

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor,

¹ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus]. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. (Mark 16:1-8)

In some ways the version of this Easter story from Mark is my favorite. If you notice, in your Bible there are additional verses that are included for the ending of Mark's gospel, but the oldest available manuscripts end with verse 8. It is likely that some editors of the early edition of Mark's gospel weren't comfortable with the abrupt ending as we have it above, so they added a few concluding verses that tell of what follows the experience of the women at the tomb.

But I think there is a certain amount of literary genius in concluding the gospel at verse 8, as I believe the original author did.

The women go to the tomb fully expecting to find the body of their Lord. Instead, they encounter a young man dressed in a white robe, an apparent angel. He tells the women that Jesus is not there. Rather he has been raised! And he points to an empty spot in the tomb.

That's it. That's all the evidence that the women have; some guy pointing to an empty spot in the tomb and telling the ridiculous story that the dead man is now

alive. What would you do?

Even though the man in the white robe instructs the women to go and tell the disciples that Jesus is alive and will meet them in Galilee, they simply run away in fear and say "nothing to anyone."

That's how Mark's gospel ends. The women run away in fear and don't say a word about what they witnessed.

I think Mark, in ending his gospel this way, is laying down a challenge to his readers – including you and me. Like the women at the tomb, the only evidence of the resurrection of Jesus is what isn't there. They don't see a risen Jesus. Likewise, we have never seen the risen Jesus. The only evidence we have of the resurrection is what someone else has told us. So what are we going to do with that word? Do we run away and keep silent, or do we believe the unbelievable and share that word with others?

Obviously, the women at the tomb in Mark's gospel shared the story at some point (or in Mark's version the faith of the Christian church would have ended at the empty tomb). The women believed. In faith they accepted as truth that Jesus was and is alive.

Mark lays that same challenge before us. Lacking physical evidence, what will we do with this ridiculous story that the dead man is alive? Do we run away and keep silent? Or do we respond in faith and share the good news that Jesus is alive? That is the question which every generation of Christians must answer. As for me, I believe that...

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Knowles



FOUND – A Hearing Aid at Church.

A hearing aid was found in our mailbox on Thursday morning, March 24. Call the church office if yours.



Happy Birthday to:

- 1 – Kurt Dicks,
Carolyn Coulter
- 4 – Judy Noftsker



During the month of March, we have received the following words of thanks...

❖ Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministries of Churches United. Your \$463 gift helps us keep the doors open at Winnie’s Transitional Housing. In our 61st year, Churches United continues to reach out to our community.

Blessings, Rev. Dr. Melvin Grimes, Exec. Dir.
Betsy Vanausdeln, Assoc. Dir.

- 6 – John James Gross
- 7 – Greg Johnson
- 9 – Joe Geerts, Gene Untiedt,
- 10 – Marilyn Gross
- 13 – Betsy Untiedt
- 18 – Erik Ohrn
- 19 – Jimmy Duncan
- 28 – Ann Bowser

Happy Anniversary to:

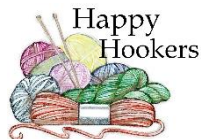
- 13 – Mike & Stephanie Mudd (1991)
- 14 – David & Debra McClanahan (1990)

CALVARY’S PRAYER LIST

The following individuals need to be uplifted in prayer:

Dave Menke battling cancer. Steve and Debbie Faith, Bob and Beth Fuller, Lisa & Kurt Dicks, LaVerne Knipe, Cindy Pham, Allen & Joyce Faust, Kenalene Forbeck, Pete and Sue Lingris & family, Bev & Ken Oller, Karen Moore, Gerda Schmeltzer, Dorothy Hultgren, Randy Kirkwood

**HAPPY HOOKERS
MARCH 30 and April 27**



We will be meeting on Wednesday, March 30 and again on April 27. We have great fellowship and delicious snacks.



**May Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, April 12**

All articles for the April newsletter should be emailed to the church office or placed in my box by **Tuesday, April 12**. The April Newsletter will be mailed or placed in your mailboxes on Thursday, April 21.

CALVARY CARETAKER CREW (CCC)

April 20

The Calvary Caretaker Crew will meet at 9:00 am on Wednesday, April 20. All are invited to come and do some light cleaning of the church. Coffee, juice and treats provided. We will only work a couple of hours.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

As a part of our Lenten discipline we will offer an opportunity to gather each week for worship and prayer. The theme of these devotional services is “At the Name of Jesus” and will focus on Philippians 2:5-11.

We will worship at Calvary each week at noon and at St. James at 7:00 pm. You are welcome to attend either service.

Prior to the Wednesday Lenten Services held at Calvary, everyone is welcome to join us in the Upper Room at 11:00 am for a sack lunch fellowship. You are asked to bring your own lunch and drink.

The weekly themes are:

- **March 30** – Every tongue confesses Jesus
- **April 6** – Let the same mind be in you

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 10 – Palm Sunday Service

8:30 am at St. James, RI
10:30 am at Calvary

April 14 – Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 pm at Calvary

April 15 – Good Friday Service

Noon at Calvary
7:00 pm at St. James, RI

April 17 – Easter Festival Services

8:30 am at St. James
10:30 am at Calvary



WELCA – April 5 at: 9:30 am

All ladies are welcome to attend our WELCA meeting on April 5th at 9:30 am in the Upper Room. Please bring a snack to share.



WELCA Project continues for April:

WELCA will be collecting items to benefit three schools: Jefferson, Logan and Roosevelt. A sheet has been included in the bulletin and extras are on the back table All schools are asking for new underwear for boys .and two are asking for masks. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Knipe.



If you would like to volunteer as Lector and/or Communion Assistant, please let Teri know. You may notify the church office either by calling the office number, (309) 762-5423 or by email at secretary@calvarymoline.org

April 3 – Renee Ketelsen

April 10 – OPEN

April 17 – OPEN

April 24 – Sandy Ohrn

Thank You to everyone for volunteering.

For Counters and Ushers - I have included April and May. Please Note - Easter is April 17. If you are unable to count, please find a replacement and let Teri know in the office.



**FAITHFUL FLEXORS
Begins on Monday, April 4**

Faithful Flexors

Faithful Flexors will meet on Mondays and Thursdays beginning on Monday, April 4th at 9:00 am downstairs in Erlander Hall. Please wear comfortable clothing. If you would like more information, please see or call Sandy Ohrn at 309-373-8261

APRIL COUNTERS

April 3 – Paul Levesque & Barb Geerts

April 10 –Teri Griebel & Volunteer - Palm Sunday

April 17 – Gary Gross & Volunteer - Easter

April 24 – Greg Johnson & Connie Langston

MAY COUNTERS

May 1 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase

May 8 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vickie McAlister

May 15 – Paul levesque & Barb Geerts

May 22 – Teri Griebel & Charlene Lundstrom

May 29 – Gary Gross, Volunteer for Steve Faith

APRIL USHERS/GREETERS

April 3 – Vickie McAlister and Ruth Laabs

April 10 – Bruce and Val Daneil – Palm Sunday

April 17 – Greg Johnson and Linda Chase - Easter

April 27 – Joe Geerts and Gary Gross

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May 1 – Kirk Ketelsen & Allen Noftsker

May 8 – David Peterson & Terry Langston

May 15 – Vickie McAlister & Ruth Laabs

May 22 – Bruce & Val Daniel

May 29 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase

**SERVICE COMMITTEE
April 4th at 11:00 am**



The service committee will hold a meeting after Bible study at 11am on Monday April 4th. All are welcome. Bring ideas or ask questions about what some of the current projects entail. Contact Ruth if you have questions 563-940-7714.

CALVARY CARING...

As part of our caring for our members, we would like to provide meals for Steve & Deb Faith to help during this time.

There will be a sign-up sheet to provide a meal for them. The start date will be March 20. You can bring it to church on Sunday or Wednesday and they will be delivered to them twice a week. Please no green peppers in the meal. Some containers will be provided for your use or use a container that does not have to be returned to you. If the meal can be frozen please mark it as such along with warming/cooking directions. Pam Gross has the list.



E-WASTE COLLECTION

There is a box in the hallway by the Upper Room for collecting e-waste. We will take it to the recycle center for you. If you have larger items like a computer or TV, contact Gary or Pam Gross to arrange a pick-up time at your house.



HUMOR.....

- Children were being bapitized in the river. One little boy was put under the water. Pastor brought him up. Asked the boy, "Did you find Jesus?" Boy said, "No!" Pastor put him back under. Brought him up and said, "Did you find Jesus?" Boy said, "NO!" Pastor put him under, brought him up and again asked the boy if he found Jesus. The boy said, "NO! Are you sure this is where he fell in?"
- A poodle and a collie are walking together when the poodle suddenly unloads on his friend. "My life is a mess," he says. "my owner is mean, my girlfriend ran away with a schnauzer, and I'm as jittery as a cat." Why don't you go see a psychiatrist?" the collie suggest. "I can't. I'm not allowed on the couch."
- A teacher asked her class, "If there were 11 sheep in a field and six jumped the fence, how many would be left?" "none," a boy replied. "Of course there would!" the teacher said. "No, ma'am, there wouldn't. You may know math, but you don't know sheep."
- I'm not clumsy. It's just that the floor hates me, the tables and chairs anre bullies, and the wall gets in the way.
- My plans to work out never seem to work out.
- If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.
- I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
- What do you call a pig with laryngities? Disgruntled.



ANOTHER CHILD FOUNDATION

Another Child Foundation is looking for knitted or crocheted hats and scarves to be shipped overseas. Neutral colors if possible. As you finish them you can bring them to church and place them in the marked box in the Narthex. Deadline is July 10 so they can be taken to Geneseo for shipping out. Service Committee

RELAY FOR LIFE American Cancer Society



The Calvary Crusaders over the years have done so much for the RFL/ACS. Marilyn Gross has decided to step down as team captain and asked me to step in. So, with her guidance I will attempt to continue the tradition. Fund raising has been a challenge these last 2 years. I am asking for your suggestions for fund raising ideas. Donations, of course, are always welcomed. Please thank Marilyn for her years of dedication. All of us have been touched by cancer and great strides have been made, but more needs to be done. We need to increase early detection, early treatment and early cure with prevent of cancer being the goal.



Oral Care

Do you know that poor dental health can put you at risk for Dementia, Strokes, Heart Disease, Pneumonia, Diabetes, and Malnutrition. It is recommended that you brush your teeth twice a day. Patients in the hospital are encouraged to brush their teeth 3-4 times a day. (Being immobile, limited oral intake, and being in an environment that exposes them to new microbes puts them at a higher risk for illness). If you are going to have a day surgery, or procedure it is recommended that you brush your teeth prior to your procedure. You maybe NPO (nothing to eat or drink several hours prior to your procedure) but you still need to brush, you just don't swallow. Remember healthy mouth, healthy life!

