

The Calvary Focus

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This year, as we gather to commemorate 100 years of Calvary's existence, we are filled with gratitude and awe. Our journey has been marked by faith, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to God's work. We honor not only the legacy of our church but also the faithful contributions of each member.

Our congregation has been a beacon of hope for our community for over a century. Through changing times, countless lives have been touched, and our legacy is one of faith, love, and service. From the earliest pioneers who laid the foundation to the newest members who continue the work, we are a family united by our shared faith.

Our worship services have been moments of encounter with God. We've celebrated weddings, baptisms, and welcomed new believers into our fold. We've mourned losses, prayed for healing, and stood together in times of crisis. Our church has been a place of refuge, a sanctuary where hearts have found solace and hope.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us remember the stories—the testimonies of faith, the answered prayers, and the moments that shaped us. But let us also look ahead. Our centenary is not just about nostalgia; it's about embracing the future with purpose. What legacy will we leave for the next generation?

Our church has never been just a building; it's a living, breathing body of believers. Let us honor the contribution of our longest-serving members—those who have faithfully served as clergy, volunteers, and leaders. Their dedication inspires us to continue the work of Christ—to feed the hungry, clothe the needy, and share the gospel.

As we celebrate our 100-year journey, let us remember our historical legacy and recommit ourselves to God's mission during the next 100-year journey. As a way of remembering our legacy, we will be providing times for you to bring in your stories and pictures so that we can capture Calvary's previous century. Some suggestions include baptismal certificates or photos, weddings, missional events, youth events, studies, outreach activities, construction, plays, cantatas, meals, etc.

Finally, I invite you to mark your calendars for June 1st and June 2nd. Saturday June 1st we will be celebrating Calvary's 100 years of sharing God's love with games, food, social interaction, and visual representations during the last century at Calvary. Sunday June 2nd, we will be celebrating with a service of Remembrance. Our intent is that both will glorify the Lord as we seek to share God's love throughout the next 100 years.

May our love for one another, our passion for justice, and our unwavering faith be a testament to His faithfulness. Let us continue to impact lives, one act of kindness at a time.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16, NIV)

In Christ,
Pastor Paul



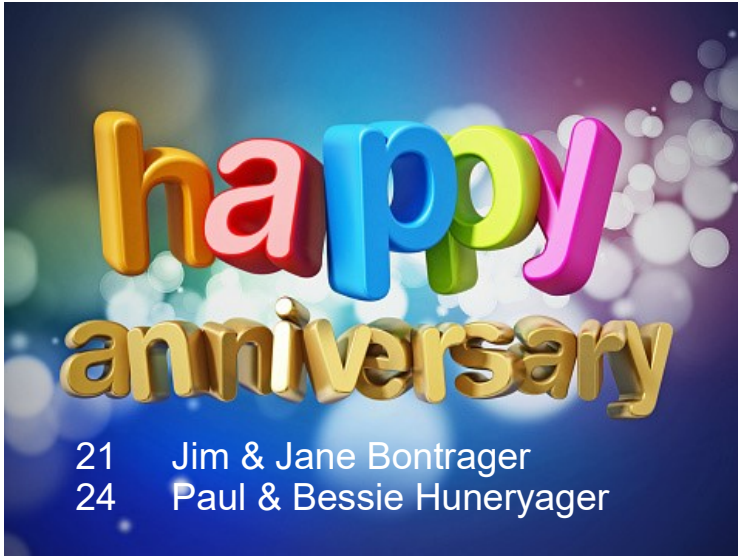
- 8 Doyle Martin
- Bev Wynn
- 19 Preston Reddell



Have you ever listened to logs on a fire, when they make noises, as they burn? Some pop and crack, but some make sweet musical sounds.

As burdens come into our life we can either complain (crack and pop) or we can make sweet music in praise to our Lord.

John 16:33 says, "I tell you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world."



- 21 Jim & Jane Bontrager
- 24 Paul & Bessie Huneryager



Jennifer and John will be on vacation from March 29-April 7, 2024. Please plan accordingly.



CHURCH LOCK UP
Jack Shanholt

DEADLINE

Do not forget to mark your calendars. The May Focus deadline is Saturday, April 20!!!



Plan to Celebrate Calvary's 100 year anniversary:

Saturday June 1
4:00-7:00 pm

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Sunday, June 2
9:30 a.m.

Service of Remembrance



Curve Café
April 20, 2024

The Ladies Go to Lunch group will open their season on Saturday, April 20, at the Curve Café, 3407 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka. We will leave the church at 12:30 p.m. for a 1:00 p.m. lunch. All ladies are invited to attend. Please call the church office, 574-293-0783, if you are planning to attend. Come and bring a friend or relative. All ladies are welcome.



Calvary is updating contact information database. If you have an address, email, and/or phone number change since 2021, please get your updated information into the church office. You can call, 574-293-0783, email, office@elkhartcalvaryumc.org, or mail, 2222 West Indiana Ave, Elkhart, 46516, with your updated information. Please have all updated information in by Friday, April 12, 2024. Updated contact information directories will be printed and available in May.



There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at Calvary United Methodist Church to conduct these valuable screenings.

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://lisa.social/HC>

Scripture Reader Schedule:

April Schedule:

04/07/2024	Deb Bledsoe	I John 1:1-2:2
04/14/2024	Mona Gorsuch	I John 3:1-7
04/21/2024	Kristen Bujtas	I John 3:16-24
04/28/2024	Brenda Davis	John 15:1-8

May Schedule:

05/05/2024	Janet Dennison	John 15:9-17
05/12/2024	Deb Bledsoe	John 17:6-19
05/19/2024	Mona Gorsuch	
05/26/2024	Kristen Bujtas	

FUN EASTER FACTS!

- ◆ Eggs are dyed to represent the blood of Jesus Christ. In Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, eggs are dyed red to represent the blood of Jesus, before being blessed and distributed to congregants. Now they're mostly just a fun way to celebrate the springtime season, especially with creative decorating ideas.
- ◆ Easter is the oldest among Christian holidays.
- ◆ Easter customs vary around the world, but one tradition comes from Germany - that of the Easter bunny. First recognized sometime in the 17th century, the Easter bunny is known for bringing eggs to the local children. In other countries, such as Bermuda, children fly kites, to represent Jesus' resurrection and ascension to heaven. Other countries, such as Australia and the United Kingdom have Easter bonnet parades, where children can decorate their own bonnets, and show them off in a parade, as Easter was traditionally a time to wear new clothes. One extra-special Easter Monday custom is that residents of Haux, France, join together to whip up a gigantic omelet for everyone to enjoy - using more than 4000 (yes, 4000!) eggs! Yum!
- ◆ The date of Easter changes every year. You may have noticed, unlike Christmas or Halloween, Easter does not have a fixed date. It is a moveable holiday due to Passover, which is influenced by the moon's cycle each year.

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**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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- Prayer Request: elkhartcalvary.prayer@gmail.com

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