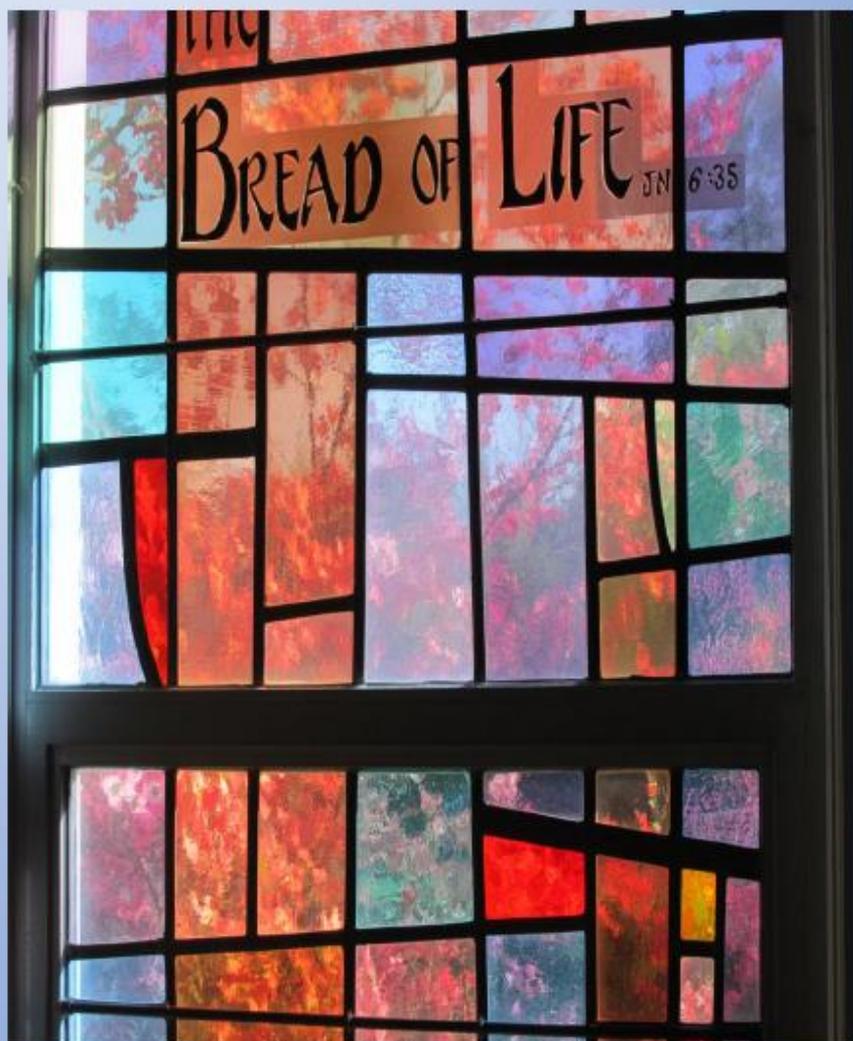


# News from Calvary



## 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.**



I was listening to a theological podcast recently called the White Horse Inn. One of the speakers was talking about how some preachers solely preach biblical text from a purely metaphorical point of view. And he gave the example of the text from Matthew 8 where Jesus and His disciples are in a boat together and this storm comes up and is tossing the boat all over the place. Jesus' disciples are terrified and they complain to Jesus about it and He calms the waters by speaking to them.

Now what this speaker said in regard to this text is that some preachers will say how Jesus also calms the storms in our lives. (My heart sank because I think I did this once with this very text.) But the text tells us that His disciples see this and their response in verse 27 is "*What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?*" They've been walking with Jesus for quite a while. They've heard Him say some pretty amazing things and they've even seen Him do some miracles. But here they're really getting a picture of who Jesus is.

Too often, people in the church do that with scripture. They don't take it literally. The truth is that God gave us His word to reveal Himself to us so that we might know Him. And that right there should cause us to want to pause and take that in. That the God of all creation, the God who created the biggest galaxy as well as the subatomic world wants **you** to know **Him**.

And yet as I write this, the only way that each of us can do that is if we take His word literally. To paraphrase Francis Chan in his book "Forgotten God," *What would it look like to live our lives by taking God's word literally? If we were to start with Scripture and allow it to dictate our actions, how would we live?*

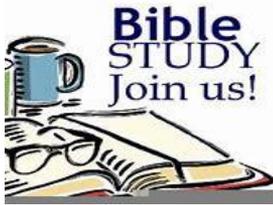
I believe that if we did that, it would drastically change each of our lives for the better. Just read the first couple of chapters of Acts and see how God's word changed the lives of the first church. And so I challenge each of you to do just that.



**Come to learn about the Bible and God's plan for our lives!** All children in Kindergarten to Grade 8 are invited to this hour of Christian instruction. Lessons this fall center on the Old Testament. We begin at the beginning (Genesis) and continue the learning with Noah, Moses, Joshua, Samuel and David in the Books of Exodus, Joshua, Judges and Samuel. The children will not only learn about God and Jesus; they will make friends and have fun! Registration can be done with the link on the Home page of our church website.

**Weekly Sunday School classes begin Sept. 8 at 8:30 a.m.** Questions? Call Ruth Bolger: 973-303-1613.

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## “FORGOTTEN GOD”

BY FRANCIS CHAN

**Come check out our new Bible Study series on Sept. 8 in Kavasch Hall, following worship.**

(The Study will continue the second Sunday of each month)

In the name of the Father, the Son, and ... the Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of all three, but how often do we live with an awareness of only the first two? As Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit—the Helper—so that we could be true and living witnesses for Christ. Unfortunately, today's church has admired the gift but neglected to open it. In this Bible Study, Francis Chan invites us to stop and remember the One we've forgotten, the Spirit of the living God.

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*Our Annual Church Picnic* will

be on **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** after the worship service. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex so we know how many to plan for. Also, indicate what type of side dish, salad, dessert,

drinks, etc. you will bring. May we be blessed with good weather and a wonderful time of fellowship together!



## **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES**

**An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association**

*The Villa at Florham Park, a part of Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ, is hosting this educational program.*

Communication is more than just talking and listening - it's also about sending and receiving messages through attitude, tone of voice, and body language. As the disease progresses, individuals living with Alzheimer's or other dementias lose the ability to use words, but families can find new ways to connect.

Explore how communication changes when someone is living with Alzheimer's, learn how to interpret the verbal and behavioral communication, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease.

**RSVP to Diana Liddy at 973-867-1502 or [dliddy@lsmnj.org](mailto:dliddy@lsmnj.org).**

**The workshop is Thursday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to noon at The Villa, 190 Park Avenue, Florham Park, NJ.**

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- \* We celebrate with the Eucker family the marriage of their son, Robert, to Kaitlin Ryan on May 10, 2019.
- \* Araba Sapara-Grant received her Master's degree in Global Human Development from The School of Foreign Affairs at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.
- \* We mourn the recent death of Elenore Zinn on Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>. Ellie was a long-time, past member of Calvary. Please remember her family in your prayers.

# Those Who Serve Us:

✝ Altar Guild: Jaya Lakra

✝ Greeters:

**Sept. 1** 10:00 AM Nancy Keltner  
**Sept. 8** 10:00 AM Ajit and Jaya Lakra  
**Sept. 15** 10:00 AM Lauren Molinari  
**Sept. 22** 10:00 AM Karl and Luise Wetter  
**Sept. 29** 10:00 AM Edith Conte



# Those Who Serve Us:

## ✝ Flower Visitors:

- Sept. 1** Jaya Lakra  
**Sept. 8** Joyce Sapara-Grant  
**Sept. 15** Anne Daly  
**Sept. 22** Liz Kuder  
**Sept. 29** Edith Conte

## ✝ Ushers:

- Sept. 1 10:00 AM** Gbenga Adesokan, John Ricca,  
Gordon Wickham  
**Sept. 8 10:00 AM** Ajit Lakra, John Wickham  
**Sept. 15 10:00 AM** Richard Akers, Brian Keltner,  
Stephen Molinari  
**Sept. 22 10:00 AM** Abbaccus Dokie, Karl Wetter  
**Sept. 29 10:00 AM** Ajit Lakra, John Wickham



Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work



Sept. 1 Fred Cushmore  
Sept. 4 LaVerne Sieglen  
Sept. 7 Donald Eucker  
Sept. 9 Jaya Lakra  
Sept. 14 John Ricca

Sept. 17 David Poesl  
Sept. 20 Lewis Dokie  
Sept. 23 Ajit Lakra  
Sept. 28 Mildred Fucito  
Sept. 28 Fred Lausten  
Sept. 30 William Martin



## *Happy Anniversary*

Sept. 8 Chris & Lauren Molinari  
Sept. 9 Bob & Cindy Eucker  
Sept. 15 Robert & Joy Varnay