St. John's Lutheran Churches - Babbtown & Schubert

Weekly Announcements - July 6, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE ELDERS OF ST. JOHN'S & ST. JOHN'S

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We want to remind you about some important things coming in the next few days at St. John's:

- 1. Today will be Pastor Mueller's last Sunday with us as our Interim Pastor. What a tremendous joy and blessing it has been to have his ministry, guidance and support this past year as we prepared to receive a new, permanent pastor.
- To give God the glory—and to say farewell to Pastor Mueller—we're having a lunch at Schubert following Worship. The main dish will be provided, but please consider bringing a side dish, a dessert, or both to share. Hope to see you there!
- 2. Tomorrow (Monday July 7), Pastor Ryan Groh and his wife, Grace plan to arrive around Noon to move into the parsonage. What a joy it will be to have them here! They will need help unloading their moving van and getting things arranged in the parsonage. If you are available to help at Noon on Monday, please let Mike Forbis know. We'll have a light meal (probably pizza) for everyone so we can keep our strength up!
- 3. And finally, since some people have asked, if you are interested in providing "welcome wagon" items (food, cleaning supplies, etc.) to help Pastor Groh and Grace get settled in their new home, please bring them by on Monday and share in the joy! If you have any questions, please let an Elder know.

We pray for God's continued blessing on Pastor Mueller and his family, Pastor Groh and Grace as they begin the next part of their life with us, and our congregation at Schubert and Babbtown. It is a wonderful time!

In Christ, The Elders of St. John's and St. John's

It has been a great privilege to be part of the church families at St. John's Schubert and Babbtown this past year. Thanks to all of you for sharing your time and faith with your church, and with me. God's blessings to all of you as you continue serving Christ together with your "new" Pastor. I will be praying that God uses all of you in great ways. - Pastor Bart Mueller

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION Service for Pastor Ryan M. Groh will be this Saturday, July 12th at 2:00 PM at St. John's Schubert. Our District President Lee Hagan will ordain and install him as Pastor at Babbtown and Schubert congregations. Please join your Christian families in this very special service, and stay afterward as we welcome Pastor Groh and his wife Grace with a reception following.

<u>YOUTH "SENDING"</u> – During our worship today, the Youth traveling to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering of our LCMS will have a short service of "sending." Continue to support and pray for our young people as they grow in the church, and especially those representing our congregation later this month at the Youth Gathering.

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MEMBER INFORMATION – We are asking all congregation members to update their information very soon. Please be ready to provide updated names, addresses, emails, phone numbers, birthdays, baptism dates, confirmation dates and verses, marriage dates, children's information, and the like so we can be helpful in the future in maintaining these church records for all members. You will find the forms in the May/ June newsletter: please take out the back page, fill it out as you are willing to share information, and return to the church office. Please ask if you need a form.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Consider how you can help with our church in the next months! **ALTAR GUILD** – We could use some more volunteers at Schubert to set up communion, change paraments, banners, etc. for worship. We would like 2 members each month to work together, and serve our church in this special way. Talk to Linda Brenner or Pastor and we will be happy to show you what we do.

ALTAR FLOWER Organizer – Provide flowers for the Altar, or share some from your garden! We would like some individuals who would oversee the Altar flowers. Talk to someone or to Pastor to be part of this project.

CHURCH GROUNDS – Help with ground clean up, landscaping, pruning, etc. We plan to meet once or twice per month as needed. If you are interested talk to Terry Walkenhorst or Debbie Rademan and we will organize dates.

CHURCH CLEANUP DAYS are coming, and we are asking everyone to "pitch in" and help with work in and around the church as summer is upon us! If you can't make the dates we decide to meet together, you can always pick a project and do it on your own time. Thanks to all!

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: Our Lord Jesus Christ has the courage to speak warning to His country's culture and communities (Luke 10:13-15). He whose eyes keep watch on national happenings (Psalm 66:7) knows no other way to restore ones He loves. Only abandoning evil allows anyone to embrace the Gospel's comfort (Isaiah 66:13, 15-16!) and joy (Luke 10:19-20). May our sanctity of life witness follow His lead!

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: Babbtown – 19, Schubert – 91.

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Schubert - David Gibson & Jeff Tynes.

SERVING IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

PASTOR: Rev. Bart Mueller.

ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Kathy Bauer; Schubert – Keith Bohl.

USHERS this week: Gene Walkenhorst & Andy Beach.

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GREETERS this week: Mary Kuhlmann, front. Mary Vida, side.

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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Allan Forbis & Mark Russell.

ACOLYTE this week: Ava Willson. ACOLYTE next week: Matthew Kollmeyer.

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Thanks be to God that we have the opportunity to gather in worship each week. Make worship and Bible Study and the Lord's Supper a high priority in your life.

Babbtown

8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:10 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study Schubert

9:15 am. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

CALVARY NEWS

SUMMER HOURS return tomorrow, July 7: Monday – Thursday, 8AM -4PM

RETREAT DONATIONS — Calvary's Summer Retreat is held at Heit's Point Lutheran Camp in July. It is a favorite for our students and staff. This event would not be possible without the generosity of MANY! One way to help is by donating necessary food items used to prepare meals. If you are interested in what items are needed, please contact Sam Ziegelbein at (573) 638-0228 or ziegelbeins@calvarylhs.org.

BUILDING RESILIENT YOUTH – On Monday, August 4 at 7 p.m., best-selling author, comedian and resilience expert, Chris "Shoof" Scheufele will host a family night filled with light-hearted conversation about the challenges with coaching resilience in today's youth. Parents and students of all ages are invited to attend this free event at Calvary. Spread the word! https://www.chrisintheclassroom.com/

HELP BUILD CHRISTIAN LEADERS THROUGH VOLUNTEETERING – Did you know the '25-'26 school year will mark Calvary's 21st academic year? It has been in large part thanks to the countless hands that have helped in an equally countless amount of ways! Consider a role you can fill. We have opportunities to serve at Calvary by volunteering at Calvary's Gift, serving on the Golf Tournament Committee, helping with the Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction, and other day-to-day opportunities! Where does your passion lie? We would love to have you with us! Contact John Christman administrator@calvarylhs.org to get more details!

CALVARY'S GIFT — Sometimes spring cleaning becomes a summer project. Consider donating your gently used items to our upscale thrift store and lending a hand as one of our valued volunteers. Proceeds from sales help students attend Calvary Lutheran High School. If you are interested in helping at Calvary's Gift, reach out to Calvary's Gift at (573) 659-8176 for more information or to apply. Store hours for sales and donations: Wednesday — Saturday 9am-1pm

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS – Are you a Thrivent member and have Thrivent Action Team grants available? If you would like to help with projects at Calvary, we have a number of special summer projects that could be blessed by an action team grant! Contact John Christman or Erich Ahlers to find out more.