
CALVARY COMMENT

June 2026

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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UPCOMING DATES

Saturday—Thursday, July 18–23
LCMS Convention – Phoenix, AZ

Sunday, August 2
Voters Assembly Meeting: 12:15pm

Tuesday—Thursday, August 4–6
Continuing Education Course:
8:30am—4:00pm

Sunday, August 30
Summer Sunday School ends

Sunday, September 13
2026–2027 Sunday School Year begins

Sunday, November 1
Voters Assembly Meeting: 12:15pm

Tuesday, November 3
Election Polling: 7:00am—8:00pm

Wednesday, November 25
Thanksgiving Vespers: 7:00pm

With Holy Trinity Sunday celebrated on May 31 this year, we have come to the non-festival semester of the Church Year. This portion of the ecclesiastical calendar that runs from Holy Trinity Sunday to the Last Sunday of the Church Year is sometimes referred to as the “Time of the Church.” Instead of focusing on the events in Jesus’ life that accomplished salvation, which was the emphasis from Advent through Pentecost, our attention will be turned toward His teachings and actions that describe discipleship and the Church’s activities in the world.

We can see this shift in emphasis in the Gospel Readings for the first several Sundays that occur during this summer:

JUN 7 Trinity 1 – Rich Man & Lazarus (*Lk 16:19–31*)

JUN 14 Trinity 2 – Parable of the Great Banquet (*Lk 14:15–24*)

JUN 21 Trinity 3 – Parable of the Lost Sheep & Lost Coin (*Lk 15:1–10*)

JUN 28 Trinity 4 – Excerpts from the Sermon on the Plain (*Lk 6:36–42*)

JUL 5 Trinity 5 – Fishers of Men (*Lk 5:1–11*)

JUL 12 Trinity 6 – Excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount (*Mt 5:17–26*)

In these Gospel Readings, we encounter Jesus’ teaching about matters of discipleship. Part of the life that He calls people into includes showing mercy just as the Father is merciful. Jesus Himself did this by calling people into fellowship with Him, even those dreaded sinners and tax collectors represented by the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin. He wants the poor and crippled and blind and lame to be part of the Great Banquet. Followers of Jesus shouldn’t ignore the Lazaruses needing help who are placed at their doorsteps. As they have received forgiveness from Jesus, they should also be reconciled to their brothers.

Additionally, the way of the kingdom of God includes expanding its membership. The activities that Jesus establishes for His Church are meant to accomplish that. He has instituted the vocation of being Fishers of Men. People are to experience His generosity, which is why Jesus has called them to be part of His kingdom.

As we hear about these teachings and activities of Jesus during this first part of the Time of the Church, we can begin to think about how they intersect with our lives. Do these words and actions express how we are speaking and functioning? Do they resemble our congregation’s programs and emphases?

Where these line up, the Holy Spirit who works through the Gospel accounts of Jesus encourages us to continue and do more. Where a disparity is identified, the same Spirit motivates us to make correctives. That is a reason why these narratives have been read in the Church’s Sunday worship services for more than a millennium. So as we hear them again in our Divine Services, we can ask that we also would be divinely guided into the holy lives that Jesus has made possible for us.

CLOTHES CLOSET EVENT – JUNE 27

Our next Calvary Clothes Closet event will be Saturday, June 27 from 11:00am–12:30pm.

Our goal is still to offer free clean, lightly worn or new clothes to our neighbors in need.

Because you have been very generous already, we have a small hill of donations waiting to be organized. If anyone is interested in sorting the clothing and making a presentable offering for our community, please consider helping for a few hours. Call Polly Pass (717-579-0296) for information and also watch the Sunday bulletins for dates and times.

A Bible verse used in a recent Stewardship article and heard at the end of the Easter Season is apropos: *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good Stewards of God’s varied grace.”* (1Pt 4:10)

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers. Any success with this project is due to God’s blessings and your support.

LADIES AID SOCIETY/LWML NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, June 20 at 9:30am** in the Education Wing Meeting Room. Pastor will lead a study from *The Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* and a short business meeting will follow, wrapping up by noon. All ladies of Calvary are welcome. Hope to see you there!

ENGLISH DISTRICT LWML NEWS: The English District Lutheran Women in Mission Convention was held in Milwaukee, WI from May 1-3. The convention theme was “Hope.” Our Philadelphia Zone President, Cherie Voorhees, was elected and installed as the new English District LWML president.

UPCOMING ACTIVITY: July will be our annual collection of school supplies for New Hope Ministries. This is a very early notice because it seems school supplies go on sale earlier each year. Thank you for your continued support!

CALVARY MEN COMING TOGETHER

As we continue acknowledging the LORD (Pr 3:6) in all our ways, encouraging messages come to us in daily devotions and prayers.

In God’s Word there are prayer promises like Jesus’ teaching: *“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”* (Jn 15:7) A list of further prayer promises is available at the men’s bulletin board.

We come together again on **Saturday, June 27 at 9:29am** to encourage and sharpen each other. (Pr 27:17).

FOUNDRY DAY EVANGELISM — JUNE 6

The Evangelism Committee will be having a stand at Foundry Day in Boiling Springs, PA on Saturday, June 6. A sign up sheet for donations and time slots for volunteers is in the Narthex.

JUNE 2026 MOWING TEAMS

JUNE 4–6: TEAM 3

Andrew Settle, Trent Dietrich, Jim Mason

JUNE 11–13: TEAM 4

Diane Rosenberg, Dave Rosenberg, Brandon Smith

JUNE 18–20: TEAM 1

Tom Watson, Bill Schirmer, David Knych

JUNE 25–27: TEAM 2

Chacha Mwita, Patrick LeFevers, Chris Kaufman

Thank you for helping to maintain the property that our Lord has entrusted to our congregation!

YOUTH BARBECUE – JUNE 19

Calvary Youth Members will celebrate the end of the school year with a barbecue at church on **Friday, June 19.**

The event will start at 5:30pm and end at 10:00pm. We will have the opportunity to use the pavilion and fire pit to enjoy various activities.

Look for a registration sheet in the Narthex to indicate your planned attendance.

A rain date has been set for June 26.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The 2026 Summer Sunday School begins on June 7.

This summer’s curriculum—*Fear, Love, & Trust: Following God’s Commandments*—will present the teachings of the Ten Commandments to students.

Thank you to all members who have chosen to take the opportunity to use their abilities to teach our younger parishioners.

DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTER

News from around the English District can be obtained by subscribing to the **Servant-to-Servant** e-newsletter:

<https://englishdistrict.org/enews>



PARISH CASH FLOW SUMMARY January 1–April 30, 2026

INCOME

General Offering	\$ 106,802.69
Mission Offering	12,119.00
Building Fund	6,066.00
Plate Offering	973.62
Memorials	104.90
My Neighbor Fund	0.00
1-1-1 Project	211.51
Initial Offering	230.00
Church Seasonal Service Offerings	3,426.00
Building Use	100.00
Refunds	0.00
Other Income	3,507.69
Thrivent Choice Dollars	98.00
Thank Offering	610.00
Lutheran Witness Subscriptions	273.15
Sunday School	0.00
Youth Group	0.00
Endowment Fund	574.88
Capital Improvement	4.90

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 135,102.34**

EXPENDITURES

Pastoral Expenses	\$ 35,004.13
Personnel Expenses	13,419.25
Real Estate Expenses	25,320.41
Operating Expenses	20,118.50
Ministry Expenses	1,720.05
Mission Expenses	10,450.00
Mortgage Expenses	15,328.91
Non-Budgeted Expenses	639.41

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$ 122,000.66**

NET CASH FLOW **\$ 13,101.68**

Full financial reports are provided to congregational members at the quarterly Voters Assembly meetings.



MILITARY SHARE PROGRAM

Our Military Share food distributions continue on the third Wednesday of each month. In May, we served 39 families totaling 103 people. Our numbers change monthly based on individual family situations.

EQUIPMENT RESUPPLY

The Military Share Program has an ongoing need for plastic grocery bags. Please continue to place your bags in the purple tubs near the Honor Wall.

ARMED FORCES SUNDAY LUNCHEON

The Evangelism Board and the Operation Barnabas Chapter hosted the Armed Forces Day picnic after Divine Service on May 17. Decorations were provided by members of the Evangelism Committee.

Special thanks go out to the following individuals:

- Brandon Smith for cooking the meat and the macaroni & cheese.
- Tom Watson who made the ceremonial first cut of the cake with his officer's sword.
- Calvary member families who displayed pictures of family members who served in the Armed Forces.

A Thrivent Action Team grant helped to cover the expenses of the luncheon.



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Please send info to CalvaryComment@Verizon.net.

MAY 2026 VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING SUMMARY

During the Voters Assembly Meeting on May 3, voting members took the following actions:

- Received reports from the Treasurer about the financial status of the congregation as of March 31, 2026.
- Received a report from the Pastor about activities from February–April 2026.
- Received a report from the Church Council.
- Voted in favor of adopting the proposed Constitution and Bylaws presented by the Revision Group. This has been sent to the English District for review and approval.
- Accepted the 2025 Financial Records Review conducted by the Finance Committee.

The next meeting of the Voters Assembly is scheduled for Sunday, August 2.

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JOIN US AS WE PARTICIPATE IN A BABY BOTTLE BLAST TO BENEFIT CAPITAL AREA PREGNANCY CENTER.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL HELP PROVIDE ULTRASOUNDS, BIBLES, CRIBS, AND NECESSARY COUNSELING MATERIALS TO HELP PROMOTE LIFE!

PICK UP A BOTTLE ON MOTHER'S DAY (MAY 10), FILL IT WITH YOUR CHANGE, BILLS, OR CHECKS, AND BRING IT BACK ON FATHER'S DAY (JUNE 21).

The 2026 CAPC Baby Bottle Blast continues through Father's Day: Sunday, June 21.

Bottles filled with coins, cash, or checks can be returned to the display in the Narthex.