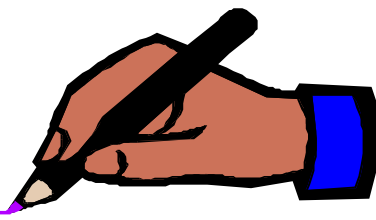


FROM THE PASTOR



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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 2017

On June 24th, 1957, the members of Calvary Lutheran Church voted and approved the start of a Lutheran school here in Yuma, Arizona. Just a little over 2 months later on September 17th, 1957 at 9:00 AM, the first Kindergarten class began in what was called Calvary Lutheran School. In 1962 the congregation agreed upon offering curriculum for Kindergarten through 4th Grade holding classes in the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms. It certainly didn't take long to realize that Calvary would need to expand as interest in the newly established school grew. In fact, in 1961 while Pastor Mitchell Prifogle was Calvary's pastor, an expansion committee was formed to investigate and put together plans for the purpose of relocating and building a new church and school building. It was in November of 1961 that a parcel of land was purchased along what is now called Engler Avenue. Construction of the new buildings began and neared completion the end of 1964, prompting some members of Calvary Lutheran Church to transfer their membership to the new mission church. On January 31st, 1965, a dedication service was held for both buildings and the mission church which is known today as Christ Lutheran Church held its first worship service on February 4th, 1965. Later, in the afternoon of February 4th, teachers of Calvary Lutheran School moved their classrooms to the new school building to be ready for the students the next morning. Eventually, Calvary Lutheran School was renamed to Yuma Lutheran School and both Christ Lutheran Church and Calvary Lutheran Church jointly administered the school. Also, in 1965, the school added an eighth grade curriculum, culminating in offering classes for Kindergarten through 8th Grade, as it remains to the present day. Over the course of the past 60 years, the school has grown from its humble beginnings of roughly 20 children to flourishing with 442 students in 2017! Yuma Lutheran School remains a tremendous gift from God to the Yuma community...a gift that traces its origin back to Calvary Lutheran Church whom God used to prepared the way!

Why do I share this with you? On September 27th, I was invited to give the devotion for chapel at Yuma Lutheran School. While I was there, overwhelming joy came over me as hundreds of children filed into the sanctuary of Christ Lutheran Church and sang songs of glory, honor, and praise to a great and mighty and compassionate God. Some might say the Holy Spirit moved me...my body was littered with goosebumps as the angelic voices of those children echoed off the walls of the hallowed halls of that sanctuary. I witnessed an amazing testament to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the multitudes professed in song their faith in Him who

justifies by grace through faith in Christ Jesus ALONE...a testament that still clings to the roots of the Reformation.

I couldn't help but wonder if this is what it felt like when the walls thundered with the glory of Christ's Gospel as the Lutheran Church Fathers preached and sang hymns 500 years ago as they sought to reform the church. Was Martin Luther so moved as he proclaimed the Gospel and ears heard and hearts opened to God's grace? Did Luther ever imagine that the boldness God gave him would lead to a world that is still greatly influenced by the Reformation...Healthcare, Civil Rights, Public Education, Social Media, Humanitarian Efforts, Vocation, etc?

God showed Calvary what Reformation looked like in 1957 as they stepped out in faith to provide this community with a Lutheran-Christian education where children would learn not only their ABC's and 123's, but also the doctrine of Holy Scripture...something vitally important to all who live in a sinfully broken world. 60 years later, what does Reformation look like in 2017? Yes, congregations all around the globe will be celebrating this month as the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation occurs on October 31st. Here at Calvary Lutheran Church, we will celebrate a special order of service on Sunday, October 29th as we remember who we are as Lutherans who subscribe to Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone), Sola Gracia (Grace Alone), and Sola Fides (Faith Alone). We will rejoice that our forgiveness, life, and salvation are not dependent on how good we are, how law-abiding we live, how holy we deem ourselves to be, but because of how good our Lord is and the meritorious works of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Then, at 4:00 PM on October 29th, a program followed by a catered German dinner will take place at Yuma Lutheran School gymnasium, of which tickets will be available at the church from the elders. More information will be forthcoming in the Sunday bulletins. AND...we will be watching a DVD series (we watched and discussed Part 1 last October) watching Part 2 of "A Man Named Martin" in Adult Bible Class Sunday mornings. Celebrating the Reformation is a time in which we rejoice in the Gospel. So, as we come together this month with much rejoicing and remembrance, let us continue to ponder on what the Reformation looks like in 2017, for you can be sure that God will lead His people at Calvary to continue stepping out in faith to bring the Good News of Salvation to the people of Yuma!

To God Be All The Glory,
Pastor Kessler

Galvany Lutheran Church Council Reports

Board Meetings & Council Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @ 6PM

If you have a complaint or concern please attend the board meetings so the boards can address the issue.

2017 Contributions	
09/03/2017	\$2,703.00
09/10/2017	\$2,244.11
09/17/2017	\$3,807.00
09/24/2017	\$2,269.10
Avg	\$3,385.31



Contribution amount needed, per week is \$3,441.37 to meet current budget.

Year to date	\$107,484.90
Misc Income	3,676.34
Fund raiser (chicken)	2,162.00
Avg. \$ per week (39weeks)	\$ 2,905.73
Short \$ per week	\$ 535.64

2017 Contributions & Expenses SEPTEMBER (UN-RECONCILED)

GENERAL FUND	
Contributions	\$11,743.21
Misc Income	\$ 3,795.36
Expenses	<u>\$17,541.43</u>
Excess/Loss	<\$ 2,002.86>

YEAR TO DATE	
Contributions	\$107,484.90
Misc Income	\$ 7,579.34
Expenses	<u>\$138,188.01</u>
Excess/Loss	<\$ 9,380.66>

Parking Lot Fund

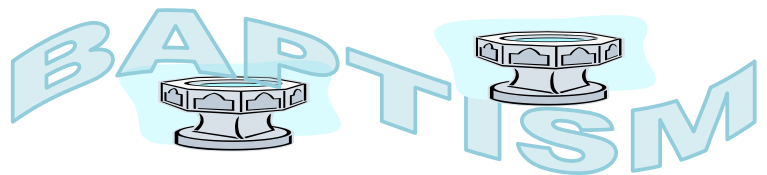
Fund Total as of September	\$14,842.00
Contributions	\$
Aluminum Cans	\$
Fund Total	\$14,842.00

HELP WANTED! COUNTERS NEEDED

For more information to sign up to be a counter please see the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Happy Birthday!

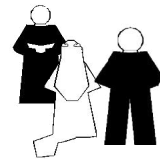
Rhiannon Strom	10/01
John Wagner	10/03
Lexi Stuebs	10/04
Rebecca Ehrlich	10/08
Jaiden Williams	10/12
Elmer Vicary	10/21
Gaylyn Hildestad	10/22
William Morner	10/22
Cailynn Stuebs	10/22
Megan Ehrlich	10/23
Renee Libkie	10/27



Jim Tyner	10/01
Kyle Williams	10/04
John Wagner	10/10
Teri Jo Ford	10/12
Charles Fraley	10/12
Kyle Reinertson	10/14
Rhiannon Strom	10/16
Reagan Strom	10/16
Taylee Stuebs	10/16
Donna Fairchild	10/18
Sue Gibson	10/20
Lexi Stuebs	10/21
Elmer Vicary	10/22
Penelope Backs	10/25
Mary Frances Atchley	10/28
Aja Backs	10/28
Whitney Stuebs	10/29
Elaine Green	10/30


Happy Anniversary

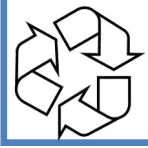
Robert & Donna Barton	10/04
Keith & Carolyn Macomber	10/08
Elmer & Karen Vicary	10/08
Derek & Iris Bezo	10/11
Albert & Carolyn Claude	10/16
Melvin & Carol Parker	10/19
Renee & Jeff Libkie	10/31



October 2017

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 09:00 AM-Communion Service 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes	2	3	4 11:00 AM-Bible Study	5 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Emerald Springs 07:00 PM-AWC Campus Ministry	6 09:00 AM-LWML Quilting 04:00 PM-Elders Meeting	7 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro
8 09:00 AM-Communion Service 10:30 AM-Bible class	9	10 06:00 PM-Board Meetings 07:15 PM-Council Meeting	11 11:00 AM-Bible Study	12 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Emerald Springs 07:00 PM-AWC Campus Ministry	13	14 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro
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29 09:00 AM-Communion Service 10:30 AM-Bible class 4:00pm Reformation Celebration & Dinner @ Yuma Lutheran School Gym	30	31 REFORMATION 				



Recycle aluminum cans
Please continue to bring your cans in.