

CALVARY NEWS

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

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Above: worship at the Lutheran Summer Revival, held by our bishop's staff at Calvary on July 2 for Long Island.

From Pastor Zach

Have I ever told you about the time I almost became a farmer? Okay, well, not exactly, but it was on the shortlist.

Continue reading...

When I was in college and began voicing that I felt a call to ministry, my mom signed me up to take multiple aptitude tests through *The Johnson O'Conner Research Foundation* (which itself has a unique history with Ford Motor Company, but I digress). The purpose of the foundation's work is to measure people's skills, helping them find which areas of work they are best suited for. After all the tests, researchers sat down with me to review the top five areas my skillset could apply to. Among those top five? Clergy. And farmer/rancher.

Now, we all know which way that went. I have no idea how I would have turned out as a farmer apart from the fact that I have the furthest thing from a green thumb. But there is a piece of farming wisdom that I find myself thinking about this summer: the idea of letting a field lay fallow.

If you've not heard of this, letting a field lay fallow is to deliberately not plant anything in a field normally used for growing. Usually it's done for a season, but sometimes it's done for even longer—maybe even years. In some ways, this summer has been a fallow season of ministry; just take a look at the August calendar in this newsletter!

But here's the thing about fallow fields: the whole point is that by letting a field rest, the soil takes on nutrients and becomes better soil for future growth. I recently listed out all the things coming up on Calvary's calendar for myself, and from September through December this year...wow. It's a lot. And it'll be good stuff! But in the meantime, we get to steward the energy and resources of our ministry together to simply rest. And, last I checked, sabbath rest is pretty biblical!

So, dear ones, enjoy the *rest* of your summers before yet another season slips past us. Treasure the fallow fields in your lives that you are able to find. And, rather than acting as another item on your to-do lists, let church be a place of rest for you. As the words of forgiveness tell us in our worship this season: Rest in God's love.

Pastor Zach ✚



P. S.

Thanks to those who attended the annual parsonage barbecue! Ana and I cherish the opportunity to host you all at *your* house. It's a gift to live and steward this place on behalf of the congregation, and gathering you all here is such a joy.

Thanks for your patience through the sun shower we had, to Michael Decker for suggesting a rain jacket while grilling, and apologies for the wet burgers!

Worship Leadership

Altar Guild

8/2: Vivian Pentecoste
8/9: Lorraine Valenza
8/16: Bob Hallam
8/23: Alison Kearns
8/30: Jeannine Comito

Ushers

8/2: The Mansfield Family
8/9: Bob Munder & Mady Riedell
8/16: Karen K. & Melanie E.
8/23: Dave & Liz Bender
8/30: Helga Dyer & Tom Dyer

Assisting Ministers

8/2: Eva Decker
8/9: Bill Bushman
8/16: Dcn. Bob Lewis
8/23: Jackie Narkiewicz
8/30: Ellen Hoffman

Communion with Creation

Evening Outdoor Worship
860 Townline Road, Hauppauge

**Sunday
Aug 30
6 pm**

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



**August 18, 7:30 PM
at Jack Dolan's Pub
with discussion on the movie
"The Five People
You Meet in Heaven"**

*Each participant pays for their own
meal and beverage*

A Shower to Remember

Thank you to Lori Boyle, Deacon Tanya, and the entire decorating crew for putting together a wonderful shower to celebrate Ari and Michael's upcoming wedding! It was a fun gathering and a great time to share God's love with two beloved people of our community.



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 start time — wear your yellow Calvary t-shirt!
Sign up at elitefeats.com and make sure to select the Calvary team.

Church Picnic

September 13 after worship

Kick off the Sunday School year by gathering for a celebration of community!

If you're able, sign up to bring a side dish to share for the barbecue taking place after worship, where we can all take part in setting up and cleaning up.

With many hands, the work is light, and community comes together!

Sign up on the bulletin board at church.



Veterans Help

through September 13

Help local veterans by supporting Beacon House. **We are collecting detergent and laundry supplies at church, now through September 13.** Thank you to Karen Kraemer for organizing this effort!



Sunday School begins September 13!

10 AM Sundays

Pumpkins!

an update ahead of this fall

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

Yes, our pumpkins are growing even though it is still the summer here in Hauppauge! Pastor Zach, Ana, Christie Mansfield, and Bob Munder met to begin planning this year's pumpkin sale and PumpkinFest. Our conversations focused on:

Signs promoting both events on the fence at Hauppauge High School at Route 111 and Townline Road (Pastor received permission for our signs) will be purchased.

Asking members to advertise on websites for Hauppauge Moms, Smithtown Moms, Connetquot Moms, Sachem Moms, and any other district that our members have connections with.

Asking members to assist with advertising for the pumpkin sale and PumpkinFest with any online groups they know or organizations they are members of.

Pumpkin pricing was reviewed, and even though we are encouraged and allowed to set our own prices by our provider that has approved our pricing model, we will not increase our prices this year.

An attempt for evening sales for one or two weekends was discussed, and is being explored.

Efforts will be made to be fully operational the day after our delivery on Friday, October 2, 2026. Important dates for the pumpkin sale:

Saturday – September 26, 2026 – Set up patch

Friday – October 2, 2026 – Pumpkins arrive – time to be determined

Saturday – October 3, 2026 – Distribute pumpkins – open patch

Saturday – October 10, 2026 – PumpkinFest

Monday – October 12, 2026 – Columbus Day – extended hours

We are still seeking help to manage the patch towards the end of October when Pastor Zach and Bob Munder will not be available on some days. Since the patch will be set up, managing it will be minimal such as taking down the tent if the weather is bad. If you can help, please speak with Bob or email the church office.

Thrivent Action Plans Needed

make an impact by directing funds to the patch

Since Calvary began selling pumpkins, Thrivent Action Plans have provided the start-up/seed money needed for our Pumpkin Sale, VBS, picnic, and other events and projects at Calvary. Many thanks to our Thrivent members for their generous support over the years.

Once again, the Pumpkin Patch is seeking your help and needs Action Plans as follows:

Banners – 2 Plans needed (new signs along Route 111)

Hay – 2 Plans needed because of the cost of hay has increased

Supplies/Decorations – 1 Plan - Various supplies are needed such as hardware to repair our lights, carts and hang banners

Food – 1 Plan – Food for unloading

Reusable Bags – 1 Plan

Hauppauge Library Trunk or Treat – 2 Plans

If you have a Thrivent Action Plan and would like to use it for the pumpkins, please see Bob Munder or Pastor Zach.

About Thrivent Action Plans

Did you know? You can become an associate Thrivent member for an annual fee of \$19.95, where besides being eligible for some of their benefits, you receive one \$250.00 Action Plan which you can use at your discretion for a charitable cause. Once a member, Thrivent respects your privacy and does not bombard you with advertising emails soliciting investment products or other services they offer.

Consider Us “Revived”

Thanks to our bishop’s office for selecting Calvary to be the first host for the *Lutheran Summer Revival* series! This event brought together people from across Long Island across generations, cultures, and languages for an evening of fun, food, and Spirit-filled activity.



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.

August 8: Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

August 10: Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

August 11: Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

August 13: Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

August 15: Mary, Mother of Our Lord

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title *theotokos*, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

August 24: Bartholomew, Apostle

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

August 28: Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400

Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

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 Doris Ryder, Flo Walsh, and Paul Chmara; 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; 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; Doris Peterson**

Visited at Home

Larry Bomgardner, Doris DeVoe, Arlene Pisano, Joann Hansen

Ministries & Organizations

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

August Events

Please submit September events by August 21.

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

August 10, 7:00 PM: council on Zoom

August 13, 7:30 PM: finance committee on Zoom

August 18, 7:30 PM: Bibles & Brews

August 30, 6:00 PM: outdoor worship

August Calendar

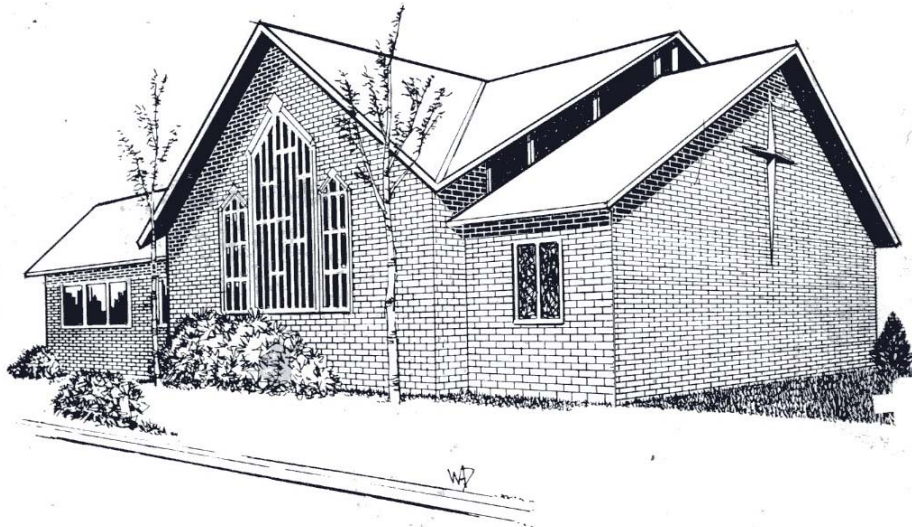
Summertime brings a slowdown to ministry. Settle into a relaxed worship schedule in between summer fun and travels. Need a Zoom link for Bible study? Reach out to the church office. Have something to submit to next month's newsletter? Do so by August 21. Worship and praise God every Sunday at 10:00 AM!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10 AM worship Pinecrest until 8/8	3	4	5	6	7	1 / 8
9 10 AM worship	10 7:00 PM council Zoom	11 10:30 AM Bible study	12 10:00 AM Arbors	13 7:30 PM finance Zoom	14	15
16 10 AM worship	17	18 10:30 AM Bible study 7:30 PM Bible & Brew	19 12:30 PM senior lunch	20	21 newsletter deadline	22
23 10 AM worship	24	25 10:30 AM Bible study	26	27	28	29
30 10 AM worship 6 PM outdoor worship	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!