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Calvary Caller



April 2023

“Kirby’s Korner”



HAPPY EASTER!

It is an exciting month for Calvary Lutheran Church. Besides celebrating Easter, we have the congregational meeting the week following to vote on a new pastoral team!

Did you ever wonder why the date for Easter changes every year? It would certainly be easier if it was the same date yearly. But Easter, like Passover, is scheduled based on the lunar calendar although the holidays are calculated differently. The lunar calendar is just over 29 days so every once in a while an extra month needs to be added to ensure the seasons line up.

The Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar and Passover always lands on the same day on the that calendar: the 14th of the month of Nisan. This is the first month of the religious year and the start of spring (*Passover is also referred to as chag he-aviv, or the festival of spring*). *It’s celebrated for seven days in Israel and by Reform Jews, and for eight days in Orthodox and Conservative Jews in the diaspora (everywhere else besides Israel). Passover starts this year on April 5.*

Easter is intended to be connected to Passover because the first Holy Week that included Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday and the Resurrection occurred during Passover. It would be so simple if we just followed the Jewish calendar but why make things simple? Easter always occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. Got it?

Actually, it is simple if you remember that the Spring Equinox is the date in March when day and night are equal lengths and that occurs on either March 19th or 20th. Then you look for the next full moon. Then you look for the Sunday following the full moon and plan your Easter dinner accordingly. This year it is April 9.

Now you know. There will be a test.

Pastor Kirby



Serving the Lord...

Communion Assistants

4/2 Pastor Kirby / Pastor John
Linda Jonson & Crystal Zimmer

4/6 Pastor & Carol Wilson

4/9 Pastor Kirby / Pastor John
Gary Blom, Janine Nave,
Diane Weaver & Carol Wilson

4/16 Pastor Kirby / Pastor John
Travers & Jennifer Voris

4/23 Pastor Kirby / Pastor John
Janine Nave & Bonnie Cordes

4/30 Pastor Kirby / Pastor John
David & Tanya Haight

Lectors

4/2 George Straka, Crystal
Zimmer, Janet Capetty
& Pastor John

4/6 Marcia Lembcke

4/7 Joan Hathaway

4/9 George Straka

4/16 Crystal Zimmer

4/23 Linda Johnson

4/30 Jennifer Voris

Altar Guild

4/2 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt / Teresa Schwerdt

4/6 Dolly Rodriguez / Sandy Hoadley

4/9 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt / Sandy Hoadley

4/16 Evelyn McFarland/ Teresa Schwerdt

4/23 Anna Gorskaya / Bonnie Cordes

4/30 Dolly Rodriguez / David & Tanya Haight

Hostess Committee

Melinda Eide

Whitney Bixler

Marcia Cottrill

Lori Nissen

April Marshall

Video/Sound

Gary Blom

Larry Weaver

Rich Acosta

Monte Zeller

Jim Sweeney

Janine Nave

Dean Schwerdt

Council Members

Lisa Jaroslow

John Maas

Karen Blom

Matt Eide

Karen Mastel

Gary Blom

Judi Bliss

Bill Bianchi

Rich Acosta

Jackie Matheny

Audra Myerchin

Noel Hoback

JoAnne Smith

Ushers

Ken Jernigan, Captain

ALTAR FLOWERS Presented to the glory of God by:

4/2 Don & Marty Porter in Honor of their Parents

4/9 Jennifer Voris in Memory of Logan Adams April 30th

4/16 John Rentz in Honor of His Parents Syd & Marie Rentz

4/16 Jill Cook Celebrating Dave’s Birthday

4/23 Julie Galloway in Honor of Wen Galloway’s Birthday

4/30 David & Tanya Haight

4/30 Loraine Glans



APRIL

Lyle Sprain 04/01
 Pat Brown 04/02
 Jack Adams 04/04
 Clay Rounsaville 04/04
 Oliver Matthews 04/06
 Ron Smith 04/09
 Buck Woodburn 04/09
 Justin Gindlesperger 04/11
 Brian Nantais 04/11
 Laura Boldon 04/15
 Dave Cook 04/18
 Linda Sullivan 04/21
 Libbie Nissen 04/23
 Kris Panacy 04/25
 Tom Wicklin 04/25
 Keith Chambers 04/26
 Terry Jane Morrison 04/26



04/02 Marj & Lee Mortensen
 04/02 Linda & Dick Butler
 04/02 Bob & Jeanne Workley
 04/18 Linda & Kenneth Hoback

From the Council:

Wow! As I write this article I am reflecting upon this past weekend when our prospective pastoral team and family came to visit our church and community. Our church family was able to spend quite a bit of time with Pastor Jon, Sister Jennie, CJ, Ally, Addie, and Katie both on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday after our worship service. We definitely had a full house on both days! I can't remember the last time there were so many people filling our fellowship hall eating, talking, and enjoying each other's company. Thank you to all who helped to set up, make coffee, bring food, care for their children, and clean up afterwards.

Over this weekend it was exciting and inspiring to hear about both Pastor Jon and Sister Jennie's passions for service, relationship, and prayer. They both bring a wealth of education and experience to the table and are excited to share these gifts and talents with our church and community. Our church has persevered and grown stronger over the past eighteen months. We have had tough conversations, we have listened to one another, and we have reflected on who we are and where we are wanting to be as a congregation. Pastor Kirby shared about this change in his Sunday morning sermon message, and how this is a positive thing. We, as a congregation, are in a time of transition and change; this is good. Change is an opportunity to do things differently, to embrace new ideas, to pivot in different directions in order to achieve our mission of making disciples of Christ.

I continue to encourage all of you to be in prayer for our congregation as we pray through our direction and the upcoming vote to call Pastor Jon and Sister Jennie to be our next leaders. We will be voting for Pastor Jon to serve as our full-time senior pastor and Sister Jennie to serve in a 50% capacity, overseeing youth, family, and small groups. The congregational meeting will be on Sunday, April 16 immediately following our worship service. According to our church Constitution, all members of our church who are present have the opportunity to vote and the vote will be a paper ballot. It is required that a 2/3 majority be achieved for the vote to pass. We will be voting separately on both Pastor Jon and Sister Jennie. Additionally, if the votes are in the affirmative, we will be voting on their compensation packages which will also be presented on that day. These votes are a simple majority voice vote.

Additionally, please keep the family, their children, and their home church in your prayers as well. These are huge decisions and I know that they are in prayer for God's continued guidance and discernment.

Lisa Jaroslow
 Council President.



NURSERY ATTENDANT



Calvary Lutheran Church, GP, is seeking a Nursery Attendant to provide care, safety and Biblical instruction for children newborn to 5 9-11 a.m. during Sun. services. Duties include: organize the nursery to ensure cleanliness; inspect nursery equip., toys and supplies; and report maintenance issues. The preferred applicant will have experience in working with children from newborn to 5 in a nursery, day care or pre-school environment and has knowledge of general early childhood development.

Rate of pay is \$18.00 per hour.

Please submit a resume with a cover letter which outlines specific experience to:

Audra Myerchin, via email: audramyerchin@yahoo.com



Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants!

Thanks to your generosity, the interest from the Endowment Fund is becoming more meaningful, and we welcome your suggestions for how we might spend \$2,000 to support a special ministry. In the past, EF funds provided Calvary members with college scholarships and were used to develop our website. No money can be used for the operating expenses of the church, but it can be used to:

- ◆ Support programs and mission activities of the ELCA
- ◆ Provide scholarships to members attending institutions of higher learning
- ◆ Support the special needs of the worship and music activities of the church
- ◆ Support the special needs for the maintenance and improvement of church property
- ◆ Support youth programs of the church

Please contact our Endowment Fund chair, Marcia Lawson if you have a suggestion.

Thank you Denise Angstadt for all of your hard work cleaning out and sanitizing all of our Sunday School classrooms and storage!



PARISH ED

Spring is around the corner and that means spring cleaning in the Nursery, classrooms and youth room. Denise Angstadt recently went through all the classrooms, getting rid of old and tired toys and materials and working her magic with organization. Thank you to the StitchCrafters for their donation of \$1,000! Parish Ed will begin to paint all the classrooms giving them a much-needed refresh. Other renovations are in the works. Be on the look-out for some all-church events that will appeal to all ages and will provide some much-needed funds to complete renovations and provide fun activities for the kids.

The focus of the Parish Ed program this year has been to create an environment where our kids and youth want to be. Besides the physical environment we have been working on building relationships with each group. Our monthly outings are one way we have used to share our faith in a more natural and organic way as we have fun and interact. Kelly Tommerup has worked hard to coordinate field trips which we hope to continue throughout the summer when Sunday School takes a break. The dates for outings are in the church bulletin and announced during service. Please consider joining us so you too can shine your light and love into the younger members of our Calvary family.

Our group has been creative in meeting the spiritual needs for the different age groups that attend Sunday School with a lack of volunteers. A great big shout out goes to Madeleine Angstadt who has taken on the leadership role of facilitating the High School Bible study for her age group along with her mom Denise Angstadt. It is such a blessing to see our youth share their faith and investigate the word of God together!

The middle school group is doing well with a rotation of different volunteers coming to have conversations about faith and how God is there for them in everyday life. Currently, our elementary school group includes kids who range from preschool to fifth grade. We are making it work for our kiddos but we have hopes of separating this group by filling the open Nursery Attendant position.

As you know, the Nursery Attendant position has been vacant for many months. Dick Cottrill has been working behind the scenes to develop and post this position. We have some lofty goals in filling this position. Besides the basics of first aid and experience we are looking for someone who can teach the pre K class so the elementary students have their own Sunday School class. The next big criteria is to find candidates who is able to cover the nursery during our church holidays- Easter, Christmas Eve and Christmas. As we have learned from the last year and a half with our many open positions, when our congregation unites together in prayer God hears!!! Please join us in prayer that the right candidates come forward to fill this important role in our Sunday School program, and get the word out to friends and family!

Easter is celebrated on April 9th this year. Barring rain, we are planning the annual Easter Egg Hunt that day. Our kids really look forward to this annual event and we hope to make it as exciting as it has been in the past. If you would like to partner with us in making this day fun, consider donating small, wrapped candy to be used for the Easter Egg hunt! Candy can be dropped off on the table in the narthex.

Feel free to join us at our next Parish Ed Meeting which is April 21 at 2:00. Also, **we are in need of an elementary Sunday School teacher on April 16 & 23.** If you are interested in teaching these amazing elementary Sunday School kids please contact me.

Thanks ahead of time for your love and support! United together in faith, love and service for our kids and youth, we will continue to build the future of CLC!

Audra Myerchin, Parish Ed
audramyerchin@yahoo.com



Message from the Outreach Committee

The ROC has suggested for future donations they need condiments: Catsup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Pickled Relish, Taco Sauce, Salsa, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce and Ramen. We will keep it to these specific items and let's load up the grocery cart! A special thank you to those who have already donated items!

Also they have a donation building called the "Yard Sale" sits right across the street from the ROC. They take household items, clothes in useable condition. The Holiday Decorations relating to upcoming Holidays are accepted. No Christmas or Fall decorations right now. This provides another added source of income supporting the ROC and their customers.

Thank you Crystal Zimmer, Rich and Laura Acosta for organizing and updating our Church mailboxes!

Outreach has been working with Council to call Members and Friends to confirm accurate information for the Church Directory.

Time for Spring Cleaning you can donate your items to:

The Salvation Army facility on Redwood Ave. is open for donations Wed thru Fri From 10AM to 3:30PM. 1377 Redwood Ave. Grants Pass



The Roc's thrift store "Booth Street Thrift Store" is open Mon thru Sat 9AM until 5PM. 114 Booth St. A block behind the Rescue Mission. Grants Pass

Next Outreach Meeting: April 25th at 10:00a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Do you have a need for assistance from Megan for a project?

Is it a quick need or one that needs several hours to complete?

If it is a simple question or simple request, Megan will be glad to help you as soon as possible.

If it is a request that may take several hours for her to complete, please utilize the form, "**PROJECT REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**" which is located on the back counter in the church office and on the long table in the Narthex.

Please fill out the top part with the requested information, then put it in her church mailbox.

Megan will review her work schedule with a supervisor and agree on the project and a completion schedule, then contract the requestor with the proposed date. We are trying to coordinate any assistance that committees or members need with her work schedule. Thank you.

Congregational Meeting

April 16 after Worship Service



Following service on April 16th, there will be a special congregation meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to vote on whether to call both the pastor candidate and the deacon candidate and their compensation packages. Following the results of the vote, there will be a short coffee break then a quick discussion and vote on going forward or not with the solar panel project.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 CPR Class (Upper Room) 8:30am & 1:30pm
2 <i>Passion/ Palm Sunday</i> 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Sunday School StitchCrafters Bake Sale	3 C.B.S. 10:00am-12:00pm	4 3:30pm Fellowship Mtg	5 6:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 10:00 am Music & Worship Mtg 11:00 am Bell Rehearsal 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 4:00pm Seder Dinner 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	7 6:30pm Good Friday Service	8
9 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 9:30am Sunday Worship Easter Egg Hunt (After Worship)	10 C.B.S. 10:00am-12:00pm MoPs 6:30-7:30pm	11	12 6:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	13 2:00pm Countryside 4:30pm Council Mtg	14	15
16 9:30am Sunday Worship M.M (or2) Salvation Army 10:30am Sunday School Congregational Meeting Bible Study (After Meeting)	17 C.B.S. 10:00am-12:00pm	18	19 6:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	20 P.E.O. Chapter EX Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)	21 Red Cross Blood drive 9am to 2pm 2:00pm Parish Ed Mtg	22
23 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30am Sunday School Bible Study (After Worship)	24 C.B.S. 10:00am-12:00pm MoPs 6:30-7:30pm	25 10:00am Outreach Mtg	26 6:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	27	28	29
30 9:30am Sunday Worship Bible Study (After Worship)						