

The Calvary Focus

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We are in the midst of two different seasons, and I'm not talking about fall (although I am fully ready for cooler temperatures and seeing the leaves change color). It is both election season and charge conference season, one certainly being more contentious than the other. We are divided as a nation and even within our church we stand on different sides of the divide. While the election will not resolve this division, what is our responsibility as the Church? What are we called to do and be?

Our October sermon series is called, "Hi, Neighbor!" As Christians, we are called to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. The story of the Good Samaritan was the inspiration for this series and as we journey through October we will explore the following questions:

- Who is our neighbor?
- How do we show love to those we don't agree with?
- What are innovative ways we can serve others?
- How can we put love into action?

We will also draw from the story of the paralyzed man who was brought to Jesus by four neighbors/friends, and from the importance of community as revealed in Ecclesiastes.

I crafted this sermon series with my friend and colleague Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr., who is currently serving at a church in Grand Rapids. We are both members of West Ohio, were commissioned together in 2017, and served together at Church of the Saviour in Cleveland, OH (yes, two West Ohio clergy served at the same time at a church in East Ohio, which is rather uncommon). It was a joy to collaborate with him on this sermon series. If you are interested in hearing his take on these topics, you can find the worship services at www.wesleypark.org.

In addition to being election season, it is Charge Conference season. The North District is hosting district Charge Conferences again this year and will continue the focus on Cultivating Joy. We will be attending the Charge Conference on Sunday, October 6th from 2:00-3:30pm at Elkhart Trinity UMC. We need at least 2 lay members to attend, but all are welcome! Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy, will lead us and preach, which is always a joy. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please let me know.

In Christ,
Pastor Amanda



- 4 Rhonda Stubbs
- 10 Ben Strycker
- 11 Tricia De La Virgen
- 15 Shirley Mynhier
- 18 Wayne McLaughlin
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- 31 Connor Johnson
- Corbin Johnson
- Louise Rieth



I Corinthians 3:5-7, "What is Apollis? What is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each a task. I (Paul) planted, Apollis watered, but God made it grow."

As we go through life God brings different people into our lives to plant the seed of faith, some to water it, and some to cultivate it, to bring us to maturity.

If we begin to rely on one person or another God will remove that person in order that we will rely on Him and Him only.



- 6 Louis & Virginia Scott
- 8 Danny & Tricia De La Virgen
- 9 Joe & Becca Crimmins



**South Side Soda Shop
October 19, 2024**

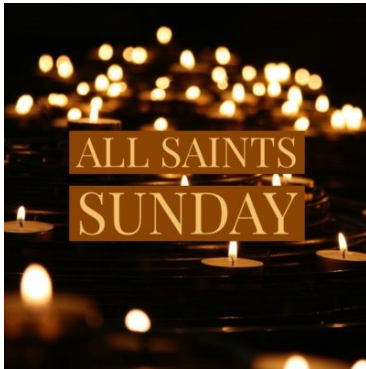
Ladies Go To Lunch will be heading to the South Side Soda Shop, 1122 S. Main Street, Goshen, Saturday, October 19. A carpool leaves at 12:30 p.m. for a 1:00 p.m. lunch time. All ladies are invited to attend. Please call the church office, 574-293-0783, if you are planning to attend. Come and bring a friend or relative. All ladies are welcome.





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

**Time Changes
Sunday, November 3**



**All Saint's Day,
Sunday, November 3**

Names and photos are needed

Calvary will be honoring those who have passed on to the Lord's home since last November. If you have a loved one or friend that you would like to have honored, please submit their name, a picture, their date of birth and date of death to the church office, no later than Sunday, October 20.

Email the information to:

office@elkhartcalvaryumc.org.

You may drop them off during office hours or they may be left in the church office mailbox on the back side of the brick post. All submitted photos will be returned after Sunday, November 3. Please have all names and photos submitted by Sunday, October 20. Also, just as a reminder, the names and photos will be live-streamed on Sunday, November 3.



**Pastor Appreciation Sunday
October 27, 2024**

Pastor Appreciation Day is Sunday, October 27. This is a special time for our congregation to honor Pastor Amanda for her hard work and dedication. All notes and cards can be placed in the baskets found in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall. While we recognize Pastor Amanda on Pastor Appreciation Day, please remember that affirmation and prayer support is appreciated throughout the year.

Afternoon Tea

Join us for an unforgettable experience, featuring sweet and savory treats on beautifully set tables, all while enjoying the enchanting sounds of live harp music.

Featuring Live Music by Harpist Anna Hagen

\$20 per person
Use link below to sign up by 10/26

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or scan to register



Charge Conference

**Sunday, October 6, 2024
2:00 pm at Trinity on Jackson**



Free Breakfast

Saturdays 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Everyone is Welcome



Community Meal

The term “Community Meal” can refer to a variety of situations including meals shared for religious traditions and holidays, and meals provided to seniors, and people in need.

Many years ago, Calvary began hosting a dinner one Tuesday each month. It was called Community Dinner. People from the church, and people from outside the church enjoyed many delicious meals.

The goal was not only to feed people, but to bring people into the building, build relationships, and ultimately to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

About a year ago, Calvary began hosting a weekly Saturday breakfast. So, we changed from a Community Dinner on Tuesday, to a Community Breakfast on Saturdays.

The goal remains the same, to bring people into the building, feed them, build relationships, and ultimately to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Building relationships is hard work. It is easier to stay in the safety and comfort of people we already know.

Are you ready for the hard work? People are coming into the building. They are being fed. Who will sit down beside someone they do not know, and start building a relationship?

Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”

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- Calvary's Facebook Page: **Elkhart Calvary UMC**
- Prayer Request: **elkhartcalvary.prayer@gmail.com**

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