



# *Calvary Courier*

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### **From the Pastor,**

*So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:41-41)*

The passage above is the conclusion of the Pentecost story from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts. After the turbulence of the Spirit blowing through the upper room, tongues as of fire alighting on the disciples and the preaching of the good news to the gathered masses all in their native languages, about 3000 new members were added to the rolls of this first Christian church. Then, as the chapter draws to a close, the author of *The Acts of the Apostles*, describes what this very first Christian fellowship looked like. “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Here is what early church looked like:

- It was a gathering of the faithful who took the time to listen to the *apostles’ teaching*. And what were the apostles teaching? They were sharing the events of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. They were teaching what Jesus had taught them. They were relating the stories of Jesus’ appearances to them following the resurrection.
- And they were sharing in fellowship – *koinonia* is the Greek word. *Koinonia* is more than just a socializing. *Koinonia* implies a spirit-filled commitment to one another, supporting each other, caring for each other, and bearing one another’s burdens.
- They devoted themselves to the breaking of bread. I think this is understood on two levels. They shared together in table fellowship. There is an intimacy involved in eating together. (If you want to verify, try going into McDonald’s and sitting down at a table with strangers to eat your meal. I would be willing to bet that everyone at that table would be extremely uncomfortable.) We don’t eat with just anyone. And, of course, on a different level I’m certain that the author of Acts is also talking about sharing communion, partaking of the Lord’s body and blood in the sacrament.
- Finally, the disciples devoted themselves to the prayers. Here the author is referring not just to the act of praying, but of worshiping. “The prayers” were the appointed times for praying at the temple. It was a liturgical act.

And so the very first gathering of Christians after the resurrection devoted themselves to (in very Lutheran terms) word and sacrament. They committed themselves to gathering to hear the word of God, to worship, to participate in the sacraments, and to take care of each other. That is what the church looked like 2000 years ago.

And that is still the model of the church today. Christians continue to gather around word and sacrament. We gather each week to worship God, to hear the word, share in the Lord’s supper, to pray, and to care for each other..

Throughout this season of Lent, I pray that you take the time to “be the church” with us at Calvary. Join us as we devote ourselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Peace, *Pastor Knowles*



**Happy Birthday to:**

- 1 – Gisele Richardson
- 2 – Peter Doering
- 8 – Judi Ingerson
- 9 – Betty Clark
- 13 – Linda Chase
- 15 – Margo Miller,  
Randi Toft
- 17 – Ted Jackson
- 18 – Cindy Pham

25 – Pam Gross

27 – Laura Knipe

**Happy Anniversary to:**

- 6 – Jack & Marilyn Gross (1954)  
– Bob & Charlene Lundstrom (1976)
- 19 – Dianna & Terry Kitchen (1983)

**CALVARY’S PRAYER LIST**

The following individuals need to be uplifted in prayer:

Gisele Richardson, John McAlister and family, Betty Clark, Bev Boyle, Bob and Beth Fuller, LaVerne Knipe, Cindy Pham, Allen & Joyce Faust, Kenalene Forbeck, Pete and Sue Lingris & family, Bev & Ken Oller, Karen Moore, Gerda Schmeltzer, Randy Kirkwood, Joan Winter



**HAPPY HOOKERS  
March 29**

Happy Hookers will meet at 9:30 a.m. on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING  
TIME BEGINS**

**On Saturday, March 11,** Be sure and Change Your Clocks **AHEAD** one (1) **hour** before going to bed.



**April Newsletter Deadline**

All articles for the April newsletter should be emailed to the church office or placed in my box by **Tuesday, March 14,** for distribution on Thursday, March 23.



**MINI CHOIR – REHEARSAL – MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**

We are putting together a small choir to sing at Easter. We will have our first rehearsal on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary after the worship service. The song is a Simple, 2-part piece with an upbeat melody. This is open to anyone who would like to join us. If you would like to preview the piece – you can google – Our Lord Is Risen! By Ruth Elaine Schram. --- Teri Griebel and Renee Ketelsen



**KIDS AGAINST HUNGER  
SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

We need to raise at least \$500.00 for the meals we are bagging on March 12.

Please mark your donation envelope for Kids. We are at \_\_\_\_\_ so far. If we raise more, we can bag more meals! If you want to come for lunch and help out, please sign the sheet in the narthex so we can get a count for lunch.



**WELCA – BASEMENT  
SALE – April 21 & April 22**

WELCA is sponsoring a Spring Basement sale – April 21 and 22. Helpers will be needed starting April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to set up tables and other duties. **PLEASE NOTE – NO CLOTHES!**

50% of the proceeds will go to outreach. Items can be put in the far back Sunday School room on the left to store until the sale.



**WELCA – MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>**

WELCA will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Upper Room. Please bring a snack to share. All ladies are welcome to attend.

The WELCA Spring Retreat at LOMC is April 29 from 9-3. Bible Study will be on John 4 1-42

West Conference Spring Assembly will be April 22 at St James.

## KNIT A BIT

March 7 & March 21

We will meet on March 7 and on March 21 at 1:00 p.m. It was decided to meet on the first and third Tuesday each month.



### LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHES

Services for Lent are as follows:

- Midweek Services:** Noon @ Calvary,  
7:00 p.m. @ St. James
- Maundy Thursday (April 6):** 7:00 p.m. @ Calvary
- Good Friday (April 7):** Noon @ Calvary  
7:00 p.m. @ St. James

### LENTEN LUNCHES....

Thank you to those who have signed up to serve Lenten Lunches during March. They are:

- March 1:** Barb Geerts & Pam Gross
- March 8:** Sue Knipe, Margo Miller & Sandy Ohrn
- March 15:** Judy Ingerson, Jan Jackson & Connie Langston
- March 22:** Judy Noftsker, Renee Ketelsen & Val Daniel
- March 29:** Charlene Lundstom



**SAVE THE DATES:**  
**April 29, June 17 and November 18**

This year we will be serving at Café on Vine three times – **April 29, June 17 and November 18.** We fix the meal on the Friday before we serve on Saturday. Mark your calendar if you would like to help. More information to come.

### SERVICE COMMITTEE

We are still collecting the following items: Cell phones and e-waste, eye glasses, pop tabs, ink cartridges, cancelled stamps, and food for our grocery cart. We appreciate all the donations that come in as we try to do our part for our community.

## Order your Easter Lilies for Calvary!



### DEADLINE FOR ORDERING Is TUESDAY, March 21

Please complete this form.

Return it to the Church Office or place in the offering plate.

You may also email the office at [secretary@calvarymoline.org](mailto:secretary@calvarymoline.org).

**The cost of each plant is \$12.00**  
(Please note price increase of \$2.00)

Make checks payable to:  
**Calvary Lutheran Church**

Please complete the appropriate information:

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Given by:

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**April 9 - Easter Service** is at 10:30 a.m.

Please take your plant home following the Easter Service



Please read over carefully the two-month schedules. Please note there are now two communion assistants listed for each Sunday. If you are unable to full-fill your commitment, please find a replacement and let Teri know in the office

**ALTAR GUILD for MARCH**

Val & Bruce Daniel

**ALTAR GUILD for APRIL**

Judi Ingerson & Ann Lundstrom

**LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. MARCH**

- Mar. 5 – Renee Ketelsen (L & CA);  
Sandy Ohrn (CA)
- Mar. 12 – Paul Levesque (L & CA);  
Connie Langston (CA)
- Mar. 19 – Gary Gross (L & CA);  
Terry Langston (CA)
- Mar. 26 – Vale Daniel (L & CA);  
Bruce Daniel (CA)

**LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. APRIL**

- April. 2 – Debbie Faith (L & CA);  
Sheila Doering (CA)
- April 9 – Barb Geerts (L); Joe Geerts and  
Terry Langston (CA)
- April 16 – Sandy Ohrn (L & CA)  
Connie Langston (CA)
- April 23 – Karla Kirkwood-Johnson (L);  
Dawn & Paul Levesque (CA)
- April 30 – Ruth Laabs (L & CA)  
Renee Ketelsen (CA)

**BACK DOOR GREETERS for MARCH**

- Mar. 5 – Terry Langston
- Mar. 12 – Pam Gross
- Mar. 19 – Linda Chase
- Mar. 26 – Debbie Faith

**BACK DOOR GREETERS for APRIL**

- April 2 – Barb Geerts
- April 9 – Connie Langston
- April 16 – Gary Gross
- April 23 – Renee Ketelsen
- April 30 – Sandy Ohrn

**COUNTERS for MARCH**

- Mar. 5 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts
- Mar. 12 – Gary Gross & Terry Langston
- Mar. 19 – Debbie Faith & Teri Griebel
- Mar. 26 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston

**COUNTERS for APRIL**

- April. 2 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase
- April 9 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister
- April 16 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts
- April 23 – Debbie Faith & Teri Griebel
- April 30 – Gary Gross & Terry Langston

**USHERS/GREETERS for MARCH**

- Mar. 5 – Bruce & Val Daniel
- Mar. 12 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase
- Mar. 19 – Kirk Ketelsen
- Mar. 26 – Joe Geerts & Gary Gross

**USHERS/GREETERS for APRIL**

- April. 2 – David Peterson & Terry Langston
- April 9 – Bruce & Val Daniel
- April 16 – Vicki McAlister & Ruth Laabs
- April 23 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase
- April 30 – Joe Geerts & Gary Gross