

CONNECTION

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**November 20, 2023 is
the Deadline for the
December 2023
Connection**

A Word from Dr. Dan

There are not a lot of hymns for the Thanksgiving season but two have become my favorite and they may just be my favorite overall.

The first is "We Gather Together." In the 17th century the Spanish had conquered Holland and the surrounding areas. They exiled all the Protestants and confiscated property, crops, livestock, and indentured those who would not leave. In 1648 the Spanish and Catholic oppressors were finally driven out of the land for good and a time of great financial and cultural prosperity began. Here we find Rembrandt and Vermeer painting their finest paintings. Reflecting on this an anonymous poet wrote the stanzas to this song and in the 19th century Edward Kremser set it to music:

*"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.*

*The wicked oppressing
Now cease from distressing.*

*Sing praises to His name
He forgets not his own."*

The other hymn that just oozes thanksgiving is "Now Thank We All Our God." During the same time that Spain was being a thorn in the Danish side. Europe in general was suffering through the 30 Years War – a war that has been described as the most devastating in

November Birthdays

Jo Reinking	November 1
Judy Cadwallader	November 6
Matt Gotshall	November 6
Sharon Booher	November 11
Ron Rottet	November 11
Kay Rottet	November 19
Cheryl Enders	November 22
Joseph Wolf	November 26

November Anniversaries

Ron & Kay Rottet

married for 45 years November 18

David & Lorraine Swigart

married for 2 years November 20

recorded history. It was out of this tragedy that this hymn was born.

Martin Rinkart, a German Lutheran pastor, arrived at his German parish just as the war broke out. He suffered greatly with the local community as the German population dwindled down from 16 million to 6 million. His city was filled with refugees, with the wounded, with the sick, and with a shortage of necessities. The plague that went through his city in 1637 left him the only minister to take care of the whole community. All the other clergy died. Historical reports have him burying at least 50 people a day for weeks on end. Hard to imagine. He wrote this hymn for his family. They sang it every night before their evening meal. A reminder to us as well.

*"Now thank we all our God
With hearts, and hands, and voices.
Who wondrous things hath done
In whom His word rejoices.
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today."*



HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR TREATS

A tremendous thanks to all who have provided treats for coffee hour and joined in fellowship. If you would like to help on a Sunday, the sign-up sheet is on the welcome table in the front entrance. If you prefer to provide treats but have Deacons assemble them on Sunday morning, please let the Deacons know. We can also take donations for coffee hour treats and buy them for you. See a Deacon if you need more information or would like to provide treats with a Deacon.

UPDATE FROM YOUR CALVARY CHURCH FOUNDATION *by Jeff Overway*

Your Foundation met on September 21, 2023 with 9 members present. We heard the following request for funds:

The Mission Committee of Calvary Presbyterian Church requested \$5755 to help defray the cost of Pastor Dan Lute's mission trip to Kenya on December 2nd through December 15th.

Women at the Well charitable organization requested funds to renovate the kitchen at their location at 1207 North Third street.

Your Foundation also gratefully received funds from the Ridlen Endowment Fund (Julian and Sue) through the Cass County Community Foundation. These funds were used to establish a designated youth fund for use by Calvary Presbyterian Church youth per their recommendations.

Your Foundation had a specially called meeting on October 1, 2023 where we approved the donation of \$5755 to Calvary Presbyterian Church to be used for the Kenyan mission trip, and also approved the donation of \$5000 to the Women at the Well to help with their kitchen renovation.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Foundation, please contact Jeff Overway or any other Foundation member.





Calvary,

Todd and I would like to thank you for the beautiful mum plant, all of the cards and messages that we received after his mother's passing. Your kindness, love and support means so much to our family and is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Todd and Malissa Lowe

BEEF AND NOODLE DINNER

There will be a beef and noodle dinner after the service on Sunday, November 19th. A free will offering will be taken and proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement fund. Be sure to mark your calendars!

SENIOR CHRISTMAS BAGS *by Sara Overway*

The assembly of the Christmas cards will take place on Sunday November 3rd during coffee hour. The stuffing of the bags will be announced at a later date, once I get a count of what is needed to be purchased.

Any questions please feel free to contact me at 574-721-3486 or saraoverway86@gmail.com

In His Service

Sara Overway

Elders: Class of 2023

Mark Hildebrandt
Dave Reinking

Elders: Class of 2024

Steve Sims
Brian VanSoest

Elders: Class of 2025

Barb Hildebrandt
Terrie VanSoest

Deacons: Class of 2023

Shirley Bishop
Pat Reef
Candi Sarver

Deacons: Class of 2024

Carol Rush
Scott Sarver
Chris Williamson

Deacons: Class of 2025

Dan Reef
Kay Rottet
Ron Rottet

HOPE IN STITCHES *by Annette Shively*

Thankfully we are at capacity with sewers! We can always use fabric and monetary donations can be made to Calvary with "Hope in Stitches" on the memo line.

LOAVES AND FISHES SCHEDULE FOR 2023

Loaves and Fishes provide meals for the needy as well as fellowship by many of the local area churches including Calvary. This program provides a Saturday lunch, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., all year long. Donations are accepted. Meals will be served on the following dates:

November 4	Cross-Wind at Calvary
November 11	All Saints
November 18	Church of the Good Shepherd
November 25	Trinity Episcopal



We would love for you to join us on Sunday!

If you need a ride to church, please call the church office at 574-753-0505. We will set-up transportation for you.

We want our covenant partners and any other friends of Calvary to know that there are wonderful scripture based Bible studies currently in session. We will try to keep our Connection viewers informed of what each study is studying monthly. The following is information on current studies. We welcome all who want to join a study to do so!

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING & EVENING BIBLE STUDY *by Deb Lute*

The Monday morning and evening Bible study led by Deb Lute is currently studying The Book of Ruth. We have been learning the importance of loyalty, kindness, selflessness, and obedience. Most importantly we have learned that not only was Boaz the Kinsman Redeemer for Ruth, but that Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer. Ruth is so much more than a love story; it is a book about redemption!!

A kinsman redeemer was a relative who volunteered to take responsibility for the extended family when a woman's husband died. The law provided for the woman to marry the brother of her dead husband. Christ, by his death on the cross redeemed us from sin and hopelessness and thereby purchased us to be his own possession. This guarantees our eternal inheritance and calls us to be a member of his family. Jesus is our kinsman redeemer.

If you haven't read the book of Ruth in a while, I encourage you to take a few minutes to re-read it. Let the gift of God's son's death and resurrection become the redemption you need.

WOMEN'S MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY *by Nikki Reid*

We are still in the study of Paul. It is - The Life and Theology of Paul with Guy Prentiss Water from Ligonier Ministries. Our next two lessons #7 and #8 are on justification followed up with lessons on sanctification, the church, and the future. The study has helped us look at Paul, his teaching, and our lives with new understanding.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY *by Annette Shively*

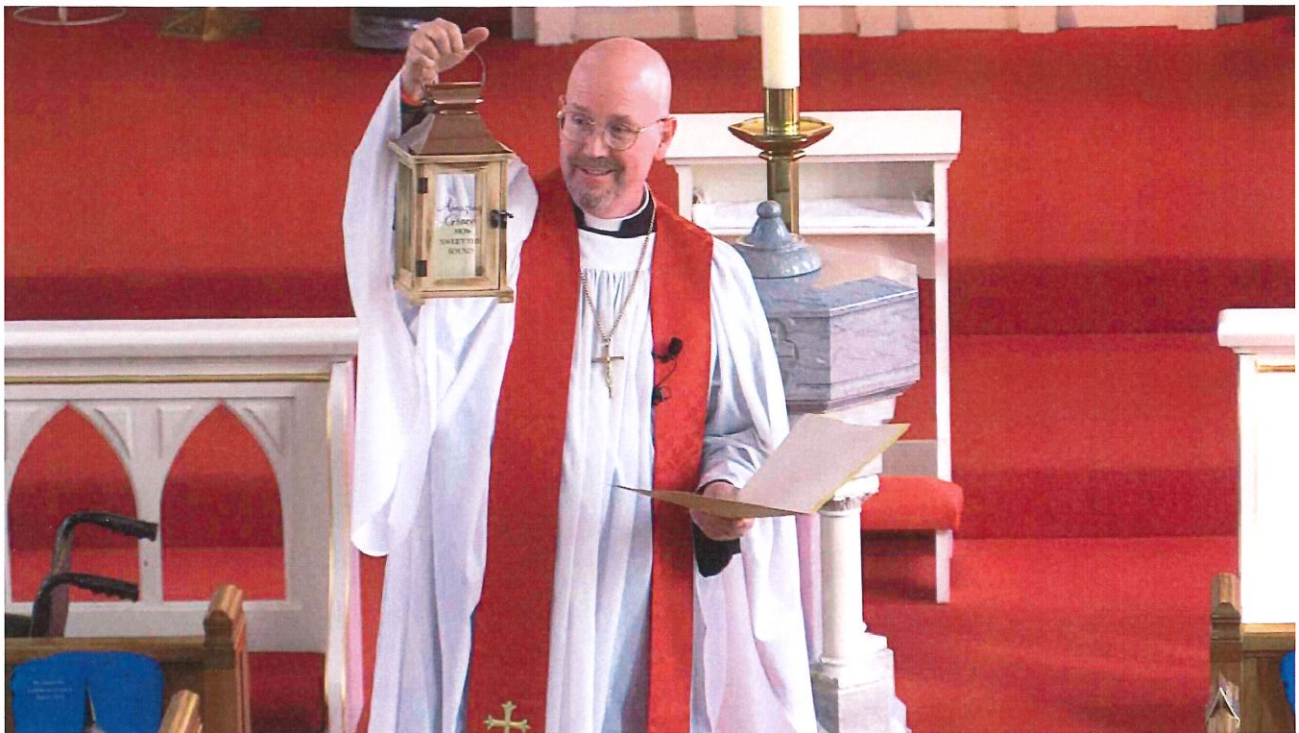
The H.I.S. (Hope in Scripture) Women's Tuesday afternoon Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. We will be starting John Ortberg's, "If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get Out of the Boat" in November. This will be a easy study and will not require homework.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY *by Rev. Dan Lute*

Pastor Dan is doing an in-depth series on the book of Genesis called, "In the Beginning..." on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:00. As always you can come and grab a hard copy of his student notes or go on-line to Calvarypc.org and print one out yourself. You can always go back and listen to the ones that you missed as well. We hope to see you there and bring a friend or two.

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY *by Rev. Dan Lute*

The Thursday morning men's Bible study meets from 8:15 to 9:15ish in the library. We are getting ready to start a study in the Book of Ezekiel.



St. James Lutheran Church of Logansport celebrated their 175th anniversary October 13-15. In this picture, Rev. K.C. Dehning is holding up the lantern that was given to them by Calvary to represent their light in the community. The two churches have a connection from many years ago. On March 6, 1883, a fire destroyed the St. James Church and Calvary allowed them to hold worship at Calvary. Ten years later on January 2, 1893, Calvary was damaged by fire and St. James allowed our church to use their facilities to worship. So, we have had a long-standing relationship with our brothers and sister in Christ down the street and we rejoice with them at their celebration.

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	2 8:15 am Men's Bible Study	3 10:00 am AA	4 <i>L&F – Cross-Wind at Calvary</i> Noodle Making
5 9:30 am Worship & Communion 10:50 Know Your Theol. Grid Study 7:30 pm AA	6 9:30 am Deb's Women's Bible Study 6:30 Deb's Women's Bible Study (Lute's) 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 AA	7 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 5:30-7:30 Cass Co. Church Responder Training 6:30 Deacons Meeting	8 Noon – DV Task Force Meeting 6:30 Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	9 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 Mission/Outreach Mtg	10 10:00 am AA	11 <i>L&F at All Saints</i> Noodle Making
12 9:30 am Worship 10:50 Know Your Theol. Grid Study 7:30 pm AA	13 7:00 Women's Bible Study 7:30 AA	14 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 6:30 Worship Mtg	15 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	16 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 Foundation Mtg	17 10:00 am AA	18 <i>L&F at Church of the Good Shepherd</i>
19 9:30 am Worship Beef & Noodle dinner after the service 7:30 pm AA	20 9:30 am Deb's Women's Bible Study 6:30 Deb's Women's Bible Study (Lute's) 7:00 Women's Bible Study 7:30 AA	21 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 6:30 Session Mtg	22 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	23 <i>Thanksgiving</i> Church Office Closed	24 Church Office Closed 10:00 am AA	25 <i>L&F at Trinity Episcopal</i>
26 9:30 am Worship 10:50 Know Your Theol. Grid Study 7:30 pm AA	27 7:00 Women's Bible Study 7:30 AA	28 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Great Banquet Mtg	29 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	30 8:15 am Men's Bible Study		