

# Mt. Calvary Messenger



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FROM OUR  
**PASTOR**

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

So, this column is a revision of thoughts shared at the Thursday service right after Ash Wednesday last month. As we don't have a large attendance at that service, one of the attendees suggested sharing this with the rest of you all....

As we come to the climax of Lent and the beginning of the Paschal (Easter) at the end of this month, it seems good and right to reflect on what lies behind all God's work to redeem us in Christ, and what that means for how we live as His redeemed people.

And the simple answer is: Love.

In the Old Testament one of the fundamental aspects of YHWH's character is that He reveals Himself as "being full of *chesed*." That Hebrew word usually gets translated as "steadfast love," meaning a love that does not waver, fail, or turn away from the beloved. And, famously, John the Evangelist and Apostle, writes in his first letter simply that "God is *agape*." The Greek word there is also translated as "love," but refers to a love that is consciously decided on (as opposed to the kinds of love that grow on you over time, or completely take you by surprise), constantly willed, and which aims at the well-being of the beloved regardless of personal cost.

This is the "love" of John 3:16, "God so *agaped* the cosmos, that He gave [as a sacrifice] His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should have eternal life."

And, this is the "love" of 1 Corinthians 13: "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not *agape*, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not *agape*, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not *agape*, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>*Agape* is patient and kind; *agape* does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>*Agape* bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>*Agape* never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

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<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and *agape* abide, these three; but the greatest of these is *agape*.

Now, if it were up to us to try and do that by our own will and strength, we'd be lost. But there is One Who does this perfectly, constantly, eternally – because He is *agape*. It's Jesus. And His love is the explanation of all that He suffers and accomplishes for our redemption. The Father *agapes* us by sending His Son. Jesus *agapes* us by giving Himself up to condemnation and death to save and bring us back to the Father. And, of course, the Holy Spirit *agapes* us by coming to us in the Gospel to give us new birth after the image of Christ, to enlighten us with His gifts, and to keep us in the true faith with our Lord Jesus. So – as you reflect on all that we will consider in these weeks leading up to Pascha (Easter), let God's *agape* for you be toward the front of the line in the things that occupy your thoughts.

Which bring us to two final observations. First, it turns out that 1 Corinthians passage works with "Jesus" put in the place of *agape*, since He is *agape* incarnate. Here, look again:

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not *Jesus*, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not *Jesus*, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not *Jesus*, I gain nothing.

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<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and *Jesus* abide, these three; but the greatest of these is *Jesus*.

Second – this means that as we live in Christ, we will live in His *agape*. Not that we consider ourselves adequate by our own will or strength – but as we abide in Him and He in us (He is the vine, we are the branches that bear His fruit – and apart from Him we can do nothing), we will abide in His love. Which is part of what He gives the disciples, and us, on Maudy Thursday: "Agape one another as I have *agaped* you." And notice, this Word of Christ is directly linked to both the Holy Supper, in which He gives us His Body and Blood to eat and drink, and His death and resurrection (which He was about to enter into that vary night). Because of His gifts to us, we have life in Him – forgiveness, hope, and promise to be sure... but also *agape*.

So, receive it, and then go do it.... As one of my sainted professors was fond of saying, "it does no harm."

In Christ,



### **PASTOR BUSY AGAIN!**

It's his month to teach 8th grade religion and lead chapel. So, he'll be late into the office this month.



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

1. Michele Joseph
2. Andy Matson
3. Jai Green
4. Josh Joseph
6. Joel Barr
- Angel Peyton
9. Kathy Ambrust  
Michael Long
10. Timothy Riddle
11. Donavon Maxwell
13. Kathleen Tagge  
Mason Norman  
Theo Norman
14. Ardeane Ruckle
15. Will Helden
17. Steve Brinkmann  
Rebekah Long
18. Chrys Wilson  
Patty Caughey  
Pat Goetz  
Dawn Henderson  
Rachael Maske
21. Ron Achterberg  
Jordanna Riebel Rzeszutko
22. Christopher Frank
24. Kathryn Peyton
25. Charles Benne
26. Brian Pauli
27. Samantha Moore  
Beth Mirretti  
Nora Miretti
28. Gary Beenders  
Ari Martinez
30. Michele Keehner
- 31 Lynn Laredo  
Josephine Pendarvis

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 15 Matthew & Dionne Morrow

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> – LaVelle Borders
- March 10 — Bruce & Nancy Boorum
- March 17<sup>th</sup> — Pastor & Sherri Long
- March 24<sup>th</sup> — Chris & Teresa Brusick
- March 31<sup>st</sup> — Carol DeJarnett

**COUNTERS**

LaVelle Borders & Carol Loughridge



Preparing for Easter

*Worship Notes*

**LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS IN MARCH**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 19; Exodus 20:1-17;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-25

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 107:1-9; Numbers 21:4-9;  
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

**March 17<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 119:9-16; Jeremiah 31:31-34;  
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:32-45

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – Palm Passion / Sunday**

Psalm 25:1-10; Genesis 22:1-18;  
James 1:12-18; Mark 14:1-15:47  
John 12:12-19 (Processional Gospel)

**March 31<sup>st</sup> – Pascha!(Easter Sunday)**

Psalm 16; Isaiah 25:6-9;  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

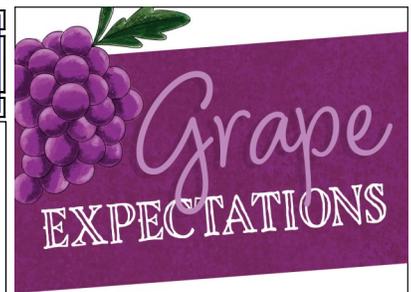
**ELDERS**

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Daniel Keehner
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Joel Eckert
- March 17<sup>th</sup> – Phil King
- March 24<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Keehner
- March 31<sup>st</sup> – Tom Brosowske

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS** — Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead on next Saturday, March 9th, before you go to bed – **Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 am Sunday morning, March 10th.**



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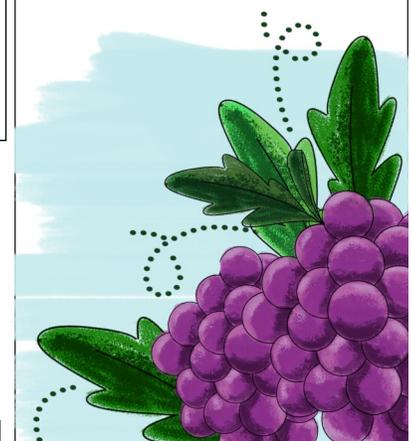
Try this chilly new take on a healthy snack.

**What you need:**

- 30 grapes, washed and dried
- ½ cup vanilla yogurt
- 4 graham crackers, crushed
- Toothpicks
- Parchment paper

**What you do:**

1. On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, arrange grapes in a single layer. Freeze for two hours.
2. Insert a toothpick into each grape.
3. Dip each grape into the yogurt, coating half of it.
4. Roll each dipped grape in the crushed crackers. Place back on the parchment.
5. Freeze for two more hours. Enjoy!



## LENTEN CALENDAR

**3rd Sunday in Lent:** March 3, 2024

Sung Divine Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, 3rd Week of Lent:** March 6, 2024

*1 Corinthians 1: The Foolishness of God*

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m. (light lunch to follow)

Vespers - 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 3rd Week of Lent:** March 7, 2024

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

**4th Sunday in Lent:** March 10, 2024

Sung Matins, 9:00 a.m.

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, 4th Week of Lent:** March 13, 2024

*Ephesians 2: Alive together with Christ*

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m. (light lunch to follow)

Vespers - 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 4th Week of Lent:** March 14, 2024

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

**5th Sunday in Lent:** March 17, 2024

Sung Divine Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, 5th Week of Lent:** March 20, 2024

*Hebrews 5: Christ the High Priest*

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m. (light lunch to follow)

Vespers - 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 5th Week of Lent:** March 21, 2024

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

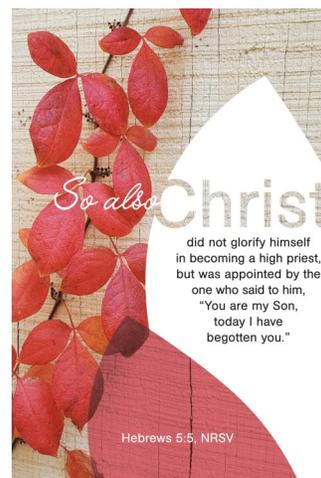
**Palm/Passion Sunday:** March 24, 2024

Procession & Blessing of the Palms (all services),

Reading the of Passion according to St. Mark (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:** March 28, 2024

Divine Service - 11:15 a.m.

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

**Good Friday:** March 29, 2024

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

Tenebrae - 6:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday:** March 31, 2024

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

Congregational Easter Breakfast to follow (**Serving until 11:00am**)

Spoken Divine Service - 11:45 a.m.



## ✠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!**

- ✠ 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
- ✠ Pr. Hoech & family (Ivy, Noah and Kayla) – our “TIM” partners
- ✠ Gordon Adams – Lynn Laredo’s father
- ✠ Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina
- ✠ Pr. Glenn Niemann – circuit pastor, disability
- ✠ Jonathan Stutz – grandson to Donna
- ✠ Maureen Leuba – Concordia parent
- ✠ Christiane Ramahi – member
- ✠ Ruth Leibel – friend to Mark Manthey
- ✠ Yasmin Ramahi – daughter to Christiane
- ✠ 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
- ✠ Jennifer Lenz – their daughter, niece to Paula & Gerry
- ✠ 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
- ✠ 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
- ✠ Lil Mulvaney – friend to Pauli family
- ✠ Ginny Preston – friend to LaVelle Borders
- ✠ Clara Riddick – friend to Brill family
- ✠ Jackie Brant and Family – Member
- ✠ Neil Barnhart – friend to Long family
- ✠ Max Wessler – father-in-law to Carol Wessler
- ✠ Bill & Pam Barr – members
- ✠ Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel
- ✠ Larry & Karen Stabler – parents to Tracie Johnson (member)
- ✠ 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
- ✠ Constance Danage – former cleaning person for the congregation
- ✠ Rod Pauli – member, son to Harold & Carolyn
- ✠ 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
- ✠ Rebecca Sierra – friend to Linda Khattar

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## ✠ Prayer List (cont.) ✠

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- † Virginia Tackmann - mother of Michele Keehner
- † Kris Taylor - Josh Joseph's aunt
- † Delcie Lane - member
- † Mark Manthey - member
- † Sherry Emberton - Vonnie Brinkmann's sister
- † Earl Boyett - father of Theresa Brusick, grandfather of Nick
- † Sharon Rumbold - member at Bethel, Mor-ton, occasional organist for us
- † Luann and Shelby Cooper - members
- † Victoria Buschard - family of Michael Mar-shall
- † Ms. Ellen Rytter - teacher at Concordia
- † Cheryl - friend to Linda Khattar
- † Jenny & Olivia Bradley - family to Lynn Laredo
- † Theo Norman - member, child of Cole and Brooke
- † Becky Richards - mother of Kim Carver
- † Daryl Claudin - member
- † Natalie Brusick - member, wife to Nick
- † Deb Alig - co-worker of Theresa Johnston
- † Carol Loughridge - member
- † Anne & Miguel Bolwerk - daughter and son-in-law to Dave & Jan Heien
- † Cheris Hofmann - member
- † Harriet Caughey - member
- † Carole Hoffman - member
- † Maureen and children - extended family to Roger & Carole Hoffman
- † Teresa Kerrick -
- † Mary Dowds - occasional visitor
- † Pr. Drews - member of our local circuit
- † Joann Bettinghouse - mother to Abbie Mat-son
- † PJ Comacho - friend to Mark Manthey
- † Lorie Livingston - wife to Ty
- † Patty Caughey - member
- † Linda Perrone - friend to Patty Caughey
- † Ada Becker - mother of our custodian, Michelle
- † Pr. Mark Matthews - brother in law to Tom Brosowske
- † Jessica Horman - member
- † Scott Wilson - custodian Michelle's boy friend
- † Elizabeth Auer - military, daughter to Doug
- † Tomi - mother to Chris Brusick
- † Nancy Meyer - member
- † Bill Parrott - Brad Parrott's father
- † Diane Norris - friend of member
- † Marty Liex - friend to LaVelle Borders
- † Ann Jacobson - sister to Richard Pauli
- † Doug Auer - member
- † Hugh - friend of member
- † Dale & Vonnie Brinkmann - members
- † Carolyn Pauli - member
- † Jane Wood - mother to Sherri Long
- † Ryan & Carol Stetzler - friends to the Tagges
- † Sue Elder - friend of Theresa Johnston
- † Roger Woolsey - Carolyn Pauli's brother
- † Tricia Smith - sister to Marcia Riddle
- † Chris Walker - brother-in-law to Vicky Jones
- † Brett Parrott - relative of Brad & Erin
- † Paul Fager - member
- † Diane Freeman - member
- † Don Moran - Judy Norman's brother
- † Bruce Tagge - member
- † Bev Hoffman - niece to Gordon
- † JayCee Grier
- † Norah Rossman - friend to Riebel family
- † Nan Borunda - sister to Lou Ann Cooper
- † Chris Pacey - son to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel)
- † Bob Burdin - neighbor to Patty Caughey
- † Donna Kirkman - sister to Lynn Laredo
- † Kevin Gartley - nephew to Tom Brosowske
- † Ilsa Adams - stepmother to Lynn Laredo
- † Karla Boorum - sister to Bruce Boorum (regular visitor)

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Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
January 28	78	29	\$2,995.00
February 4	89	68	\$6,003.00
February 11	79	26	\$4,385.00
February 14	52	47	—
February 18	91	73	\$3,639.00
February 21	17	—	—
February 25	95	29	\$8,599.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,621.00</b>

### 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. Andrew Monkemeyer 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**

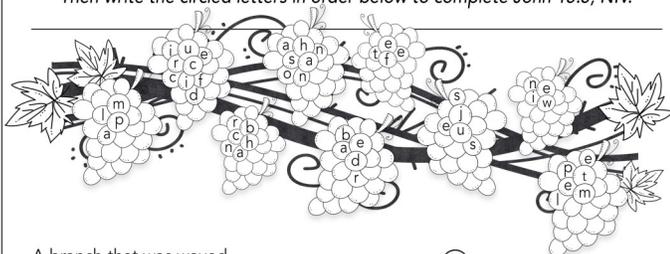
Pre-School-1st Grade — Linda Crook & Linda Khattar  
2nd—5th Grades — Teresa Brusick & Kelly Eckert  
6th Grade-High School — Paula Horst & Tom Brosowske



## A LASTING LESSON

Before dying on the cross, Jesus teaches the disciples an important lesson.

Directions: Use the clues to unscramble the letters in each grape cluster. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete John 15:5, NIV.



- A branch that was waved \_\_\_\_\_○
- How Jesus was put to death \_\_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_\_
- A stick attached to the vine \_\_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_\_
- People shouted this to Jesus \_\_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus washed these \_\_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_\_ 
- This was broken and eaten \_\_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_\_ 
- The Messiah \_\_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_\_
- A drink from grapes \_\_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus drove the money changers from here \_\_\_\_\_○\_\_\_\_\_

"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear \_\_\_\_\_; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5, NIV

Answer: palm, crucified, branch, hosanna, feet, bread, Jesus, wine, temple, much fruit

### **CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD**

Kelly Eckert & Erin Green

### **CONCORDIA FOUNDATION**

Eileen Benne

### **CONCORDIA TRUSTEES**

Jarrod Horman

### **Boards of Mt. Calvary**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Teresa Brusick & Paula Horst,

### **BOARD OF EVANGELISM**

Jan Heien

### **BOARD OF YOUTH**

Michele Keehner & Erin Parrott

### **BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING**

Dormant

### **BOARD OF PROPERTY**

Chris Brusick, Lisa Cornelius, Lee Mauschaugh, Josh Joseph, Jarrod Horman, Vicky Brosowske

### **BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP**

Theresa Johnston, Kim Beenders, Mike Gavic

### **BOARD OF ELDERS**

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

### **FOOD PANTRY**

LaVelle Borders  
Paula & Jerry Horst

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- † Robert Marshall - father to Michael Marshall
- † Roy McIntire - member
- † Kelly Eckert - member
- † David Heien - member
- † Ross Pauli - son of Carolyn
- † Jessica Shuh - Concordia alumna, friend to many
- † Paula Horst - member
- † Kathy Riebel - sister-in-law to Jeff & Cheryl

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

# JOIN A STUDY GROUP

## CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

**Youth Sunday School Classes** – Sunday School has begun again. Sunday School has a new look, new activities, new lessons, new fun. Please bring your students, ages 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and encourage them to participate every Sunday from 10:30 to 11:30 am. We will have 2 or 3 levels for classes depending on our turnout and hope to add more if needed. Any high schoolers interested in starting a class please let Pastor or Paula Horst know.

**Sunday Morning Adult Class** – “The Just shall live by Faith.” These words drive the whole of Paul’s Letter to the Romans, as he is inspired to show them both how we are justified and the life that flows from that. Join us Sunday mornings as we read Paul’s *Epistle to the Romans* together.

**Men’s Bible Study Topic** – Join us as we start reading the late Dr. Rosenblatt’s presentation “*The Gospel for Those Broken by the Church.*” This presentation seeks to offer good news to those who have “dropped out” of Christianity for a variety of reasons.

**Men’ Bible Study meets 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!** – Join us as Thursday lunches with Bible Study have started up again. We have finished Ruth, and now on to “*Esther.*” Evil Haman wants to destroy God’s people – but the Lord has placed Esther in the right position to help. Rejoice in God’s providence.

## **EASTER BREAKFAST INFORMATION**

The Women of Mt. Calvary are hosting an Easter Breakfast this year.  
Sunday, March 31, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
We are serving a continental breakfast with egg casseroles, fresh fruit and pastries.

How can you participate?

- Sign up on the bulletin board with your name and the number attending. This will help us plan for the appropriate number for seating and food.
- Bring fruit or pastries for the continental breakfast. Contact Luann Claudin via phone, text or email to sign up to bring something 309-369-2606 or [claudfam1311@gmail.com](mailto:claudfam1311@gmail.com)
- Help set up on Saturday, March 30 at 9:00 AM. We’ll be preparing the fruit and pastries plus setting up and decorating.

**Please sign up as soon as possible or by Sunday, March 24.** Thank you!



## **WOMEN OF MT. CALVAY REGULAR MEETING DATE**

Ladies, don’t forget that with everything else going on during this season, you still have your regular meetings. The meeting in March will be on Saturday, March 9th at 9:30 am. Please plan to be there.

## EASTER LILY ORDERS



Linda has ordered the lilies for Easter Sunday. The cost per lily is \$9.00 this year. Envelopes were put in your mail boxes for ordering them. **The**

**deadline for ordering is Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## ALTAR GUILD LIKE SOME EXTRA HELP!

Altar Guild is looking for some extra help with cleaning up the Communion Ware after the 11:45 am service on Sundays. Contact Abbie Matson (309-224-9432) if you are available.



## CELEBRATION FUND

How has God blessed you lately? Warmth from the winter weather? Safe travels? Time with friends and family? Blessed worship with your church family? Good health? Please consider donating an offering of thanks to God by way of the Celebration Fund. See the table in the Parish Hall for more information. We are currently collecting for new Pentecost paraments.

## WE'RE PRINTING A NEW DIRECTORY



So, the proof pages are posted in the Parish Hall (on the piano) and in the Narthex. Please, please, please check to see that your information and that of any of your family's also, is correct. (Initial where you have checked, and either mark "OK" or make the correction.) We're trying to avoid having calls the day after printing saying that something didn't get corrected. The proofs will only be up another week or two, so don't put off making your corrections.

## FROM FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

### JOIN US!!!!!!

The Family Life Committee and the Women of Mt. Calvary invite you to join us for a evening at the Barn III Dinner Theatre in Goodfield on **Friday, April 26** for their production of "Chaps". The cost of the evening is \$65 per ticket and includes the show, dinner, unlimited non-alcoholic beverages & gratuity. More info available on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office. In addition, a sign-up sheet is available there to let us know that you'll be joining us. **DEADLINE to sign-up with payment is April 5.**

### "CELEBRATION OF THE ERAS"

Join Concordia on April 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm for their annual dinner and fundraiser. The gala will be held at the Gateway Building by Childers, 200 NE Water Street in Peoria. It will be a celebration of the "yesteryears" and the tomorrows." Tickets will go on sale soon.

## KAPELLE CHOIR, CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, TO BE IN AREA

The Kapelle choir from Concordia University Chicago will be performing a concert at Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The choir is directed by Dr. Charles Brown and will be finishing their Spring Tour at Christ Lutheran. A freewill offering in support of the Kapelle will be received.

## ALSO FROM CONCORDIA CHICAGO

The Wind Symphony of Concordia University Chicago is coming to Redeemer Lutheran Church (6801 N. Allen Road, Peoria, IL) for their Spring Tour on **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.** Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken. The Concordia Lutheran School Concert Band will join the Wind Symphony in a couple of their pieces during the performance.

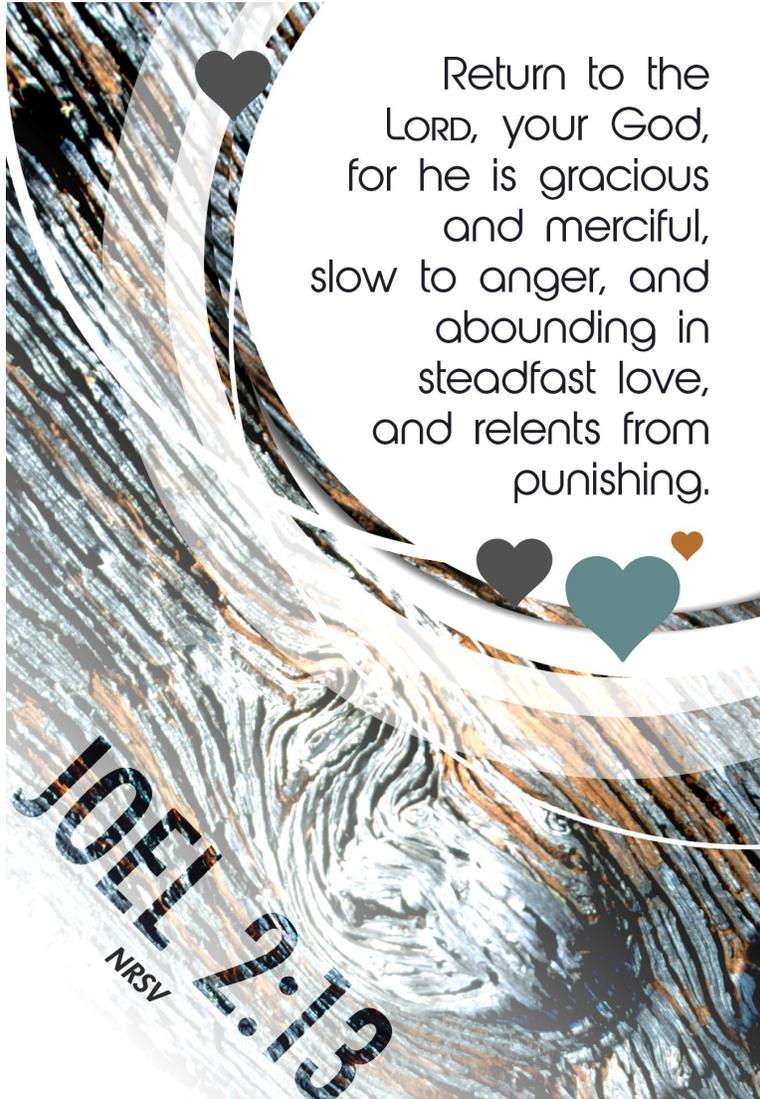
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<b>3</b> <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:15 a Fellowship Coffee 10:30 a Bible Class & Sunday School 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	<b>4</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	<b>5</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council	<b>6</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 8:30 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer Lunch follows	<b>7</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	<b>8</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	<b>9</b> 9:00 a Parish Hall Reserved
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<b>24</b> <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:15 a Fellowship Coffee 10:30 a Bible Class & Sunday School 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	<b>25</b> <i>The Annunciation of Our Lord</i> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	<b>26</b> 8:30 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	<b>27</b> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 8:30 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia 3:00 p Executive Committee	<b>28</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 11:15 a Divine Service 6:30 p Divine Service & Stripping of the altar.	<b>29</b> <i>Good Friday</i> 12:00 p Noon Prayer & Commemoration of the Cross 6:30 p Tenebrae	<b>30</b> 9:00 a Set up for Easter Breakfast 10:00 a Decorate the church for Easter Sunday
<b>31</b> <i>Passcha (Easter) Sunday</i> 8:00 a Divine Service w/Easter Proclamation 9:30-11:00 a Easter Breakfast 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service						



Return to the  
LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious  
and merciful,  
slow to anger, and  
abounding in  
steadfast love,  
and relents from  
punishing.

**JOEL 2:13**  
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