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CALVARY SCHOOL NEWS

TO KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Rejoicing Always

"Yes, and I will continue to rejoice." **Philippians 1:18**

The apostle Paul had a lot of bad things happen to him. People had lied about him, said bad things about him, and put him in jail—all because he wanted to preach about Jesus to other people. Now that he was in jail in the city of Rome he couldn't go out and share Jesus with others! As if that wasn't hard enough, there were also some people who were preaching about Jesus for the wrong reasons. Instead of sharing Jesus out of love, they wanted to get rich or famous by preaching.

After all those bad things, what would Paul say? Would he be really angry? Would he be mad at all those people and say mean things about them? Would he be angry at God for letting all those things happen? No! Not all! Actually, after writing about those bad things, the very next thing Paul says is the verse for consideration today, "Yes and I will continue to rejoice."

Why would Paul rejoice and be happy after all that? First of all, he humbly trusted in God's plans. Even though he was in jail, Paul talked to some of the guards about Jesus—and they became believers, too! Also, Paul noticed that when he went to jail, other Christians became bold and preached about Jesus more. And what about those selfish preachers? Paul was happy that even though they were selfish, at least Jesus was being shared with other people—and that was a good thing. You see, Paul trusted that God was working all things in his life for good. That gave him reason to rejoice ... all the time.

This is what our gracious God does. He worked all things in history so that at just the right time he sent his Son Jesus. He worked through all the evil people who hated Jesus and crucified him so that Jesus would pay for our sins on the cross. He worked through Jesus' death so that he would rise again and give us the gift of life in heaven. Even when things don't seem to be going well, God is able to work amazing blessings because of his power, wisdom, and love.

You can probably think of some things that aren't going very well in your life. Maybe you are having trouble at school or with some friends. Maybe someone has been sick in your family. Perhaps someone you know has recently died. Even when these bad things happen in our lives, we can be like Paul and put our trust in God. If God loved us enough to keep his promise and send his Son to save us, surely God loves us enough to keep his promise to work all things for our good. That means that no matter what happens, we can also be like Paul and continue to rejoice ... all the time! Thanks be to God!

Closing Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for working all things for our good. In your power and wisdom you are able to work even bad things for our good. Help us to trust your loving plans and to rejoice in every situation. Amen.



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Calvary
LUTHERAN CHURCH + SCHOOL



UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCT 11** | Junior Choir Practice, 3:30 – 4 PM
Gr. 7-8 Class Trip Commitments Due
- OCT 12** | 15 @ 15, 8:15 – 8:30 AM
- OCT 13** | Chapel & Offering, 8:25 AM
- OCT 14** | Cherub Choir Practice, 3:30–4 PM
- OCT 17** | Junior Choir Sings at Divine Peace
- OCT 22** | End of Quarter 1 – Noon Dismissal
Wear Your Favorite Color Dress-Up Day

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Grade 7-8 Class Trip: Today is the deadline for trip commitments for our March trip to Washington, DC. Once we confirm numbers this week, we will begin the process of contracting for our flights and hotel. We will share more information on costs and payment plans as we complete contracts and make reservations.

15@15 Returns: It was a joy to return to 15 @ 15 last Tuesday! We'll continue meeting Tuesday mornings in the kitchen fellowship area from 8:00 to 8:30 with fellowship and food, and a short devotion. This is an excellent time to meet other parents, strengthen our school culture, and grow in God's Word! Sign up to bring goodies at www.calvarydallas.org/connect/15-15/

Picture Day: It's not too late to order school pictures of your child! Stop by the school office to complete an order form or visit mylifetouch.com and enter picture day ID EVTFG97SS.

Junior Choir Singing: Calvary's Junior Choir will sing at Divine Peace in Garland this Sunday, October 17. Ms. Aswege will be sending home more details this week.

End of 1st Quarter: The first quarter of our school year will end on Friday, October 22. Schools will be dismissed at 12:00 noon, and report cards will be issued on the following Thursday, October 28. We will be holding first quarter parent-teacher conferences on Friday, November 5.

Chapel Offering: Student offerings are gathered at chapel each Wednesday morning. Our first semester offerings are being gathered to support a new mission church beginning in West San Antonio. Pastor Micah Koelpin, a graduate of Calvary, has been called to lead this new congregation and carry out mission work in the area.

Community Blood Drive: Calvary is teaming up with the American Red Cross to share the gift of life with our North Texas neighbors! We invite you to participate in our Community Blood Drive on Saturday, November 6th. Register at www.calvarydallas.org/connect/blood-drive/

Worship & Calvary Kids Schedule: Join us at 8 or 11 AM on Sunday for worship and at 9:30 AM for Calvary Kids. Calvary Kids is our Sunday morning ministry for children ages 2 through 8th grade. During this time, kids have interactive opportunities to experience God's word and socialize with other children. Learn more at www.calvarydallas.org/connect/calvary-kids/



SPORTS EVENTS

- OCT 12** Flag Football Practice, 3:30-4:30 @ Calvary
Gr. 6-8 VB vs St. John's @ St. John's, 5:30 PM
- OCT 13** Gr. 4-8 VB Practice @ Our Redeemer, 4:30-5:30 PM
- OCT 14** Flag Football Practice, 3:30-4:30 @ Calvary
Gr. 4-6 VB vs Akiba @ Akiba, 3:30 PM

END OF Q1 DRESS UP DAY!

Quarter 1 ends next Friday! Let's celebrate with a school-wide dress up day! On October 22nd, students are welcome to wear their favorite color to school- no uniforms required! Spend some time in the coming days to plan an outfit for your student that features their favorite color! Get

creative with tops, bottoms, socks, shoes, hats, and hair accessories! We'll take a visual poll in each classroom on this day to discover our school-wide favorite colors!

Thank you for participating!

PRINIPAL'S MESSAGE

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

Do you enjoy woodworking? Whether you have tried it or not, we all tend to appreciate and enjoy something lovingly crafted by hand. Maybe it's not woodworking but some other hobby you enjoy. It's a special moment when we hold something in our hands which we have labored with love to create or when we receive such a gift from someone else.

What about you? Have you ever thought of yourself as a handiwork? It's true; God, the master craftsman, created you and your children with great love. He formed you and gave you your abilities all for a purpose – that you might serve in love. Each day God gives you the opportunity to carry out works of service – good works. The simple way you share a

smile, lend a hand, offer words of encouragement or comfort, and fulfill your roles as mother, father, husband, wife, son, or daughter – these are all works of service God has carefully prepared for you.

It's easy to think that we are nothing but run of the mill, but that's not true. You are God's handiwork. Remind your children that they too are a unique and loving handiwork of God. Even though they may be young, God has prepared works of service for them as well, and they too serve him as they use their gifts to show God's love to others.

Prayer for the Week: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for so lovingly crafting and creating us. Forgive us for so often thinking too little of ourselves and our abilities. Help us to respond to your love by serving in love each day as we complete the good works you have prepared for us. Amen.