

The Calvary Focus

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As May begins, we are still holding onto the joy of Easter: those songs of resurrection, those reminders of new life popping up around us. And yet, at the same time, we begin to move forward. The lilies fade, the calendar fills up, and life settles back into its usual rhythms. That's part of why I've loved our "Easter Psalms" series. The Psalms don't rush past real life. They give us words for gratitude and doubt, for celebration and weariness, for trust and questions. In other words, they help us live Easter faith in everyday life. But Easter does not end with reflection alone. It leads us somewhere.

At the end of May we will begin a new series called *Pentecost People*, where we will turn to the book of Acts and encounter the Holy Spirit at work through ordinary, often overlooked people. Not just Peter and Paul, but others: faithful, sometimes unnamed, always Spirit-led. We will highlight the stories of Stephen, Philip, Tabitha, Cornelius, and Lydia. These women and men are not perfect heroes of the faith. They are witnesses—people who were changed by the resurrection and then sent into the world in the power of the Spirit. Their stories matter because they remind us of this truth: God does not wait for perfect people. God works through willing people.

That means the story of Acts is not finished. It continues in the life of the church, in us. As we move through May, my prayer is that we would not only remember Easter but live it. That we would not only hear about the Spirit but be open to the Spirit's movement in our lives. Because we are not just people who celebrate Pentecost. We are called to be Pentecost people. So wherever this month finds you—in joy, in fatigue, in celebration, or simply in the routines of daily life—know this: God is still at work. The same Spirit that moved in the early church is still moving among us. We are, even now, becoming Pentecost people.

In Christ,
Pastor Amanda



Special Announcement: In addition to Calvary UMC, Bishop Tracy S. Malone has appointed Pastor Amanda to South Bend Evangel Heights, effective July 1st. She will serve both churches half-time, bringing her to full-time status. Information and updates will be shared as they become available.



- 11 Andrew Davis
- 13 Margaret Pettifer
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**South Side Soda Shop
May 16, 2026**

Ladies Go To Lunch will be heading to the South Side Soda Shop, 1122 S. Main Street, Goshen, Saturday, May 16. A car-pool leaves at 12:30 p.m. for a 1:00 p.m. lunch time. 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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 25 is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit and the gift of Christian unity. In emphasis of the Holy Spirit, please remember to WEAR RED on Sunday, May 24.



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LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

Bring in your loose change



Every 5th Sunday we will collect loose coins for missions

COMMUNITY DINNER SLOPPY JOES & MAC-N-CHEESE

Come join us for a time of fellowship, while enjoying sloppy joes and mac-n-cheese.

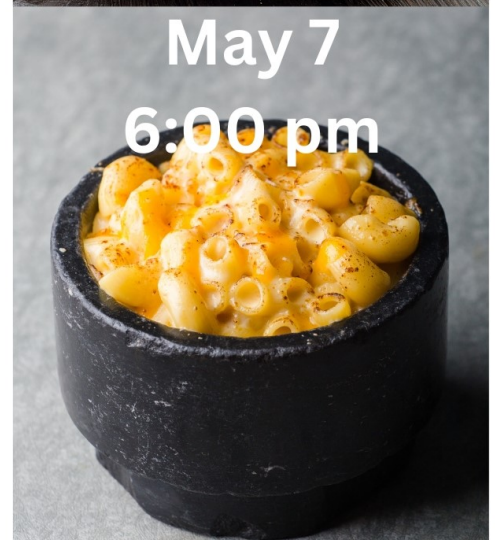
This is a free meal for everyone. Everyone is welcome.



Thursday,

May 7

6:00 pm





Gratitude

I once asked a farmer how his crop yield was. His answer was not how much, but that he took what the good Lord gave him.

“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart to God.”

Colossians 3:16

As the saying goes, “Give thanks with a grateful heart”.

Calvary Congregation:

Richard and I would like to thank our church family for everything you have done for us. We are very happy for all the prayers. We want to thank those helping with the ramp. It has given me less to try and get done. It has also taken the worry off of Richard’s mind.

Richard and I greatly appreciate everyone and everything that has been done for us.

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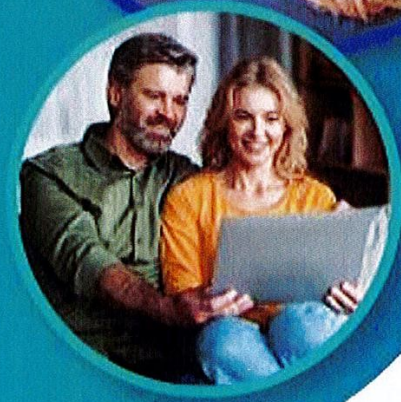
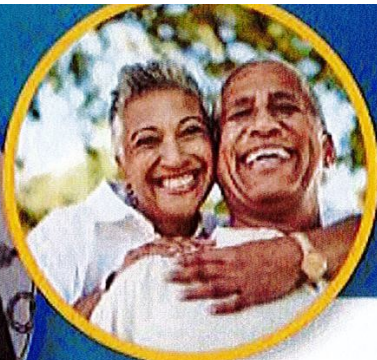
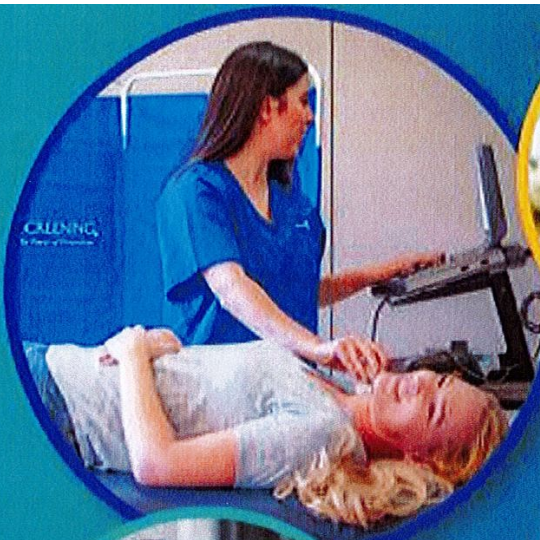
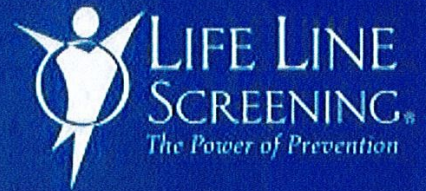
Do not forget to mark your calendars. The June Focus deadline is Wednesday, May 20!!!

Scripture Reader Schedule:

May Schedule:

05/03/2026	Kristen Williams	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 (CEB)
05/10/2026	Brenda Davis	Psalms 66:8-20 (CEB)
05/17/2026	Steve Basse	Acts 1:1-11 (CEB)
05/24/2026	Janet Dennison	Acts 2:1-21 (CEB)
05/31/2026	TBD	Acts 6:8-15; 7-12a Acts 6:44-60 (NRSVUE)





You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

**Where: Calvary United Methodist Church
2222 W. Indiana Ave., Elkhart**

When: Monday, May 18th, 2026

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.

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Who should attend:
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These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

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



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- Calvary's Facebook Page: **Elkhart Calvary UMC**
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