

Westminster Window

Knowing Christ Building Believers Serving All

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TAKE NOTE!

- Join us for our Easter Celebration: 8 am. Early worship 9 am Breakfast 9:30 am Egg Hunt 10:30 am Easter worship
- We will have a short congregational meeting following worship on April 12

They crucified two robbers with him. One was on his right and one was on his left. Those who passed by shouted at Jesus and made fun of him. They shook their heads and said, "So you are going to destroy the temple and build it again in three days? Then come down from the cross! Save yourself!" In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law made fun of him among themselves. "He saved others," they said. "But he can't save himself! Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross! When we see that, we will believe." Those who were being crucified with Jesus also made fun of him. At noon, darkness covered the whole land. It lasted three hours. At three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" This means "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" Mark 15:27-34

When Jesus was dying on the cross, Mark tells us, he felt alone. His disciples had all deserted him. Those who stood on the ground looking up at him made fun of him. Even the robbers who were being crucified on each side of Jesus made fun of him!



But far worse than having friends leave him or hearing others mock him was Jesus' sense that God too had gone away. Jesus knew what it was like to be very close to God. But when he was dying, it seemed as though God were hiding. That is why Jesus cried, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?"

There may come times in your life when you feel as though God has left you. When this happens, think of your brother, Jesus. Because of what he went through he knows just how you feel.

Prayer: Jesus, even if I feel so sad or alone that I do not want to pray, stay near me. Give me hope for a better day. Amen.

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Shout to the Lord!



This month we are sending a “shout out” to those dedicated individuals who assisted in any way with our youth. These helpers are essential for their Christian Education. Thank you for using your talents to share God’s love.

Calvin’s Kids: Teachers, Kitchen/clean up Staff, Meal Shepherds, Dessert Shepherds Choir/Programs: Director and Accompanist, Sound/Technology Team, Cookie Shepherds, Fellowship Committee, Crowd Control Shepherds

VBS: Directors and Teachers, Crew Leaders, Kitchen Volunteers, All who supply materials and help decorate.

Faith Formation: Teachers, Those who deliver Children’s Sermon

All Activities and Events: Laura Schulte, CE Committee, Those who set up and tear down, Clint Borcky, Rev. King, Dr. Wagner

“Well done, good and faithful servant...” Mathew 25: 23

Our theme for Lent is Live Lent with Love, Calvin’s Kids collected non-perishable breakfast food items for the Sparta Area Food Pantry and the Backpack Ministry. See their picture in this newsletter.

On Palm Sunday, the youth participated in a palm parade at the beginning of Worship.

Calvin’s Kids youth sang on that day and will sing on Easter at the 10:30 service. To celebrate the joy of Easter, the youth will join with the adult choir.

On Easter Sunday, Jane Russell is organizing the breakfast following the 8 a.m. worship service. The youth Faith Formation Teachers are assisting Jane with this event. Come join us for a delicious breakfast and fellowship. At 9:30 Easter Morning, the youth through grade 4 are invited to meet in the Chapel for an egg hunt. The 5-8 and high school youth are assisting with the egg hunt. Please bring your basket and join us.

Youth Sunday is scheduled for May 10. The 5-8 and High School classes will assist with the service and the nursery and k-4 classes will sing. Watch for more information.

Last Calvin’s Kids is Wednesday May 6. It’s been a great year!

VBS is scheduled for June 1-5. This year’s theme is Rainforest Falls, “Exploring the Nature of God.” Volunteers are welcome. Watch for ways you can participate in this event. If interested, please contact Laura, Kay or Anne.

Treasurer’s Report



For the Month Ending February 28, 2026

	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	\$40,221.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$28,729.00
<u>Net Income Gain/(Loss)</u>	\$11,492.00

Acolyte Schedule

April 5 (Easter) 8:00—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk 10:30—Addie & Breckon Lauer	May 3—Emersyn McDougal & Hadley Hanna
April 12—Saylor & Wade Watson	May 10 (Youth Sunday)—Hadley & Lennon McMaster
April 19—Ryker Adams & Maddux Steely	May 17—Jackson Hanna & Maddux Steely
April 26—Henry & Hayden Montroy	May 24 (Memorial Day)—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk
	May 31—Alana Ethington & Parker Klausing



April Birthdays

April 1—Krislyn Dahlem, Doug Jackson
April 4—Lennon McMaster, Emily Howell
April 5—Joe McMurtry
April 7—Judy Gerlach
April 11—Madison Sternberg
April 12—Laura Schulte, Mason Blank
April 14—Stephanie Bernardoni
April 15—Patty Stewart
April 16—Barrett Dahlem
April 18—Kelly Ethington
April 19—Jim Craig
April 20—Lynn Peck
April 22—Doris Patterson
April 25—Bob Boyd
April 26—Katie Blank, DonNita Schorr
April 30—Mike Sternberg

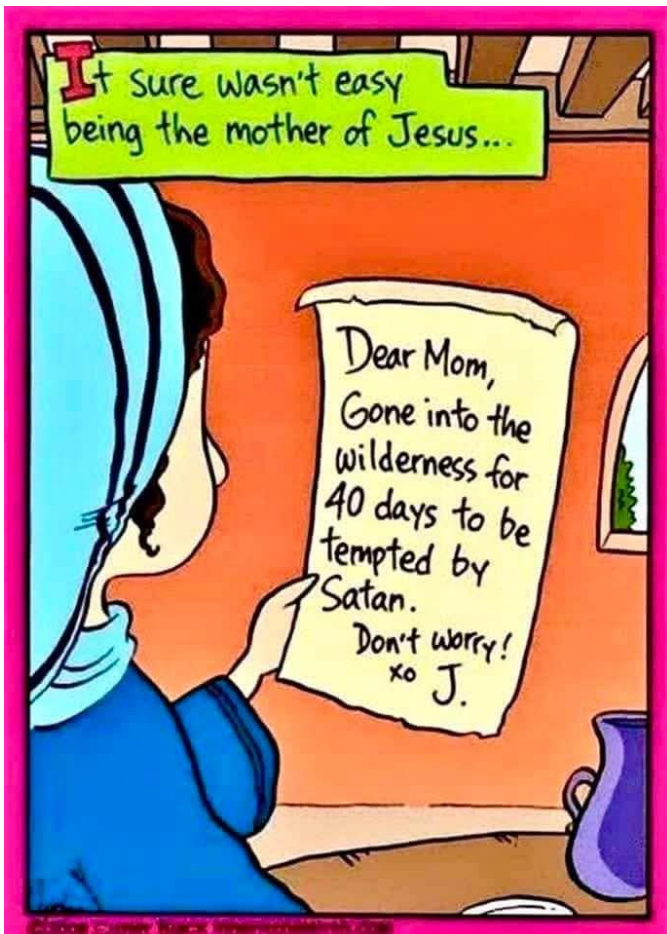


**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY
WISHES**

April Anniversaries

April 8—Josh & Rachel Hanna
April 12—Tim & Janet Rucks
Herb & Deronda Boyster

Comedy Corner



Thank You...

Thank you to the Westminster ladies who made the pies for us at RCCC. They were just wonderful! And there were so many different kinds to choose from. The residents enjoyed the pies very much. Thank you so much for your gifts of baked goods. Martha Barber

Parent and Family Corner

Family activities to consider on your Lenten journey:

- Instead of just giving up chocolate, let's try "giving" instead—like giving more of our time to help others or praying together before bed.
- Lent reminds us that even when things are tough, Jesus is with us. Let's make our home a place of extra love and light these 40 days.
- Let's try a daily family challenge: one act of service, one prayer, or one kind word to someone in need.

Our family time focus this year is on memorizing scripture. This month's memory verse is...

April Memory Verse:

"He is not here! He has risen, just as he said."

Matthew 28:6

Notes from Session

- Waiting on the piano to be repaired
- Clint will be doing the Maundy Thursday service as well as two Easter services on April 5th at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
- There will be a date selected to do a church clean up.
- April pulpit fill will be Clint—April 5, 19 & 26, Rev. King—April 12. There will be a baptism on April 12.
- The Session meeting for June will be moved to the 11th because of a conflict in scheduling.
- If anyone is in need of pastoral care, please let the office know and Laura will contact the Session.
- There will be morning Holy Week services as in the past. Holy Week is March 30-April 3.

Doris Lehman—Clerk of Session

Out and About at Westminster



Left: During Lent, Calvin's Kids participants collected food for the Food Pantry and Backpack Ministry.

Below: A huge "THANK YOU!" to the trustees for all of their hard work in Eva Beever Hall. After the skylights were replaced, they had to paint the insides. They did a great job, so be sure to let them know how much they are appreciated!



Middle Left: Thank you to Pastor Adam Losekamp from Breath of Hope Assembly of God for a great message Tuesday morning of Holy Week.



Left: The kids did a great job singing on Palm Sunday! Join us again Easter Sunday for a special Kids and Adult Choir collaboration!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:15-7:45 am Holy Week svc 6 pm Choir	2 10-12 Food Pantry 7:15-7:45 am Holy week svc 6 pm Maundy Thursday svc	3 7:15-7:45 am Holy Week svc	4
5 Clint Borcky preaching Congregational Meeting	6 9 am Prayer Circle	7 10-12 Food Pantry	8 5-6:30 Calvin's Kids NO CHOIR 6 pm Benevolence	9 10-12 Food Pantry 6 pm Deacons	10	11
12 Vallerie King preaching Baptism Congregational Meeting	13 9 am Prayer Circle	14 10-12 Food Pantry 5 pm Session	15 5-6:30 Calvin's Kids 6:30 Choir	16 10-12 Food Pantry	17 ComWell in FH 8-1	18
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