

# The Calvary Call

Calvary Lutheran Church 4400 Central St. Sioux City, IA 51108 — 712-239-1575— www.calvaryleads.com  
Pastor James Travis

## Holy Week Services

Holy Week at Calvary Lutheran Church  
Palm Sunday March 24 at 8 and 10:30 AM  
Maundy Thursday March 28 at 12 PM and 7 PM  
Good Friday at 7 PM  
Easter Sunday at 8 and 10:30 AM  
Easter Breakfast served between services by the youth  
(free-will donation)

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**Join us during Holy Week and Easter Services for Our Risen Lord.**

**He has Risen. He has Risen indeed! Hallelujah!**



**SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2024  
11:00 A.M.  
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4400 CENTRAL ST.  
SIOUX CITY, IA 51108**

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Daylight Savings Time begins March 9.

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## Youth Events

March 15 – WE will have a lock-in with the new Camp Okoboji DCE Liv Laube, we may have guests like Izaak Wendorf attend. Let’s pack the church with 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – 6 PM – Midnight. High School students are also welcome to come for fellowship and their own special devotions.



March 17 — Volunteer opportunity at Mercy Meals Faith Lutheran Church Saturday, March 17, 2:30-5:00 pm. Pizza Ranch following.

April 13 – 8 – 2 PM will be this year’s youth Rummage Sale. Please bring items to the Rummage sale room in the church basement. Larger items may be brought the week of April 8-12. Please do not bring clothes or old TVs. All funds will go towards youth accounts that pay for attending both Junior Youth Gatherings and High School Gathering in New Orleans in 2025



May 3-4 – Is an overnight servant event for High School Students at Camp Okoboji. Meals and lodging will be covered. Students will get the opportunity to help put together our church owned camp for the 2024 summer season and enjoy Lake Okoboji while we are there. Sign up with Molly Kaiser – 712-251-0894



### Pastor Daniel Mapur

Join us on March 10 at 10:30 am service as Pastor Mapur tells us about his work with the Sudanese Community in the Siouxland Area.

**Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines:** All information for the weekly bulletins must be turned into the Church Office no later than 12 noon on Thursdays. All information for the monthly newsletter must be turned into the Church Office no later than 10 am on the 3rd Monday of each month. Thank you! The *Calvary Call* is published monthly by Calvary Lutheran Church, 4400 Central Street, Sioux City, Iowa, 51108.

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## Pastor Travis' Message-What Cross are You Picking Up?

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

What cross are you bearing right now as you read this verse? Sickness, poor eyesight, a troubled relationship, a collapsing foundation, questionable job future, family strife, a boss that could care less about your opinion, a roommate that keeps you up till 3 AM, or bills leading you to bankruptcy! What cross are you bearing? When Jesus spoke to that crowd and his disciples He was not referring to any of these crosses that I just listed! Does Jesus care about these crosses? Yes, the crosses above are certainly horrible and need to be brought to Jesus and fellow Christians for prayer! In fact, Jesus wants to answer our prayers.

So what crosses is Jesus talking about? He is talking about crosses that require picking up! In other words, it is a cross that you may not have started your day on your back. Consider, just before Jesus said this he told Peter, "Get behind me Satan, you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of man." Peter was all about comfort, about the easily life and he was trying to stop Jesus from talking about going to the cross. Peter was selfish wanting to keep Jesus close. Crosses are the opposite of doing what is on your heart, or what makes you "feel" good. Crosses instead are about following Jesus' plans for our life.

For example, when I woke up this morning I would rather sleep more. A cross means reading the Bible denying myself of 5 minutes extra sleep. A cross would involve praying instead of watching 5 extra minutes of cat videos on YouTube. Taking a cross by definition is doing something that Jesus wants you to do and denying yourself of what you want. Another way of saying it, "When we sacrifice our time deliberately for Jesus and others we have just discovered the Christian life: "A Cross!"

An example from my own life this month. I found out my beloved Concordia College Ann Arbor which despite record enrollment is running in a deficit. It made us ask, what is God calling us to do? I prayed and committed a gift. I knew it would be tough, but God would help us bear the cross. One week later, I

received a tax refund three times as much as our gift that was completely unexpected. What once was a cross was really only a temporary cross.

Jesus took up the cross deliberately. The Romans, the Jewish leaders, would have never arrested him except that He willed it, so that He could take yours and my sins upon himself. He took up the cross to save us from our sins!

It is my prayer that none of you would have to take a literal cross, but if it was what it took I know you would do so just like, Peter, and other Apostles did before us. Yet, there are crosses God wants you to deny yourself and take up! What is your cross? Take it!

In Christ, Pastor Travis



### Call Update:

Calvary's Call Committee met with 3 wonderful young men all between 25-28 years old who are currently completing their 4<sup>th</sup> year of Seminary. All have Bachelor's Degrees from other schools and have gone on to get their Masters of Sacred Theology Degree from Concordia Seminary. The Call Committee recommended equally that all three would be a good fit no matter which the Seminary placed her at Calvary. Call Day is April 26, 2024. Pray for all the 50 students graduating and pray that God would bring one of them among us for many years to come!

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## President Steve Turner (Iowa District West's President)

Dear Friends in Christ,

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25 ESV).

Saint Paul speaks of the nine fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. He says that against these there is no law. The seventh fruit of the Spirit that Paul identifies is faithfulness. Faith and faithfulness are two related but distinct concepts. Faith is a belief or trust in God. Biblical faithfulness is a virtue that embraces firm commitment, reliability, and loyalty. It is rooted in a deep trust in God Who lives up to His promises and empowers us to do the same in our relationship with others.

The Bible contains many verses that emphasize the importance of faithfulness, such as: "Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man" Proverbs 3:3-4 and "The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does" Psalm 145:17. These verses highlight the significance of faithfulness in one's relationship with God and others. Faithfulness is a quality that is highly valued in the Bible and is considered essential for a fulfilling life.

I think a great example of biblical faithfulness is the story of Joseph in the book of Genesis. I would encourage you to read Joseph's entire story in Genesis chapters 37-50. Joseph shows both faithfulness to God and faithfulness to others. Faithfulness to God and faithfulness to others is the very core of this fruit of the Spirit. Joseph was sold into slavery by his own brothers and was taken to Egypt where he was falsely accused of a crime. The false accusation was made because he was being faithful to God and his master Potipher. Potipher's wife accused Joseph of sexual misconduct and he was thrown into prison. Despite these hardships, Joseph remained faithful to God while in prison and continued to trust in Him. Eventually, Joseph was released from prison and became a powerful ruler in Egypt. When his brothers came to Egypt seeking food during a famine, Joseph forgave

them and provided for them, showing great faithfulness to his family and to God.

In this story of Joseph, we see the faithfulness of God. God clearly had a plan for Joseph. What looked like a sad story of betrayal by his brothers and false accusations by others, Joseph recognized as part of the plan (Genesis 45:5). The faithfulness of God is one of His revealed attributes. His faithfulness conveys steadfastness and fidelity in His relations with His people. You can be confident that God loves you and He cares about you. God's faithfulness is not a guarantee of a trouble-free life, but it is a promise you will never be alone. The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV).

Jesus is faithful to the Father's plan of salvation and to us for the forgiveness of sin. In John 14, Jesus explains that He and the Father are One and goes on to say that the Father is in Him, and He is in the Father. 1 John 1:9 reminds us that Jesus is faithful to us to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Being faithful to God means being like Joseph - trusting and believing in God's plan for you, even when we don't understand it or things seem difficult. Being faithful to family and friends means being loyal, trustworthy, and true to your word. Being faithful to others, against this there is no law.

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## When Eternity Breaks Into Identity by Rev. Jonathan Conner

When eternity breaks into identity, we see ourselves and our neighbor differently: in light of God's image.

Reverent Wonderment before the Weight of Mankind's Glory. I'm struggling to give words to the idea that has taken up residence in my mind. It's one of these ideas that has the power to remake us, to dramatically change the way we move through life, the way we see and treat each other, the way we govern, the way we argue, the way we neighbor. It's related to identity, but it's bigger than that. It gets at the heart of our being as humans. The big word for being is ontology, but that word isn't common enough to resonate with most people.

### Discovering Reverent Wonderment

A strange image from an old movie I saw decades ago starts to get at my idea. I remember very little about the movie other than the scene where some of the main characters took their skin off. This wasn't a grotesque thing; they were actually aliens (no, this is not an article about aliens, although I do have one on Zion's blog if you want to read about what the Bible and reality have to say about them). These alien characters were wearing a human disguise. Under their skin was a beautiful, light radiating creature. This, as you can imagine, was a great revelation to the non-alien characters who were astonished to discover the true identity of their companions. I remember them standing transfixed by the surprise revelation.

It's that transfixed astonishment that has taken up residence in my mind because I believe, if we actually paused to reflect upon the opening chapter of Scripture, specifically what it says about mankind, we would have the same jaw-dropping experience as the astonished characters in the movie. Even more, beyond jaw-dropping, I believe we would discover reverent wonderment. Consider what Scripture says: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

### An Enfleshed Image

Because of our cultural moment and its fixation on gender, we are quick to notice the binary creation of male and female. This is well and good (and of critical importance!), but the reverent wonderment be-

gins in the image. Mankind bears the image of God! And of critical importance to note, this image is an enfleshed image. In other words, we're not suggesting, as with the movie reference, that the skin must be peeled off to see the divine image on the inside. Scripture is insisting that the divine image is imprinted on the whole person, body and soul. This image on the whole person calls for a reverent wonderment.

### The Weight of Glory

C.S. Lewis perceived this reverent wonderment and termed it the weight of glory (You can find and read his essay by that name online or buy the book). He wrote, "Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses."

Wonder at his words: the holiest object presented to your senses. So, after the Lord's Supper, the clerk ringing up your household necessities is the holiest object presented to your senses. The sweaty boys or girls on the opposing team who you are trying to block out or rebound over are the holiest objects presented to your senses. The elderly woman obstructing your hurried attempts to get your groceries in your cart is the holiest object presented to your senses. The obnoxious sibling who seems set on annoying you is the holiest object presented to your senses. They bear God's image. There's something more to their being than the surface-level things upon which our vision usually stops. And Scripture teaches us, fits our eyes, to see it.

### Starting Where the Story Begins

Yes, they are fallen and sinful and this is a part of the story, but we are too quick to skip over the significance of where the story begins (and, subsequently, where the story is headed in the renewed creation where we will stand in our eternal glory reigning with Christ! More on this below.). Mankind bears God's image! We are, if you will, princes and princesses on earth. Royalty. Our Father, the King, has dignified us with a dominion over His creation. Tell yourself, "I am royalty" and see if it doesn't make you stand straighter and adopt a more dignified perception of yourself and your life.

This gravity of glory brings a holy dignity with it, a sacred sobriety, a hallowed weightiness. This is true for us and true for our *(continued on page 10)*

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## Worship Assistants for March 2024

### Elders

Sun., March 3, 8:00 am: Dave Clausen; 10:30 am: Joe Osterholt  
 Wed., March 6, 7:00 pm: Volunteer  
 Sun., March 10, 8:00 am: Brad Cale; 10:30 am: James Williams  
 Wed., March 13, 7:00 pm: Volunteer  
 Sun., March 17, 8:00 am: Brad Cale; 10:30 am: Dave Powell  
 Wed., March 20, 7:00 pm: Volunteer  
 Sun., March 24, 8:00 am: Denny Barto; 10:30 am: Brian Hickman  
 Wed., March 27, 7:00 pm: Volunteer  
 Thur., March 28, 7:00 pm: Jim Torgerson, Brad Cale, Dave Powell  
 Fri., March 29, 7:00 pm; Volunteer  
 Sun., March 31, 8:00 am: Jim Torgerson; 10:30 am: Dave Powell



### Chancel Guild

Sun., March 3: Ramona Mehrer, Carol Casotti  
 Wed., March 6: Terri Guy  
 Sun., March 17: Diana Lahrs, Julie Clayton  
 Wed., March 20: Sharilyn Steck, Rhonda Hageman  
 Easter Sun., March 31: Sharon Junck, Lorraine Anderson

### Acolytes



Iowa District West College Scholarships Available Iowa District West is blessed to be able to offer substantial scholarships to students who choose to enter full-time church work and attend one of our LCMS Concordia Universities or Seminaries.

Students who want to attend a Concordia for a major other than church work may also apply for a scholarship. They may receive up to \$5,000 a year depending on the number of total applicants.

To apply for a scholarship, open the link on the district website (<https://idwlcms.org/forms-andlinks.php>) and click on the "Student Financial Aid" tab. All applications should be sent to Rev. Joe Pierson, Director of Student Financial Aid, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1005 Beach

Street, Webster City, IA 50595. Contact Pastor Pierson at [revpierson@gmail.com](mailto:revpierson@gmail.com) or 515-832-3043.



*If your birthday is missing or not correct, please call the Church Office at 712-239-1575 and give us the correct information. Thanks and have a great birthday!*

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## **Lutherans for Life**

“With gentleness and respect, we witness to our faith in Jesus so that others will come to believe in Him and eagerly await His return. All who confess Jesus as Lord look forward to His Second Coming with a joy far greater than idle mirth. We are encouraged as we remind each other that our Savior is coming back, and we pray that He would ‘hear and grant our fervent plea.’ Come, Lord Jesus!” *Dr. Carol Geisler – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## **Altar Flowers**

Commemorate a special occasion or remember a loved one by providing altar flowers for the worship services through November of 2024, during December we decorate with Poinsettias. Sign your name to the poster in the Friendship Room or call the church office at 712-239-1575 for 2024 and we will order a bouquet from Bittersweet Florals Flower Shop for a cost of \$63.50. Thank you for adding to our services with flowers.

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## Finance Secretary's Report

<i>Income Received for January, 2024</i>	<b>\$13,096.30</b>
Envelopes.....	\$12,967.20
Plate .....	117.00
Special Service Donations .....	0.00
Checking Account Interest.....	12.10
<b>YTD Envelope &amp; Plate Total:.....</b>	<b>\$13,096.30</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>	
Adult Education .....	50.00
Birthday Scholarship .....	25.00
Building Fund .....	0.00
Church Renovation Fund .....	800.00
Donut Stop (Donuts) .....	27.00
Flowers (Poinsettias) .....	0.00
Griefshare.....	40.00
Pastor's Special Account.....	10.00
Sunday School Missions .....	15.00
Thrivent .....	0.00
WNAC Pizza/Projects.....	245.00
Youth Activities .....	45.00
<b>Subtotal Designated Funds.....</b>	<b>1,252.00</b>
<b>Total Monthly Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$ 14,348.30</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>	
Week 1 .....	\$4,310.75
Week 2 .....	4,504.25
Week 3 .....	1,108.20
Week 4 .....	4,413.00
Thrivent Choice.....	0.00
Checking Interest .....	12.10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$14,348.30</b>
<b>2024 Year-to-Date Total: .....</b>	<b>\$14,348.30</b>

## Treasurer's Statement of Income & Expense

<i>January 2024</i>	
<b>Checking Account Balance, 1/01/24</b>	<b>\$292,964.96</b>
Plus Income	\$14,336.20
Less Expense	(74,109.34)
Plus Interest	12.10
Plus transf. from LCEF	0.00
	<u><b>\$(59,761.04)</b></u>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$233,203.92</b>
<b>LCEF Steward Account Balance 1/01/24</b>	<b>\$10,236.37</b>
Plus Transfers In	0.00
Less Transfers Out	0.00
Plus Interest	5.42
	<u><b>\$10,241.79</b></u>
<b>LCEF Steward Account Balance 1/31/24</b>	<b>\$10,241.79</b>
<b>Dedicated Funds</b>	
Social Ministries	\$1,520.00
Building Fund	10,207.37
Designated Memorials	5,242.82
Undesignated Memorials	1,010.00
Dedicated Accounts	94,173.13
Outside Purposes	376.81
National Youth Gathering	0.00
World Missions	0.00
Capital Improvement	0.00
<b>Total All Obligated Funds</b>	<b>\$112,530.13</b>
<b>Un-obligated Funds</b>	<b>130,915.58</b>
<b>Total Checking &amp; Savings Funds</b>	<b>\$243,445.71</b>

## Grief Share

**Daytime 13 Week course through-April 16**  
**10:30am-noon**  
**Evening course through April 18**  
**6:30 pm -8:00 pm**



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## Trustees Corner

The Trustees have had cameras installed in several areas of the church to insure security and safety for the church and its members.  
 Most of the clean up has been done. A couple of areas need to be completed--Associate Pastors office-wash windows and walls, cleans shelves, and polish floor .  
 Cry Room-wash windows, dust shelving and sanitize toys.  
 The cabinet for the Friendship Room has been ordered, but it's not yet known when it will be here.  
 Thanks to everyone for contributing time and money to improve our church. God Bless.



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## Our Church Family

### Transferred Out

Kevin Schindler-To Grace Lutheran in LeMars

### Transferred in

Bev Towne- From Hope Lutheran in S. Sioux City  
 LeRoy Towne-From Hope Lutheran in S. Sioux City  
 Travis Towne-From Hope Lutheran in S. Sioux City  
 Gaylen Towne-From Hope Lutheran in S. Sioux City



## Our Members in the Military

Please pray for these members:

- Trisha Hansen Goethring
- Taylor Jones
- Riley McFarland
- Cole Barbee
- Timothy Mingo, Jr. (If your family has someone in the Military, call us and we will add their names to the list - 712-239-1575.)
- Colbie Larson
- Collen Larson



## Book Club

On March 14th, at Minerva's, 11:30 am, the Book Club will be discussing *Don't Go* by Lisa Scottoline.

A cascade of melodramatic reversals for a podiatric surgeon, who returns from Afghanistan to find even more trouble waiting at home. Dr. Mike Scanlon's wife, art teacher Chloe Voulette, begged him not to leave her and their new daughter, Emily, when his Army Medical Corps reserve unit was called up. Now it's too late for him to tell Chloe he's sorry. Tipsy from the vodka she's been hitting, she accidentally stabs her arm while she's loading the dishwasher and bleeds out on her kitchen floor. Back in Helmand province, Mike endures a bone-jolting series of calamities that send him back stateside, this time for good. But his second homecoming is no happier than his first. The job he's been promised by his old partner is a far cry from his old job; Emily still cries whenever he picks her up; he realizes that Chloe had been having an affair; and her best friend, fellow teacher Sara Hambera, is murdered before she can tell him anything about who Chloe's lover might have been. Unfortunately, Mike reacts to all these shocks like a bull in a china shop. The author's recent crossover novels have mostly featured imperiled or hard-used heroines like those of Mary Higgins Clark. This time Scottoline varies the pattern by making her heroine a hero.

A surprisingly successful attempt to retool the damsel-in-distress formula.



## Calvary Members at Home

### Northern Hills:

Sue Larsen (Member of Trinity Hinton)  
 Marjorie Doran

### Westwood:

Barbara Kamradt  
 Jan Paulson (A Calvary Guest)

### Pioneer Village:

Bonnie Oldaker  
 Nancy Harrison

### Storm Lake:

Roger & Judy Rentel

### Whispering Creek:

Bel Awe

### Valley Lake, Valley, NE:

Eva Kemp

### At Home:

Sue Weinmann  
 Mary Lou Broderson  
 Maryrose McDaniel

Bary Betsworth

Anita Huss

Clint Utech

Mary Ann Burg

Lois Marquis

Bev Williams

Barb Schindler

Joe Bruce (Member of a sister church in NE)

Ellen Karrer

Clair & Linda Thorsen



## When Eternity Breaks Into Identity by Rev. Jonathan Conner (cont.)

(continued from pg. 5) neighbor. This is what Lewis is driving after in *The Weight of Glory*. He wants us to appreciate the weightiness of mankind's identity as image bearers of God. He writes, There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit— immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.

### No Ordinary People

No ordinary people. They all bear the image. They are princes and princesses weighted with God's image. No other creature in heaven or on earth is weighted with such dignity and consequence. Lewis stands in reverent wonderment at the thought. These people are not ordinary, not commonplace and therefore overlookable. They bear God's image and they will either be reduced to immortal horrors in hell or exalted to everlasting splendors in the resurrection and renewal of all things. Thoughts of such magnitude must surely make us marvel and tremble.

And surely this must change the way we see each other, the way we treat each other, the way we speak to each other. Surely this must change the way we make contracts or engage in business or provide health care or provide service. Surely the reality of my neighbor's nature as a prince or princess of God must weigh on me. It must press on me the great dignity I owe him or her. Lewis reflects: The load, or weight, or burden of my neighbors glory should be laid daily on my back, a load so heavy that only humility can carry it, and the backs of the proud will be broken. It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dull-est and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare.

### Seeing Ourselves and Our Neighbors Differently

This is what I mean by my title – “When Eternity Breaks into Identity: Reverent Wonderment before the Weight of Mankind's Glory.” I'm trying to capture the weighty truth and significance of the image you and I bear. I want you to see yourself differently in the mirror, to see your neighbors differently. I

want you to see the image they bear. It is a heavy thing, a sacred burden, this divine image that we must bear up under.

### The Smallness of Cultural Obsessions

And I want us to understand that seeing the sacred burden of this divine image exposes our culture's obsession with race and gender and sexual identity as too small, these skin-deep identity markers that our culture elevates to the level of ontology, to the level of a person's being. They are making small things big things, culturally temporal things eternal things, secondary things primary things. Don't misunderstand me. I'm not suggesting the questions our culture is asking are unimportant; I'm asserting that they're mis-ordered in priority and that mis-ordering matters eternally. Race, gender, and sexuality are important, but these things come after the image of God and it gives clarity to them.

### Inherent Divine Dignity

There's no way rightly to answer the questions of race if we miss the divine image borne by the entirety of mankind, by every tribe, language, nation, and tongue. We are unable to rightly appreciate sexuality if we overlook the divine image and so miss the inherent call in that image to holy sexuality that reverences the source of our image. There's no way to understand justice if we neglect the image and so miss the inherent divine dignity borne by every image bearer (born and unborn). If we cannot rightly define the human person, i.e. discern his true nature, we will never be able to answer the questions that plague him.

We must begin with the weight of glory in the divine image. We have been supremely blessed with a sacred burden in the divine image we bear, a sacred burden that we are called to bear with dignity and solemnity – we are princes and princesses! – and a sacred burden that places a moral imperative on our relating to our image-bearing neighbors.

### Weight of Glory Beyond All Comparison

This is what Scripture would have us see. And the goal of this, the telos of this, is what Scripture would have us long for in the resurrection. The Apostle Paul, reflecting on the reality of suffering in this present age, points us to the telos of mankind's divine image, For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. (continued on pg. 12)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00 pm Gospel Mission	2
3 8:00 am Worship w/HC 9:15 am-Sun School, Bible Class, Bells 10:30 am-Worship w/HC	4 <b>Pastor Travis Family Day</b>	5 10:30 am Grief-share 7:00 pm Deborah Circle	6 9:30 am-Pheasant Acres 9:30 am Lamp-lighters <b>1:00 pm Worship Service w/HC</b> 5:30 pm WNAC 5:30 pm Bible Study-Rick Book 5:30 pm Dinner-Ruth Circle 7:00 pm Worship w/HC-People	7 10:00 am-Bible Study 6:30 pm-Griefshare 6:00 pm Stewardship 7:00 pm Adult Confirmation LCMS 101	8	9 Daylight Savings time Begins-turn clocks ahead before going to sleep
10 8:00 am-Worship 9:15 am-Sun School, Bible Class, Bells 10:30 am-Worship w/Pastor Mapur <b>Mite Sunday Donut Stop</b>	11 <b>Pastor Travis Family Day</b>	12 8:00 am Circuit Meeting 10:30 am Grief-share 5:30 pm Education 6:30 pm Outreach	13 10:30 am Northern Hills 5:30 pm WNAC 5:30 pm Bible Study-Rick Book 5:30 pm Dinner Elders 7:00 pm Worship People Lie, Attack and Break Their Promise	14 10:00 am-Bible Study 11:30 am Book Club 5:00 pm Youth Board 6:30 pm-Griefshare 7:00 pm Adult Confirmation LCMS 101	15 6:00 pm-Lock-in	16
17 8:00 am Worship w/HC 9:15 am-Sun School, Bible Class, Bells 10:30 am-Worship w/HC 2:30-4:30 pm Mercy Meals @ Faith	18 <b>Pastor Travis Family Day</b>	19 10:30 am Grief-share 6:15 pm Worship & Music 7:00 pm Elders 7:00 pm Ruth Circle	20 1:00 pm Worship 3:00 pm Casa de Paz 5:30 pm dinner Pizza 5:30 pm WNAC 5:30 pm Bible Study-Rick Book 7:00 pm Worship w/HC-Vindication	21 10:00 am-Bible Study 6:30 pm-Griefshare 6:30 pm CLWL 7:00 pm Adult Confirmation LCMS 101	22	23 9:00 am Mercy Meals-Youth
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31 8:00 am <b>Easter</b> Worship Service 9:15 am Breakfast 10:30 am Easter-Because of My Integrity						

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## *Bringing Faith, Hope, & Strength to All Christ's*

### **When Eternity Breaks Into Identity by Rev. Jonathan Conner (cont)**

*(continued from pg. 10)*  
(2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

Paul sees what God has in store for His image bearers: an eternal weight of glory, an eternal standing as princes and princesses on the New Earth. We will rule with Christ! We will see the majestic glory that we now so regularly miss. This is what God has in store for every believing image-bearer. This is why Lewis wrote of such believing image-bearers as "everlasting splendors."

#### **Standing Together in Reverent Wonderment**

That's the idea that has taken residence in my mind. If I have not described it well, it's because I

lack the competency to put it in to words. I feel as if I need to surround each person with a stirring soundtrack and a radiant glow, something to help us see and hear and sense what Scripture reveals. Perhaps you can imagine such a thing. We would all do well if we could. My prayer for you is that you would be visited by my idea. In fact, my prayer is that you would welcome it as a permanent resident. How greatly the world would change if we stood together in reverent wonderment before the weight of mankind's God-given glory!

#### **Membership Class**

Do you want to learn more about the Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod? Do you want to become a member of Calvary Lutheran Church? Do you want to refresh your Confirmation lessons from long ago? They're Thursday at 7:00 pm. Each class is about 1 hour long and meets for 10 sessions. If interested please contact Pastor Travis at 712-202-8516 or the church office at 712-239-1575.

