

News from Calvary



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Calvary's Mission

As God's Children, our mission is to

Know His Word,

Share His Word,

and

Live His Word.

Calvary's Vision

To be a Christ-centered church, alive with worship and meaningful ministries, where the youngest to the oldest are serving and being served, growing and helping others to grow, and connecting with each other and our surrounding communities.



Connect.



Grow.



Serve.

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

–Hebrews 12:1-2a

Years ago, I had a weird thing happen to me (one of many throughout my life). I had been playing electric bass for some ten plus years. And then I started playing with this new group of people. We were playing cover songs with very little time to learn them. Suddenly, playing became less of a joy. And this was because I became so focused on playing everything perfectly. I had this huge fear of imperfection. It wasn't like if I messed up I would be out of a job. None of us ever saw any money from these gigs. We were all supposed to be playing because we enjoyed it.

For many people in the church today, the same thing can be said when it comes to living out our faith outside of the church's four walls. For many of us, when it comes to living out our faith, we are afraid to let others outside of the church know that we are believers because of the "what ifs". What if the person gets the wrong impression? What if the person is turned off by what I say? What if I don't know the answer?

Before my son Samuel was born, several people told us how when you have your first child you're paranoid to do the wrong thing. "But don't worry, you're going to get through it." I have definitely had those times when I was worried about doing the wrong thing and yet my son is still an amazing, healthy, growing boy.

What if we lived out our faith in public the same way that we do when we're in church? What if we made talking about our faith in our day-to-day lives the same as talking about the weather, our job, or our family? For the majority of people, those last three topics come naturally from our lips. Think about the impact we could have for His kingdom if we added our relationship with God to those other topics. We need to stop worrying about getting everything perfect about our faith and just let people see that the joy of the Lord really is our strength.

To paraphrase that old children's song, *don't hide that Gospel light of yours, let it shine!* Let it shine for the whole world to see. And one final reminder: Your job isn't to convert people, that's the Holy Spirit's job. Your job...well that's to let that light shine; the light of the founder and perfecter of our faith.

Remember my friends, wherever you go, whatever you do, you're on the King's business.

Blessings,
Pastor Kuder



Walter William Schill

February 2, 1954 - August 30, 2018

Walter and his wife, Barbara, were devoted members of Calvary for many years before retiring to Middletown, Delaware in May of 2009. It is with deep sadness that we share the news of Walter's passing with our congregation.

Walter was born and raised in Newark on South Warren Street. His family moved to 60 Elmwood Road in Verona when he was twelve years old. After graduating high school, he joined the Verona Fire Department and began working for the town in the Department of Public Works. He served faithfully in both regards for 38 years. Walter married Barbara on July 6th, 1991 and was a loyal husband and caregiver for 27 years. Walter also enjoyed his membership in the Verona Historical Society along with his mother, Juliet, and wife, Barbara.

Long time Calvary members will remember Walter as a helpful person with a servant heart. He was respected and loved by many people, and surely this world was a better place because of his presence. May his memory live vividly on in the hearts of all who loved him, and may he Rest In Peace until we are all reunited again with our Lord in the heavenlies.

-Debbie Houlihan

North Jersey Lutheran Youth - Kickoff on Nov 4



7pm to 9pm
first sunday of the month

On Sunday, November 4, a new regional youth ministry collective will kick off at 7pm at Calvary Lutheran Church. This partnership between Calvary-Verona, Our Savior-Fair Lawn, and a number of other congregations, hopes to be a model of creative youth & family ministry for churches throughout the New Jersey District.

Meeting on the first Sunday of the month from 7-9pm, the North Jersey Lutheran Youth will spend time in large group Bible study and small group discussion. There will be games and other gathering activities to mix the youth from different congregations, and help them get to know one another, and of course, snacks will be provided!

The November theme is “Superheroes of the Faith” (based on Hebrews 11:1-12:2) and plays off the fact that this first gathering will be taking place on All Saints’ Sunday. All believers in Jesus—past, present, and future—make up a great group of faith heroes, which the Apostles’ Creed refers to as the “communion of saints”. The temptation is to look at people like an Abraham, a Moses, or a David and say “be like them”. Yet when we look at Scripture we realize that they weren’t any better than we are. What makes them “heroes” is not something that they did or some quality that they internally had. What makes them heroes is that they had faith, which is the same gift that is available to us through the Holy Spirit. We stand shoulder to shoulder with those heroes of the past in the great Kingdom halls of our Savior!

Please pray for this new venture, for the youth who will be attending, and for their parents and leaders. Contact Ruth Bolger or Pastor Kuder for more information.

Submitted by Caitlin May Dinger

Those Who Serve Us:

✝ Altar Guild: Edith Conte

✝ Greeters:

Oct. 7	10:00 AM	Lynetta Watkins, Karen Gordon El
Oct. 14	10:00 AM	Nancy Keltner
Oct. 21	10:00 AM	Karl and Luise Wetter
Oct. 28	10:00 AM	Chris and Lauren Molinari



Those Who Serve Us:

† Flower Visitors:

- Oct. 7 Joyce Sapara-Grant
Oct. 14 Edith Conte
Oct. 21 Anne Daly
Oct. 28 Liz Kuder

† Ushers:

- Oct. 7 **10:00 AM** Gbenga Adesokan, John Ricca,
Harold Vaughan
Oct. 14 **10:00 AM** Rich Akers, John Wickham
Oct. 21 **10:00 AM** Chris Molinari, Stephen Molinari,
Gordon Wickham
Oct. 28 **10:00 AM** Brian Keltner, Karl Wetter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Oct. 3	Steve Sizer
Oct. 5	Sike Adesokan
Oct. 6	Kweku Sapara-Grant
Oct. 7	Robert Varnay
Oct. 9	Linnea Ponczek
Oct. 13	Anne Daly
Oct. 13	Laura Bolger
Oct. 15	Evelyn Weidenschilling
Oct. 16	Barbara Hildebrandt
Oct. 20	David Lakra

Happy Anniversary



Oct. 4	Michael & Edith Conte
Oct. 12	Harold & Connie Vaughan
Oct. 17	Daniel & Molly Jaffe
Oct. 23	Bill & Nancy Keltner
Oct. 28	George & Karen Sprengel

Annual Church Family Picnic







