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## *Reflections on a Most Holy Week*

A question was once raised to me: “why do we call it Holy Week?” It’s a good question and the answer lies in understanding the journey we are on, and where it is taking us together. At the heart of Lent is a call to return to our relationship with God. This gift of reconciliation is given to us in God’s story of Jesus and his life, death, and resurrection. Holy Week is a time where we dive deeply into that story; embracing the joy, sorrow, and love which is fully woven throughout it.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday where we celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. We gather in a celebration with palms waving and people singing. Throughout the service we will reflect on God’s deep love in Jesus, what the celebration of this moment looked like, and how it contrasted what might be on Jesus’ heart knowing what would happen the days that followed. This story begins a journey through the passion narrative of Jesus’ death and resurrection, all woven in God’s love for us all.

From Palm Sunday, Holy Week continues with opportunities to dive deep into this story, making it more than words, but an experience to embrace you in wonder, mystery and love. On Maundy Thursday we get to witness something special, the Last Supper come to life in a drama. We will share that meal as we too are gathered at the table. The service ends in darkness and silence as Jesus is betrayed in the Garden. The next day, on Good Friday, we will gather again in silence to continue experiencing God’s story now through music woven with word. This service will be filled with opportunities to let this story of love and sacrifice wash over you through music and melody. The service ends with Jesus being laid in a tomb where we wait for the joy of Easter morning. After a day of sadness and reflecting on God’s love in Jesus, we gather in the Easter morning to be renewed through celebration, thanksgiving, and pure, honest joy. Yes, the brass will ring as we celebrate God’s love in a great big way! Oh, and don’t forget breakfast. Fellowship around the tables will be a joy filled way to connect together.

The whole week is designed to be experienced together as a week of holy worship, reflection, and the promise of God’s love for you. That is why each service does not end with a benediction, but silence leading into the next one. It only happens this way once a year and I hope you are able to join us for each of these experiences as we worship as a church family. However, if you are traveling to be with family or vacation, then I hope you are able to worship somewhere, and experience God’s grace in your life. This most Holy Week is where our story and God’s story truly meet and are woven together in a beautiful dance of life. May you know God’s love and may you be embraced in God’s story. Peace to you dear siblings in Christ, and know God loves you!

Peace on the Journey,  
Pastor Chris

## *Experiencing God's Story in Holy Week*

Come and worship through Holy Week and experience God's Story of a deep love poured out for you.

### **Palm Sunday Worship** **March 24 at 9:00am**

We will be joining both services together that morning in one beautiful worship service. Following worship, we invite everyone to Sunday School for the whole congregation in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Maundy Thursday Worship** **March 28 at 7:00pm** **Worship at 12:00pm**

With Holy Communion and 7:00pm with a *Live Last Supper* drama and Holy Communion

### **Good Friday Worship** **March 29 at 7:00pm**

#### **12:00pm Tenebrae Service**

With *A Love Poured Out: A Journey to the Cross* through Music and Word.

### **Easter Morning Celebration Worship**

**March 31 at 6:30am, 8:00am, and 10:00am**

The Easter Brass will play at 8:00am and 10:00am and Holy Communion will be shared at all three services.

*Easter Breakfast* will be served from 7:30am - 10:00am

## Sing for a Season

4 Songs - 5 Rehearsals - 1 Powerful Night of Worship on Good Friday

Where  
Calvary Lutheran Church

Rehearsals  
5:30pm on Thursday nights March 7, 14, 21 and Sunday, March 24 at 6:30pm. The final rehearsal will be Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30pm.

Sharing Music on Good Friday  
The service is at 7:00pm on March 29. Our part of leading will be sharing our four songs in worship woven between passages of scripture and prayer.

Who  
Everyone is Welcome

You are invited to share your love of music through the Calvary Choir as we worship God during Holy Week this year. Come and sing, experience God's love in music, and help share God's message of salvation on Good Friday.

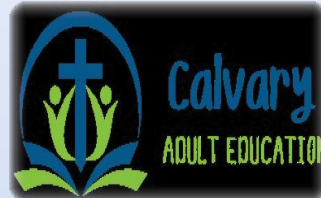
Contact Mary Thoreson (218-556-6541) or Pr. Chris if you are interested.

*Lenten*  
SEASON

## **CALVARY ALIVE**

### **March Menu:**

- \*March 6 - Lasagna
- \*March 13 - Tacos
- \*March 20 - Sloppy Joes & Mac & Cheese
- \*March 27 - No Calvary Alive



## *Adult Education*

Adult Education meets Sunday mornings from 11-11:30am! Jeremiah will be leading the Luther's Small Catechism Group all throughout Lent. Come be a part of it.

## *See Calvary's March Birthdays Here!*

[View this newsletter on the web and follow this link to see who to wish a happy birthday this month!](#)

## MONTHLY MINISTRY PARTNER ~ MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE



Our monthly ministry partner for March is Minnesota Food Share! God cares about physical hunger as well as spiritual hunger. For that reason, Calvary continues to partner faithfully with the Bemidji Community Food Shelf. This month, we join food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity. Minnesota's charitable food system (food shelves, food banks, meal programs, etc.) continues to run at capacity.

Supporting government programs like SNAP ("food stamps") and creating a more just and equitable food system are integral parts of meeting the needs of food insecure households and working toward ending hunger in our communities.

Let's join together as followers of Christ in heeding his command to "Feed my sheep." Donations can be made through RebelGive by selecting "second offering monthly partner," or by checks made out to Calvary Lutheran with "MN food share" in the memo line.



### Senior High

Sign up now for Anchored in Faith, the Senior High Summer Trip. It's a week-long houseboat ride on Rainy Lake offering a chance to unplug, enjoy God's creation, connect with others, and have tons of fun. Space is limited to the first 10 kids. Contact Brett for more information. If you are interested in traveling with us as an adult leader, let Brett know.

### Middle School

There are still a few spots left on this summer's Middle School mission trip to Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota. Kids in grade 6-8 are invited. The cost for the trip is \$700 with fundraising available to cover much of the cost. Space is limited so sign up now with Brett in the church office. If you have question call (218-751-1893) or email (bcarter@calvarybemidji.org). If you are interested in traveling with us as an adult leader, let Brett know right away.

### Sunday School

Looking ahead at the Sunday School schedule and there's a parade in the works. The next Sunday School for the Whole Congregation will be Palm Sunday, March 24. Kids will lead the way as we process into church at 9:00 that morning. All Sunday School families and the rest of the congregation will gather together to celebrate Jesus as he enters Jerusalem at the end of the Lenten journey. Then everyone will gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a Palm Sunday activity together.

### High School Lock In

Save Wednesday, March 13 for the High School Lock in at Calvary. Come for worship and spend the night from 8:00pm - 8:00am for a whole night of fun. We'll have open gym time, pizza, a Bemidji scavenger hunt, leftover pizza, great music, cold pizza, and great music and fellowship. Everyone in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome. Bring \$5 to help pay for pizza and snacks. Contact Brett for more information.

### Youth Silent Auction Donations

A big part of the Silent Auction is the great quality donations we receive from you, the member of Calvary. If you have something to drop off for bidding, you can bring it to the church office between now and March 13. All the proceeds become a big part of your amazing generosity in supporting Calvary youth. Contact Brett (bcarter@calvarybemidji.org) or the church office for more information.

### Youth Silent Auction

It's time once again for the Silent Auction in support of two amazing youth trips this summer. The silent auction bidding begins Wednesday, March 13 and ends with a flourish on Palm Sunday, March 31 at 10:30am at the end of Sunday School for the whole congregation. Watch for your chance to bid on some amazing items, all of which support Calvary youth in their walk of faith during this summer's trips. Thanks in advance for supporting our youth!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

12 MONTH FISCAL YEAR – AUGUST-JULY

### General Fund – January

<u>Income</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Income</u>
\$99,708	\$98,396	\$531,956
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Expenses</u>
\$82,971	\$100,857	\$562,182

**Cash, Receivables, & Savings:** \$57,174

**December Ministry Partner:** Village of Hope \$1,913

**Calvary Foundation Balance:** \$55,253

We want to thank everyone for their continued support as we grow in our ministry together!

# Getting to Know Calvary Council ~ Mitch Eickman



Hello Calvary!

My name is Mitch Eickman and I am the Vice President of your church council. My family have been members at Calvary for over a decade and this is my sixth year on council. For us, Lent is about reflecting about our relationship with Jesus and how we might strengthen it. This year, my family chose to add ten minutes of our family dinners to read the Bible to make a connection with the Scripture and with each other. This year we are reading through the book of Mark.

I find it enlightening to do these longer readings to get a little more context of the narrative verses the verse to verse jumping that can happen, or the isolated story of Easter, without the preceding journey of Jesus and his disciples. This 10 minute discipline isn't much, but has led to us having great conversations and deeper questions about the happenings in the story that we might otherwise overlook. I encourage you to ask yourselves: Is there anything missing in your relationship with Jesus? If so, is there a practice you could add to your daily life that might deepen it?

## *The Refuge* GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Calvary is hosting a grief support group for those who have experienced a death related loss, especially during this Holiday season. This is a continuous support group called The Refuge, with group meetings held on Tuesday evenings from 4:00-6:00pm. The Refuge meets in Room 1 at Calvary. No need to pre-register - Contact Erin Kossivi at 813-417-7678 with questions!

## *Refuge Kids*

This group is for any child that has lost a close family member (parents, sibling, or primary caregiver). The program is best suited for kids 7-13 years of age. For more information contact Erin Kossivi 813-417-7678.



## *Daylight Savings Time*

March 10 begins this year's daylight savings time, so don't forget to "Spring Ahead" with your clocks. If you forget, you could miss worship on Sunday morning!

## *Food Shelf Representative Needed*

Calvary is looking for someone to serve as our representative on the Bemidji Community Food Shelf Council of Churches! Duties include coordinating Calvary volunteers once a month (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month), attending a meeting once a quarter, and acting as a communication bridge between the Food Shelf and Calvary. If interested, please contact Pr. Jeremiah by calling the office at 218-751-1893.

## *Martha Circle*

Will be learning how to study the bible. How to use the dictionary, the concordance and study guides. Classes will begin Tuesday, March 19 at 1:00pm in the Lounge at Calvary. All are Welcome.

## *Baptisms at Calvary*

If you are interested in having your child baptized at Calvary, please visit our baptism page on our website to get scheduled with us! If you have any questions, you can contact the office at 218-751-1893 or [Click here to register on our website!](#)

## *Opportunities to Connect*

Quilters - Thursdays 9:00 - 11:00am

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study - Wednesdays 8:00am

Martha Circle - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month 1:00 - 3:00pm

Hope Circle - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month 9:30 - 11:00am

Marigold Circle - 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday every of month 10:00 - 12:00pm

Senior Group - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month 12:00 - 1:30pm

For more information about the different groups please contact the front office 218-751-1893.



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