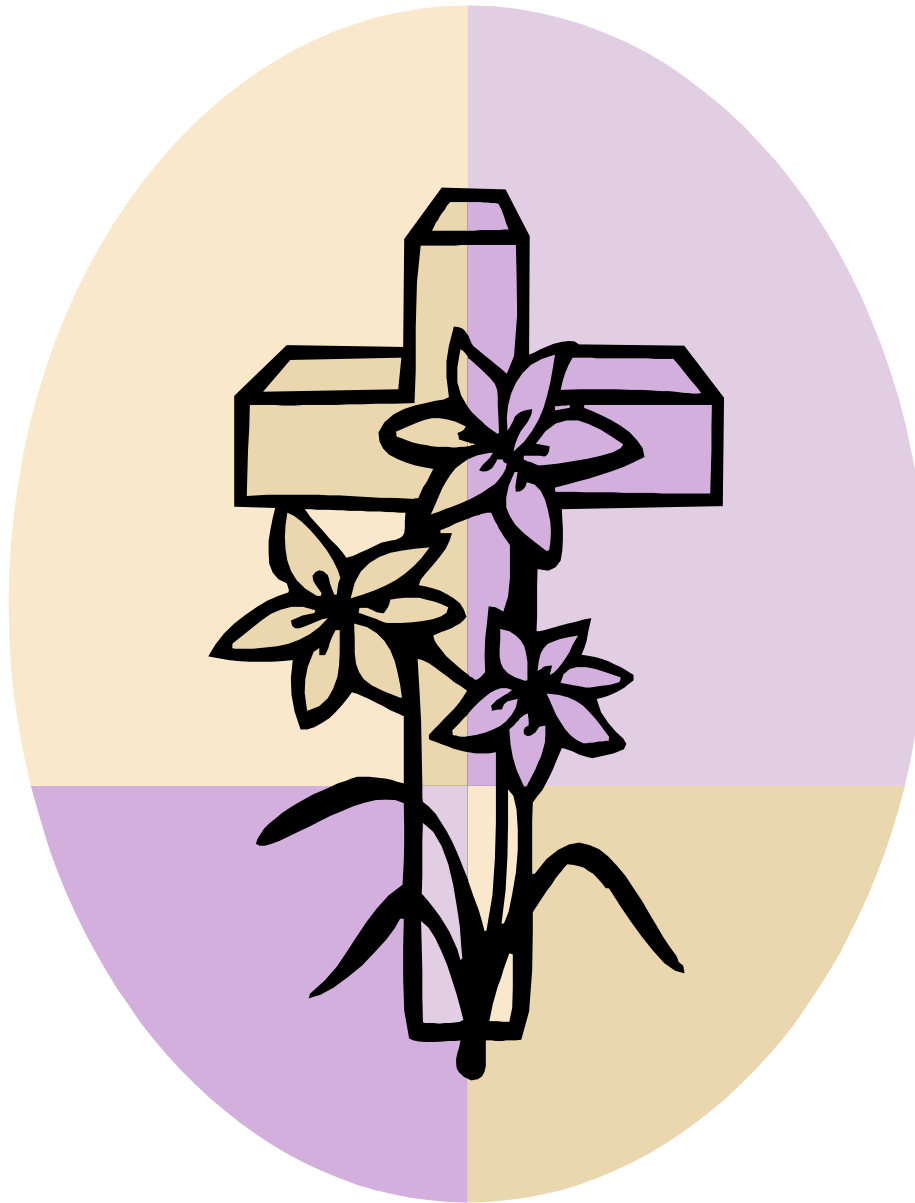


# *CALVARY ECHOES*

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# *April Birthdays*



1	Bob Sander
5	Ara Jorgenson
6	Margrethe Reep
11	Dahra Zinke
14	Emily Russell
16	Jason Sternad
17	Sid Bitney
18	Judy Sander
23	Betty Goeddertz
25	Ilo Wendt



# *A Message from Our Pastor*

On a particular weeknight our family was watching a Disney movie entitled “The Swan Princess”. The story is a classic Disney tale about how a young princess discovers her true love in the context of a prearranged marriage. The movie created a lot of curiosity within Matthew and prompted him to ask many “why” questions. Why do kings live in castles? Why did the princess turn into a swan?

Like children we too are curious about things that are beyond our experience or understanding. As the grieving women arrived at Jesus’ tomb on that first Easter Sunday, they must have experienced a rising level of curiosity, starting with “why is that stone rolled away from Jesus’ grave?” When they looked inside an empty tomb, they must have wondered “why is there no Jesus here?” The angels themselves verbalize the women’s amazement and curiosity by saying “why do you look for the living among the dead? (Luke 24:5b)” Have you ever been curious as to why Jesus had to die, be buried and then rise three days later?

On several occasions Jesus tried to answer this very question by explaining his mission to the disciples. In Matthew 16:21 for example it says, “From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” The disciples didn’t get what Jesus was trying to convey to them. In fact, Peter gave Jesus some blunt commentary saying “Never, Lord! ... This shall never happen to you (Matthew 16:22)!” I believe Peter at that moment was thinking “Why Jesus do you need to turn to a cross when you have the power of heaven available to you now?” Jesus explained to Peter and us that His death and resurrection were all part of God’s plans not ours.

At the time of Lazarus’ illness and unexpected death, Martha and Mary must have wondered “Why Jesus didn’t you get here more quickly so that our brother wouldn’t have died?” Jesus explained His planned delay saying, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it (John 11:4).”

Through Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection; God the Father has been glorified because Jesus accomplished the mission for which the Father sent Him to do. Because of it, we sinners can now have our past forgiven, a purpose to live for in the present, and an eternal home with God in the future.

At the time of her brother’s untimely death, Martha was hoping for a Disney Swan Princess ending; that being “they live happily ever after”. However, she knew the only “ever after” for all people is death. Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this (John 11:25-26)?” Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and Savior of the world?

May God bless you with the power of this resurrection this Easter!

Pastor Kurt



# Announcements

FLATHEAD FOOD BANK: Food of the Month! TOMATO PRODUCTS



## PLEASE REMEMBER

Articles for the Sunday bulletin need to be in the church office by 1 p.m. on Wednesdays & articles for the ECHOES need to be in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!!

CLCW QUILT RAFFLE: Congratulations to the winners: Al & Sue Sylling! Thank you to all who contributed, your support is greatly appreciated!



CALVARY'S QUILTING LADIES are getting together to quilt on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & last Thurs. of each month at 9 a.m., through May. Join us in tying knots!

EASTER BREAKFAST will be served on Easter Sunday, April 4, 9-10 a.m.; before the Worship service. Come enjoy a special/big breakfast!! Join us for this fellowship opportunity!!



KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet from 9 - 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday. This is so families can enjoy the Easter Breakfast in Calvary's Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a special Sunday school and a great breakfast!



"ENCOURAGE" YOUTH has gone back to our regular schedule of 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Jr. High & High School youth are welcome to join us!!



THE BOOK CLUB 'READ' AND THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE Bible study groups will hold a joint meeting on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. We will consider becoming one larger group and combining Bible study and book reviews. Everyone is invited to attend and bring ideas of how to accomplish such a program.

THE WOMEN OF CALVARY will get together after the Worship Service, Sun., April 18<sup>th</sup>. We will assemble health kits, school kits & quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All women are invited to come for a bowl of soup & dessert, fellowship time & the opportunity to do service that will reach out to others around the world!





**A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** We could use a few more people to help prepare communion trays on Sunday mornings. It takes about 15 minutes before service and about 10 minutes after and is REALLY easy. Right now we are alternating months, but would work with anyone's schedule. Thanks in advance.



**FREE TO GROW STUDY: 'Overcoming Setbacks & Disappointments'**

A small group study from Living Free Ministries. Some of the topics in this twelve week study are:

- Facing the Truth of Disappointment
- Forgive as God Forgave
- Making Choices
- Developing Freedom in Christ

plus many more.....ANCHORING GOD'S WORD (from Genesis to Revelation) into our daily living provides hope & direction as we journey toward wholeness in Christ. There is a new class beginning Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. The class will take place downstairs in the large room across from the Clothing Ministry rooms. A donation of \$10 for the workbook is suggested. For more info or to sign up for this class, contact the church office or make note on your yellow attendance card. (This is the same study that is currently taking place Wednesday evenings.)

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

Everyone is invited to the Lutherans for Life Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church; serving is from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit Hope Pregnancy Ministries, pay for the KALS "Life Issues" program, provide prolife education materials for churches, and other projects. Items are needed for the silent auction: new or like-new items, crafts and baked goods. If you or your business can donate something for the auction, please contact Bill or Lois Thielen, 752-8458 by April 19<sup>th</sup>.



**'A Hand Up Not A Hand Out' - A RAY OF HOPE**

***Our Mission Statement is:*** A Ray of Hope is a 501c3 State & Federal tax-exempt organization formed to help those in need. Our primary focus is on helping families become functioning members of society and helping the hungry and homeless with their need when all else has failed them.

Donations of Food, Eggs, Meat, Sugar, Coffee, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Money **Are Greatly Appreciated.** Donations are tax deductible. Please send donations to PO Box 5407, Kalispell MT 59903. (Street address is 46 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.)

We also have good workers that need a Hand up with Work; call 755-4673 or 270-7077.





**NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPRING BRUNCH** Join us at the Neighbors in Need Spring Brunch which will be held on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Inn - 1140 Hwy. 2 West in Kalispell. A delicious brunch is being catered and served by VISTA Linda Catering.

Brunch will be served following services from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and \$5 for children 10 years old and younger. Your support of this event will help Neighbors In Need to continue its mission to assist local people who are in need.

The purpose of Neighbors In Need is to give aid in the name of Jesus Christ, who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, freed the oppressed and met people's physical and spiritual needs.

Neighbors In Need, which is a fund of last resort, is sponsored by local churches and is run entirely on donations and volunteer efforts. The program works with other agencies to help meet urgent needs of people in the Flathead Valley after all other resources are exhausted. Referrals to the program are made through Help Network to the volunteer staff of Neighbors In Need. Last year Neighbors In Need assisted over 881 families in the Flathead Valley & provided 107 personal care bags.

Tickets are available in Calvary Lutheran Church's office or by calling 752-7266. Advance ticket sales by April 23<sup>rd</sup> are appreciated with a limited number of tickets available at the door.



# MARCH Budget Report

## SUMMARY FOR THIS MONTH'S RECEIPTS

Worship Offerings	8748.75
Give Them Wings Presch. Building Use	387.00
Lent Offering	548.00
Community Kitchen donation/electric use	120.00
New York Life Annuity Int.	<u>950.00</u>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **10753.75**

## MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Expenses in March	15035.33
Total Expenses Paid	<u>13263.22</u>

**Unpaid Expenses** **1772.11**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WORSHIP OFF.</u>	<u>NEEDED WKLY</u> (to meet budgeted goal)
3/7	71	2778.00	2937.33
3/14	79	1911.00	2937.33
3/21	82	2323.00	2937.33
3/28	82	1736.75	2937.33

## MONTHLY RECEIPTS (\$12,728.42 needed per mo. to meet budget goal)

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

JAN	13577.05	MAY	SEPT
FEB	11968.13	JUN	OCT
MAR	10753.75	JUL	NOV
APR		AUG	DEC

## Jan. - Mar. Unpaid Expenses

Pastor's Salary	1065.11
Pastor's Housing Allowance	500.00
Snowplowing	100.00
KALS (yearly amount)	<u>107.00</u>

**Total Unpaid** **1772.11**

**LENT OFFERINGS** of \$826.50 was given to the General Budget. Soup Supper offerings of \$98 was given to Calvary Lutheran Church Women. Thank you for your contributions & support!



# Council Highlights

Pastor Kurt opened with prayer.

Eric Maisch led devotion from My Utmost for His Highest on 1 Corinthians 3:3

Prayer: Prayer list & specific needs of Calvary.

Bible study: 'Ministry isn't much like snowboarding' Hebrews 11:1-6 Does your ministry reveal your trust in God, that you live by faith and believe God when you can't see what He's doing? Council shared what they could see God doing in their areas of ministry.

## FYI

1. Haiti Relief raised - \$748.76; has been sent in, \$120 more has been received.
2. Executive team recommends letting the Worship Team meet a few times to develop Worship ideas together before they come to share with Council.
3. Options discussed for Easter ads. It was motioned and approved to have Flathead Publishing Group do an ad. It is \$44 for a business card sized ad; and will be in the Whitefish Pilot, Hungry Horse News and the Bigfork Eagle. A follow up story on Calvary's change to LCMC will be done by the Daily Inter Lake.
4. To have a boiler license displayed by an operator, they will need to be able to inspect quarterly. Options will be pursued.
5. Constitution Revision Task Force will meet after the Council has completed the 101 Class; which will be done at the Council Retreat.
6. Pastor's pension & benefits will be changed from ELCA Board of Pensions to LCMC providers. This will be pursued after Easter.
7. Pastor Kurt has been asked to preach at the opening worship of the LCMC North West District's 2010 Convention, April 30<sup>th</sup>. He has accepted this opportunity. The convention is in Kellogg, Idaho; at American Lutheran Church.

## LET'S TAKE ACTION

1. \$50 Camperships will be offered this year, case by case, with families having the freedom to choose the camp they would prefer their child attend.
2. Approved to have Life Line Screening use the Fellowship Hall June 26<sup>th</sup>.
3. The first quarter Mission Focus (5% of Sunday offerings) will be divided 50% to Community Kitchen Evergreen (\$722.19), 25% to Neighbors in Need (\$361.09), 25% to Ray of Hope (\$361.09). Total received for Mission Focus in the first quarter of 2010 was \$1444.37.
4. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is ending it's Giving Plus program that does matching funds and is starting a new program, Thrivent Choice. Al Sylling will look into what this means. We will have to register with Thrivent before 3/31/10 to be a part of this program.
5. Council Retreat will be Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The 101 Class will be done.
6. Testimonies were shared.
7. Other: Bob Sander shared fire code expectations. We will have a walk through done to make sure we meet requirements.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer



# HOLY WEEK

## Schedule

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 1	5:30 p.m.	Calvary's Closet
	6:00 p.m.	Community Kitchen
	7:00 p.m.	Worship/HC & Foot Washing

### **Good Friday**

April 2	7:00 p.m.	Community Worship Service
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The Community Worship Service will take place at the Christian Center. This service is put together by the Kalispell Ministerial Association. Join us for an awesome opportunity to worship with others from our community!!

### **Easter Sunday**

April 4	9:00-9:30 a.m.	Kids Sunday School
	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/HC

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# Thank You Notes

**THANK YOU:** A special thanks to members of Calvary Lutheran Church for their generous support of scholarships for the two Lutheran schools in Bolivia. With your help the MT Synod raised \$8,000 to provide scholarships for the school year 2010, which runs from February through November. The schools at El Alto and Faith and Hope at Santa Cruz each received \$4000 for their students.

As Bolivia grows in its Democratic government, it becomes more important that its citizens can read. If you can't read the only thing you know is what someone tells you.

Again the Bolivian students and their families express their great thanks and appreciation for your faithful support.

Your generosity is appreciated,

Pastor Bob Nilsen

**To Thank All of You:** With sincere thanks to all of you.

I received the beautiful quilt, its lovely and I will think of all of you when I use it.

What a wonderful tradition our church has.

P.S. Hope to see you all soon.

Love, Audy AuClaire



# *Tid Bits*

## **DOUBT VS. FAITH**

Doubt sees the obstacles;

Faith sees the way!

Doubt sees the darkest night;

Faith sees the day!

Doubt dreads to take a step;

Faith soars on high:

Doubt questions, "Who believes?"

Faith answers, "I."

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