



Calvary's Crossroads

From the Pastor's Desk...

This week I've been cleaning the garage, mowing the lawn... I've even made Bill dinner a couple of nights. Not all that eventful, but good. For, you see, each of these activities has created a place of tending, of caring, of making what could be viewed as insignificant, well, significant. These simple tasks have opened doors to deep breaths and transformation.

In many ways it ties in nicely with the gospel text for this Sunday. In this fifth Sunday of Easter we are taken back to the days before Jesus' death and are reminded again of his sharing a meal with his disciples, his taking water and a towel and washing feet, and of his commandment to love one another. As we look back on these events through the lens of Easter we are given a new perspective—love becomes the overriding factor. The cross does not have final say...which after a few deep breaths and moments of reflection we realize. Love has final say. And things that at one time seemed insignificant—eating, washing, everyday actions of loving and caring for others—become central.



These are things that I have needed to hear again and contemplate this past week.

After hearing about some of the hardships going on around us; after the news of the Governor of Arizona creating a culture of fear among immigrants and adding to the problem rather than working for true reform; after that same governor's taking away of domestic partner rights for partners and children; after the horrible letter by the Roman Archbishop of Minneapolis/St. Paul railing against gay and lesbian unions; after news of the number of tragedies on the roads this past week, especially of teenagers and young adults; and after the news of the oil slick spreading in the Gulf of Mexico (one more major human blunder that is destroying our environment)...it was good to go back to things that seemed insignificant.

In the midst the seemingly insignificant I experienced a few "Zen moments" and took many deep breaths, I could sense again that violence, hatred, loss, and even environmental degradation does not have final say. The cross breaks open

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the world to hear and see again God's love in the insignificant actions of day to day living. The world is reclaimed in God's love and grace...and now the story comes back to me to hear and live into this reclamation -- and allow Jesus' life and new life lay claim on the day-to-day living.

As we gear up for a big month at Calvary with "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," new members joining, the installation of the council and officers, a blessing and a baptism, and much more—it is good to be reminded of the significance of our everyday living and being together, and the ways we show and live into the love that Jesus proclaims.

As we live the Easter story we are invited to bring that power and love to life in our everyday activities and events.

The actions we take hold significance and can brighten a little piece of the world. Love enters in and breaks the darkness and the world can never be the same again.

Spring...I mean Easter...is in the air! Here's to some deep breaths and the insignificant moments that show forth the significance of love and life.

Deep breath (exhale)!
Pastor Brad

IN OUR PRAYERS

- For friends of our congregation with health needs, including:

Chad; Hadiyah; Anna; Roger; Doug, Cedric, Annabelle, Edie, Judie, Henry, Marian, Amina, Kelly, Alfheld, Andre, Barb, Jan, Doris and Lynn.

An event for everyone to enjoy!



Dates of performances:

Thursday, May 20th ...8:00 p.m.
Friday, May 21st 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 22nd ...8:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 23rd2:00 p.m.

All performances will be held in the sanctuary of
Calvary Lutheran Church
3901 Chicago Avenue S.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

General admission seating

Ticket price is \$10 for folks nine years of age and older; \$7 for folks eight years of age and younger.

Tickets are available at the church office, from a cast member or on the church's website: www.clchurch.org

Come join us in Joseph's journey and help make this event a memorable experience for our congregation and community!

Joseph Intermission

We will be serving lemonade, wine, baked goods, cheese and crackers during intermission at all of the performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.



If you would like to donate bars, cookies, cheese, crackers or wine to serve during intermission of the musical, please let Pat Olson (952-835-4855) or Judith Anderson (612-871-9082) know.

If you would like to serve refreshments during intermission, please let Judith or Pat know. It would work well for folks to plan to serve at a different performance rather than miss any of the play that you've paid to enjoy.



**A Statewide Movement to
End Poverty In Minnesota by 2020**

A Minnesota Without Poverty Sunday, May 16

Join the Rev. Nancy Maeker and guests in Adult Education at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 16, as we learn about A Minnesota Without Poverty and the organization's dreams and goals for our state. In worship we will hear a little more about this vision and work as Pastor Maeker brings the vision to life in preaching.

A little about: the Rev. Dr. Nancy Maeker and A Minnesota Without Poverty

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Maeker serves as Director of *A Minnesota Without Poverty*, a movement that has grown out of the Saint Paul Area Synod of the ELCA.

A Minnesota Without Poverty is a statewide, ecumenical, and interfaith movement to end poverty that originated from *A Common Foundation: Shared Principles for Work on Overcoming Poverty*. The movement to end poverty was born out of deep convictions from within the religious community, and articulated clearly as one of three foci of the vision for the Saint Paul Area Synod of the ELCA (SPAS-ELCA). Nancy provided the staff leadership from SPAS-ELCA, helping the effort to grow from a Saint Paul, to a Metro Area, to a statewide focus, and from a Lutheran to an ecumenical to an interfaith movement.

The Legislative Commission to End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020 was established as a direct result of *A Minnesota Without Poverty*, and, therefore, will remain the major focus of the movement's time and energy in future years.

Nancy has served as bishop's associate in the Saint Paul Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) since 2002. Prior to her call to the synod, she served as pastor for community ministries at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. As the Bishop's Assistant in the Saint Paul

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Area Synod, Nancy related to Ending Poverty Leadership Team; Inviting All Leadership Team; Equipping Leaders Leadership Teams; Hunger Task Force; and Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy. Additionally, Nancy has been directly engaged with the Minnesota Council of Churches, serving on the Program Commission and its Steering Committee.

New Member Class Sunday, May 16, following Worship



If you would like to learn a little more about Calvary and explore membership, there is a new member class on Sunday, May 16, following worship. This is an opportunity to hear from a few folks who are involved with different ministries and events at Calvary, meet other folks who are newer to Calvary, to talk with Pastor Brad, to discuss theology, life and church. A light lunch and day care will be provided.


Please let Pastor Brad know if you are planning to be there.

Potluck and Celebration Sunday, May 23, following worship

Sunday, May 23, we will be receiving new members and celebrating the baptism of Henry Williams-Wengerd. It will also be the end of the church program year...and almost the end of the "Joseph" production. This Sunday of Pentecost is a great day to be together and celebrate community and God's Spirit active in this place. Bring a dish to share and join in lunch and celebration in the fellowship hall.

All are welcome to join in this meal and time as community.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<p>1</p> <p>9 - noon Food Shelf 10- 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Parenting Oasis 1-4 p.m. Joseph Rehearsal 7 p.m. InVocation Concert</p>
<p>2</p> <p>8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Minnesota Interpreter's Institute 10:15 a.m. Worship 3 p.m. Bagpipers 4 - 6 p.m. Parenting Oasis</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 6:30 p.m. Education Committee</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 a.m. - 4 p.m. UAA Pre-School 10:00 a.m. Miriam Circle 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:30 p.m. Social Justice Committee</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 a.m. - 4 p.m. UAA Pre-School 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6 p.m. Encore! rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Church Choir 7:00 p.m. TCW Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 a.m. - 4 p.m. UAA Pre-School 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi 7-9 p.m. Bagpipers</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9 a.m. - 4 p.m. UAA Pre-School <i>Church offices closed</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>8 a.m.- 4 p.m. MN Inter. Institute 9:00 -noon Food Shelf 10:00 - 5 p.m. Masons & Eastern Stars 10-11:30 a.m. Tai Chi 1-4 p.m. Joseph Rehearsal</p>
<p>9</p> <p><i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00 a.m. Education Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship 3 p.m. Bagpipers</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 6:30 p.m. Executive Committee</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:30 p.m. Worship & Spiritual Care Committee</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:00 p.m. Encore! rehearsal 7 p.m. Church Choir 7:00 p.m. TCW Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi 7-9 p.m. Bagpipers</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9 a.m. UAA Pre-School</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8 a.m. - 4 p.m. MN Inter. Institute 9:00-noon Food Shelf 10 - 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Parenting Oasis 1-4:00 p.m. Joseph Rehearsal</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8 a.m. - 4 p.m. MN Inter. Institute 9:00 a.m. Education 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. New Members Class Noon - 5pm Joseph Rehearsal 3 p.m. Bagpipers</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 5- 10 p.m. Joseph Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Mission Support</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. Joseph Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. Joseph Rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi 7-9 p.m. Bagpipers 8:00 p.m. Joseph Musical</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 8:00 p.m. Joseph Musical</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00-noon Food Shelf 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mason's Car Wash 10-11:30 a.m. Tai Chi 8:00 p.m. Joseph Musical</p>
<p>23</p> <p>10:15 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Joseph Musical 3 p.m. Bagpipers</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis 6:00 p.m. Property Committee</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 p.m. UAA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi 7-9 p.m. Bagpipers</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 - noon Food Shelf 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Eastern Stars 10 - 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi</p>
<p>30</p> <p>10:15 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 45th St. Olaf College Reunion Gathering</p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Church Offices closed</i></p>	<p>June 2nd will be the final choir rehearsal for this season.</p>		<p>Congregational Meeting will be held BEFORE worship at 9:00 a.m. on June 27th to approve the 2010-2011 Church Budget.</p>		

ELCA Presiding Bishop Joins Call for Protection of Christians in Iraq

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), was among 21 religious leaders who signed letters to top U.S. government officials, urging that they raise concerns for the protection of minority groups in Iraq, including Christians.

The April 26 letters to U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates were sent by leaders of the National Council of Churches USA (NCC) on behalf of Hanson and the other U.S. religious leaders.

The religious leaders referred to "the ongoing situation of violent attacks on minority groups in Iraq, including the Christian community."

"We strongly request that you raise this concern with the government of Iraq, provincial authorities and the leadership of the coalition

forces, urging them to take all possible steps to prevent further incidents of this type," the letters said.

The religious leaders specifically asked Clinton and Gates to work "directly and with Iraqis" to protect minority groups, including Christians in Mosul and other parts of Iraq; extend necessary humanitarian aid to displaced families; and encourage the preservation of religious and ethnic diversity in Iraq.

"Christians in Iraq have suffered more than a dozen violent deaths so far this year, including a three-year-old child in Mosul who died on March 27 after a bomb, placed next to his family's home, exploded," the religious leaders wrote. "As you know, thousands of Christians have been forced to flee their homes because of their fear of violence."

The religious leaders expressed that their concern is heightened because of possible rising tensions as political forces vie for power following recent elections. They also said they feared "that a growing climate of mistrust and animosity will further threaten the fragile Christian community."

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Worship Leaders

Date	Deacon	Acolyte/ Communion Assistant	Lector	Usher	Sacristan	Sound Board	Coffee Hour	Nursery
May 2nd	Sam Robson	Sarah Lahr George Robson	Chris Robson	Brian Aust Eliot Aust	Steve McCarthy	Aaron Gebauer	Judith Anderson Steve Glass Irv Elliott	Kim Zeigler Jen McCarthy
May 9th	Sarah Lahr	Judl Linder Michael Weber	Rick Rouse	Daniel Huff Benjamin Huff	Steve McCarthy	George Robson	Anne Boone Felecia Boone Aimee Boone	Josh Moberg Teri Schweizer
May 16th	Sarah Lahr	Ramona Starks Brian Aust	Carol Rue	Michael Luedtke Lisa Luedtke	Ramona Starks	Gary Nelson	Michael Luedtke Lisa Luedtke	Aaron Gebauer Sarah Zeigler
May 23rd	Ramona Starks	Damon Van Duzen Loren Woodman	Megan Hertzler	Gary Mazzone Pam Tilseth	Ramona Starks	Aaron Gebauer	Donna & James Neubauer	Anders Davidson Joani Moberg
May 30th	Chris Robson	Beth Lewis Sam Robson	Beth Lewis	Irv Elliott Henrietta Williams	Sam Robson	George Robson	Anders Davidson Teri Schweizer	Gary Nelson Sarah Lahr

"Filled with Joy"

A Collaborative Summer day-camp in Minneapolis with Calvary, Salem, Zion, Our Saviour's, Lyndale UCC and Little Flock

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 four-day Day Camp in south Minneapolis led by staff from Luther Crest Bible Camp, Alexandria, Minnesota. The theme for this year is "Filled with Joy."

Where: Zion Lutheran Church is the host church this year at 128 W 33rd St., Minneapolis, MN 55408.

When: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Monday, June 14-Thursdays, June 17 (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 \$10/child for the week. *(Scholarships available, donations accepted.)*



Collaboration Toolkit

May 8, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

How Congregations Can Work Together for Mission

Another valuable "toolkit" event where you can learn about successful congregational cooperation. You'll learn about innovative models of collaboration to help you evaluate what might work in your setting.



The keynote speaker is Rev. Jerry Wahl, Director for Evangelism and Congregation Mission for the Florida-Bahamas Synod, which is a pilot synod in the ELCA's emphasis on Area Mission Strategies. Jerry is responsible for new congregation development, congregation redevelopment and renewal, formation of collaborative ministries, mission support and multi-cultural ministries. He knows our needs in the Minneapolis Area Synod because he was a pastor and Bishop's Associate here from 1977 to 2007.

Details: Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Ave S, Minneapolis

Cost: \$10 for the seminar, workshops and lunch (maximum \$50 per congregation)

Register by filling out form and sending to: Robera Battal at r.battal@mpls-synod.org.

Payment will be taken at the door on May 8.



Happy Anniversary

Deana & Michael Downs
May 10th

Chris & George Robson
May 21st

Amy & Michael Knowlen
May 27th



Happy Birthday

Alfheld Armstrong 5/3
Bill O'Connor 5/3
Eliot Aust 5/5/01
Antonne Shepherd 5/6/96
Lucy Anderson 5/7/05
Kendra McCarthy 5/9/97
Kim Zeigler 5/11
Mohali Endo 5/15/05
Eric Paulsrud 5/16

Stephen Chalman 5/17
Jean Langehough 5/17
Karen Nelson 5/19
Elaine Christopher 5/20
Charlie Tripp 5/21/04
Mary Nelson 5/22
Toya Shepherd 5/27
Carole Chalman 5/27
Samantha Robson 5/27
Benjamin Youngbauer 5/28/06

Committee Reports



Property Committee

- Received update on recent property issues around the building
- Discussed next steps for addressing various projects, such as: fixing a hole in a wall; installing the last panic bar; flower boxes; signage; summer outdoor work; awning; & abatement of pipes
- Discussed obtaining bids for refinishing exterior doors, potable water pipes and parking lot striping

Worship & Spiritual Care

- Reviewed Lent, Holy Week and Easter
- Talked about new software for scheduling Worship Leaders
- Discussed deacons assuming some responsibilities previously handled by Worship Coordinator
- Plans underway for a deacon and acolyte meeting this summer
- Worked on budget for fiscal year 2010-11

Social Justice Steering Committee

- Discussed MN Without Poverty & Earth/Creation Sundays
- Results of this year's MN Food Share were reported. We met our goals!
- Call for volunteers to participate in the 38th Street Task Force
- A motion was passed to create a Corn Feed Task Force involving Social Justice, Crossroads, Urban Arts Academy and MICAH Committees

Mission Support

- Reviewed Income Statement, produced by newly-acquired QuickBooks
- Noted the continued improvement in value of the Lutheran Community Foundation investment as per the Balance Sheet
- Approved the Executive Committee recommendation for the personnel budget
- Completed the budget worksheet for income and expenses
- Discussed Simply Giving program and Bill-pay giving options for church members
- Received updates concerning groups possibly interested in renting space

Education Committee

- Celebration for Sunday School teachers and students on May 16th
- Last day of Sunday School for this year will be May 23rd
- Discussed need for more Sunday School teachers for next year
- Discussed the possibility of a collaborative Children/Youth Director position
- Reviewed upcoming themes for Adult Education classes
- Vacation Bible School will be held July 7th, 14th, and 21st at 5:30 p.m.
- Day Camp will be at Zion Lutheran, June 14th - 17th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in collaboration with five other churches
- Chairperson, Chris Robson, resigned, effective May, 2010

'IN THE CITY FOR GOOD'

The Practice of Word & World

You are encouraged to read and ponder
the Scripture readings for worship

May 2

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 9

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22
- 22:5
John 14:23-29

May 16

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelations 22:12-
14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

May 23

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34,
35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17

May 30

Proverbs 8:1-4,
22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

ELCA Prayer Network Offers Comfort, Hope

Lutherans are praying for people all over the world. They are praying for soldiers and families affected by war, teachers and students wrapping up school years, families facing home foreclosures, couples with relationship struggles, individuals who need work and for many others. Through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) Prayer Network, thousands of prayer requests are being received and cared for by the 4.6 million-member ELCA.