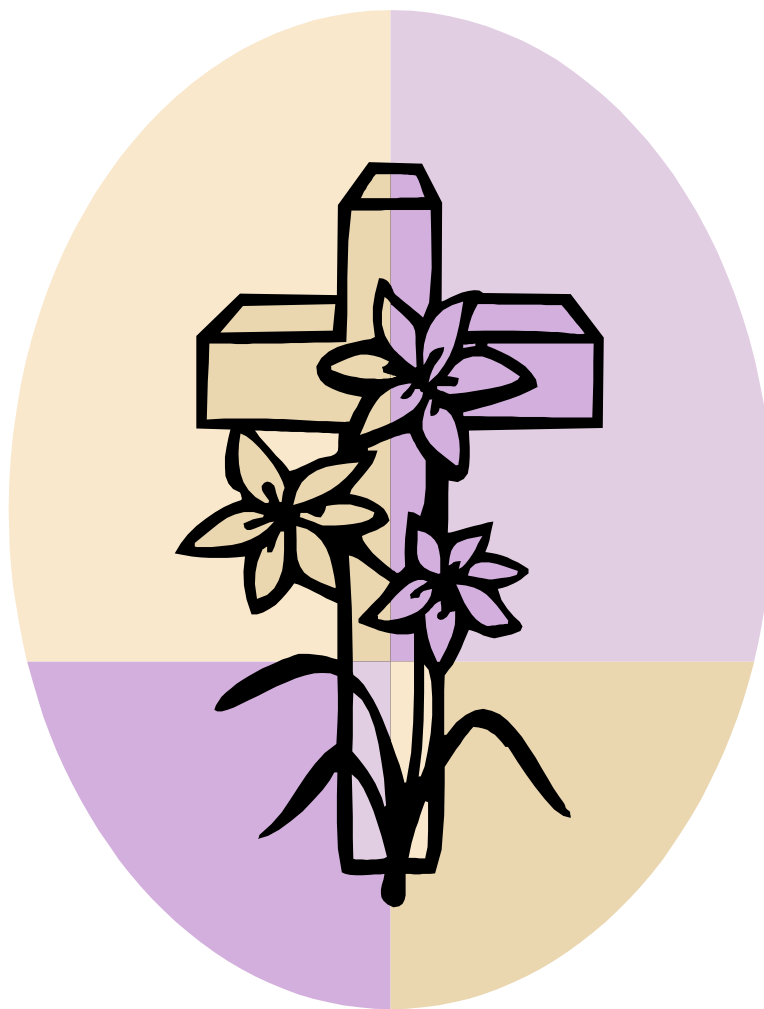


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'Afraid & Joyful'



A Message from Our Pastor

As many know, Jenny and I have been busy redoing our family room. I have been feverously replacing the electrical outlets from a dark almond to a light almond. As mentioned in a previous sermon, when it came time to replace the three way switch I went to turn off the power and the circuit breaker broke. I spoke to two resident electricians within the church who advised me that there wasn't anything to be concerned about especially since the power seemed to be off on that circuit. I could describe my feelings going to bed as both afraid, yet joyful because we knew the house would still be safe because the circuit breaker did what it was designed to do, which is to prevent a fire from occurring due to an overload or short circuit.

After the Resurrection, the women came to an empty tomb expecting to find a body, but instead they were met by an angel of the Lord. This angel was described as "His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men (Matthew 28:3-4)."

Could you imagine how the women reacted to seeing an angel of the Lord? Their emotional circuit was already overloading with grief concerning Jesus' crucifixion. Now, their emotions were probably ready to short circuit with awe and fear on seeing an angel whose sight had already caused grown men to collapse in fear. Unlike the men, the women didn't faint or run away, they heard the message that the angel had to share "Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him (Matthew 28:7).'" The Bible says the women urgently left the tomb afraid and yet filled with joy because they knew that Jesus was alive. On the way, they encountered the living Jesus Christ who not only greeted them, but reminded them about the church's mission "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me (Matthew 28:10)."

Like the women then, we today are seeing a lot of things in the world that can overload and short circuit our emotional circuits. We have seen a violent earthquake (Matthew 28:2), thirty foot tidal waves traveling at over five hundred miles per hour, and are still in midst of a what is becoming an irresolvable nuclear crisis in Japan. Yet with all these things happening just as Jesus said they would in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 concerning His imminent return, we need to continue to do what Jesus told the women; tell others about the good news of Jesus Christ. Because of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, God has made it possible for anyone to have a personal relationship with Him. All they need to do is repent, be baptized, and then they too will receive the gift of the resurrected Jesus (Acts 2:38).

As we are the generation that will see Jesus' Second Coming, let's us not just look heavenward like the disciples did at Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:11), but rather in both a holy fear and joyful heart, be about our Master's business of telling other's that the resurrected Jesus of Nazareth is alive, is coming, and is still saving the lost from their sins.

Brother in Christ,

Pastor Kurt

April Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Happy	Birthday!				1 Bob Sander	2 Jami Deskins
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Emily Russell	15	16 Jason Sternad
17 Sid Bitney	18 Judy Sander	19	20	21	22	23 Betty Goeddertz
24	25 Ilo Wendt	26	27	28	29 Nancy Tucker	30 Moe Bessey

Don't see your name on the birthday list?

If you would like us to know more about you, please fill out your
Yellow cards

Sunday morning and place them in the offering plates!



Announcements



FLATHEAD FOOD BANK: Food of the month- Peanut Butter.

CALVARY’S CLOSET: Our need is never ending for gently worn, clean (please) shoes. We want to thank each & every one of you who have been so thoughtful & generous in the outpouring of loving contributions! It has been fantastic! Strangers, neighbors, & friends, are finding a place that provides acceptance, fellowship, a hot meal, clothing, & a "hands-on" demonstration of how a personal relationship with Jesus makes a difference in people's priorities & lives. God bless you all!

COUNCIL INSTALLATION will be Sunday, April 3rd, during prayers at Worship. Please keep our Council members in your prayers & share a thank you with them for their commitment to serve God here at Calvary! Council: Otto Bessey, Jami Deskins, Jeff DuPuy, Daniel Erickson, Gary Fischer, Tom Foreman, Betty Goeddertz, Danny Johnson, Verlyn Krumland, Eric Maisch, Alyssa Sternad and Al Sylling.

PLEASE REMEMBER that articles for the Sunday bulletin need to be in the church office by 1p.m.on Wednesday & articles for the ECHOES need to be in by the 20th of each month. Thanks!!

HOLY WEEK

Thursday, April 21 st	7 p.m.	Worship/HC (at Calvary)
Good Friday, April 22 nd	7 p.m.	Community Worship Service

The Community Worship Service will take place at the Christian Center. This service is put together by the Kalispell Ministerial Association. Calvary’s Praise Band will be playing some songs and Pastor Kurt will be participating in the service!! Join us for an awesome opportunity to worship with others from our community!!

EASTER SUNDAY

April 24 th	8:30-10:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Kids Easter Egg Hunt
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/HC

‘EnCourage’ Youth will continue to meet on Wednesdays through Lent (3/16-4/13) at 7 p.m. April 20th we will go back to our regular schedule of 6:30-8:30 p.m. We have begun a new series on dating relationships. Come join us! ☺

‘Inspirational’ Women’s Group will meet Wed. April 6th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Welcome Area. We will review a book from our church library, followed by a Bible Study. Come and Join us!

CALVARY'S QUILTING LADIES are still quilting on the 2nd & last Thurs. of each month at 9 a.m., through May. Join us in tying knots!

GREAT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY! Please pray and consider serving in this important and fun ministry of being an assistant to help in the church nursery during Sunday Worship. A sign up sheet will be passed around during the service Sunday April 3rd if you are interested. Please sign up for the date(s) you would be able to help. Hours to serve are from 10:15 a.m. until the end of the service, even if no children are present. If you are unable to attend a date you signed up for or you would like more info, please contact Rachelle at 755-9691 or the church office, 752-4102. Thanks!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Adults and Teenagers: "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for as such is the Kingdom of Heaven". The Lord is calling us to fulfill "The Great Commission" with Vacation Bible School; a spectacular way to reach out to the community. If you would like to donate your time, talent, gifts, and prayers, for this years endeavor, please, don't be shy. Anything that the Lord puts on your heart to do will be of tremendous value. Help with craft ideas, refreshments, a Bible Lesson to a particular age group, sign-up, games etc. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the church office; or you can give Sandy a call at 871-4199/ Koya at 752-2888 if you would like to participate in any way. Thank You!!! ***We will have a 'brainstorming' meeting Tues April 5th at 6:30 p.m. so come join us as we look forward to this awesome ministry opportunity!!***

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Everyone is invited to the Lutherans for Life Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction on Sunday, April 10th at Trinity Lutheran Church; serving is from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. A free-will offering benefits Hope Pregnancy Ministries, pays for the KALS "Life Issues" program, contributes to A Place of Refuge Home, provides prolife materials for churches, provides confirmation cards with baby "feet" pins for confirmands, and other projects. Items are needed for the silent auction: any new or like-new items, crafts and baked goods. If you or your business can donate, please contact Carol Freeman at 752-8464. Auction items are needed by April 4th so that the bid sheets can be made up. Also, help is needed to cook and set up on the evening of April 9th and for serving and clean up on Sunday. If you can help with this, please contact Linda Jackson at 756-8344.

'BE STILL & KNOW' W.O.W. (Women of the Word, LCMC) Event to be held at Peace Lutheran Church, 203 Jackrabbit Lane in Belgrade, MT; April 16th, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lunch is provided: cost \$5. Registration will be from 10:00-10:30am; lunch at 12:00pm; program begins at 1:00pm. We will provide some housing in homes for those who would appreciate staying Friday night. We will provide child care if we can get an RSVP by April 1. To RSVP: Church 406-388-1358 or doddy@littleappletech.com.

Easter Sunday April 24th: Our children & their friends are invited to our exciting, gigantic Easter morning egg hunt!! Instead of Sunday school, we can all have breakfast together, served from 8:30-10 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Then at 9:30 we will announce the Easter egg hunt! We would like to have plenty of plastic eggs, baskets or little pails for the children to use. We are hoping for a few donations, such as individual wrapped candies, balloons, and perhaps easy to read Bible verses, to put inside the eggs. We could also use help with filling the eggs & hiding them in our own mini forest beside the church. We will start hiding eggs any time after 8:30 Easter morning & hopefully be ready for the "seekers" by 9:30. Please invite everyone to come, we know that we are going to enjoy a very special time together. For more info please call Sandy at 871-4199 or Koya at 212-6104.

Easter Breakfast! We would like to invite you to HeBrews Café for Easter Breakfast, April 24th 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. We will be serving: breakfast casserole, baked apple French toast, fresh fruit, coffee, lattes, punch, and Easter treats! We hope you will join us in celebrating our risen Lord!

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today? Life Line Screening will be at Calvary Lutheran Church on Wed, May 4 offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. 1) carotid artery blockage (stroke) 2) atrial fibrillation 3) abdominal aortic aneurysm 4) peripheral arterial disease 5) osteoporosis (bone loss) These screenings are recommended for anyone 50 & older, or 40 & over with cardiovascular risk factors. They are non-invasive, painless, & take 60-90 minutes to complete. The results, which are mailed directly to you, will help you & your doctor protect your health. Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm Package are for \$139. To be more proactive about your health & live longer for yourself, your family, & your community, call to register at 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. You can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease. There is no time like the present to take action!

WORLD RELIEF It is time to focus on bringing items for world relief! The pick up for Lutheran World Relief supplies will be the end of April. Needed for Health & School Kits are: **combs *pencil sharpeners *band-aids *fingernail clippers with file *soap, soap, soap!* (*Soap is more valuable than medicine in 3rd world countries.*) We also need someone to make bags for the items. Contact Sue Iverson or Lorrie Fischer to find out the size or pattern for the bags. Thank you for all you contribute! **THERE IS A DROP OFF BASKET IN THE WELCOME AREA**

Assembling World Relief Kits: Thursday April 14th at 9:30 a.m. we will be getting together to assemble the health kits, school kits & quilts for Lutheran World Relief in the large room downstairs. All are invited to come join us for this opportunity to do service that will reach out to others around the world!

WOW!! DID YOU NOTICE! The kitchen floor has been cleaned with ‘Epic’ floor cleaning materials. Thank you to Tom Foreman for donating the materials & time, along with his helpers Eric Maisch, Dan Erickson & Ryan Roush. We have the opportunity to have the front & back of the Worship Area floor done also. Labor will be donated & the cost of materials is \$575. We have had \$50 donated to the cost of materials; leaving the balance at \$525. ***This is a “Needs Board” opportunity!*** Please pray if this is something God would have you contribute to! Thanks!!

Needs Board Opportunities! Easter/ Summer decorations (\$100) Fabric and flowers for Worship Area & Fellowship Hall. We have had \$25 donated; balance \$75. Thanks for your generosity and prayers!



Dear Calvary...

Hi from Community Kitchen Evergreen!

We just wanted to give everyone an update and to tell you of some of our needs!

Community Kitchen in Evergreen is seeing a lot of new people, as well as many of our "regulars". We average around 60-75 people every Thursday. Sometimes we have close to 100 and other times we have had 35. We've also added another church to our "line-up". The Dwelling Place will be serving the 1st Thursday of the month, beginning in April. Family Life Christian Church was called to start Celebrate Recovery at their church, including a dinner every Thursday night. They really miss us & we really miss them! Calvary Lutheran Church will now be serving the 2nd Thursday of the month, beginning in April.

Many individuals may be unable, because of other responsibilities, to come to our dinners and help serve. You may be asking if there's a way you could still participate, indeed you can! If you are able to make a dessert for the Thursdays that Calvary does the dinners, we would appreciate it a lot! We also need special foods to make the wonderful dinners we serve, so if you are able to contribute financially to Community Kitchen, it would be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, would like to serve, contribute or just learn more about Community Kitchen, feel free to contact Brenda Bauer, Denise Gullickson or Kim Snell.

Thank you,
Brenda Bauer, Denise Gullickson and Kim Snell



Council Highlights

March 22nd, 2011

Eric Maisch opened with prayer.

Guest Speaker: Lisa – Wyldlife director shared info about Wyldlife & their desire to send 4 kids from Evergreen to their summer camp in Oregon. Awesome opportunity for kids who otherwise wouldn't have the chance. It's \$499 per child, Lisa asked if Calvary would be interested in supporting 2 students. Kids will then share their experience with the congregation.

Eric Maisch read devotion from My Utmost for His Highest on Luke 24:32: The burning heart only keeps burning with Jesus.

Prayer: Praise for growth in youth & Calvary, also prayer for those who need healing.

Bible study: How to grow through your weakness: Identify your weakness, action plan (achievable goals), identify a mentor, and be open and honest with yourself.

FYI

1. Pastor's housing expenses increased, this does not affect what Calvary pays, it is for his tax deductions.
2. VBS could use helpers; sign up on Sunday school bulletin board.
3. Installation/announce of Council members during prayers, April 3.
4. Council will pray about substitute Pastor's doing communion.
5. Other: a) sign repair – have 3 bids
b) boiler – team will be formed, cost \$20-25,000
c) Sandy DuPuy has received her new washer. Dryer is being pursued. Current dryer needs venting cleaned out.

LET'S TAKE ACTION

1. Mission Focus 1st Quarter Designees: Sponsor 1 Wyldlife student for summer camp, Neighbors in Need & Community Kitchen Evergreen.
2. Lent offerings will be designated to the General Budget.
3. Relay for Life – Calvary Team? Anyone interested in leading, contact the church office.
4. Constitution Revision Team – Valli Ostrem will facilitate this team. Thanks!! Next mtg. will be April 26th at 6 p.m.
5. Testimonies – God is affecting people's lives in awesome ways! There have been individuals who ask where they can help! Praise God!!
6. Other: Rick Ruby will set up an account through Sysco for Community Kitchen, & then may consider opportunities for Calvary.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer



March Budget



SUMMARY FOR THIS MONTH'S RECEIPTS

Worship Offerings	9942.30
Give Them Wings Presch. Building Use	395.00
Lent Offering	394.00
UI Tax Refund	39.72
Stop payment on a check	34.95
New York Life Annuity Int.	<u>950.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	11755.97

MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Expenses in March	11869.36
Total Expenses Paid	<u>11869.36</u>
Unpaid Expenses	0.00

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WORSHIP OFF.</u>	<u>NEEDED WKLY</u> (to meet budgeted goal)
3/6	80	3252.30	2898.12
3/13	74	2162.00	2898.12
3/20	85	2209.00	2898.12
3/27	74	2319.00	2898.12

MONTHLY RECEIPTS (\$12,558.50 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 12161.00	MAY	SEPT
FEB 12529.00	JUN	OCT
MAR 11755.97	JUL	NOV
APR	AUG	DEC

All Expenses paid January through March 2011!!

LENT OFFERINGS will be used for the General Budget. Thank you for your contributions & support!



Tid Bits

This Life on Earth

Easter means that this life on earth
is not all there is.
Jesus went "to prepare a place for us"
in His Father's heavenly mansions
for all eternity.

Jesus died for our sins,
paying our penalty,
so that we could be forgiven.
He was resurrected, to prove
that death has no hold
on those who repent
and accept Him as Savior.
This life on earth is a prelude
to eternal joy with our Lord.
Easter is a celebration
of our eternal destiny.

By Joanna Fuchs

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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."

