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WELCOME TO THE MESSENGER!

BY PASTOR TJ LYNCH

Well, it's been quite a while since we've had any kind of regular, published communication here at Calvary, and as I enter my third year of ministry, I thought it was time for that to change.

Newsletters have been around for a long time. Some may think newsletters are a thing of the past. I, however, believe that if they are used properly, they can be a wonderful way to stay connected in the life of the community.

Newsletters can also be a great way to include or invite others to experience the many things God is up to in our community!

My hope is for The Messenger to go out on (or around) the first of each month. Each issue will have include a message from me (Pastor TJ), a summary of important dates for the upcoming month, and every now and then it will include outside articles. If you have any interest in contributing an article, please contact me at pastor.calvary@gmail.com

God loves each of you, and I do too!

Peace, *Pastor TJ*

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*Only through
communication can
human life hold
meaning*

— PAULO FREIRE

Worship @ Calvary:
Sundays - 9:30AM

with Holy Communion

Fellowship Coffee Hour

- Immediately following

Worship



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Tickets and sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

ANNUAL FISH FRY MOVED TO "CARRY-OUT ONLY"

BY PASTOR TJ LYNCH

Every August, for 10+ years, Calvary has hosted an All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Chicken fry featuring the delicious frying of Dan's Fish Fry (Huntington). Not only do we see over 500 people from the Wells County community come through our doors, but 100% of the proceeds go directly to Family Centered Services, whose mission is to strengthen the community by empowering families and youth through services

that educate and inspire.

Traditionally, Calvary's annual fish fry has been all-you-can-eat for dine in customers, with a carry-out drive-thru option.

We typically have a good size crowd, and are able to squeeze a lot of people into the space we have here at Calvary. Due to the continued circumstances we find ourselves in regarding the coronavirus, Calvary's council members have voted to follow the guidance of Dan's Fish Fry and move this year's fish fry to "CARRY-OUT ONLY."

While things will look different, we are still confident that God can and will work through Calvary to be the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus in this community through this event. Volunteers will still play a huge role in making this event a

success. If you are able to serve as a fish breeder, meal packer, cookie baker, etc. please see the sign up sheets in the narthex or give Cyndi a call in the church office!



HOURS: 4PM - 7:30PM

PRICES:

Adult:

Pre-Sale \$10

At the Door \$12

Child (12&Under) \$6

NEW WORSHIP SERIES

What happens when our world falls apart? How do we press onward when our tightly-knit plans unravel into loose threads? What do we become when our identity—or the path we're on—comes undone? What if all of this is not the end we fear it will be? In our unraveling, sometimes life surprises us with unexpected joy, love, and hope—with a new beginning we couldn't have imagined. Sometimes we need God to unravel us, for we long to be changed. This worship series explores 12 stories of unraveled shame, identity, fear, grief, dreams, and expectations. These are stories where God meets us in

the spiraling, unraveling our plans—and us—into something new.

Over the course of this 12 week series, the *Unraveled* theme will permeate every aspect of worship (liturgy, prayers, music, etc.).

Congregants will also be encouraged to utilize the *Unraveled Study Journal*. Each journal includes: original visual art inspired by the text, an artist statement reflecting on how the scripture inspired the art, prompts for visual meditation to engage the art, prompts for individual or group reflection on the scripture, a prompt for journaling in response to the scripture, and a short closing prayer.

We hope you'll join us on this Unraveling journey! If you have questions, please contact Pastor TJ.

Schedule:

- WEEK 1:** *Unexpected Joy & Surprise*
GENESIS 18:1-15; 21:1-7
- WEEK 2:** *Unravelling by Uncertainty*
MATTHEW 14:22-33
Public Grief that Inspires
- WEEK 3:** *Action*
2 SAMUEL 3:7; 21:1-14
- WEEK 4:** *Radical Unraveling of Vocation*
LUKE 19:1-10
- WEEK 5:** *When Humans Unravel God's Plan for Justice*
EXODUS 5:1-2; 7:8-23
- WEEK 6:** *Discovering a new Plan*
ACTS 9:1-20
- WEEK 7:** *When Dreams Unravel*
JEREMIAH 29:1-7
- WEEK 8:** *Unraveled Shame*
JOHN 4:1-29
- WEEK 9:** *When the Unimaginable Happens*
JOHN 20:19-29
- WEEK 10:** *When Our plans for our Children Unravel*
EXODUS 1:22, 2:1-10
- WEEK 11:** *Seeking Understanding when Things Fall Apart*
JOB 28:12-28
- WEEK 12:** *Unraveling of the Mind*
MARK 5:1-20

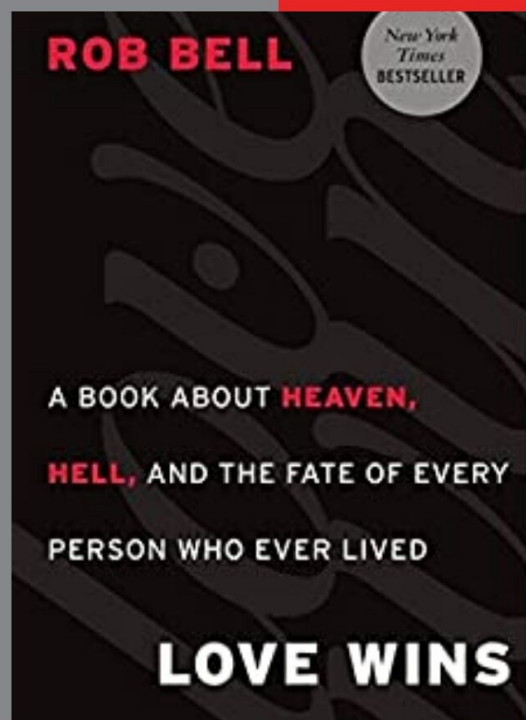
BEGINNING AUGUST 2, 2020!

UNRAVELED
SEEKING GOD WHEN OUR PLANS FALL APART

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020

Calvary Community Book Club

a group of people who meet to discuss a book or books that they have read and express their opinions, likes, dislikes, etc. *Please read book ahead of meeting! :)*



JULY 2020

July 11 - July 18:	Pastor TJ on Vacation
July 12 - 9:30AM:	Worship with Holy Communion (Pastor Fred Hasecke)
July 19 - 9:30AM:	Worship with Holy Communion
10:45AM	Council Meeting (Steiner Hall)
July 26 - 9:30AM:	Worship with Holy Communion



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