

CALVARY'S CROSSROADS



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Special Points of Interest:

- *Guests at Calvary: John Nunes & Elizabeth Glidden*
- *Flat Will-e Project*
- *Breakfast & Spring Cleaning*

Calvary Lutheran Church
is in the city for good!
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

The proclamation still rings in our ears, "Christ is risen!" We live in the dawning of a new day of God's promised love and life for each of us—and for the whole of creation.

Yet it is easy to fall back into the way things were. We simply go back to the lives we've known. Yesterday at Luther Seminary I was in the cafeteria line behind a seminary student who was declaring that now

he can eat sweets and butter again (his Lenten discipline now done and Easter arrived). He reminded me that with the "arrival of Easter" we go back to work, school, and life with merely a nod to this last Sunday and the season that led up to it.

However, I invite us to probe this last weekend a little deeper. I also invite us to consider how it continues to impact our daily and weekly living.

The announcement that the tomb is empty and that Christ is among the living is meant to inspire, challenge and claim us each day. God in Jesus has drawn near to us in the building and sharing of community, the connection of prayer, the angst of separation, the despair of death and loss, the power of life that overcomes hatred, brokenness, and death. From the journey to the cross to the rolling back of the stone, we see

"...it is easy to fall back into the way things were..."

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THE REV. JOHN NUNES AT CALVARY ---MAY 29, 2010

Calvary is delighted to welcome the Rev. John Nunes on Sunday, May 29. John Nunes is the President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief and brings a passion for the gospel and work in the world. Join us as John provides a message that day.

A little more about our guest: John Arthur Nunes joined Lutheran World Relief (LWR),

a \$35 million global organization, as president and CEO in 2007. With a passion for service and deep commitment to LWR's core values, John leads staff in 17 countries in working to end poverty, injustice and human suffering worldwide.

Prior to joining LWR, John served on the faculty of Concordia University Chicago as a professor of theology, and as pastor of

Bethany Lutheran Church in Chicago. He has also served as a management consultant, and as an urban parish pastor and community organizer in Dallas and Detroit. A gifted public speaker, John is also a frequent keynote presenter.

"I believe deeply that God created everyone to live in justice, dignity and peace," John says.

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the Holy One drawing near to us in profound ways.

Now each day and each week we are invited to tune our lives to the heartbeat of God unleashed in new ways in the world. Our relationship to God through Christ causes us not to simply stand in awe or cast our eyes to heaven, but rather to go deeper into the ways that God meets us in our very living and being. Easter goes beyond a story of Jesus two thousand years ago. Easter is the story of God's people experiencing new life and proclaiming that life to all as part of the story of this one who lived.

As Christians, we gather each week on Sunday. Each Sunday is called to be a "mini-Easter" or a celebration of Easter. Each week we are invited to experience and hear again the proclamation that God's promise is not bound to the past—that it is not dead in the world. Rather

we hear and see again in the community that gathers, in the offering of prayers, in the speaking and working for justice, in the welcome extended, in the word read, sung, and preached that God is here and now at work among us. The questions become, how will we live as Easter people? How will we live as people whom God will not forsake, and as people whom God claims and reclaims in love and grace?

In the coming weeks we will ponder these questions and, as individuals and as a community, explore what answers to these questions might look like today. In the promise beyond the tomb we experience the Holy One in new ways, and we live as people whose lives cannot simply return to "the way things were." We become recipients and proclaimers of new life.

Blessed Easter...Christ is risen indeed!

Pastor Brad

NUNES AT CALVARY

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University, Ann Arbor and is currently a PhD candidate at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

John is the author of *Voices from the City: Issues and Images of Urban Preaching* and, with his wife Monique, the children's book *Little Things Make Big Differences: A Story about Malaria*. He has written for *Concordia Journal*,

Hartford Seminary's *Conversations in Religion and Theology* and www.Beliefnet.com

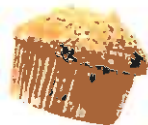
Born in Montego Bay, Jamaica, John grew up in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and has lived in the U.S. since 1981. He lives in Baltimore, Maryland with Monique, who is an administrator for Baltimore Lutheran School, and John, Jr., the youngest of their five children.

"When people's most basic needs, like food, water and shelter, remain unmet, they are unable to live out their true calling. By working alongside families and communities struggling to lift themselves out of poverty, LWR helps people around the world live into their full promise."

He holds a BA from Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Michigan; a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada; and a Master of Theology from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. He also received an honorary doctorate from Concordia

MARK YOUR CALENDARS----MAY 14TH -- BREAKFAST & SPRING CLEANING @ CLC

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 breakfast and a 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.



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ELIZABETH GLIDDEN AT CALVARY --MAY 22ND DURING ADULT EDUCATION HOUR



*Sunday, May 22nd
9:00 a.m. in the Narthex*

Minneapolis City Council member, Elizabeth Glidden serves the 8th Ward of Minneapolis, and was first elected in November 2005. Prior to her time on city council, Elizabeth served as an attorney representing individuals in employment and civil rights cases.

She has also been involved with the Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis as a violinist and president; as Vice-President of the Hennepin History Museum; as an advisor and volunteer with the Interfaith Center for

Worker Justice; and as secretary of the Somalian Women's Association.

Elizabeth will be sharing highlights from current developments in the 8th Ward:

- development and work on Chicago Avenue
- work on racial and economic justice
- city planning

Come with your questions and hopes for our neighborhood and city. All are welcome to join us for this event.

FLAT WILL-E PROJECT SUBMITTED BY PAT OLSON

This summer we are launching a new project, called Flat Will-e.

In 1964 a book was written about "Flat Stanley" and paper dolls were made of him. So, we at Calvary are having our "mascot" goat, named Flat Will-e, made as a paper doll. You can take him along on vacation, to parks, gatherings, your back yard --wherever you want to take him. He's very used to showing up at various

locations from our "Joseph" musical, to Pastor Brad's installation!

Have your picture taken with Will-e and then submit your pictures to Jeri Schultz.

In the fall we will have a party and show our pictures of all the places he has traveled and with whom. Flat Will-e paper doll on a stick will be available for you starting May 1st.

Happy picture taking!



*Will-e
the goat!*

URBAN ARTS ACADEMY SUMMER PROGRAMMING



2011 Summer Camp program registration books are available in the foyer.

Contact Emily Garber in the Urban Arts Office for further details. She can be reached at 612-827-1641 or by email at office@urbanartsacademy.org

Camps are available for artists ages three through twelve. Each camp runs for one week from Monday through Thursday.

WORSHIP LEADERS - CURRENT & FUTURE



Judith Anderson is working on the Worship Leader schedule for July & August. If you know when you will be gone, please let her know so you are not scheduled for a worship role. She can be reached at 612-871-9082 or jaawdc@hotmail.com

The Worship & Spiritual Care Committee is looking for more worship leaders, sacristans, acolytes, sound board, deacon and ushers. If you are willing to help out, please let Pastor Brad or Judith Anderson know.

WORSHIP LEADERS

May 1

Deacon	Lisa Negstad
Acolyte	Damon Van Duzen Loren Woodman
Lector	Nancy Lee Nelson
Usher	Anne Boone Alex Jackson
Sacristan	Sam Robson
Sound Bd.	George Robson
Nursery	Gary Nelson Teri Schweizer
Coffee Hour	Aaron Gebauer Megan Hertzler Josh Moberg Joani Moberg

May 8

Deacon	Ramona Starks
Acolyte	Sarah Lahr Rachel Bjorhus
Lector	dorothy lesher
Usher	Darold Luze Pam Tilseth
Sacristan	Sam Robson
Sound Bd	Karen Nelson
Nursery	Kim Zeigler
Coffee Hour	Robbi Bergan Eric Ebbesen Stacia Wick Kim Zeigler Sarah Zeigler

May 15

Deacon	Loren Woodman
Acolyte	Sam Robson Josh Moberg
Lector	Beth Lewis
Usher	Huff family
Sacristan	Steve McCarthy
Sound Bd.	Aaron Gebauer
Nursery	Anders Davidson Sarah Zeigler
Coffee Hour	Wendy Cook Ruth Pope

May 22

Deacon	George Robson
Acolyte	Joanne Shepherd Irv Elliott
Lector	Jeri Schultz
Usher	Aust/lesher family
Sacristan	Steve McCarthy
Sound Bd.	Gary Nelson
Nursery	Josh Moberg Nicole Falk
Coffee Hour	Nancy Lee Nelson Jeri Schultz Gary Nelson

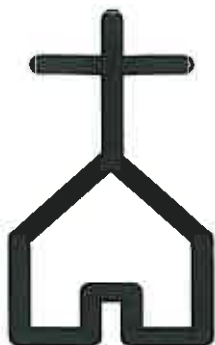
*Volunteers are seldom paid;
not because they are worthless
but because they are priceless!*



May 29

Deacon	Sarah Lahr
Acolyte	Eric Paulsrud Ramona Starks
Lector	Elisa Holm
Usher	Jeri Schultz Gary Nelson
Sacristan	Felecia Boone
Sound Bd.	Mary Nelson
Nursery	Adam Mohr Joani Moberg
Coffee Hour	Irv Elliott

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*In the City
for Good!*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE IN MAY

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!*

WEEKLY WORSHIP TEXTS

May 1

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
I Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

May 15

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
I Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 8

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
I Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

May 22

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
I Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 29

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
I Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

MAY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

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

Monday, May 2
Social Justice Steering
Committee
6:30 p.m. at Henrietta
William's home

Thursday, May 5
Church Council
6:00 p.m. - Social time
6:30 p.m. - Meeting time

Tuesday, May 10
Worship & Committee
6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 15
Education Committee
11:45 a.m.

Monday, May 16
Mission Support Committee
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17
Property Committee
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 19
Urban Arts Board Meeting

Monday, May 23
Executive Committee
6:30 p.m.



*Did you know
you can visit a
committee meeting?*

MAY CALENDAR EVENTS

Urban Arts Academy
Pre-School meets Mondays
through Fridays from 9 a.m.
to 4:30 p.m. until May 20

Urban Arts Academy
After-School meets Monday-
Thursday from 2 - 5 p.m.
until May 12

Calvary Choir meets
Wednesday evenings from
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The last
rehearsal for this school
year is May 18th.

Encore! meets Wednesdays
at 6 p.m. Twin Cities
Women's Choir rehearses
each Wednesday from 7 -
9:00 p.m. until May 11th.

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

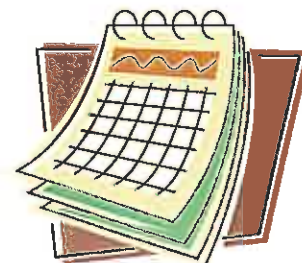
Parenting Oasis regularly
meets each Tuesday through
May 24th from 9:30 a.m. -
3:00 p.m. & Sat. May 21st 10
a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

Twin Cities Metro Bagpipers
meet Sunday afternoons and
Thursday evenings.

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

MN Interpreter's Institute
and Masons rent space for
their meetings.



*Community
Partners*

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LESS LAWN - MORE LAKES

SUBMITTED BY DON RUDRUD REPRINTED FROM OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER *THE SENTINEL*

Using satellite imagery, it has recently been estimated that there are three times more acres of lawns in the U.S. than irrigated corn. This means lawns - including residential and commercial lawns, golf courses, etc. -- could be considered the single largest irrigated crop in America.

Not only are lawns beautiful and acceptable to neighbors, but they do provide some ecological benefits. Lawns are cooler, dropping the temperature by evaporating water into the air from leaves and vegetation. Lawns also serve as carbon dioxide "sinks" scrubbing the atmosphere of pollutants. Lawns are also very efficient oxygen producers -- three times more effective than trees with a longer production time. Last but not least, lawns slow runoff, allowing water from irrigation or storm water to enter the soil through its roots.

Unfortunately, we often use fossil-fueled equipment to maintain lawns, fertilize with chemicals, and water frequently with treated city water. This generates up to three times the carbon dioxide a lawn sequesters. We add herbicides and pesticides which are dangerous to children and pets. And often, we overuse lawn treatments. Excess is carried into storm water, harming flora and fauna.

Botanical societies, watershed districts and universities have developed alternatives to the traditional lawn. One approach is substituting native grasses for Kentucky Blue Grass. The root system of Kentucky Blue Grass is less than 6 inches deep, while the roots of native grasses like Buffalo Grass and Side Oats Gama reach 7 - 8 feet.

Another alternative is converting lawns into gardens using grass for pathways and for drainage strips along garden beds. This approach often uses native plants to increase biodiversity. Some gardeners have converted their yards entirely into gardens, some with native plants or natives mixed with non-natives like hostas, peonies and annuals.

IN OUR PRAYERS



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

MAY CELEBRATIONS



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

Happy Birthday

Alfhiel Armstrong	5/3	Stephen Chalman	5/17
Scot Endo	5/4	Karen Nelson	5/19
Eliot Aust	5/5/01	Elaine Christopher	5/20
Antonne Shepherd	5/6/96	Charlie Tripp	5/21/04
Lucy Anderson	5/7/05	Mary Nelson	5/22
Kendra McCarthy	5/9/97	Toya Shepherd	5/27
Kim Zeigler	5/11	Carole Chalman	5/27
Mohali Endo	5/15/05	Samantha Robson	5/27
Eric Paulsrud	5/16	Benjamin Youngbauer	5/28/06

Anniversary Wishes



Michael & Deana Downs	May 10th
Chris & George Robson	May 21st
Jonathan Holtmeier & Holly Wiedenhoef	May 23rd
Amy & Michael Knowlen	May 27th

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SAVE THE DATE FOR....



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.

"CREATION CARE"

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.*

CALVARY 101

If you are interested in exploring the congregation, life and membership at Calvary, please plan on attending **Calvary 101**, a class for those interested in exploring membership at Calvary.

This introductory class will take place on Sunday, May 15th following worship. A light lunch will be served.

If you are interested in **Calvary 101** but unable to attend on May 15th, please notify Pr. Brad.

**OFFICE HOURS**

The church office
will be closed
Friday, May 6th and
Friday, May 27th.

*"A smile is the light
in your window that
tells others that there
is a caring, sharing
person inside."*

Denis Waitley

MISSION OF THE MONTH**Augustana Care Corporation**

The mission of Augustana Care is to serve God by fostering fullness of life for older adults and other people in need through the provision of health care, housing and other services in a Christian tradition.

Their facilities, programs and services supply residents with a full continuum of lifestyle choices in health care and housing. They have a wide variety of locations including: Minneapolis, Hopkins, Hastings, Burnsville, Apple Valley, Dassel, Montevideo, and Fergus Falls.

Other programs and services include: Augustana Therapy Services, Open Circle Adult Day Center, Access Solutions, Table Talk Catering, and outstanding fitness centers and wellness programs.

Several members of our church are residents at Augustana.