

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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made in
the image
of God

Pastor's Ponderings

Stewarding God's Imprint: A Theology of Worship

This whole year we have been thinking about stewardship and what it means to be given the role of stewards for God. We've looked back at Gen 1:28-30 where God established that mankind would "have dominion" over creation and how that means that we have been asked to manage all that is needed for this world to keep going. We therefore strive to care about air, soil, and water qualities as well as the people, plants, and animals around us. In addition, we interpret that the "treasures" of time, wealth, and health are also resources given to us to manage so that all might live. That, however, is not the complete list of what God has placed in our hands---there's something subtle we often overlook.

Just before that command to steward, Gen 1:26 tells us that humankind is created in God's image. To be made in God's image means to have within us a sense of what is whole and holy. It means that deep in each of us we know that God's goodness and righteousness is more certain than what we can create for ourselves. So God's image in us sets the standard for us when it comes to true values. It's easy to grab ahold of the values of this world---things like money or status---and let those values direct our lives. But when we pay attention to the God-values imprinted on us, we cling to/give worth to God-things, not selfish things. To eternal things, not passing things.

When we get right down to it, of all the things that God has put into our hands for safe-keeping, this image of God in each of us is primary although often overlooked. It is as though, when the Creator bent over the dusty form of that first Adam (from the word "adamah" meaning earth, so pretty much literally "one of the earth") and blew breath into the form, the whole form filled up with

an element of God. Our outside shape still resembles dirt, but our insides are wholly/holy different. In my opinion, the greatest task of stewardship is the preservation and cultivation of the values of the inside---the eternal side---not the outside that can be rearranged with a puff of wind or passing storm.

The classic definition of the word “worship” is *to demonstrate the worth/value of something or someone*. Notice the word “demonstrate.” Gathering together in worship services is one way we say/show that we value God; it is an opportunity to demonstrate that we value God more than we value ourselves. So too are our daily actions and interactions with the world around us---what we might call worship-full work---but only when we act for the good of all life and not just our own, just in the way that God in Jesus acted for the good of the whole, not himself. When we acknowledge God’s value with our confession, prayers, study, and service to the least then we truly steward God’s image in us. Each day becomes the chance to remember that we are creatures with a task, not Creator and owner of this world.

It is always good to join you in worship and work; our conversations and connections are truly a delight. But joining you in worship and work as a means of stewarding the value of God’s imprint in each of us---that brings joy and life. To God be the glory!!!

SAM Jeannine

The poster features an abstract background with overlapping organic shapes in muted olive green, dusty rose, and light grey. In the upper left, there is a faint, stylized illustration of a pine branch. The text is centered in a dark, serif font.

Rally Day Sept. 10th 2023

“Jesus, the Bread of Life”

Location: Christ Lutheran Church

22552 Carter Rd, Bowling Green

Worship at 10:00 AM

Chicken Barbeque following church

**For the Kids : water slide, photo booth, silk
screening of t-shirts, wooden painting
projects**

**AS A REMINDER THERE WILL BE NO CHURCH
SERVICE AT CALVARY ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10,
2023. SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M. AT
CHRIST LUTHERAN IN DOWLING!**

**DINNER COST IS \$12.00 AND INCLUDES ½ CHICKEN,
CHEESY POTATOES, BAKED BEANS AND A COOKIE.**

**PROCEEDS FROM THE CHICKEN BBQ WILL HELP
OFFSET THE COST OF YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW
ORLEANS NEXT YEAR!!**



HUNGER PROGRAM

Your donations to the Hunger Program will be greatly appreciated especially during this time. We are helping St. John's Lutheran in Stony Ridge and St. Paul Episcopal Church in Oregon with this endeavor. St. Paul needs all items for their food pantry. Also, St. Paul is appealing for cash and help. If you would like to drop off donations at the church, please call the office to arrange a time. Thank you!

CALVARY IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA, CALVARY HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE CALVARYLUTHERANNORTHWOOD AND ON TWITTER AT CALVARYLC. OUR WEBPAGE CALVARYNORTHWOOD.COM. FROM THE WEBPAGE YOU CAN SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWSLETTERS AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICES VIA EMAIL.

Morning Coffee

Join Pastor Bob daily
Monday thru Friday at 10:30
a.m. on Facebook.





Altar Flowers

Flower Chart

The 2023 Flower Chart is on the wall in the narthex across from the office. The cost of the flowers is now \$30.00. Flowers are put on the altar for the Glory of God



Altar Care-

We continue looking for volunteers to help with Altar Care! Basic weekly duties are changing paraments as needed, set-up communion and clean up after service. Please let Paula know if you can help. Her phone number is 419-320-0514.



Prayer Chain

*Are you or a loved one in need of prayer? Calvary's Prayer Chain will be most happy to pray for you/them. The person does not need to be a member of Calvary. We include **everyone** in need of prayer! To start a prayer for yourself or someone else, call Charlene at 419-836-1999. When the person no longer needs our prayers, we would appreciate knowing that as well. If you would like to be a **prayer warrior**, please call me at 419-836-1999. Many thanks & blessings. Charlene Hoot*



SERVICE HELPERS NEEDED!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office for anyone interested in Assisting the Pastor, Reading lessons or Greeting friends & guests on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Clione Schneider if you have any questions.



REMEMBER OUR HOME BOUND

- Eleanor Sheronick, 3445 Fleitz Road, Oregon, OH 43616
- Lloyd (Jim Schneider, Ohio Veterans Home, 3416 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, OH 44870
- Marlene Fouty-Ehram, 2466 Luther Hills Circle #66, Oregon, OH 43616
- Mary McLaughlin, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 168, Walbridge, OH 43465
- Janie Kollarik, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 9, Walbridge, OH 43465

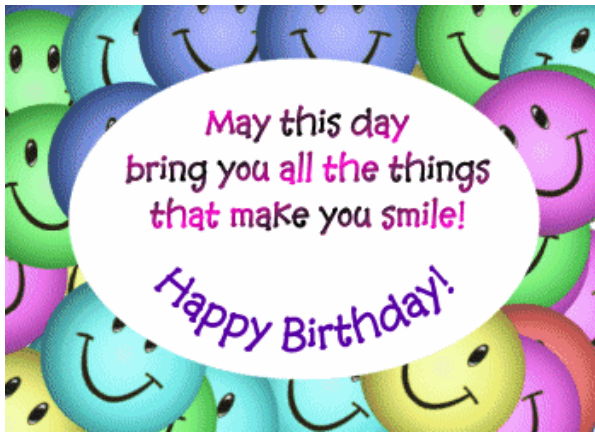


In our Prayers

Jill Cousino, Bob Joeelin, Marlene Ehram, Paulette Colombo, Eleanore Sheronick, Don Koenig, Beverly McIntosh, Emily Hyder-Jasinski, Ava Burkey, Jon Schwandner, Dan Pfouts, Craig Lake, Katie Glenn, Dee Mutchler, William Putnam, Logan Murphy, Wendy Kimble, Lisa Baker, Terry Murray, Dan Skadeland, Betty Messling, Chris Poling, Duane Ralston, Shirley Loy, Paul Goodman, Angie Mazey Noesen and the family of Mike Toneff.

Loaves and Fishes Our “Loaves and Fishes” ministry has a facilitator: Parish Nurse, Jackie Langlois. When anyone in the congregation is temporarily home bound because of an illness or surgery we try to provide meals for about a week. If you are willing to prepare a meal or would be willing to make calls please call Jackie at 419-779-6283. You do NOT have to prepare a gourmet, they can either be home cooked, deli or store bought. As always your help would be greatly appreciated.





September Birthday's

Charlene Hoot	6/1
Barry Ramlow	9/9
Rodger Phillips	9/12
Cheryl Hicks	9/14
Amy Bryant	9/17
Rylee Colombo - Teachout	9/27



Barry & Ann Ramlow	September 8 th	50 years
Josh & Candace Ross	September 18 th	19 years
Cliff & Madonna Bury	September 24 th	68 years
Bob & Ellen Laforme	September 27 th	41 years

FINANCIALS

ONLINE GIVING

Calvary has online and mobile options for giving. You can set up an account through the church office to give weekly, monthly or other options. You can also set up an online account by going to our website and clicking on the online giving button.

You also have the option of giving and signing up with your phone or mobile device by downloading the Vanco mobile app.

If you would like assistance in doing any of this, please contact the church office.

Thank You!

Monthly Financial Activity

Balance end May	\$16,428.92
Total income:	\$15,820.68
Total expenses:	\$13,371.96

June 2023 Council meeting notes:

Pastor's Report: June 29th Youth Gathering meeting at Christ. July 9th joint Worship Service at Calvary. August 13th Blessing of the Bags. September 10th Rally Day at Christ.

Old Business: Kurt and Lorraine Putnam's last day as custodians is May 31, 2023. Carol Corl has agreed to assume custodial duties. Kurt and Lorraine gave a donation specifying it be used to professionally clean the pews. Paula will talk to area cleaners. Altar Care volunteers will be given a key and asked to assure building is locked after Sunday service.

September

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:00	4 Labor Day	5 Office open 10:00-1:00 Quilters 10:00 Coffee with Tom & Pastor 10:30	6 Coffee with Pastor 10:30	7 Office open 10:00-1:00 Designing Women 9:00 Coffee with Pastor 10:30	8	9 Scrapbooking and Card Club 11:00-4:00
10 Rally Day at Christ Worship Service 10:00 Chicken Bar- B-Que after Service	11 Coffee with Pastor 10:30	12 Office open 10:00-1:00 Quilters 10:00 Coffee with Tom & Pastor 10:30	13 Coffee with Pastor 10:30	14 Office open 10:00-1:00 Designing Women 9:00 Coffee with Pastor 10:30	15	16
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Bible Word Search

Apostles / Disciples



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R	K	Z	C	E	K	A	U	J	A	M	E	S	P	R
G	E	F	P	E	W	T	B	S	M	B	Y	C	O	Z

Word list:

PETER
ANDREW
JAMES
JOHN
PHILIP
BARTHOLOMEW

THOMAS
MATTHEW
JAMES
THADDAEUS
SIMON
JUDAS

