

The Calvary Focus

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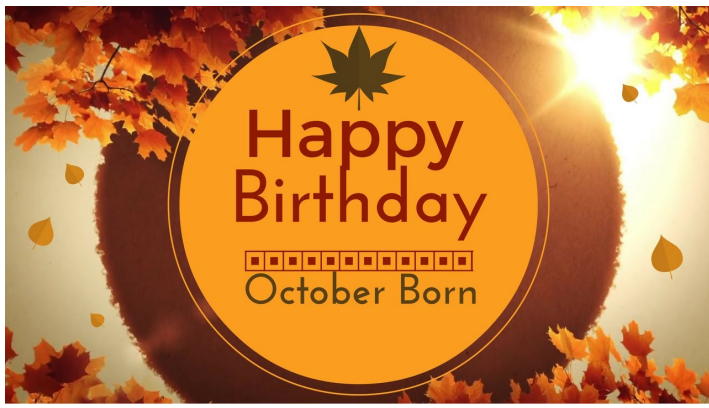
Well, it is that time again. It is time to take down and pack away our Halloween decorations. It is time to move our clocks backward on Saturday night, November 5th so that we will not be late for church on Sunday November 6th. And it is time to look forward to the holiday season. Veterans Day is just around the corner, Thanksgiving meal planning is underway, the Advent and Christmas seasons are knocking on our doors, and before we know it we will be ringing in another new year!

I am reminded of an old adage: *It is not joy the makes us grateful. It is gratitude that makes us joyful.* As I look back over 2022, there are many reasons for which I should be grateful. We have been blessed to have a roof over our head, meals to nourish our bodies, jobs for financial stability, and healthy bodies. In addition, we are well loved by our friends, immediate, and church families. There are countless other reasons to be grateful. Gratitude over all that the Lord provides brings me so much joy.

As we look forward to this holiday season, let us approach it with an attitude of gratitude. Start on Veterans Day by thanking God for the freedoms He gives us and thanking our veterans who have served and sacrificed for the freedoms that we have. As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, thank God and remember all He has done for us this year. When we celebrate the Christmas season, thank God for being Immanuel, God with us, who became our sacrificial and saving Lamb. Finally, thank God as we ring in the new year for the expectant hope of a future that is yet to be fully realized.

Yes, it is that time of the year to celebrate with an attitude of gratitude that permeates with the joy of the Lord through our words and actions.

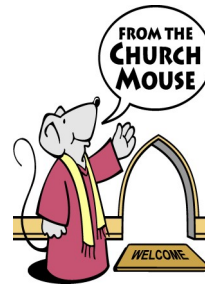
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The Ladies Lunch group hopes everyone has a blessed holiday season. They will plan to meet for lunch again in the Spring.



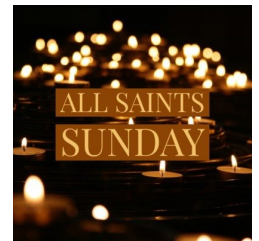
Philippians 4:6-7

We have so much to be thankful for. We have a God who will take all our anxious moments and calm them. He will not necessarily take the cause away, but He will help us through the storms of life. "Give thanks with a thankful heart".



CHURCH LOCK UP
Jeff Stubbs

Sunday, November 6th
All Saints Sunday is a time when all who have passed away during the previous year are remembered in our Worship Service.



Thank you to everyone who walked and donated to the CROP Walk. We were able to write a check for \$487.00 to help stomp out hunger in Elkhart County and through out the world.



**Change is in the air,
do not forget to
FALL BACK!!**

**Time Changes
Sunday, November 6**

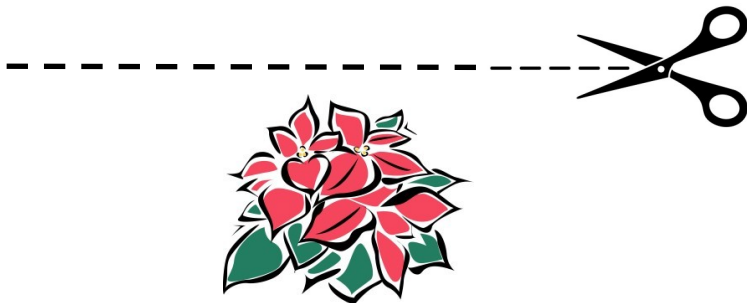


Do not forget to mark your calendars. The November Focus deadline is Sunday, November 20!!!



The preschool will hold it's annual trike-a-thon, November 17 & 18 during class time. This year's Calvary riders are Danny De La Virgen and Ethan Wilson. If you would like to make a donation to the preschool program, please feel free to take an envelope and mark on the outside "Preschool". If you are unable to make it to church and want to donate, please feel free to send a check made out to Calvary Preschool.

Thank you for your continued support of Calvary's preschool program.



Do you want to order a Poinsettia for Christmas in memory or in honor of a loved one? Please print the information on the sheet below. Cost is \$6.00 each.

Make checks payable to Calvary UMC.
Please turn in to the church office by December 4, 2022.

Name _____

Phone _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

You may mail your check to Calvary United Methodist Church, 2222 W Indiana Ave, Elkhart, IN 45616.



**CCS
COLLECTION
SUNDAY
November 20**

We are asking all of the congregation to bring in nonperishable food and hygiene items on Sunday, November 20th. The specific needs are listed below but there is a great need for soups and peanut butter. We will be collecting monetary contributions the whole month of November, as well. All donations will go to Church Community Services (CCS).

Thank you!!

- Canned meat and vegetables
- Hearty soups and ready-to-heat
canned pasta meals
- Cereals (hot and cold)
- Crackers
- Rice
- Pasta
- Spaghetti sauce
- Hamburger Helper-like meal helpers
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Condiments
- Boxed potatoes
- Toilet paper
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers, wipes, baby shampoo and
body wash
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Can openers





Some fun facts about November

- November begins on the same day of the week as March every year.
- November ends on the same day of the week as August every year.
- In many Christian countries, November is the month in which people who died in war are commonly remembered.
- November is banana pudding lovers month.

“Just for Fun” Days

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| • November 1 | World Vegan Day
All Saints Day |
| • November 6 | Recognition of All Saints |
| • | Daylight Savings Time ends |
| • November 8 | Election Day |
| • November 9 | National Scramble Day |
| • November 11 | Veterans Day |
| • November 13 | World Kindness Day |
| • November 14 | World Diabetes Day |
| • November 17 | World Peace Day |
| • November 24 | Thanksgiving Day |
| • November 28 | First Sunday of Advent |
| • November 30 | National Mason Jar Day |

<https://kids.kiddle.co/november>

<https://www.almanac.com/content/month-november-holidays-fun-facts-folklore>

<https://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/november.htm>

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Sharing the love of God through words and actions

**PLEASE KEEP OUR WORLD, OUR NATION, OUR CHURCH AND
THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Kevin Lipp (son of Dave and Kathy Lipp)



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