Zoom
 September 26, 9:00 PM: setup for the pumpkin patch

September Calendar

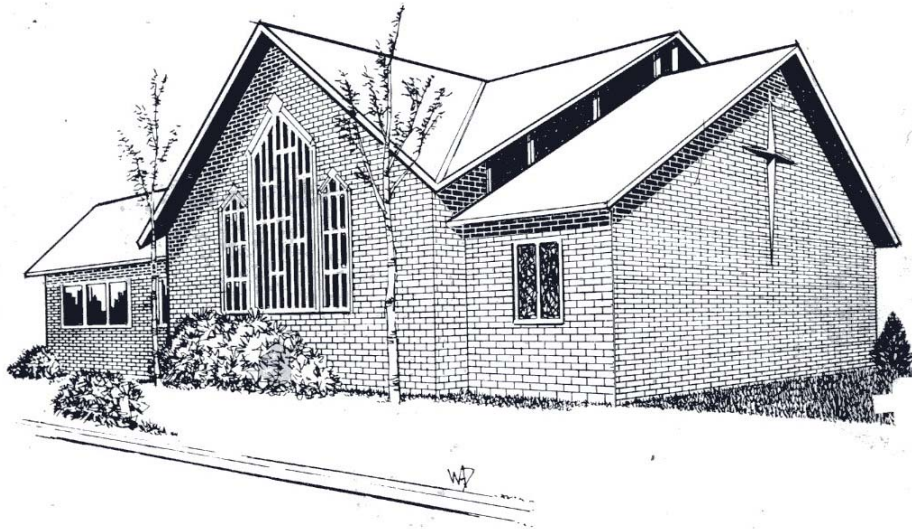
Summertime brings a slowdown to ministry. Settle into a relaxed worship schedule in between summer fun and travels. Need a Zoom link for Bible study? Reach out to the church office. Have something to submit to next month's newsletter? Do so by August 21. Worship and praise God every Sunday at 10:00 AM!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00 AM Arbors	3	4	5 9:00 AM Fire Department 5K run/walk
6 10 AM worship	7	8 10:30 AM Bible study	9 7:30 PM renovation forum Zoom	10 7:30 PM finance Zoom	11 7:00 PM 9/11 ceremony	12
13 10 AM worship Sunday School start church picnic	14	15 7:30 PM Bible & Brew	16 12:30 PM senior lunch	17	18 newsletter deadline	19
20 10 AM worship renovation forum	21 7:00 PM council Zoom	22 10:30 AM Bible study	23	24	25	26 9:00 AM pumpkin setup
27 10 AM worship 6 PM outdoor worship	28	29 10:30 AM Bible study	30 7:30 PM Rejoicing Spirits Zoom	Oct. 1	Oct. 2 pumpkin delivery	Oct. 3 9:00 AM pumpkin unload



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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!