

# August 2024 Newsletter

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### In Service to our Lord

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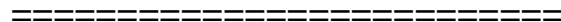
Altar Guild Communion set-up Heather Roehrborn

### News & Reminders

#### Do you have something for the next



Newsletter? If so there is a box as you walk into the Church office labeled, "Bulletin/Newsletter Announcements". Simply place your announcement in the box before **8:00 am on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**.



#### **CHURCH INTERNET**

Have you visited Calvary's Website?

[www.calvarywaupaca.org](http://www.calvarywaupaca.org)

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#### **ONLINE RADIO**

Issues Etc.

<http://issuesetc.org>

Kfuo Radio

<http://www.kfuoam.org>

Walm Radio

<http://walmradio.com>



There are several Service opportunities at Calvary

Administrative Secretary, Vice President, Elders, Trustees, Stewardship, Education

Please Contact Terry Schmidt or Pastor Brian



### August Birthdays

Steve	08/01
Gabriella	08/22
Amelia	08/24

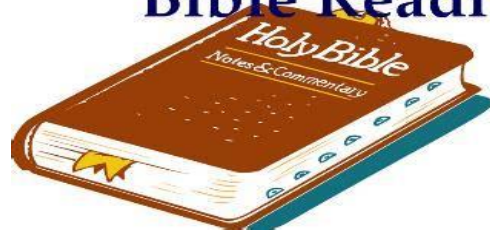
### August Anniversaries

Terry & Linda	08/14
Glen & Veronica	08/28

*(If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed or is printed wrong please let us know, Send us an e-mail or Put a note in the Office in box located outside the Church office.)*



## Daily Bible Reading



### August Bible Readings

- 01 Isaiah 18-22
- 02 Isaiah 23-27
- 03 Isaiah 28-30
- 04 Isaiah 31-35
- 05 Isaiah 36-41
- 06 Isaiah 42-44
- 07 Isaiah 45-48
- 08 Isaiah 49-53
- 09 Isaiah 54-58
- 10 Isaiah 59-63
- 11 Isaiah 64-66
- 12 Jeremiah 1-3
- 13 Jeremiah 4-6
- 14 [dkneisler@outlook.com](mailto:dkneisler@outlook.com) (family)
- 15 Jeremiah 10-13
- 16 [sjbosh@me.com](mailto:sjbosh@me.com) (family) [sjboshers@me.com](mailto:sjboshers@me.com)
- 17 Jeremiah 14-17
- 17 Jeremiah 18-22
- 18 Jeremiah 23-25
- 19 Jeremiah 26-29
- 20 Jeremiah 30-31
- 21 Jeremiah 32-34
- 22 Jeremiah 35-37
- 23 Jeremiah 38-41
- 24 Jeremiah 42-45
- 25 Jeremiah 46-48
- 26 Jeremiah 49-50
- 27 Jeremiah 51-52
- 28 Lamentations 1:1-3:36
- 29 Lamentations 3:37-5:22
- 30 Ezekiel 1-4
- 31 Ezekiel 5-8

# Stewardship

*All things are possible with God*



**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**  
**LCMS Stewardship Ministry –**  
**Newsletter Article – August 2024**

## ***Mercy and Grace Lead to Generosity***

“Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift” (2 Cor. 9:15)! This is St. Paul’s exclamation upon hearing the Corinthian church’s response to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his request for support for the church in Jerusalem. The Christians in Corinth heard and received God’s mercy in Christ, and they responded to St. Paul’s call to support Christians in Jerusalem with a collection. The Corinthians’ joy filled Jerusalem’s need.

This is the reality of stewardship. Because of God’s generosity in the giving of His Son to die on the cross for us, we are to be generous with all that we receive from Him. What do we receive? Everything. All that we are and all that we have is the Lord’s. He is the creator and the giver. We are His creatures and those who receive what He gives.

It sounds easy. And it is. But then again it isn’t. Stewardship is easy because it is God’s work. Through what God gives, we give to others. Through what God gives, we support the work of the church for the life of the world. He gives; we receive. And like our generous Father in Heaven, we, as His children, use what He gives to us to love and serve others.

But stewardship is also difficult. That is because it goes against our natural inclination to think that what I have is mine to do what I want with. This is our sinful nature. It is our selfishness and our greed. How can we who have been given everything — life, food, clothing, house, home, forgiveness, divine sonship, an eternal inheritance — be so stingy with what we give to the church, the place where we hear about and receive all that God gives us and does for us? We are all guilty of this kind of thinking. And the only godly response is to repent and trust in the Gospel.

For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes. He will. This is His sure and certain promise. God provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the life that is to come.

The church is a mercy place. It’s a place where God’s mercy in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, is given and received. For us who believe it means forgiveness, life and salvation in the face of sin, death and the power of the devil. Here in the church, we inhale God’s mercy in Word and Sacrament, and exhale this same mercy in love and service to our neighbor. And that is an enduring, joyful thing to do. Our joy fills our neighbor’s need because His joy filled ours (Heb. 12:2). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!