

Calvary Echoes

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A Message from Our Pastor

The month of May is always exciting especially for those of in the Flathead Valley desperately looking forward to the start of spring. When I first met Jenny, I would sometime tease her about the long Montana winters. If someone asked me how the weather was here, I would say they have three seasons July, August, and winter. Until this winter, I thought my observations were just pure fiction with the one noted exception being the winter of 1996. The year Jenny and I got married in Kalispell, Montana.

There are many special occasions during the month of May one of the most special is Mother's Day which occurs on May 8th. Mother's Day in the United States was started by Julie Ward Howe the author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". She was distraught over senseless killings of so many during the American Civil War. She called for a movement of mother's as a way to protest and stop the killings of the sons of other mothers.

Honoring our mothers is also important to God. It's so important that God included it in His top ten list known as the Ten Commandments. The fifth commandment states "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth (Ephesians 6:2-3)."


How would Jesus honor His mother? I was recently thinking about Jesus' final words of His life while dying on the cross. One of His final words answers the question of how He did honor His mother Mary. Jesus, with all the strength He could gather, saw that Mary and the beloved disciple John were standing at the foot of the cross. He said to his mother, "'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.'" From that time on, this disciple took her into his home (John 19:26b-27)." Jesus honored Mary by making arrangements for her care following His death. It was the eldest son's responsibility to take care of their mother. Granted Jesus had other brothers and sisters, it still was His responsibility to make those arrangements. By connecting Mary to His most beloved disciple John, not only did He fulfill His obligation as the elder son, but also honored her with continued care beyond his own death.

When Mother's Day comes, take some time to thank God for the gift of your mother. Don't forget to send your mother flowers or give them a call to wish them a happy Mother's Day. The first Mother's Day started out as a protest to save the lives of children during the American Civil War. On Good Friday, Jesus honored His mother by making arrangements for her future care beyond his death. He also provided for her and the rest of us, a way we can have a right relationship with God which is the best gift of all.

Happy Mother's Day!

Pastor Kurt

May Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Happy	3 Birthday	4 !!!!	5	6 	7
8 Dirk Lybeck Betty Stockwell	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Jordyn Lowry	17	18 Alyssa Sternad	19	20	21 Olive Lyon
22 Kristy Johnson	23 Todd Rousch	24	25 Ruth Nelson Marit Felton	26	27	28
29 David Engle	30	31				

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- Mac n Cheese

'Inspirational' Women's Group meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm in Calvary's Welcome Area. Come & join us Wednesday, May 5th as we review a book from our church library, followed by a Bible Study!

There will be an opportunity to pick up a baby bottle to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries during their **Baby Bottle Fundraiser!** Between Mother's Day & Father's Day, fill your baby bottle with loose change, bills or a check & bring your bottle back to church on or before Father's Day. Hope Pregnancy Ministries serves women experiencing unplanned pregnancy by providing free pregnancy testing & ultrasound with options counseling, as well as mentorship & material needs for young moms! Get involved today by filling & returning a baby bottle! Questions? Call 257-5700.

Life Line Screening will be at Calvary Lutheran Church Wednesday, May 4; 8:15am – 5:30pm. Remember your appt. or call to register at 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

How would you describe your present relationship with God? Is it growing or declining, dynamic or bewildered, intimate or frustrated. Do you have a heart-felt desire to experience God in a deeper way? The Experiencing God small group will begin May 8th at 9am in the Welcome Area. This small group will look at the topic of Experiencing God in a very real & practical way; with Henry Blackaby's book *Experiencing God*. We will take a look at how we can know His nature & will for our lives, & discover how we can tap into His power for accomplishing His purposes. If you are interested please contact the church office or sign up using the yellow slip. The cost for the books will be about \$15.00. Get ready to Experience God!

'Encourage' Youth: Calling all Jr. High and High School Students!! Join us for youth group every Wednesday night from 6:30 – 8:30pm in Calvary's Worship Area. Enjoy games, fellowship and of course deep exploration into God's Word.

Great Service Opportunity! Please pray & consider serving in this important & fun ministry of the church nursery during Sunday Worship. Hours to serve are from 10:15 am until the end of the service, even if no children are present. If you are interested in serving in the nursery or would like more info, please contact Rachelle at 755-4102. Thanks!

The Calvary Lutheran Church Women will be selling an assortment of flowers and vegetable plants Sunday May 22nd after Worship. Plants will be from Angie's Greenhouse. Prices will vary. Help support the Women of Calvary and 'spring' up your home with new flowers and/or plants!

NEEDS BOARD OPPORTUNITIES! LCMC North West District Convention

Expenses: Donations accepted. Pastor Kurt & Jenny, Jason & 5 of the Youth Group, plus other Calvary members will be attending April 27-28 in Richland, WA. Please keep them in prayer in this awesome opportunity!! **'Epic' floor cleaning materials to do the Worship Area floors, front & back** (\$575). We have had \$235 donated - balance for the cost of materials is \$340. **Easter/ Summer Decorations;** (\$100) Fabric & Flowers for Worship Area & Fellowship Hall. We have had \$80 donated; balance \$20. **Easter Worship Ad** in the InterLake (\$150) - \$35 has been donated; balance \$115. Thanks for your generosity & prayers!

Magazines for Our Troops! There is a box in the Welcome Area for used or new magazines that will be sent to our troops. If you have any you could share, the magazines would be a great encouragement for our troops overseas!! Thanks ☺

TARPS FOR TENTS_We are putting together tote boxes filled with heavy duty plastic tarps, ropes, and tent pegs that can be shipped where needed and used as emergency shelters. With the increasing number of natural disasters worldwide, these totes can be prepared ahead of time and when needed, shipped to our sister churches near the disaster for distribution. If you wish to help by bringing in tarps, rope or tent pegs, please do. If you have any questions, feel free to call Rick Funk at 257-7716. If you would prefer to donate funds for the purchase of these items, please make the checks out to Calvary Lutheran Church and write Tarps for Tents on the Memo line.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/July 11th – 15th, 8:30-11:30 a.m. (PLANNING MTG. Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:30 p.m.): If the Lord is calling you to donate your time, talents, gifts, and prayers for this year's VBS, 'PandaMania', please don't be shy! There is a sign-up sheet on the Sunday school bulletin board by the office. Come join us in this awesome ministry opportunity! There is also a donation jar located on the table in the back of the Welcome Area if the Lord is calling you help fund this wonderful event! For more info give Sandy a call at 871-4199/ Koya at 752-2888. Thanks for your support and prayers!



Living Free's

CAREGIVING:

CARING FOR AGING PARENTS

Provides hope & direction to those concerned about the health & well-being of aging parents or an ill spouse or relative. We address predominate issues most families face.

The Bible provides encouragement and direction to help individuals & families through this caregiving journey. Each session is designed to discuss a specific area of concern.

Topics covered in this curriculum are:

- Session 1 - You Are Not Alone
- Session 2 - The Aging Process
- Session 3 - Through the Eyes of the Care Receiver
- Session 4 – Through the Eyes of the Care Giver
- Session 5 - Honoring Our Parents
- Session 6 - The Role of a Caregiver
- Session 7 - Developing a Care Plan
- Session 8 - End of Life Planning
- Session 9 - Forgiveness and Reconciliation
- Session 10 - Communication
- Session 11 - Legacy of Memories
- Session 12 - The Streets of Gold



This new class will begin the middle of June,
with Valli Ostrem facilitating. If you are interested
in attending this class;
please contact the Church Office at 752-4102
or make note on your yellow attendance sheet and
place it in the offering plate Sunday morning.

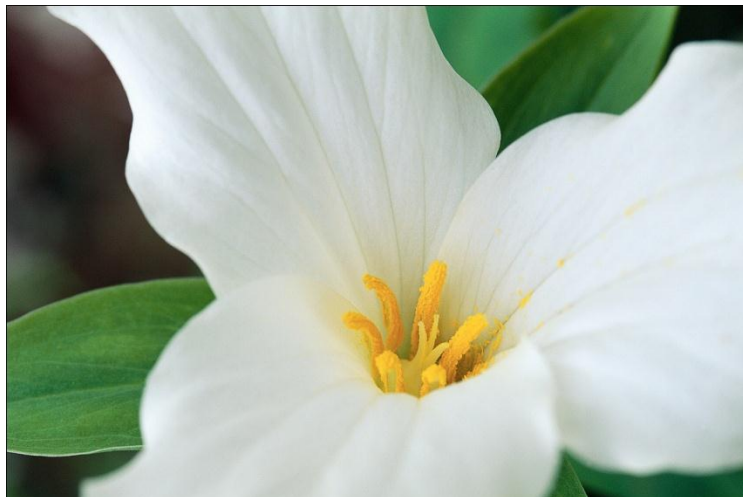
Dear Calvary...

THANKS TO LWR SUPPORTERS,

Lutheran World Relief is working to create stronger, more resilient communities in Haiti. Health kits & quilts were sent to Haiti. \$7 million for relief & development in Haiti. LWR, in partnership with World Neighbors & Partnership for Local Development, have distributed seeds & tools to farmers, built latrines, stocked community stores with basic provisions at reduced costs & offered 'cash for work' programs for Haitians to earn money while making long lasting improvements to rural communities. For the cholera outbreak, LWR helped distribute medical supplies, water filters, oral rehydration salts, soap & water treatment tablets to people at risk of cholera infection.

Calvary has boxed up the following for LWR: 51 pounds of new soap, 71 quilts, 45 Health kits & 61 school kits. I am very proud of Calvary, for all the donations throughout the year to make this shipment possible. Thank you to all who helped assemble & box up our share to be shipped to LWR.

God Bless You, Lorrie Fischer; Secretary of CLCW



Council Highlights

April 26th, 2011

Eric Maisch opened with prayer and read devotion: 'The Supreme Climb' – Genesis 22:2

Pastor Kurt Rau lead a bible study on 'Be a good steward of God's time'. 1) Analyze your time (how do you spend your time). 2) Put similar tasks together. 3) Control technology (don't let it control you). 4) Write it down. 5) Use your loose change wisely (spare time). 6) Put relationships at the top of your to do list.

FYI

1. Life Line Screening will be in Fellowship Hall Wed, May 4th, 8:15-5:30.
2. 'Take Off Pounds Sensibly' will meet Wed. mornings in the Welcome Area, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
3. Sign is finished, still need new letters and rocks repaired.
4. Boiler team is being put together, getting bids and will need to do fundraising.
5. Need a new/refurbished commercial dishwasher. Community Kitchen is looking to do fundraising. We will pursue also.
6. VBS is July 11-15, 8:30 -11:30 a.m. Planning mtg. 1st Tues. of May & June, 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are still needed.
7. Constitution Revision: process is going well, will look at membership expectations at next mtg.
8. *In Sept. multiple Pastors messages will be on the same topic from John 17.

*Good Friday Service went well. Truly a community service!

LET'S TAKE ACTION

1. Storage Shed for Food Bank: unanimously approved to allow Food Bank to build a shed by Calvary's, to store tables and carts in.
2. Testimonies were shared.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer

April Budget

SUMMARY FOR THIS MONTH'S RECEIPTS

Worship Offerings	10402.00
Preschool Building Use	395.00
Life Line Screening B. Use	50.00
Lent/Maundy Thurs. Offerings	1539.00
New York Life Annuity Interest	+ <u>950.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	13336.00



MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Expenses in April	12872.49
Unpaid Expenses in Jan.-March	+ <u>0.00</u>
Total Expenses	12872.49
Total Expenses Paid	- <u>12872.49</u>
Unpaid Expenses	0.00

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTEND.</u>	<u>WORSHIP OFF.</u>	<u>NEED WKLY</u> (to meet budgeted goal)
4/3	78	3248.00	2898.12
4/10	71	2283.00	2898.12
4/17	76	1951.00	2898.12
4/24	120	2920.00	2898.12

MONTHLY RECEIPTS (\$12,558.50 needed per mo. to meet budget goal)

"Each of us should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7

JAN	12161.00	MAY	SEPT
FEB	12529.00	JUN	OCT
MAR	11755.97	JUL	NOV
APR	13336.00	AUG	DEC

April Expenses All Paid!!

Praise God for His Provision!!

CALVARY'S 1ST QUARTER MISSION FOCUS (5% of Jan. – Mar. Sunday Worship Offerings) total was \$1513.41, with \$504.47 designated to each: Community Kitchen Evergreen, Neighbors in Need & for an Evergreen student to go to Wyldlife Summer Camp. Praise God! Thank you, what a privilege to help those in our community!!



Tid Bits

BLESSED IS THE MOTHER . . .

Who can hold onto her children while letting them go;
Who puts a tranquil home ahead of an immaculate house;
Who knows a kind act will be remembered longer than an easy word;
Who really believes that prayer changes things;
Whose faith in the future sweetens the present;
Whose Bible never needs dusting;
Whose sense of humor is alive and well.

The successful mother sets her children free and becomes more free herself in the process.

-Robert J. Havighurst

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER, THAT YOUR DAYS MAY BE LONG IN THE LAND WHICH THE LORD YOUR GOD GIVES YOU. Exodus 20:12

MOTHER'S DAY

There is beauty in a budding rose,
A brightly colored leaf;
There is beauty in a friendly smile,
A small child's rosy cheeks.
There is beauty in a sunset,
And in a falling star;
But the beauty of a mother's love
Surpasses all by far.

Loise Pinkerton

