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PASTOR'S COLUMN

As I write this, it seems hard to believe that Pascha (or “Easter” as some call it in the West – but you’ll notice I’m trying to get back to using Pascha on a regular basis, since it joins us to the churches of Greece and the Middle East – the cradle of Christianity, and avoids the possibly pagan origins of the name *Easter*) is a mere two weeks off. As you may have seen me note before, “Pascha” comes from the Hebrew for Pass-over (*Pesach*), and points us to the reality that what Jesus finished with His death and resurrection is the completion of what was started when God first lead His people out from the land of death and darkness, and preserved their lives with the blood of a lamb.

Anyway, the year has been rushing headlong into the future, and it can be quite disorienting at times. And it is precisely at times like this that we need what Scripture and the Church give us: the opportunity to slow down, breathe, reflect, and re-orient. Now, those of you who marvel at how busy things can get around here during Holy Week may find the thought that Church gives you a chance to “slow down” a bit ironic. But I want you to take this seriously.

In worship, as we are gathered around the Word, we are called to a different sense of time. It may sometimes feel that we are rushed, but in fact we are called to simply let things take the

time they need to unfold. We hear the readings, we sing the hymns, we offer prayers – and a different rhythm is given to us. We are invited not to worry about all the things that need to get done outside of worship – whether chores, projects, or the thousand other things that nip at our heels from day to day. As we come to worship, we are told to relax, and to receive of God’s gifts and goodness in Christ. That is what slows us down – the taking of the time to hear, to pray, to sing – to wait for the gifts as they come. And in that waiting we are given the opportunity to reflect. You can ask: what do the words of this reading say to me? Who can I remember in this prayer? What does this hymn tell me about Christ? Can I see that I am joining the Church of all times and places, and in heaven as well as on earth, in offering these praises? There is truth in the observation that the angels in heaven are leading us in our singing on earth.

And with reflection, comes the re-orientation. *Orientation* is itself an interesting little word. At its most literal level, it means “turning East.” Now, we understand that more generally “orientation” is about getting one’s bearings right, about getting clear on what’s important and where one is going in life. And in these days, when folks seek to get their bearings – physically at least, they either use GPS technologies, or look for Polaris, the North Star, in the night sky. But among the ancients, it was finding true East that was the guide for setting one’s course. Why? Because it was from the East that light came, that the sun rose, and that the day broke. Light in the East heralded the end of the

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darkness. And for the ancient Church, they looked to the East for Jesus' return (for He is the great Morning Star, the Dayspring from on high). For this reason, church buildings were once "oriented" (constructed so that the congregation faced East during worship), as were also graveyards (folks were buried so that their feet faced East – the idea being that when they stood up at the resurrection of the dead, they'd be facing their Lord immediately).

But for us, 'orientation' is not finally about getting bearings or setting our compasses – we are called, through prayer, reflection, and the hearing of the Word to be spiritually oriented by turning to Christ. And worship gives us the opportunity to be turned to Him – regardless of what direction our building faces. We are turned to Christ as the Holy Spirit uses the hymns, the words, the images, and all our senses in worship to present Christ and His mercy to us. The Spirit also uses all those things to draw us closer to Christ in faith, hope and love. But that happens slowly. There is no final "turning" for us in this life – rather, day after day we are turned ever and again, ever and (God willing) more fully to Christ as we are reminded that we are the baptized, that we are renewed, and that we are called "Holy" and called to be holy.

Worship is a great and precious gift we are given in the church – and it is not so much about what we do and offer as it is about what God does and gives to us in power. He calls us to stand apart from the hectic world for an hour or so, to stop our restless minds and hearts, to still our passions, to forget our resentments, angers, worries, jealousies, and so on – for just a little while – so that we can receive of His goodness. He tells us: "there is time enough for the things you want to do, there is time enough to indulge in whatever pettiness you want to – but for now, for this hour, in this place – let that go, and let Me serve you with grace and life – and be at peace."

When I was moved to get serious about the Christian life and faith again in college, I was

once asked by my family why I *had* to go to church so much (as nearly as they could tell, I wasn't *that bad* a person). Told them I didn't go because I had to – I went because I wanted to, because I got to, because God let me. When one begins to see the great gifts offered in worship, and especially the sacrament of Holy Communion, one begins to desire these things constantly.

As you know, when we get to Holy Week, our services can seem like a marathon – the observance of the "Great Days" (the *Triduum*) – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and of course, Pascha. I know that not all of these services are everyone's "cup of tea," but I do want to encourage you to try some of them if you have not previously attended them. Follow from the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday evening, through the darkness of *Tenebrae* on Good Friday evening, and finally rejoice in the light that shines forth in the darkness at our first Pascha service (8am that Sunday).

So join us for worship – any time, and remember that God in Christ has good gifts to impart to you.

In Christ,



*"I want to know Christ
and the power of his
resurrection."*

Philippians 3:10, NRSV

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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- 1 Jaxon Hollingsworth
- 4 Zachary Frank
Donna Stutz
- 5 Abigail Horman
- 6 Elizabeth Tagge
Sally Taylor
- 7 Jacob Horman
- 8 J.C. Brewer
- 9 Janet Heien
Kendahl Gillespie
- 10 Nova Parrott
Mia Martinez
- 11 LaVelle Borders
Sophia Joseph
Millie Taseff
- 12 Mark Allsup
- 13 K. T. Johnson
- 14 Katie Maske
Harold Pauli
- 15 Braydon Appell
Robert Bloom
Linda Meyer-Knight
- 16 Mike Marshall
- 19 Deaconess Gillian
Sara Brill
Michelle Crosiar
Elizabeth Hollingsworth
Rose Lampton
- 20 Kimberly Beenders
- 21 Charlotte Fletchall
- 22 Bill Barr
Brandt Barr
- 23 Suzette Leon
- 24 Scott Brosowske
Cheris Hoffmann
- 26 Matthew Freeman
Kyle Hoffman
Emma Hoffmann
Jonathan Tagge
- 27 Randal Maske
- 28 Gus Negley
- 29 Jeffrie Riebel
- 30 D.J. Green, Jr.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Jim & Dawn Henderson
- 25 Dale & Vonnie Brinkmann
- 26 Adam & Jacki Pendarvis
- 26 Tim & Kim Carver

APRIL COUNTERS

Barb Zook & Diane Freeman

APRIL FLOWERS

April 2 — Eileen Benne

April 9 — LaVelle Borders/Jerry & Paula Horst

April 16 — Jim & Dawn Henderson

April 23 — Dale & Vonnie Brinkmann

April 30 — Carol DeJarnett

*Worship Notes***LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS IN APRIL****April 2nd — Palm/Passion Sunday**

Psalm 118:19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a;;
 Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:1-27:66;
 Processional Gospel: John 12:12-19

April 9th — Sunday of the Resurrection

Psalm 118:15-29; Exodus 14:10-15:1
 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; John 13:1-15, 34-35

April 16th — 2nd Sunday of Pascha

Psalm 148; Acts 5:29-42;
 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 23rd — 3rd Sunday of Pascha

Psalm 116:1-14; Acts 2:14a, 36-41;
 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

April 30th — 4th Sunday of Pascha

Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-27;
 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

ELDERS

April 2 — Phil King

April 9 — Dr. Joel Eckert

April 16 — Tom Brosowske

April 23 — Phil King

April 30 — Gary Beenders

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Good news flags

Use batik, a unique fabric-dyeing method, to create flags celebrating the good news of Christ's resurrection.

**What you need:**

- Colored chalk
- White linen fabric
- Washable gel glue
- Acrylic craft paint
- Textile medium
- Paintbrushes

What you do:

1. Cut fabric to the desired size and shape. Set it on a flat, protected surface. With chalk, lightly sketch an Easter design or message.
2. Completely cover the chalk lines with gel glue. Let dry.
3. Mix equal parts paint and textile medium. Paint the flag with that mixture, which makes paint permanent. Let dry.
4. Soak the dried fabric in warm water a few minutes. Then gently peel away the glue to reveal the unpainted areas. Lay flat to dry.
5. Hang the flags and celebrate!



✠ Prayer List ✠

Prayer Notes: Folks have asked from time to time “who all are we praying for?” Here’s a partial list with reference to their relation to the congregation. **If you know of anyone who needs to be added, or who can be removed, please let Pr. Long or Judy know. Help us keep the list manageable!**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Jacob Achterberg – grandson to Ron, nephew to Linda Khattar † Phyllis Basquin – mother to Luann Claudin † Mary Bonesteel – friend to Long family † Ethan Saunders – grandson to Roger and Carole Hoffman † Gail and Jonathan von Holten – friends of Jessica Horman † Sharon Wenger – daughter to Sally Taylor † Cathy Hafley – daughter to Sally Taylor † Sandy Kissner – relative to Connie Kissner & family † Pr. Hoech & family (Ivy, Noah and Kayla) – our “TIM” partners † Gordon Adams – Lynn Laredo’s father † Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina † Pr. Glenn Niemann – former associate at St. John’s, Pekin † Jonathan Stutz – grandson to Donna † Maureen Leuba – Concordia parent † Christiane Ramahi – member † Jerry Jungck – member † Ruth Leibel – friend to Mark Manthey † Yasmin Ramahi – daughter to Christiane † Phyllis Larson – sister to Marilyn Miller † Kathy Gruben – sister to Jan Heien † Gloria Carter – friend of Nancy Meyer † Eric Puterbaugh – friend of a member † Patty Reck – sister-in-law to Carole Hoffman † Michael Teeter – friend to Long Family † Dale Warren – † Ward & Cathy Lenz – sister and brother-in-law to Paula Horst † Shannon Wilson – friend of Maxwell family † Alex Zook – military, grandson of Barb Zook † Faith Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook † Jenna Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Joshua Zook – military, grandson to Barb Zook † Derrick Foote – military, husband to Wendy (nee Crook) † Josh Crosiar – member † Anne Maske – member † Steve Brinkmann – son to Dale & Vonnie † Braylynn Davis – friend to Brill family † Steve Brown – family to Josh and Michelle Joseph † Gordon Dupres – family to the Tagges † Shane Cremeens – brother to Brande Ruskusky † Jan Kiesgen – friend to many † Lil Mulvaney – friend to Pauli family † Ginny Preston – friend to LaVelle Borders † Clara Riddick – friend to Brill family † Jackie Brandt and Family – friends to Brill family † Neil Barnhart – friend to Long family † Miracle Peyton – daughter to Katie, granddaughter to Deb Wilson † Max Wessler – father-in-law to Carol Wessler † Bill & Pam Barr – members † Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel † Karen Stabler – mother to Tracie Johnson † Sally Taylor – member † Kenneth Garner – acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel’s daughter) † Sally Leon – mother to Joe Leon (husband to Susie) † Lorrie Kaspar – member † Richard Coltrin – member † Constance Danage – former cleaning person for the congregation † Rod Pauli – member, son to Harold & Carolyn † Gary Ruckle – member † Gloria Teeter – friend to Long Family † Mark Buettner – associate of Carol Wessler † Tamesha Gates – friend to Szold family † Sandra Boyer – daughter of food pantry contributor † Mark Leon – brother-in-law to Sue Leon † Shirley King – mother to Phil King |
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✠ Prayer List (continued) ✠

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| ✠ Rebecca Sierra – friend to Linda Khattar | ✠ Patty Caughey – member |
| ✠ Valerie Conner – Lorrie Kaspar’s sister | ✠ Linda Perrone – friend to Patty Caughey |
| ✠ Virginia Tackmann – mother of Michele Keehner | ✠ Maria Vicitoria Corrales – extended family to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel) |
| ✠ Kris Taylor – Josh Joseph’s aunt | ✠ Ada Becker – mother of our custodian, Michelle |
| ✠ Delcie Lane – member | ✠ Scott Grinslade – member |
| ✠ Mark Manthey – member | ✠ Pr. Mark Matthews – brother in law to Tom Brosowske |
| ✠ Sherry Emberton – Vonnie Brinkmann’s sister | ✠ Jessica Horman – member |
| ✠ Earl Boyett – grandfather of Nick Brusick | ✠ Scott Wilson – custodian Michelle’s boy friend |
| ✠ Sharon Rumbold – member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us | ✠ Ron Achterberg – member |
| ✠ Brian Kelly – uncle to Josh Joseph | ✠ Lisa Garrison – sister to Jim Kaspar |
| ✠ Luann and Shelby Cooper – members | ✠ Kinea Howell – Deb Wilson great-granddaughter |
| ✠ Victoria Buschard – family of Michael Marshall | ✠ Angel Howell – Deb Wilson granddaughter |
| ✠ Ms. Ellen Rytter – teacher at Concordia | ✠ Katie Wilson – member |
| ✠ Cheryl – friend to Linda Khattar | ✠ Elizabeth Auer – military, daughter to MaryAnn and Doug |
| ✠ Jenny & Olivia Bradley – family to Lynn Laredo | ✠ Tomi – mother to Chris Brusick |
| ✠ Theo Norman – member, child of Cole and Brooke | ✠ Cameron Dorsey – member |
| ✠ Harriet Nora – member | ✠ Nancy Meyer – member |
| ✠ Becky Richards – mother of Kim Carver | ✠ Bill Parrott – Brad Parrott’s father |
| ✠ Daryl Claudin – member | ✠ Diane Norris – friend of member |
| ✠ Natalie Brusick – member, wife to Nick | ✠ Mr. Paul Thompson – Concordia’s principal |
| ✠ Deb Alig – co-worker of Theresa Johnston | ✠ Marty Liex – friend to LaVelle Borders |
| ✠ Carol Loughridge – member | ✠ Deb Wilson – member |
| ✠ Anne & Miguel Bolwerk – daughter and son-in-law to Dave & Jan Heien | ✠ Ann Jacobson – sister to Richard & Harold Pauli |
| ✠ Cheris Hofmann – member | ✠ Jennifer Lenz – niece to Paula & Gerry Horst |
| ✠ Harriet Caughey – member | ✠ Lee Mauschbaugh – member |
| ✠ Carole Hoffman – member | ✠ Doug Auer – member |
| ✠ Amanda Carpenter – member | ✠ Hugh – friend of member |
| ✠ Maureen and children – extended family to Roger & Carole Hoffman | ✠ Maddie Johnson – member |
| ✠ Teresa Kerrick – | ✠ Vicky Cox – friend to Julie Frank |
| ✠ Mary Dowds – occasional visitor | ✠ Ray Khattar – husband to Linda |
| ✠ Pr. Drews – member of our local circuit | ✠ Sophia Maxwell – member |
| ✠ Joann Bettinghouse – mother to Abbie Matson | ✠ Dale & Vonnie Brinkmann – members |
| ✠ PJ Comacho – friend to Mark Manthey | ✠ Harold & Carolyn Pauli – members |
| ✠ Lorie Livingston – wife to Ty | ✠ Jane Wood – mother to Sherri Long |
| ✠ Tina Maxwell – member | ✠ Ryan & Carol Stetzler – friends to the Tagges |
| | ✠ Lindsay Brosowske & child – daughter-in-law to Tom and Vicky |
| | ✠ Carey Moore – member |

✠ April Special Service Schedule ✠

Palm/Passion Sunday: April 2, 2023

Procession & Blessing of the Palms (all services),

Reading the of Passion according to St. Matthew (9:00 a.m.)

Sung Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.; Spoken Divine Service, 11:45 a.m.

The Triduum: The celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter were the first regular festival in the Church's calendar - dating back as far as around 150 AD. In fact, together, they were seen as one great "service" of worship - with the congregation simply dispersing between the various parts of the liturgy, but never really ceasing the receiving of God's gifts in Christ or their worship - hence the ancient name for these services is *the Triduum*, "the Three Days." We earnestly entreat you to join us for the "Three Days" at Mt. Calvary as we again celebrate Christ's great work by which our redemption is accomplished.

Maundy Thursday: April 6, 2023

Divine Service - 11:15 a.m.

Divine Service & the Stripping of the Altar - 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday: April 7, 2023

Noon Prayer & Commemoration of the Cross - 12:00 p.m.

Tenebrae - 6:30 p.m.

Pascha Sunday: April 9, 2023

Divine Service & the Easter Proclamation - **8:00 a.m. (note this is an hour earlier)**

Easter Breakfast sponsored by Women of Mt. Calvary follows (about 9:30 am)

Spoken Divine Service - 11:45 a.m.



OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Please keep the family and friends of:

- ✠ Carl Matson, father of Glenn Matson, who was called to his Heavenly rest on Monday, February 27, 2023.
- ✠ Jim Kaspar, who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Services were held on, Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at Mt. Calvary.
- ✠ Robert Hoover, father of Stephanie (Jason) Benne, who was called to his eternal rest on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. A graveside service was held on Friday, March 17, 2023 at the Shelbina Cemetery, Shelbina, MO.

- ✠ David Ramahi, son of Christiane Ramahi, who was called to his eternal rest on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Services are pending.
- ✠ Gladys Moran, mother of Judy Norman and Mt. Calvary neighbor, who was called to her eternal rest on Thursday, March 23, ans will be given Christian burial on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

May their families find comfort, hope, and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who came to bring us salvation.



Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
February 26	80	30	\$2,030.00
March 1	32	—	—
March 5	103	78	\$7,507.00
March 8	35	—	—
March 12	124	28	\$4,782.00
March 15	32	—	—
March 19	83	68	\$5,407.00
March 22	28	—	—
Total			\$19,726.00

In His Service

PASTOR:
Rev. Barry Long 243-2042

MINISTER OF MUSIC
Mr. Bruce Tagge 361-9821

SECRETARY
Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321

CONCORDIA SCHOOL
Mr. Paul Thompson, 691-8921
Principal

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS
Chairman.....Gerald Horst
Vice Chairman.....David Heien
Secretary.....Judy Honig
Treasurer.....Carol Wessler
Finan. Secretary.....Theresa Johnston

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

Marcia Riddle, LaVelle Borders
& Eileen Benne

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY

Chairperson Luann Claudin
Vice Pres: Theresa Johnston
Secretary: Marcia Riddle
Treasurer: Dawn Henderson

ALTAR GUILD

Co-Presidents: Abbie Matson
& Linda Khattar
Treasurer: Marcia Riddle

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-School-1st Grade — Linda Crook &
Linda Khattar

2nd—5th Grades — Teresa Brusick

6th Grade-High School — Paula Horst
& Kelly Eckert

CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD

Brooke Anders & Erin Green

CONCORDIA FOUNDATION

Alex Kroenke & Eileen Benne

CONCORDIA TRUSTEES

Jarrod Horman

Boards of Mt. Calvary

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Teresa Brusick, Paula Horst,
& Samantha Dorsey

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Jan Heien & Julie Eaton

BOARD OF YOUTH

Michele Keehner & Tina Maxwell

BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING

Timothy Anders, Jarrod Horman,
Dr. Joel Eckert

BOARD OF PROPERTY

Douglas Auer, Lisa Cornelius,
Josh Crosiar, Larry Frank,
Tim Gosnell, Lee Mauschbaugh
Josh Joseph, Jarrod Horman,
Vicky Brosowske

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

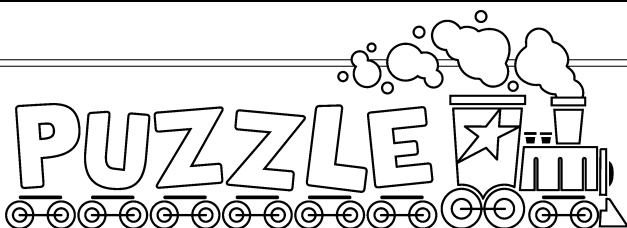
Theresa Johnston, Timothy Anders

BOARD OF ELDERS

(families under each Elder's care)
Achterberg -Brusick Tom Brosowske
Carver — Grinslade Phil King
Halverson — Kroenke Daniel Keehner
Lampton — Norman Gary Beenders
Parrott — Zook Dr. Joel Eckert

FOOD PANTRY

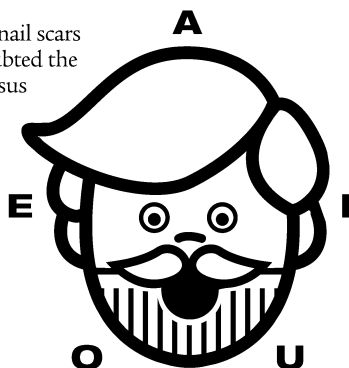
LaVelle Borders
Paula & Jerry Horst



SEEING AND BELIEVING

Until Thomas saw Jesus' nail scars
with his own eyes, he doubted the
resurrection. What did Jesus
tell Thomas?

Directions:
Use the code to
fill in the vowels
and complete
John 20:29, NIV.



"B _ c _ _ s _ y _ _ h _ v _ s _ _ n m _ ,
y _ _ h _ v _ b _ l _ _ v _ d;
bl _ ss _ d _ r _ th _ s _ wh _ h _ v _ n _ t
s _ _ n _ nd y _ t h _ v _ b _ l _ _ v _ d."

JOHN 20:29, NIV

BOOK OF MARRIAGES

With the 368 weddings that have
taken place here at Mt. Calvary,
Lisa Cornelius would like to put
together a notebook with pic-
tures of all (368) of those wed-
dings. She would make it a loose
leaf notebook that would be left in a convenient
place for all to peruse in their own time.
So she needs our help. If you are able to send her
pictures of your wedding — e-mail:
lcornelius2011@hotmail.com or drop off the pic-
tures at church and she will copy them and return
them to you, she will get started on this piece of
Mt. Calvary's History.



Answer: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have
not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29, NIV



NEW POSITIONS OPEN AT REDEEMER PRE-SCHOOL

Redeemer Lutheran Pre-School has positions open for a teacher and a teacher's aide. I need a teacher in the 2 year old classroom Monday - Friday from 12:00 - 5:30 and I need an aide in the Toddler room from 12-5:30 M, W & F. . We do offer free childcare and retirement.

Sue Skahill, Director
Redeemer Early Learning Center
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Peoria, IL 61614
309-691-2333 X 115
sue.skahill@redeemerlutheran.com



JUST DESSERTS BAKE SALE --

Save your fork. Are you ready for dessert? Mark your calendars for the next bake sale at Lutheran Hillside Village. Please bring your donated baked goods - cupcakes, cookies, pies, small loaves of bread, candies - to the main entrance of LHV 6901 North Galena Road, Peoria before 11 am on Thurs, May 11. Putting your items in a container that you do not need back is recommended. It is also very helpful if you label your donation: Banana Bread (no nuts) made by _____ from _____ Church for LHV Bake Sale. Just Desserts opens at 8 am on Friday, May 12 until 1 pm. *Nehemiah 8:10 Go and enjoy choice food and sweets...for the joy of the LORD is your strength.*

THE CHURCH MOUSE --



If you or your loved ones have outgrown your shoes, coats, clothes, toys, etc. please consider The Church Mouse when deciding where to take the items. Donations accepted Monday - Saturday from 10am - 3pm, 600

West Main Street, Peoria near the campus of Bradley University. Questions may be directed to Shirley or Joan at (309) 673-2363.

PASCHA BREAKFAST

The Women of Mt. Calvary are hosting an Pascha Breakfast this year on Pascha Sunday, April 9th, between services. We are serving a continental breakfast with fresh fruit and pastries.



How can you participate?

- 1. Sign up on the bulletin board with your name and the number attending. This will help the ladies plan for the appropriate number for seating and food.
- 2. Bring fruit or pastries for the continental breakfast -- Contact Luann Claudin via phone, text or email -- 309-369-2606 or claudfam1311@gmail.com to sign up to bring something
- 3. Help set up on Saturday, April 8 at 8:30 AM. Come and help ready the fruit and pastries plus set up and decorate, please contact Luann.

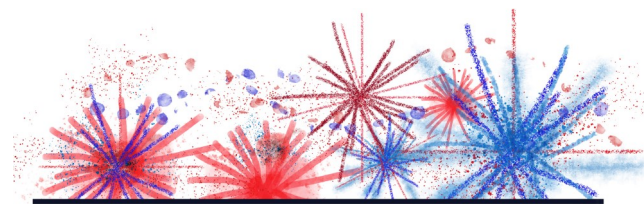
Please sign up as soon as possible or by **Sunday, April 2**. Thank you!

CELEBRATION FUND

What is it? A voluntary opportunity to give thanks to God for events and occasions in your life that are a reason to celebrate. It is also a way to raise funds that will help purchase items that would benefit the church and enrich our worship, but are not budgeted.

How can you help? Consider donating any amount when you have a reason to celebrate: birthday, anniversary, birth of a child, great report card, etc.

How do you participate? There will be a donation box in the Parish hall. Bills, change, and checks (made out to Women of Mt. Calvary) can be dropped through the slot anonymously. The box will be emptied each week. If you wish to have your donation added to your church offering record, envelopes will be available for your



CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Sunday School Classes – Sunday, March 26th.

Please bring your child to class by 10:30 am. Then parents, you may attend the Bible Study in the Parish Hall. The children will be discussing “*The Daughter of Jairus*.” The entire outline of this series can be found at <https://godshand.clclutheran.org/>

Sunday Morning Adult Class – Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? Based on Pastor Matthew Richard’s book of the same title, this video series and discussion (led by him) will explore some of the false images of Jesus that tempt Christians to turn from the Lord Who actually comes to us. The books for this study are available and have been a gift of the John Riddle Memorial. We thank the family for providing these books.

Men’s Bible Study Topic – The men will begin reading *Paul’s Epistle to the Colossians* this week.

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am at Gebby’s Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.

Thursday Lunch Together and Bible Study! –

We’ve added a little extra to our Thursday lunches: a Bible study. As we start expanding our offerings at Mt. Calvary, one of the natural places to begin is around a time of fellowship and meal sharing. So, the plan is to gather for lunch at Noon, eat and visit for a while, and then read a chapter of Scripture together and talk about it. Some days we might have more to say, some days less – so there’s no “set” time for this. In fact, if you need to run after lunch, you can; and if you don’t want to join us until we get to the Bible part – you can do that too (try to arrive around 12:30 pm for that). We’ll begin reading the Acts if the Apostles together. Come join us!

From Concordia

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MUSICIANS

At the Illinois Grade School Music Association contest on March 10th, the following Mt. Calvary students received 1st place rating:

- ♦Sam Whitby – Clairnet
- ♦Abby Horman – Flute
- ♦Ethan Horman – Trombone

A 2nd place rating was received by:

- ♦Ke’niya Shivers – Alto Sax

Good Job, Kids!!!!

REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS

Best in Category:

- ♦Kayla Carver in Chemistry

Jr. Innovative Challenge Award:

- ♦Tess Ruskusky
- ♦Bella Crosiar

The above three girls were invited to the Illinois Junior Academy of Science State Fair.

Excellent!!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS —

Thursday, March 31st, is the 1st & 2nd Grade Musical, 9:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. The title of the musical is “Go Fish.”

March 2023						
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May 2023						
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Sunday

Monday

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Saturday

2 Palm/Passion Sunday Procession & Blessing of the Palms — all services 9:00 a Sung Divine Service — 10:30 a Bible Class & Sunday School 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	3	4 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council	5 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal	6 Maundy Thursday 11:15 a Divine Service 6:30 p Divine Service & Stripping of the Altar	7 Good Friday 12:00 p Noon Prayer & Com- memoration of the Cross 6:30 p Tenebrae	8 Holy Saturday
9 Sunday of the Resurrection 8:00 a Divine Service & Easter Proclamation 9:30 a Easter Breakfast 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service	10	11	12 6:30 a Men's Bible Study	13 10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch & Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 7:00 p Neighborhood Assn.	14	15
16 2nd Sunday of Pascha 9:00 a Sung Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Class & Sunday School 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	17	18 3:00 p Worship & Music Comm. 4:45 p Board of Elders	19 6:30 a Men's Bible Study	20 10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch & Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir 7:45 p Adult Choir	21	22
23 3rd Sunday of Pascha 9:00 a Sung Matins Service 10:30 a Bible Class & Sunday School 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	24	25 St. Mark, Evangelist	26 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 3:00 p Executive Committee	27 10:30 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch & Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir 7:45 p Adult Choir	28	29
30 4th Sunday of Pascha 9:00 a Sung Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Class & Sunday School 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation						

**He was raised on the third
day according to the
Scriptures...**

1 Corinthians 15:4

