

CALVARY'S CROSSROADS



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Special Points of Interest:

- *Service of Installation for Community Children's, Youth & Family Minister*
- *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner*
- *Food Shelf campaign*

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Progressive, Christ-centered
community called to radically welcome all
Vibrantly worship God
Faithfully work for peace and justice
in our neighborhood and world

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK -- TAKING ON LENT

It is soon that time of year again: hymns sung in minor key with funeral dirge tempo; purple cloth weighing down and darkening the sanctuary; Biblical texts that can make you feel like the responsibilities of the world, all sin, and any hope of redemption bear directly on each and every step you take. Yes, Lent is drawing near.

If there is a season that people like to "take off" from attending regular church services—Lent seems like a likely candidate.

Yet, as I was sitting and talking with different groups of folks recently, it became clear that the images mentioned above provide only one and perhaps an extremely outdated image of Lent.

Today at Calvary and in many other congregations, another image of Lent is emerging—it is a time of honoring community, allowing for introspection, incorporating new music and images, and opening doors to learning, service, faith as we follow in the ways of Jesus.

We may experience some hymn tunes in

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ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

**Sunday, March 6th
Mons Teig**, "retired" professor of Worship and Liturgy at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, is going to be at Calvary to join with us in the conversation of creating vital and life-giving worship experiences in congregations today. The title of his presentation is: "Worship Windows to the World."

**Sunday, March 13th
Phyllis Hill**, community organizer for ISAIAH. ISAIAH is people of faith acting powerfully in the world, casting a stirring vision of a vital faith community that has the courage to declare, commit and act upon a set of values. Those values will transform the dominant culture of despair, scarcity and fear, replacing it

with a vision of community, hope and God's abundance for all people. The members of ISAIAH believe they are called to play a powerful role in determining the future of our local communities, our state and our country and that it is time to reclaim our prophetic and public voice for racial and economic justice.

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TAKING ON LENT

hymn tunes in minor keys, as well as some purple fabrics, and the lectionary may provide us with some stark images and unsettling texts—but peeling back the layers, there is so much more.

What to expect...

As we move into this Lenten (springtime) season, our congregation is focusing on the theme "Journey Toward Home." It is an opportunity to look at ways that we are rooted, grounded, and called to the place where love and renewal dwell.

During this season you might see candles on the

communion table that invite us to think about how we set the table and look to the ways that God's light blesses our lives and homes; you may experience, in Wednesday Prayer Around the Cross worship services and on Sunday mornings, opportunities to touch deep connections between our lives and The Holy; and we anticipate having a labyrinth set up in the north transept that will allow people during this season to make a visible and prayerful journey (available on Sundays and throughout the week!).

Over the next two months the music may be

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a little simpler, and there will be more chants and pieces from Taize, but all is meant to call us to a deeper attention to our relationships with one another and God—and the road of life and faith that we travel today.

Welcoming Others...

If you have friends or family who are longing to experience something a little different, to challenge old ways of looking at Lent, or are simply hoping to find deeper connections to community...invite them to Calvary.

As we welcome this season of growth,

change and learning, we spread the word to others; and we gladly say, "Come with us, together let us 'journey toward home.'"

Lenten Blessings!

Pastor Brad

PRESENTATION AND MUSEUM TOUR

REFLECTIONS ON GRIEF AND LOSS & "THE MOURNERS"

**Thursday, March 3
6:30-9:00 PM
Minneapolis
Institute of Arts**

Wilson Yates, former president and emeritus professor of religion, society and the arts at United Theological Seminary, will explore

issues related to grief and loss in works that are part of the museum's permanent collection.

Following the presentation, participants will spend time in the gallery with Clyde Steckel - emeritus professor of theology at United - viewing the special exhibition "The Mourners." The exhibit, called a "Don't Miss" by the *New York Times*, consists of thirty eight

'Mourners:' 15th century figures about 15 to 16 inches tall. There are choirboys, clerics, monks, and courtiers, all made from alabaster.

Fee: \$25.00
Students: \$12.00
Registration required.

Contact Renee Flesner at 651-255-6138. More info. www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/index.asp#WilsonYates



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NUNSENSE AUDITIONS

The musical *Nonsense* will be performed at Calvary November 4, 5, 11, 12 & 13.

If you are interested in trying out for it, bring a song of your choice to sing at one of these auditions. They will take place in the second floor music room.

First auditions:

Sunday, March 13
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Call-backs auditions:

Sunday, March 20
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Contact Elaine Christopher if you have questions.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR SANDY TROYAN

You are cordially invited to attend a service of installation for our Community Children, Youth & Family Minister

Sandy Troyan

*Sunday, March 6th
2:00 p.m.*

*Bethel Lutheran Church
4120 - 17th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55407*

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Wednesday nights during Lent you are invited to a simple soup supper in the Lounge. They will begin on March 16 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

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SAVE THE DATE

March 8, 2011

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

**Stewardship Celebration
Games
Pancakes**



Everyone is invited!

WORSHIP LEADERS

March 6

Deacon: Lisa Negstad
Acolyte: Brian Aust
Karen Rudrud
Lector: Jeri Schultz
Sacristan:
Usher: Anne Boone
Alex Jackson
Sound Board: Aaron Gebauer
Coffee Hour: Judith Anderson
Steve Glass
Irv Elliott
Nursery: Anders Davidson
Sarah Zeigler

March 20

Deacon: George Robson
Acolyte: Judi Linder
Ramona Starks
Lector: Julie Anderson
Sacristan: Felecia Boone
Usher: Gary Mazzone
Henrietta Williams
Sound Board: Mary Nelson
Coffee Hour: Sarah Lahr
Seifert-Brooks family
Joanne Shepherd
Nursery: Adam Mohr
Robbi Bergan



March 13

Deacon: Jennifer McCarthy
Acolyte: Michael Weber
Nancy Lee Nelson
Lector: Elisa Holm
Sacristan: Steve McCarthy
Usher: Aust/lesher family
Sound Board: Gary Nelson
Coffee Hour: Neubauer Family
Livia Van Horne
Nursery: Josh Moberg
Teri Schweizer

March 27

Deacon: Sarah Lahr
Acolyte: Joanne Shepherd
Eric Paulsrud
Lector: Irv Elliott
Sacristan: Felecia Boone
Sound Board: George Robson
Coffee Hour: Huff family
Loren Woodman
Damon Van Duzen
Nursery: Gary Nelson
Jennifer McCarthy

*Volunteers are
seldom paid;
not because they
are worthless
but because
they are priceless!*

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for Good!*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE IN MARCH

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

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

During Pastor Brad's
paternity leave, we will
have guest preachers.

March 6th: Don Rudrud

March 13th: Lisa Negstad

If you have a pastoral
emergency, call the
church office. Mary Gail
will get you in touch with
the pastor on-call.

*Everyone
is welcome at
Calvary!*

MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Thursday, March 3rd
Church Council
6:00 p.m. - Social time
6:30 p.m. - Meeting time

Monday, March 7th
Social Justice Steering
Committee
7:15 p.m. at Henrietta
William's home

Tuesday, March 7th
Crossroads Community
Organization Board Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8th
Worship & Committee
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15th
Property Committee
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 17th
UAA Board Meeting

Sunday, March 20th
Education Committee
11:30 a.m.

Monday, March 21st
Mission Support Committee
6:30 p.m.

Date To Be Determined
Executive Committee
6:30 p.m.



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

MARCH CALENDAR EVENTS

Urban Arts Academy
Pre-School meets Mondays
through Fridays from 9 a.m.
to 4:30 p.m. Spring break is
March 21 - 25.

Urban Arts Academy
After-School meets Mondays -
Thursdays from 2 - 5 p.m.
Spring break is March 21-25.

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

Needlework Group meets
Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Parenting Oasis regularly
meets each Tuesday from
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. & Sat.
March 19th 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

GBI Minnesota, an Indonesian
congregation, meets each
Sunday morning in our chapel.

Twin Cities Metro Bagpipers
meet Sunday afternoons and
Thursday evenings at Calvary.

BeechWood, Inc. holds their
monthly staff meeting and
some game days for their
clients at our church. They'll
move their offices here at the
end of March.

Minnesota Interpreter's Insti-
tute meets here March 4 & 5.



*Community
Partners*

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FREE COMMUNITY SYMPHONY CONCERT



This free concert is open to the public.

Kenwood Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Yuri Ivan, will be performing a concert in our sanctuary on Sat., March 26th - 7:30 p.m.

Dvorak Violin Concerto
- [Jonathan Magness, Violin](#)

Strauss Tone Poem Don Juan

Mozart Piano Concerto in A Major No. 23, K. 488 - Mvt. III
- [Derek Hartman, Piano](#)
Winner of the 2011 Minneapolis Music Teachers forum Mozart Piano Competition

NEEDED: HOMEMADE BREAD



There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for folks to indicate their willingness to donate communion bread during the months of March through June.

Please contact Judith Anderson by phone (612-871-9082) or by email (jaawdc@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

CONCERT FOR HOPE & HEALTHY HOUSEHOLDS

Sunday, March 27 7:00 p.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
16515 Luther Way Eden Prairie, MN

Sponsored by Vibrant Faith Ministries
Featuring international singer/song-writer Ken Medema
& Mural painter: Rev. Paul OMan
A free will offering will be held to support the work of Vibrant Faith Ministries

IN OUR PRAYERS

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



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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Henry Wengerd	3/4/09	Donny Robson	3/14	Anika Robson	3/26/06
Angela Hed	3/6	Aaron Gebauer	3/14	Leighton Mohr	3/30/07
Matthew Youngbauer	3/8	Venice Knowlen	3/16	Sarah Zeigler	3/31
Bettye Brown	3/8	Stacy Anderson	3/18	-----	
Anders Peik	3/8/06	Chris Van Meter	3/19		
Olga Stone	3/9	Donna Neubauer	3/20		
Judi Linder	3/11	Loren Woodman	3/21	Beth Lewis & Rick Rouse March 18th	
Quincy Aust	3/12/07	Lily Endo	3/21/00	Joani & Josh Moberg March 20th	
Karen Rudrud	3/13	Benji Huff	3/21/02		
Stacia Wick	3/14	Kelsey Stanford	3/26		

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NOTE OF THANKS AND INTRODUCTION!

Bill and I would like to extend a word of thanks to all who, over the last year and a half, have supported us with prayers, care, and recent words, books, and gifts of support! We feel extremely blessed to be part of the community at Calvary.

On Monday, February 21, we welcomed into our family Torin Gregory O'Connor Froslee. Torin, his surrogate mom, and his dads are doing well. The family is now settling in at home with the help of Grandma Gail and enjoying time together.

We look forward to introducing him to folks in the coming weeks and months, but pass

along this photo from his first night (month zero).

Again, thanks to all!

Pastor Brad



THANK YOU!

VOLUNTEERS--Thank you!
Thank you! Thank you!

On Sunday, February 13, we had a special coffee hour to honor all of the volunteers at Calvary. You do amazing things at Calvary and we want you to know how much you are valued and appreciated.

If you are new to our community and would like to volunteer, please check with Pastor Brad. Next Sunday, ask the person next to you how they volunteer. You may be surprised! There are so many different opportunities--short term as well as longer term. Again, Thank You!

FROM Lutheran Social Services:

Thanks to your congregation for continuing to support the work performed by the employees and volunteers of LSS. Your gifts are appreciated not only by our staff but also by the people whose lives are changed through the LSS services they receive. We appreciate that through your congregation's giving, LSS is able to play a key role in making Minnesota a place in which people can live in dignity, safety and hope.

Highlights include:

- Purchased Faribault-based Empowerment Services of Rice County & serve 84 individuals in 10 homes

- Expanded and refined our spectrum of services to Minnesota's military veterans and active duty personnel & families
- Responded to tornado outbreaks in SE Minnesota
- Provided Minnesotans mortgage & financial counseling & debt management services

With your continuing help, we look forward to pursuing our important mission in 2011 and beyond.

Yours in Christ,
Richard Andersen
Director of Congregational Relations

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MARCH FOOD SHELF CAMPAIGN

The days are getting longer... The snow is starting to melt... Spring is in the air... You know what that means...

It's time for the March Campaign for Calvary's Food Shelf!!!

The March Campaign is the most important fundraising effort for the Food Shelf. And this year, our goal again is a big one. "We are asking Calvary to raise \$6,000 as well as contribute 300 pounds of food and other donations," describes Henrietta Williams, Calvary's Food Shelf Coordinator.

"Each year Calvary's Food Shelf serves over 3,000 individuals from about 1,200 to 1,400 households. Nearly half of those individuals are children and seniors. As you can see, the March Campaign is critical for Calvary's Food Shelf to continue meeting the significant needs of our neighbors."

Financial contributions give the Food Shelf the greatest flexibility to meet its needs. But Calvary's March Campaign will once again have themes each Sunday, based on requests for the following essential categories of donations:

- March 6: <> Cereal
- March 13: <> Pasta & Rice
- March 20: <> Flour & Pancake/
Biscuit Mix
- March 27: <> Cookies & Cake Mix

"But don't feel constrained," notes Henrietta. "We are happy to receive donations in whatever way works best for the contributor."

Calvary's March Campaign is part of a similar effort across Minnesota, which is coordinated by Minnesota FoodShare, a project of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC). Statewide, the March Campaign raises more than half the food distributed annually through 300

food shelves associated with Minnesota FoodShare. According to the Campaign's website, the overall goal for the state is to raise "12 million combined dollars and pounds [of food and other donations]."

Minnesota FoodShare is important to so many men, women and children throughout Minnesota—including the working poor, toddlers, senior citizens and even the middle class. In 2010, there were more than three million food shelf visits statewide, and it is estimated that the number of Minnesotans without enough food is now 14 percent.

And Calvary's Food Shelf is a vital partner in Minnesota FoodShare's fight against hunger and poverty.

"Calvary's goal for this year's Campaign is a big one. And to be successful, we are asking each member of Calvary to contribute in whatever way possible." Henrietta continues: "I often have to give the congregation what I'll call a 'motivational speech' near the end of the Drive. But the congregation always responds. Calvary does its best to make each year's Campaign a success."

Henrietta and the Food Shelf hope Calvary will make this year's Campaign another success story.



**"O God,
to those who have hunger,
give bread,
and to us who have bread,
give hunger for justice."**



~ Prayer from Latin America



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Weekly Worship Texts

March 6th

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
II Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

March 20th

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 13th

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 27th

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

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