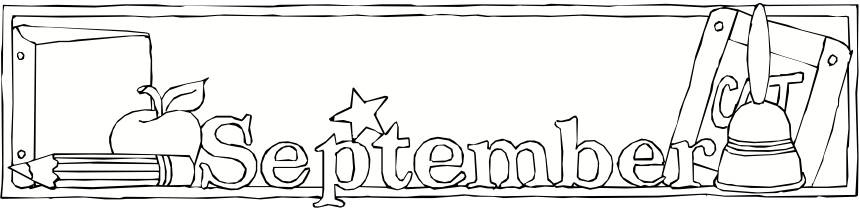


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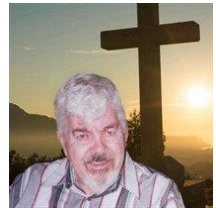
I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Of all possessions a friend is the most precious”, wrote the Greek historian Herodotus.

I remember a dear friend of mine from college days, a professor who became a friend and mentor, sharing with me that one of the greatest gifts you can give to another person is to allow them to give something of themselves to you.

This month we celebrate friendship Sunday. I remember back in 1984, in the spring, a similar day at Concordia Lutheran in Kingsport Tennessee. Another friend from high school, Sam, invited me to join him at a picnic service by Boone Lake at his church. I was quite shy in those days, and so meeting new people was difficult. But I found a very welcoming and friendly group of folks who fairly quickly made me feel comfortable. Then came the service which was very different from what I was used to. I was used to worship being a spectator sport where you listen to a very long sermon, maybe some special music, maybe a testimony or two. This was service with a lot of standing up and sitting down and a lot of participation. I liked it. I liked the people. I went back. I heard the clear sweet Gospel in the proclaimed Word and the spoken liturgy and I was blessed. I had found a church home.



If my friend had not invited me to church my path would have been very different. I probably would never have encountered Lutherans as they were rare where I came from. I only started thinking of ministry because of the ministry that congregation and its pastor provided to me. Pastor Jack McWhirter became a dear friend and sent me to seminary.

I suspect that many if not most of you could tell a similar story of the people who had a significant impact in your life culminating in your

faith and your presence here at Mount Calvary. The Christian faith is passed from one generation to the next as one person passes the faith on to another. The most effective way is often through the simple invitation to another person to come and share worship together.

Who could you give this gift to, the gift of yourself, the gift of hearing the Word of God through proclaimed Word and written liturgy? Who could you be a blessing to so that when they tell their story it is your name that is the friend who helped change their lives for the better?

For we share a powerful friend who can change everything and make it right: Jesus. Jesus crucified and risen.

Christ bless you richly and abundantly family of God.

Pastor Carol Rees



Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you all for the beautiful sending service and breakfast you gave us. As always, the food was spectacular, and the company could not be beat! We love the hand-crafted Luther rose seal and poem we received. Along with the breakfast and wonderful notes of encouragement, these labors of love sent us off with a reminder of how blessed we were to walk with you at Mount Calvary.

We have spent the last few weeks learning from central Texas church planters, packing for the move, praying, and resting in preparation for the work before us. Thank you for continuing to keep us in prayer as we begin our work on location in Spring after the first of the month. For the latest updates on progress and prayer requests, check out our website www.grandparkwaychurchplant.com!

We are continuing to keep you in our prayers as God works through you and through us to accomplish His purpose of making disciples! God's blessings and thank you again!

In Christ,
Pastor Mark, DCE Laura, & Flint

We want to thank everyone who contributed to the special donation toward the final payment on the organ to the contractor Curtis Bobsin. Thanks to your generosity with matching funds we took in over 26 thousand dollars enabling us to make this payment and have sufficient funds left over to pay for the installation of the chimes that are coming in later this fall. Your support for all that we do here at Mount Calvary is a blessing to our staff and all the folks who call Mount Calvary home. Thank you!

Memorials

In memory of:

Nick Rossi

Ted Theiss

Donna Dickert

Alvina Matzke

Given by:

Dori Malmberg-Long, M/M E. R. Rossi, Judy Smith, M/M Stan George, M/M Steven Camp, Jane Rossi, M/M Art Wendt, M/M Roland Schneider

Karen Pieniazek

M/M James Lee, M/M Art Wendt, Jeri Lara, M/M Lars Lentz, M/M Marvin Deuel, M/M Charles Koch, M/M Jim Koenig, Esther Mae Lundy, Dori Malmberg-Long, Olga McGlothing, Marlene Walker

Marlene Walker

Crafts for Christ's Work - The date is coming soon! It will be fun!

The Hand Crafter's Fair will be open to all in the church gym on Saturday, October 20th, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. On Sunday, October 21st the fair will be open to parishioners from 8:15-9:30am and 10:45am-1pm. We will be accepting craft donation items on Friday, October 19th in the gym from 9:00am-1:00pm. For questions or to donate crafts earlier please call Eunice Morris 210-655-2103 or Inke Gillian 210-732-0971. All proceeds will be given to the mission work in Haiti. Thank you.

Women's Retreat Registration is now open.

ELDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
September 2 (Communion)	Russell Maxwell John Smetzer	Brad Boeckner Jim Koenig
September 9	John Gilg	Marshall Leiber
September 16 (Communion)	Jason Strawn Bill Stolhandske	Mike Wille Spencer Hasch
September 23	Jim McNeel	Gary Franzen
September 30 (communion)	Russell Maxwell Toby Elbert	Jim Koenig Spencer Hasch

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Steve Melancon	Richard Miyauchi
David Potter	David Timmons
Jeff Harwood	Nathaniel Aguilar
Jeremy Hanson	L.J. Cott

ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
September 2	Josh Smetzer	Wyatt Wilson
September 9	David Meissler	Jake Wille
September 16	Corben Perankovich	Daniel Morrison
September 23	Josh Smetzer	Joe Morrison
September 30	David Meissler	Wyatt Wilson

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
September 2	Bonnie Haumann Joann Koehn	Mary Marks Judy Hanson
September 9	Virginia Axtell Kim Hendrix	Eunice Stepan Sarah Paseur
September 16	Sarah Hanson Denise LaBonté	Bonnie Koenig Debbie Reedy
September 23	Leslie Smetzer Carol Wilson	Deidra Thompson Randall Thompson
September 30	Elaine Ward Kim Hendrix	Jill Cott LJ Cott

MORNING CLASSES

- **Adult Bible Class** | This large, lecture-style class meets in the gym and is taught by Pastor Reedy.
- **Men's Bible Class** | lecture & discussion style | Led by Larry Laxson. This class is currently studying The Bible on Trial. On July 15th, they will begin the series The Great Deceiver {Coffee and Jesus room}.
- **PreK through College** | Children and students in are divided into classes that teach the Bible in age-appropriate ways. We offer classes specific to: PreK-K (small gym classroom), 1st-2nd (room 210), 3rd-4th (room 206), 5th-6th (Pre-Confirmation, room 204), 7th-8th (Confirmation, room 208), High School & College (room 218), Special Education (room 112), and Nursery (room 117)

MIDWEEK CLASSES

- **Adult Information Class (AIC)** | *Wed* | 7:00pm | *Church library*
New to Lutheranism? Just want to brush up on the basics? This is the class for you! Each course is 10 sessions. Speak to Pastor Reedy if interested. Begins July 11th.
- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** | *Every Tuesday* | 10:00-11:30 am | *Room 212 (upstairs)*
- **Men's Bible Study** | *1st & 3rd Saturdays* | 8:00-9:30 am | *Parish Hall*
Nothing starts the weekend off right like breakfast tacos, coffee, and Christian fellowship! This group is led by Jeff Harwood.
- **Triple F Men's Bible Study** | *Mon* | 6:30-pm |
A new men's Bible study followed by fellowship/food.
- **Women's Bible Study** | *3rd Mondays* | 7:30-8:30 pm | *Meets at members' homes*
Talk to Shirley Wille for more information.
- **Mothers' ChristCare Small Group** | *2nd & 4th Mondays* | 6:30-8:00 pm | *Room 218 (upstairs)*
This group is led by Wanda Laxson and is a great way for moms to get to know one another and be encouraged for the coming week!
- **Night ChristCare Small Group** | *1st Thursdays* | 7:00-8:30 pm | *Miyauchi Home*
This group is led by Jan Miyauchi and meets at 2219 Peach Blossom.
- **Other** | *TBA*
Would you like to participate in a study but don't know where to begin? Contact the church office for more details about any of these classes *or* to let us know if a class at another time or in another location might be beneficial to you and a few friends. We'd love to provide support for starting a Bible study in your workplace, neighborhood, or school!

Our thanks to everyone who participated in celebrating my mom's life. Pastor Reedy for support – Pastor Craig for the wonderful music and David Potter for the wonderful music and David Potter for his talent of poetry. The Winkler's for their time and energy given to our family. In times of need and support you realize how fortunate we are to have such a loving and caring congregation as Mt. Calvary. Thanks to the Mary-Martha Guild for their wonderful service.

With heartfelt thanks,
The family of Donna Dickert,
Carol and John Gilg and children

Dear People of Mount Calvary,

It is with much joy and excitement that I begin my second year as your associate pastor and music director. While I am still learning names and faces I look forward to getting to know each of you better as time goes on. With Pastor Mark's acceptance to the call of Church Planter in Spring, Texas, there has been a necessary realignment of pastoral duties. As I list the ministry areas for which I am responsible, I ask for two things; first, your continued prayers and support, and secondly your involvement in those ministries where your time and talents would permit active participation. It is no secret that Mount Calvary is an aging congregation, and as Pastor Reedy so eloquently outlined in his sermon last week, new people becoming involved will provide an ongoing revitalization and renewal of these ministries. The life and vibrancy of a congregation is found in how its people respond to the gifts of grace given to us through Jesus Christ and using those gifts to build and sustain His Kingdom here on earth. Through the sharing of our varied individual and collective, gifts and talents, I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can participate and contribute to these ministries.

Pastor Craig Meissler

MUSIC MINISTRY

Mount Calvary Choir - This choir is open to all, from high school age on up. The primary purpose of this group is to enhance our Sunday morning worship services by helping to lead the singing of hymns, liturgy, Psalm settings, as well as presenting anthems and special music. The choir presents music two to three times per month and on most Festival Sundays.

Director: Pastor Meissler

Rehearsals

When: Wednesday evenings.

Time: 7:00-8:15 PM

Where: Music Room in the Ministry Building.

Child care is available and an elevator is available for access to the balcony on Sunday mornings.

Celebration Ringers Handbell Choir - This ensemble is open to those who can preferably follow the rhythm and notation of a single line of music and have some musical aptitude. This ensemble participates in worship services once or twice a month and on most festival Sundays.

Director: Pamela Dodson

Rehearsals

When: Wednesday Evenings

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Where: The church sanctuary. Childcare is also available.

Mount Calvary Brass and Instrumentalists – Brass, Woodwind, Strings, Percussion. If you can proficiently and confidently play an instrument, either as a soloist or within an ensemble, I would love to talk to you to discuss the possibilities of presenting music in our worship services. The brass ensemble will play for most Festival Services and approximately once a month and will play special hymn arrangements as well as preludes and postludes. Rehearsal dates and times would be scheduled as needed. Contact Dan Loudenback or Pastor Meissler if you are interested or have questions.

Calvary Gospel Ensemble – If you play the guitar, banjo, mandolin, bass, drums, accordion, or fiddle, I would like to put together a Gospel Ensemble to play for congregational social events, and potlucks.

Please let me know if you play one or more of these instruments and would be interested in playing.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, September 9th will be our Youth Ministry Open House and the kick off of our coming year!

Youth between 12-18 years, and parents are invited! Come out and meet Pastor Meissler and Sarah Paseur as they outline plans for weekly activities for the next year!

Where: **Scates Park** 434 N Meadow Lane San Antonio, 78209 – just a couple blocks from church!

When: Sunday, September 9, 2018

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Provided: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, sides, drinks, desserts!

You Bring: Chairs

Questions or to RSVP – Contact Sarah Paseur at (210) 347-0172

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be starting up again on Sunday, September 9, where there will be an orientation and meet and greet with the students, parents, and instructors.

Where: **NEW LOCATION** - the new confirmation classroom is downstairs immediately to the right of the front entrance of the ministry building. (DCE Laura's prior space)

When: Sunday Mornings

Time: 9:45 AM – 10:55 AM

Instructors: Pastor Meissler, Mr. Kokos, and Mr. Watson