

CALVARY'S CROSSROADS



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- *Lent and Holy Week Schedule*
- *Re-cap of Communion Event*
- *Conversation on Aging and the Church*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This month we are moving into what is considered the crux of Christianity—and I use that word deliberately. Crux means: 1) a difficult problem; puzzling thing 2) a crucial point; critical moment 3) the essential or most important point and 4) the cross or crossing. All are quite fitting for where we land this month.

As we move through Lent and into Holy

Week we are certain to encounter the difficult problems and puzzling things. What does it mean for God to dwell with us...and why would God really do this? How are we called to imitate Jesus' life of service, and to do it faithfully in the world today? What does it mean for us to understand God in Jesus dying on the cross? What is this whole business of atonement and resurrection...does it really make sense?

What does it really mean to love and serve God and neighbor in the face of adversity?

We each are asked to examine the crucial points and moments in this story of Jesus and his followers and reflect on our own journey and commitment. At the crucial points, what are our responses? What do people like Mary Magdalene, Peter, the centurion, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Thomas say to us? *continued on page two*



*"At the crucial points,
what are our
responses?"*

SANDY'S CORNER

Soon there will be additional announcements and information in our newsletter from our shared Children's, Youth, and Family minister, Sandy Troyan.

At this time Sandy is continuing to get to know the three congregations, Calvary, Our Saviour's, and Bethel, and is getting involved in various activities and programs.

Over the coming month you can expect to see Sandy at Calvary on:

- **Sunday, April 10th** in Children's Education and Worship
- **Wednesday, April 13th** at the Lenten Soup Supper and Prayer around the Cross
- **Thursday, April 21st** at the Maundy Thursday worship service

- **Sunday, April 24th** at our Easter morning worship service

We continue to welcome Sandy—we hear she may even be open to dinners with families, game nights, and other local events!

Please add Sandy's email to your address book: sandy.troyan@gmail.com

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

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How do we encounter the powers of brokenness, hurt, longing, corruption, and sin today? How do we proclaim and live new life beyond the places of death?

As we live the Good Friday experience and the promise of Easter, what is the most essential or important element? What does it mean to abandon fear and live into hope? How does God break through when there is struggle, longing, aching, or loss weighing on us? How does God in Jesus transform not only us but the cosmos (world)?

This month we come to the cross—the crossing—with all that we are. This month we are invited to ask the difficult questions... to challenge ourselves... to be transformed.

Our Lenten journey brings us to the crux of who we are and what we are about as followers of Jesus—service, sharing, remembering (Maundy Thursday); encountering places of deepest pain, longing, brokenness and death (Good Friday); living in the gray and not knowing (Easter Saturday); living into a new day with hope and transformation (Easter Sunday).

So come this month and journey together as we ponder, ask difficult questions, learn, grow, and are transformed. In these steps may we hear and see the heartbeat of God, and find again in new ways God's promise for us and creation.

A fellow pilgrim,
Pastor Brad

“GOD IN PUBLIC” EVENT & DISCUSSION

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities is host to this inaugural event and panel discussion taking place on Monday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. The campus is located at 3000 Fifth Street NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

Steven Newcom, founder/director, Center for Public Ministry will offer the opening remarks and moderate the panel discussion.

Panelists:

- **Mark Ritchie**, MN Secretary of State
- **Peg Chamberlin**, Exec. Director, MN Council of Churches; President, National Council of Churches
- **Peter Hutchinson**, President, Bush Foundation
- **Sharon Tan**, McVay associate professor of Christian ethics, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
- **Doran Schrantz**, Executive Director, ISAIAH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS----MAY 14TH

BREAKFAST & SPRING CLEANING AT CALVARY

Join with folks at Calvary as well as youth and adults from Light of Christ Lutheran Church in Delano (where Pr. Lynn Seep serves) on Saturday, May 14th for a community breakfast and day of spring cleaning at Calvary and in the neighborhood.

The breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m. with cleaning, painting, and yard work running from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

We look forward to having a large turn-out from both congregations as we work around the church.



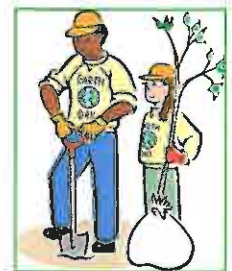
Also, if you have particular tasks you know need to be done, or a particular area where you would like to volunteer, please talk to Josh Hill or Steve Glass as the Property Committee chair and council liaison.

EARTH DAY

April 22nd is **Earth Day**. On **Saturday, April 16** Minneapolis Parks are sponsoring a clean-up event from 9:30 a.m. - noon. This is an opportunity to keep our Minneapolis parks beautiful.

Visit the website: www.minneapolisparcs.org for more information.

You might also take a few minutes to walk around your own neighborhood and pick up the litter that seems to hide underneath the snow.



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LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Wednesday nights during Lent you are invited to a simple soup supper in the Lounge. The final two weeks will be April 6th & 13th beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Enjoy good food and conversation with others from the Calvary community.

Members, friends and visitors of all ages are welcome!

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

Following the Lenten soup supper there will be a brief liturgy of meditative prayer in the Sanctuary beginning at 6:30 p.m.

You are invited to experience the presence of God in silence, scripture, meditative music, healing prayer around the cross, lighting candles as signs of hope dancing in the darkness.



In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.

~ Isaiah 30:15

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday
April 17th

There will be no Education classes today. Children and adults will meet in the gathering space (narthex) at 9:30 a.m. for a palm procession through the neighborhood.



Worship service begins at 10:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday
April 21st

Worship service begins at 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday
April 22nd

Worship service begins at 7:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday
April 24th

Worship service begins at 10:15 a.m.

There will be no Education classes today.



CALVARY 101 (NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION)

If you are interested in exploring the congregation, life and membership at Calvary, please plan on attending Calvary 101. This introductory class will take place on Sunday, April 24th following worship. A light lunch will be served. If you are interested in Calvary 101 but unable to attend on April 24th, please notify Pr. Brad.

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Over 50 years ago, as the story is told, Luther Park Bible Camp came into being in the basement of Calvary. A large number of our children and youth have attended the camp, several "children of the congregation" have served on staff as counselors, and there have been a number of volunteers and Board members from Calvary.

JOEL LEGRED, LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH

This month Luther Park's Executive Director, Joel Legred, will be at Calvary to share with children and adults some of the upcoming opportunities for involvement, the summer camping schedule, and the rich history we share.

Joel will be joining the children in Sunday School gathering time at 9:00 a.m. (parents are invited to attend), will be talking with adult education at 9:15 a.m., and will be joining us in worship. We extend a warm welcome to Joel!

WORSHIP LEADERS

April 3

Deacon	Sam Robson
Acolyte	Irv Elliott Joanne Shepherd
Lector	Chris Robson
Usher	Jeri Schultz Gary Nelson
Sacristan	Ramona Starks
Sound Bd.	Karen Nelson
Nursery	Kim Zeigler Joani Moberg
Coffee Hour	Don & Karen Rudrud Jen & Steve McCarthy

April 10

Deacon	Chris Robson
Acolyte	Rachel Bjorhus Eric Paulsrud
Lector	Carol Rue
Usher	Stacia Wick Henrietta Williams
Sacristan	Ramona Starks
Sound Bd	Aaron Gebauer
Nursery	Anders Davidson Nicole Falk
Coffee Hour	Chris & George Robson Chris Van Meter

April 17

Deacon	Danielle Hill
Acolyte	Brian Aust Jeri Schultz
Lector	Megan Hertzler
Usher	Lisa Luedtke Michael Luedtke
Sacristan	Damon Van Duzen
Sound Bd.	Gary Nelson
Nursery	Josh Moberg Sarah Lahr
Coffee Hour	Anne Boone Aimee Boone Felecia Boone

April 21 - Maundy Thursday

Deacon	Lisa Negstad
Acolyte	Judi Linder Karen Rudrud
Lector	Irv Elliott Verna Lutes
Usher	
Sacristan	Felecia Boone
Sound Bd.	Karen Nelson

April 22 - Good Friday

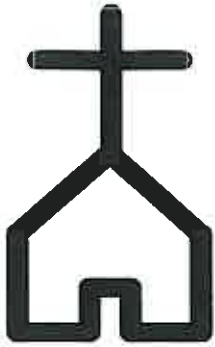
Deacon	Sarah Lahr
Lector	Beth Lewis Rick Rouse
Usher	Gary Mazzone
Sound Bd.	



April 24 - Easter

Deacon	Nancy Lee Nelson
Acolyte	Danielle Hill Michael Weber
Lector	Josh Moberg
Usher	Gary Mazzone Henrietta Williams
Sacristan	Damon Van Duzen
Sound Bd.	Mary Nelson
Nursery	Adam Mohr Sarah Zeigler
Coffee Hour	Teri Schweizer Anders Davidson Judi Linder

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*In the City
for Good!*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE IN APRIL

Education Classes
meet at 9:00 a.m. each
week.

Our Sunday Worship
service begins at 10:15
a.m. All are welcome!

*Everyone
is welcome at
Calvary!*

APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Tuesday, April 5
Social Justice Steering
Committee
7:15 p.m. at Henrietta
William's home

Thursday, April 7
Church Council
6:00 p.m. - Social time
6:30 p.m. - Meeting time

Tuesday, April 12
Worship & Committee
6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 18
Education Committee
6:30 p.m.

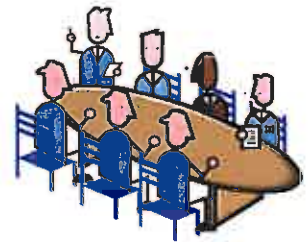
Monday, April 18
Mission Support Committee
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19
Property Committee
6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 25
Executive Committee
6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 2
Crossroads Community
Organization Board Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Urban Arts Academy Board
will not meet in April due to
the Gala.



*If you would like
to join a committee,
please notify Pastor
Brad.*

APRIL CALENDAR EVENTS

Urban Arts Academy
Pre-School meets Mondays
through Fridays from 9 a.m.
to 4:30 p.m.

Urban Arts Academy
After-School meets Monday-
Thursday from 2 - 5 p.m.

Calvary Choir meets
Wednesday evenings from
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. During Lent
rehearsals begin after Prayer
Around the Cross ~ 7 p.m.

Encore! meets Wednesdays
at 6 p.m. Twin Cities
Women's Choir rehearses
each Wednesday from 7 -
9:00 p.m.

Our Emergency Food Shelf
is open Saturdays from 9 -
noon.

Parenting Oasis regularly
meets each Tuesday from
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. & Sat.
April 16th 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

GBI Minnesota, an Indone-
sian congregation, meets
each Sunday morning in our
chapel.

Twin Cities Metro Bagpipers
meet Sunday afternoons and
Thursday evenings.

BeechWood, Inc. rents
office space here and has
various group meetings
here.



*Community
Partners*

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THANK YOU!

Dear friends:

Thank you to the Sunday School children of Calvary for your recent gift of \$400 for clean water projects in Haiti.

Haiti Outreach continues to drill wells and bring clean water to people on the island of La Gonave and in many communities on the mainland of Haiti. We are collaborating with our partner, Water.org, in rehabilitating 60 broken

wells in the Pignon and San Raphael areas. We are also training community water management committees to operate and maintain those wells sustainably.

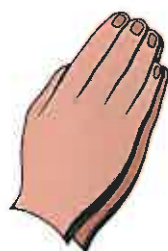
We are working with the government of Haiti to put in a town water system in both Pignon and San Raphael. The government is paving the roads in these two towns.

We are very grateful to you for your donations which help us to do this critical work in Haiti. On behalf of the thousands of people who benefit from our programs every single day, we say, "Mesi -- Thank you!"

Very truly yours,

Dale Snyder
Executive Director

IN OUR PRAYERS



For members and friends of our congregation with celebrations, losses, or health needs, including: Joanne, Judie, Aicha, Maurine, Lisa, Bonnie, Cassidy, Annabelle, Doug, Jan, Andre and Lynn.

A SPECIAL THANKS FROM PASTOR BRAD

Thanks to all who have taken on additional roles while I have been on paternity leave (or preparing for it!). Of special note are our **guest preachers and worship presiders:** Tom Witt, Don Rudrud, Rick Rouse, and Lisa Negstad **speakers in Adult Education:** Jon Odell, Tom Witt, Mons Teig, and Phyllis Hill

faithful openers/closers/light checkers: Gary Nelson, George Robson, and Felecia Boone **and the extra planning and coordination by staff members:** Daniel Pederson & Mary Gail Hoover

APRIL CELEBRATIONS



No matter how many candles are on your cake - may all your wishes come true!

Happy Birthday

Robbi Bergan	4/2
Pat Olson	4/4
Elaine Peik	4/7
Leah Robson	4/8
Saanii Hernandez-Mohr	4/8
Kathleen Stanford	4/9
Don Rudrud	4/10
Danielle Hill	4/10
Laura Huff	4/12
Amy Knowlen	4/14
Carol Rue	4/15

Happy Anniversary

Amanda & Marc Segelstrom

April 21st



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SAVE THE DATE FOR....

“CREATION CARE”



A Collaborative Day Camp for 4 year olds-6th Grade in South Minneapolis

Hosted at Zion Lutheran Church 128 West 33rd Street Minneapolis, MN 55408

Monday through Friday June 20-24, 2011 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Who: Children who are 4 years old up to those who have just completed 6th grade (there are also opportunities for older teenagers and adults to volunteer!) Children who are 4 years old can come either for the morning or the whole day.

What: It is a five-day Day Camp in South Minneapolis led by local staff and volunteers that includes Calvary, Our Saviour's, Salem, and Zion Lutheran Churches, First Christian (Disciples of Christ), Lyndale UCC, and Little Flock Churches. The theme for this year is "Creation Care."

Where: Zion Lutheran Church 128 West 33rd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408

When: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday, June 20-Friday, June 24 (families are also invited to join in worship at one of the sponsoring congregations on Sunday, June 13 as we kick-off the week)

Cost: The cost is \$20/child for the week. Scholarships available, donations accepted.

RE-CAP OF COMMUNION EDUCATION EVENT HELD AT CALVARY

On February 12, sixteen children, youth, and adults from Calvary gathered to learn about and participate in communion. There was bread baking, retelling of the Exodus story (Passover), practice setting household and church tables, learning about different ways of taking communion, and a celebration of the Eucharist.

Kaia & Johanna demonstrating setting the table



PHOTOS BY DOROTHY LESHER

Making bread for communion



Jaiana painting the doorpost in talking about Passover.



Moses (aka Quincy) confronting Pharaoh (aka Lydia) in telling the Passover story – as part of the story of communion (Jesus' celebration of Passover)

Ramona teaching about communion



Alli tasting the communion wine (demonstrating common cup)



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BEGINNING CONVERSATION ON AGING AND THE CHURCH

BY PASTOR BRAD

This past weekend Bill and I visited my grandmothers so that they might meet Torin. One of my grandmothers is 86 and another is 99.

Over the years both have been active in their home congregations. As a child I have fond recollections of my Grandma Ruth (soon to be 100) quilting every week in the church basement; participating in and leading Ladies' Aid; hosting church coffee hours; volunteering at the local nursing home with other church women (even into her 80s—so that she could help with the “older people”); and being faithful in her worship attendance.

Today neither attends church regularly. In fact, their attendance is rare. At church it is hard for them to hear and see others. It is a reminder that most of their long-time friends and their spouses are no longer with them. There is a sense of not being useful to these communities in which they had been so active.

While I am comforted by the peace they have made with where they are at on their journeys, by their ongoing connections to their pastors, and their wanting to continue to contribute financially, I am saddened that today church feels more like a challenge than a place of comfort and on-going support.

Here at Calvary I realize that we have many younger families and a large number of children—which is great! However, we may very well have our own Ruths and Dorises who feel that coming to church is merely a challenge, that church is a reminder of the many who have

passed on (and a source of loneliness), and that it is a challenge to feel useful.

It is my hope in the coming months that we will find ways to talk about this topic and create a renewing place and whole community that finds ways of greater welcome. Are there opportunities you are dreaming about? Are there places of service we are missing out on? How can we tap into the experiences and wisdom of all?

I invite you to dream with me and to bring ideas to the Worship & Spiritual Care committee or myself.

And today I share the following piece that was passed on to me by Ramona Starks, and invite us to proclaim Jesus' love for all in both old and new ways.



92 YEAR OLD PREACHER
(Author unknown)

While watching a little TV on Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. After a warm

welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak....

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me... The only thing that would comfort was this verse...

"Jesus loves me this I know.
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
We are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me....
The Bible tells me so."

The old pastor stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

"Here for you now is a Senior version of Jesus Loves Me":

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

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YES, JESUS LOVES ME.
YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME,
FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way. (CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song..
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near." (CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love. (CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day. (CHORUS)

WEEKLY WORSHIP TEXTS

April 3

I Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

April 10

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

April 17

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 21

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
I Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 22

Isaiah 52:13-- 53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1--19:42

April 24

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

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See www.elca.org/disaster.

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- **Ivory Coast Refugees**
- **Libyan Uprising and Refugees**
- **New Zealand Earthquake.**
- Learn more about disaster response in **Japan, Egypt, Haiti, Libya, New Zealand, Indonesia, Cambodia and Thailand** at <http://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse/>.

Scenes directly from Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt

As ELCA missionaries return to Egypt, see photos and reflections at <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls.aspx>.

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- + ELCA, Haitian Lutherans 'People of the Resurrection,' says Presiding Bishop
- + ELCA Continues Lifesaving Work in Haiti
- + ELCA Missionaries Returning to Egypt

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Mission of the Month

Urban Arts Academy

The mission of the Academy is to bring neighborhood people together from diverse cultures by providing creative experiences in the arts with children and families to develop the gifts of self-expression and community.

Annual Gala Fundraiser

Saturday, April 16, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall of Calvary Lutheran Church

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