

NEWSLETTER

Calvary Lutheran Church

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Dear Members and Friends of Calvary,

We have made some decisions about our future. We can, of course, change our minds.

We are thinking of calling a part-time pastor. This might be a pastor shared with another congregation, or a pastor who is working at another job, but who'd like also to be our pastor at 60% of his time, or a pastor who'd like to do something else while serving as a pastor. It could be a clergy couple, who'd like one of them to work full time and the other part-time.

We would have this pastor Sundays and two or three days a week. We have not yet heard from the congregation.

Do you agree with the conclusion reached by the two dozen members who thought about it? If you don't, you had best speak up soon. We are also getting ready to set up a call committee. This is done by the Church Council. We want the committee to represent the congregation, older and younger, male and female, married and single, grandchildren and grandparents.

We know they will have to work. The Synod will help them think through what they are doing, but they will make up their own minds.

When they are done, they will bring a candidate to us with their approval. We will know the financial details and the evaluation of the committee. The congregation will decide on whether or not to call the candidate.

This could come by the end of the summer, or it could take longer. If you have any suggestions as to good candidates, tell the Council or Call Committee. In the last, it is the vote of the congregation that calls a pastor.

May God bless our decisions and our call.

Pastor John Hagen

APRIL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sat.,	April 1 -- 4 - 7 p.m.	Congregational Belgian Waffle Dinner
Wed.,	April 5 -- 5:00 p.m.	Lenten Supper (Oct, Nov & Dec Hubs Serve)
Sun.,	April 9 -- 10:15 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service
Wed.,	April 12 -- 6:30 p.m.	Passover (Seder) Meal
Thurs.,	April 13 -- 6:30 p.m.	Maunday Thursday Worship Services
Fri.,	April 14 -- 6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Worship Service
Sat.,	April 15 -- 7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast & Sausage Fry
Sun.,	April 16 -- 8:00 a.m.	Sunrise Easter Service
	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
	10:15 a.m.	Festival Easter Service
Sat.,	April 29 -- 8 - Noon	ELCA Women "Love and Laughter" (Waseca)

CALVARY LUTHERAN HUB UNIT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>COFFEE HOSTS</u>
4/02			
4/09			
4/16			
4/23			
4/30			

USHERS

4-02	Wayne Koester, Dennis Huebsch and Jeff Bateman
4-09	Sheila, Zach and Cece Scharping
4-16	Luther League
4-23	Luther League
4-30	Steve, Deb, Brent and Kayla Krosch

ACOLYTES

4-02	Kim Davis
4-09	Will Howieson
4-13	Jaclyn Bateman (Maunday Thursday)
4-14	(Good Friday)
4-16	Courtney Pestka (Sunrise)
4-16	Taylor Johnson (Festival)
4-23	Cece Scharping
4-30	Brent Krosch

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Stesha Dunker
3	Dick Nelson
4	Maribeth Marso, Lisa Pagel
5	Kyle Schweim
6	Marcus Matzke, Carolyn Marble Henry Nelson
7	Julie Miller
9	Cleo Matzke
10	Faye Schwantes
11	CoryAnna Wendt, Craig Doring
12	Carrie Urke
14	Lindsay Schultz
17	Megan Goettl
20	Jeremy Jordan
22	Megan Roth
25	Amy Koester, Karen Mitchell
26	Ashley Schweim
27	Helen Erickson
30	Emily Ireland

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1	Terry & Bunny Erickson
4	Nathan & Becky Marso
10	Matt & Kandy Thorson
12	Ray & Kathy Thorson
16	Steve & Darcy Larvick
20	Robert & Sheree Dittrich Michael & Laura Holtmeier
22	Craig & Kelly Hoeft
25	Mac & Donna Richards
26	George & Kate Roseland

MAY HUB UNIT TO MEET APRIL 9th

May Hub Group Members and Leaders are asked to remain following the Worship Service on Sunday, April 9th at 11:15 am to organize parish leadership for the month of May.

Leader:

Hub Group

Joan Diesch (5,12)	665-2764
Brett & Brook Eekhoff (5,7)	278-4512
June Emanuel (5,9)	625-8622
Shannon Heller (5,8)	389-9179
Joyce Hiller (5,9)	387-5991
Elsie Knutson (5,9)	625-8098
Steve & Deb Krosch (5,6)	726-6890
Brad & Katie Lachmiller (5,10)	385-7878
Mark Lachmiller (5,10)	625-8565
Gail Malvin (5,9)	625-2255
Arlen & Karen Ostermann (2,5)	278-3438
Dennis & Sheila Scharping (2,5)	278-4053
Doug & Lee Sing (5,9)	278-3050
Mary Sween (5,8)	278-4089
Aaron & Carrie Urke (5,12)	345-7113
Scott & Bianca Ziegler (5,8)	257-3031

HUB LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Copies of the Hub Unit Responsibilities sheet which are filled out each month at these meetings are available in the compartment above the guest book in the Narthex. Please give completed sheet to Carla for the next newsletter by April 26.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for news items and announcements for the May Newsletter is Wednesday, April 26. Please turn in all items to Carla by due date or put them into her church mailbox.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE IN WORSHIP AND GIVING

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TITHES & OFFERINGS
2/26/06		\$1,600.55
3/5/06		1,992.00
3/12/06		2,592.90
3/19/06		1,386.00
3/26/06		1,781.14

TIME CHANGE - SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. officially on Sunday, April 2nd. So before you go to bed make sure you move the clock ahead 1 hour.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Calvary provides home devotional books for all who wish to use this resource. Please help yourself to the books for the next quarter, April, May and June. They are available on the table in the narthex.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA Minnesota River Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Event “Love and Laughter” will be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Waseca on Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. All confirmed women of Calvary are invited to attend the event. If you are interested, please contact Char Tryhus by April 15, 2006 at 546-3377. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

CALVARY MEN'S GROUP

The men of Calvary will gather on Saturday, April 15th at 7:00 a.m for breakfast and to fry sausages for the Luther League Easter Breakfast, April 16th. All men of Calvary are invited. Please bring your electric frying pan and spatula along. THANKS!!

Friends in Christ Jesus,

We are in Lent.

Passion Week is the final goal of Lent.

Palm Sunday (or the Sunday of the Passion), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and then the Resurrection of our Lord.

This year we are going to add a Passover Seder on Wednesday, April 12th.

Jesus celebrated a passover meal before the Last Supper. You can't understand Communion unless you see it in its right setting, as the climax of a passover meal.

The meal has come to an end. All of the dishes have been cleared away and cleansed—except for a cup and a plate. These are the meal prepared for the Prophet Elijah.

At every Passover you set a place for Elijah. It is set with your best utensils and goblets and silverware. You invite any stranger in to eat the meal with you, but you are hoping most for the return of the prophet who never died. Elijah was carried up to God in a flaming chariot. The traditional view is that when he comes the world will come to an end. He will come to a passover service, perhaps to our passover seder.

Jesus finished the meal, and stood in the place reserved for Elijah. He took the three matzoh crackers (like lefse) and broke them and gave them to all. Eat this, Jesus told them, *This is my body. It is given for you.* He took the cup set aside for God's prophet and said, *Drink this, my blood, given for the forgiveness of sins.*

What were Jesus and his disciples celebrating in the Passover supper? God's work in freeing the Jewish people from slavery and leading them into freedom. It is the memory of what God has done for them that enables the Jews to be faithful.

We worship in communion with Jesus to remember what He has done for us. We eat and drink that He may become part of us, and we, a part of His body.

There isn't a single Passover liturgy, or a single set of rules for what you can eat or do. We will be using a basic order similar to that of the Jews, but one turning to the Old Testament Story at times. Since the temple has been destroyed (in 70 AD), you can't get meat blessed in the temple. Jews often substitute chicken, but we will eat lamb.

A dairy-free cream for coffee is a good idea if you avoid milk products at meals, but we won't even use these ways around the simple rules of the law. No dairy products can be used in a meal with meat.

We will talk about this during the meal. You will hear a recital of the story of the Passover by our Luther Leaguers. We will engage in some of the rituals that mark a Passover liturgy. But you can only understand what Jesus did if you take part in a Passover Seder.

Join us on Wednesday April 12th. We will charge \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children. The Luther Leaguers will read, prepare part of the meal, serve it, and clean up. We won't ask them to pay. Adults will be served wine or grape juice.

The Seder will begin at 6:30pm. We hope it will be completed by 8:30 or 9:00pm, with everything cleaned up.

Don't eat ahead of time. We will have Matzoh ball soup (chicken), Haroseth (a kind of fruit salad), two kinds of greens, matzoh crackers, vegetables, and roast lamb. Even if you can't eat lamb, we will offer lots of other good things to eat. And you might find this lamb appealing.

John Hagen, Interim Pastor

Church Council Meeting. Thursday March 9, 2006.

Members present: Pastor Hagen, Daryl Ziegler, Doug Sing, Sheila Scharping, Jodie Miller, Larry Dunker, Steve Krosch, Joan Diesch, Tim Howland and Erica Kittelson

The Financial report was reviewed.

Jodie made a motion to accept the report, Sheila seconded. Report approved.

Steve read the minutes from the February meeting.

Sheila made a motion to accept the minutes, Daryl seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry went through the Treasurer's report.

Daryl made a motion to approve, Joan seconded. Report approved.

Old Business:

- Sheila said that Kwik Trip will donate some milk and orange juice for the waffle feed.
- The council talked about advertising for the waffle feed, ticket sales and sign up sheets for volunteers.
- Steve said that he had sent revised church measurements to Charity First Insurance. They adjusted the measurements and our rates.
- Steve reviewed a letter from Kane and Johnson Architects. The letter detailed various options for building changes, expenses and other information. The letter was tabled for now.
- The council discussed various options for fixing the roof.
- Steve said that he has a bid from 1st Security for a fire alarm system. A wireless system would cost \$3,800 plus \$49.95 per month for service. \$2,500 is needed up front. He is getting a bid from another service.
- Steve had checked the contents of the church safety deposit box and found old insurance policies, a CD that may or may not have been cashed in (the bank is checking) and John S. Johnson fund information.

New Business:

- Pastor Hagen said that he had received 3 letters to transfer membership.
 - The council discussed replacing the kitchen floor. It's in bad shape and the roof isn't leaking in that area.
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Joan made a motion that we replace the kitchen floor. Larry seconded. Motion approved. Doug will talk to Rickway about removing the asbestos tile.

- Vacation Bible school was brought up. Steve had talked to Kim Vanryswyk and curriculum has been purchased. The plans are to hold VBS either the end of July or first week of August in the evenings. The dates will be determined after Easter. Council discussed ways to advertise.
- Pastor asked about Palm Sunday, the Easter service and what we do during Holy Week. He talked about doing a Passover supper on Wednesday. Sheila asked about Palms for Palm Sunday.
- Due to Holy Week the April council meeting was set for April 6th at 7 p.m.

- Pastor asked about the next noisy offering. It will be conducted in April and the funds will be designated toward the kitchen floor. June's noisy offering may be designated to Green Lake.
- Sheila said that the lent offerings are going into the youth fund for items such as Green Lake scholarships and the Luther League.
- Steve asked about cemetery and church mowing.
- The March 9 congregational meeting was discussed.
- Steve asked about the church bell. Doug will look at when the weather permits.

Joan made a motion to adjourn the meeting Doug seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

