

March 2010



Calvary's Crossroads

From the Pastor's Desk...

Mourning makes us poor; it powerfully reminds us of our smallness. But it is precisely here, in that pain or poverty or awkwardness, that the Dancer invites us to rise up and take the first steps. For in our suffering, not apart from it, Jesus enters our sadness, takes us by the hand, pulls us gently up to stand, and invites us to dance. We find the way to pray, as the psalmist did, "You have turned my mourning into dancing" (Psalms 30:11), because at the center of our grief we find the grace of God.

~Timothy Jones, comp. & ed., *Turn my Mourning into Dancing: Finding Hope in Hard Times*

A week ago we entered the Lenten journey as ashes marked foreheads and we heard again the words, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." The sermon spoke to the call to live authentically in relationship with ourselves, others, creation, and God. We began a journey to the cross—and beyond.



I am always powerfully moved as this season of "springtime" greets us. Lent meets us at that base level of loss, brokenness, hurt, ineptitude, or poverty and pulls, pushes, or rearranges us that we can again hear and be about life, wholeness, joy, gratitude, abundance. We are again changed.

Today, as a congregation, we are mindful of those places of loss and brokenness. We have shared in the news of the passing of a beloved member of the congregation and former music director, Nancy Grover. We are discussing ways to foster greater reconciliation in discussions about race and class. We are in the midst of a new visioning process that calls us both to an awareness of our rich traditions, but also the ways that we are going to be about new ways of doing ministry in this place and time.

During this season we are taken to the heart of our sacred faith, where we first encounter death and loss and then encounter and are transformed into new life. We are first marked with the cross of ashes and remember our smallness and the pains we encounter—then we move into the waters that wash over us and claim us again in newness of life.

In the midst of your personal journey this Lenten season, I invite you to be fully present to those places of loss and pain... and then to see the ways that you, and we, are transformed and called in new ways to dance. We journey together towards the cross of Good Friday and look to the promise of Easter.

A fellow traveler on the Lenten journey,
Pastor Brad

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Adults Night Out
Saturday, March 20th

Rick Rouse, "semi-retired" ELCA pastor, will share with others about his trip and exciting work being done in Tanzania. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and learning about people and work on the other side of the globe.



The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with food.

Please bring:

- \$5.00 per person to cover cost of food
- Friends
- Wine to share

Reservations should be called in to the church office at 612-827-2504 by Tuesday, March 16th.

Mission of the Month

Be a
**Super
Hero**



in the MN Fight Against Hunger!

When we all work together, we can make a big difference in the fight against hunger in MN! Calvary's goal for the March Food Drive is to collect \$6,000 and 350 pounds of food for our Food Shelf.

The weekly focus will be:

February 28th: Easter Meal staples

March 7th: Cereals, Grains & Pasta

March 14th: Canned veggies, fruit & juice

March 21st: Non-perishable protein (canned meat, peanut butter, cheese products etc.)

March 28th: Toiletries and Personal Hygiene (shampoo, toilet paper, shaving cream, deodorant, feminine products, diapers, wipes, soap, toothpaste etc.)

Please make checks payable to Calvary Lutheran Church, designated for the Food Shelf on the memo line.

March 31st is the deadline for our Food Drive. Let's all work hard and face this campaign like

SUPER HEROES!

ELCA Challenge a Success

As of Ash Wednesday, Calvary has increased our giving to the ELCA by 13%. We give thanks for all who have shown their support for our on-going work and ministry together.

If you have wanted to participate but have not yet made a gift, we are still glad to receive those gifts and send them in on behalf of our congregation. Also, we have made an additional contribution to the Swahili-speaking ministry that meets at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

SAVE THE DATE

URBAN ARTS ACADEMY

ANNUAL GALA

APRIL 24, 210

Rental Space Available for Non-Profit/Mission Partner

Do you know of an **organization** looking for rental space? In these difficult economic times, reasonably priced space designed to accommodate non-profits is scarce but Calvary has 2000 square feet of available space.

The space is flexible and allows for offices and meeting space. It also includes a shared kitchen and shared conference room with additional shared space available on request. There is ample parking available and access to downtown and south Minneapolis off of I-35W and I-94. Six organizations already share in the larger physical plant, although the space provides for privacy and the needs of organizations. For more information contact Mary Gail Hoover, Church Administrator at 612.827.2504 or by e-mail at calvarympls@visi.com.

Calvary will be serving supper at **Our Saviour's Housing** on Monday, **April 12th**. Contact Nancy Lee Nelson, Chris or George Robson if you are available to assist.

GREEN TEAM NEWS

Here are a couple of more programs for energy conservation.

New Appliance clunkers for cash program.
Cash rebate on new energy star appliances

[http://www.commerce.state.mn.us/
MN_GuideforResidents.pdf](http://www.commerce.state.mn.us/MN_GuideforResidents.pdf)

Winterization money
Program provides labor and funding for about \$6,500 of weatherization work in a residence. Income qualify based upon resident so does not have to be a homeowner.

<http://www.campls.org/WX.html>

Submitted by Daniel Huff
on behalf of Calvary's Green Team



Community Partner Spotlight: Parenting Oasis

Parenting Oasis is a place for new parents. We offer community and support to parents of young children. So many new mothers feel terribly isolated once they bring that baby home and we all know how brutal Minnesota winters can be. Finding space at Calvary Lutheran Church allowed us to first offer a drop-in space in October 2007.

Using a coffee shop style, we offer baked goods and lunch so that parents have less to worry about-- at least on Parenting Oasis days. We offer support groups, classes and workshops. We have offered many classes on supporting relationships after having kids, using positive discipline, and birth trauma workshops.

We draw parents from throughout the area; we have people driving from Prior Lake, Woodbury and Shoreview to find community. Parents use Parenting Oasis as a place to babysit each other's kids, to seek help with nursing struggles or sleep issues and meet other parents facing the struggles of figuring out babies. Some of our best stories are the impact we have been able to have on people who don't even live in the Cities. One momma drove up from Rochester because she wanted help learning to use slings with her premature baby. Two mommas from California found us when their husbands were working on the new 35W bridge. Although they have been able to go home, they continue to stay in contact and express their appreciation for being able to find community so far from home.

This past winter we opened a North Minneapolis Parenting Oasis. We are currently open 10-3 Tuesday and 10-2 Saturday at Calvary and 10-3 Wednesday at Harrison Community Center.

We so appreciate all the support Calvary has offered us and would love to share what we are up to. Stop in, the first cup of coffee is on us!

Maureen Campion Psychologist/Marriage Counselor and Director of Parenting Oasis writes a free weekly newsletter "Notes from Marriage Geek" to support families. For more information on Parenting Oasis, join our email lists at www.parentingoasis.com or email her at parentingoasis@gmail.com

SUNDAY M A R C H	MONDAY 1	TUESDAY 2	WEDNESDAY 3	THURSDAY 4	FRIDAY 5	SATURDAY 6
8-4 MN Interpreters Institute 9:00 a.m. Education Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship 3 p.m. Bagpipers	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 7 - 9 p.m. Lenten Home Gathering @ Nancy Lee Nelson's	9 a.m. - 4 p.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	9 a.m. - 4 p.m. UAA Pre-School 11:30 a.m. Ruth Circle 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 5:45 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Prayer Around the Cross 7:00 p.m. Church Choir 7:00 p.m. TCW Choir	9 a.m. - 4 p.m. UAA Pre-School 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:30 p.m. Executive Committee 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi 7-9 p.m. Bagpipers	9 a.m. - 4 p.m. UAA Pre-School 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Parenting Oasis	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. MN Interpreters Institute 9 - noon Food Shelf 10- 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Parenting Oasis Noon - 4 p.m. Bridge Productions 1-4 p.m. Joseph Rehearsal
2:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time Starts 9:00 a.m. Education Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship 2 - 4 p.m. Lenten Home Gathering @ Paulsrud's 3:00 p.m. Bagpipers	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 6 - 8:30 p.m. Parenting Oasis 6:30 p.m. Mission Support	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6 p.m. Property Committee	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 10:15 a.m. Ash Wednesday Worship 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 5:45 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Prayer Around the Cross 7 p.m. Church Choir 7:00 p.m. TCW Choir	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi 7 - 9:00 p.m. Lenten Home Gather- ing @ Felecia Boone's 7-9 p.m. Bagpipers	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School	9:00-noon Food Shelf 9 - noon TCW Choir 10 - 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Parenting Oasis Noon - 6 p.m. MN Interpreter's Institute 1-4:00 p.m. Joseph Rehearsal 6:30 - 8 p.m. Tanzania Night
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PALM SUNDAY 10:15 a.m. Worship 3 p.m. Bagpipers	7 - 9 p.m. Lenten Home Gathering @ Judi Linder's	10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis 7 - 9 p.m. Lenten Home Gathering @ Rudrud's	6:30 p.m. Church Choir 7:00 p.m. TCW Choir			

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Nancy Grover passed away on February 21st. Prayers of comfort for her partner, Pat Olson, family & friends
- Judy Askelson - cancer treatment/health
- For friends of our congregation with health needs, including: Kelly, Alfheld, Andre, Emma, Phil, Kyle, Barb, Phyllis, Jan, Doris and Lynn

Happy Birthday



Angela Hed	3/6	Stacia Wick	3/14
Bettye Brown	3/8	Venice Knowlen	3/16
Anders Peik	3/8/06	Stacy Anderson	3/18
Matthew Youngbauer	3/8	Donna Neubauer	3/20
Olga Stone	3/9	Loren Woodman	3/21
Judi Linder	3/11	Lily Endo	3/21/00
Quincy Aust	3/12/07	Benjamin Huff	3/21/02
Karen Rudrud	3/13	Kelsey Stanford	3/26
Aaron Gebauer	3/14	Anika Robson	3/26/06
Donny Robson	3/14	Sarah Zeigler	3/31



Happy Anniversary

Joani & Josh Moberg

March 20th

2010 Minneapolis Area

Synod Assembly Opening Worship

Service of Holy
Communion

Friday, April 23, 2010,
7:00 p.m.

Central Lutheran Church,
Minneapolis

Featuring choirs of the
Mpls. Area Synod

Preacher: Bishop Craig
Johnson

Celebration of Life & Memorial Service for Nancy Grover will take place at Calvary on **Saturday, March 27, at 1:30 p.m.**, with family present and visiting an hour before the service. There will be a reception to follow. Nancy has asked that any memorials be given to one of three organizations/services: Calvary Lutheran Church, Emergency Food shelf at Calvary, and the 3-day Susan G. Komen Walk to fight breast cancer (Thanks for the Mammaries Team).

Worship Leaders

Date	Deacon	Acolyte/ Communion Asslstant	Lector	Usher	Sacristan	Sound Board	Coffee Hour	Nursery
March 7th	Jennifer McCarthy	Michael Weber Joanne Shepherd	Julie Anderson	Daniel Huff Benjamin Huff	Ramona Starks	George Robson	Jeri Schultz Gary Nelson Zeigler family	Gary Nelson Robbi Bergan
March 14th	Sam Robson	Jeri Schultz Lisa Luedtke	Irv Elliott	Brian Aust Eliot Aust	Sam Robson	Gary Nelson	Mary Nelson Karen Nelson	Steve McCarthy Sarah Lahr
March 21st	Danielle Hill	Beth Lewis Josh Moberg	Rick Rouse	Darold Luze Pam Til- seth	Sam Robson	Aaron Gebauer	Huff family Gary Mazzone	Kim Zeigler Teri Schweizer
March 28th Palm Sun- day	Chris Robson	Damon Van Duzen Loren Woodman	Kendra McCarthy	Beth Lewis Rick Rouse	Felecia Boone	George Robson	McCarthy Family Rudrud Family	Josh Moberg Jen McCarthy

Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Soup Suppers on Wednesdays
from March 3 through 24 5:45 p.m.

Lenten Prayer Around the Cross
~ Wednesday, March 3 6:30 p.m.
~ Wednesday, March 10 6:30 p.m.
~ Wednesday, March 17 6:30 p.m.
~ Wednesday, March 24 6:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday Worship
~ March 28 10:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship
~ April 1 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Worship
~ April 2 Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship
~ April 4 10:15 a.m.
(No Education classes on Easter Sunday)

Congregational Meeting Updates

Thanks to all who attended and participated in the congregational meeting on Sunday, January 31! After sharing in a potluck meal, the congregation elected three members to three-year terms on the Church Council: Gary Mazzone, Marcia Haugstad, Stacia Wick. The congregation also elected Megan Hertzler (delegate) and Daniel Pederson (alternate) to the Synod Assembly April 24. Additionally, the revised constitution and bylaws were voted on for the second time and approved—they are now submitted to the Synod.

Bringing some fun and excitement to the meeting the congregation was engaged by Sarah Ziegler and Aaron Gebauer and the Visioning Task Force to brainstorm and set some actionable items as the congregation creates a vision for the next 2-3 years. Those items were compiled and sent back to the Visioning Task Force and will now go to the Council. To continue the process the congregation will receive a summary of the Visioning Task Force and next steps at the Lenten Home Gatherings (LHG) and will continue steps forward with final approval for the 2-3 year Vision at an upcoming congregational meeting.

Lenten Home Gatherings

Also Known As "LGH"

Lenten Home Gatherings are opportunities to hear about and participate in stewardship, engage in the on-going visioning process of the congregation, and get to know others in the community.



The eight gatherings will be held as follows:

- ~ Tuesday, March 2 Time: 11:00 a.m.
Host: Miriam Circle Fellowship Hall at Calvary
- ~ Monday, March 8 Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Host: Nancy Lee Nelson St. Paul
- ~ Sunday, March 14 Time 2 - 4 p.m.
Host: Deb & Eric Paulsrud St. Paul
- ~ Thursday, March 18 Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Host: Felecia Boone Minneapolis
- ~ Sunday, March 21 Time 2 - 4 p.m.
Host: Anders Davidson & Teri Schweizer
Minneapolis
- ~ Tuesday, March 23 Time 7 - 9 p.m.
Host: Chris & George Robson Minneapolis
- ~ Monday, March 29 Time 7 - 9 p.m.
Host: Judi Linder Minneapolis
- ~ Tuesday, March 30 Time 7 - 9 p.m.
Host: Karen & Don Rudrud Minneapolis

Please check your calendar to decide which day works best for your schedule. **You can sign up in the church narthex or by calling the church office at 612.827.2504.**

COMMITTEE NEWS

Mission Support

Mission Support is involved in planning for the Lenten Home Gatherings and stewardship and continues to review budget, expenses and investments. Mission Support also has added an additional tenant to the building at Our Saviour's Outreach Ministries is renting space for two case workers for their programs and will be adding a third.

Worship & Spiritual Care

At the Worship & Spiritual Care Committee meeting on February 9, the committee reviewed the inventory of items in the sacristy, usher's room, bell tower, and storage room, and is taking next steps to cull the items that are not used. The committee reviewed the Lenten bulletin and Ash Wednesday service and was excited to try something new with the new design and look for the Sundays in Lent. Nancy Lee provided an update on the lay visitor program in which she, Deana Downs, and Teri Schweizer are participating—over the next two months they will be available to assist Pastor Brad with home visits. The committee also reviewed African batik from Uganda and will be utilizing some of this artwork in the church.

Social Justice Steering Committee

The Social Justice Committee approved selling the remaining boxes of fair trade tea from Lutheran World Relief at 2 for \$7 (half price). It is the sense of the committee that with more and more stores selling fair trade tea and coffee the committee can look for other avenues of supporting organic or community based programs.

The committee received updates on the "Dare to Dream" event which was focused on overcoming racism. Henrietta Williams, Karen Rudrud, Kevin Littlejohn, Ramona Starks, Marie Mosman, and Pastor Brad attended the event. As a follow-up Pastor Brad will be doing a Lenten study on Sunday mornings called "40 Days Toward Reconciliation" which continues conversation around race and class.

Additionally, the committee announced and showed support for the Minnesota without Poverty event on Saturday, February 27, and planned the March Food Share Month (look for details on page 2).

Property Committee

The Property Committee received reports from Josh Hill on placing an awning over the back door to create a more welcoming atmosphere. Irv Elliott is also looking at new flower boxes and items which will make the back entrance more inviting. Mary Gail Hoover provided updates on the carpet cleaning in the sanctuary (completed at the end of January) and on replacement of the windows on the first floor with clear glass to make the rooms and areas more inviting. There is on-going conversation on replacing water pipes in the building, beginning painting projects, installing bike racks, and next steps for the courtyard garden.

Education Committee

The committee briefly reviewed Sunday school attendance and curriculum. Additionally, the committee finalized the date and time for Rick Rouse's presentation on Tanzania (see p. 2—"Adults Night Out"), and began planning for the next Intergenerational Games Night and Potluck (**mark your calendars for Sunday, April 18!**) The committee is also coordinating the joint Day Camp, June 14-17, to be held at Zion, and set the dates for the summer intergenerational VBS.



Stay tuned!!

Crossroads Community Organization

At the January meeting CCO reviewed edits to the bylaws, which will go to the Calvary Church Council's February meeting. Thanked Marie Mosman, grant writer and very part-time CCO employee, for the two grants award to the Emergency Food Shelf at Calvary by local rotary chapters due to her work. Received word of the Food Shelf's award letter from the ELCA Domestic Hunger Program to begin community breakfasts and food shelf support— appreciation to Nancy Lee Nelson, Marie Mosman, and Pastor Brad on this effort. CCO is also looking at next steps in developing the community breakfasts, on-going development, and grant writing.

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‘IN THE CITY FOR GOOD’

The Practice of Word & World

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

March 7th

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
I Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 14th

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
II Cor. 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21st

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

March 28th

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 23:1-49

Palm Sunday Hymn Festival

The Board of Directors of *Metro Lutheran* will host a hymn festival on Palm Sunday, March 28th at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3045 Chicago Ave. S. in Minneapolis at 4:00 p.m.



Seven Minnesota Lutheran college choirs have been invited to send representatives to lead the congregation in singing the hymns of the church. These include: Association Free Lutheran Bible School (Plymouth); Augsburg College (Minneapolis); Bethany Lutheran (Mankato); Concordia University (St. Paul); Martin Luther College (New Ulm); and St. Olaf College (Northfield).

The event is free, but a freewill offering for *Metro Lutheran* will be received.