



Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor

You are a bishop!

As you may know in the course of his teachings in the 16th century, Martin Luther criticized the traditional distinction between lay people and clergy, claiming that through baptism all Christians belong to the “spiritual estate” – that clergy were no more holy than any baptized Christian. So you are a priest.

But to be a bishop? A leader of the faith and a proclaimer of the gospel? Yet Luther also made that claim in a sermon in November of 1528. Luther preached, “Every father of a family is a bishop in his house and the wife a bishopess. Therefore remember that you in your homes are to help us carry on the ministry we do in the church.” (from Luther’s Works 51:37). So, yes, according to Luther those of us who are fathers or mothers or otherwise heads of a household are bishops as well. His point is that heads of household are called on to teach the faith and help carry on the ministry of the church.

To help mothers and fathers fulfill their roles as bishops in their household, Luther published a series of documents to explain the basics of the Christian faith in simple terms to be used within the household. These documents were soon gathered into a collection that became known as *Luther’s Small Catechism*.

The intention of the *Catechism* was to provide a tool for parents to teach their children about the Ten Commandments, the Apostles’ Creed, the Lord’s Prayer and the sacraments of baptism and communion. It follows a pattern of a stating a portion of the Commandments or the Creed, etc. then answering the question “What is this?” or “What does this mean?” The parent would ask the question and recite the answer until the children could recite it back to the parent. So, yes, Luther intended for the *Catechism* to be memorized.

In this year of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (Luther posted his 95 Theses on October 31, 1517 – a topic for another time), we have the opportunity to rediscover – or discover for the first time – *Luther’s Small Catechism*. It is a chance to consider the basics of the Christian faith and grow in our own understanding and to be better prepared to share the faith with others.

There will be two opportunities now to become reacquainted with the Catechism. First in both the Adult Sunday School class (8:45 am Sunday mornings) and the Monday morning Bible study (10:00 am) we will be studying the *Catechism*. Secondly, our midweek Lenten worship will take the opportunity to reflect on the *Catechism*.

I invite you to join any or all of these events to help you prepare to be a bishop in your household and grow in your understanding of the Christian faith.

In Christ,

Pastor Knowles



On Saturday, March 11, Be sure and Change Your Clocks **AHEAD** one (1) hour before going to bed.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 – Gisele Richardson
- 2 – Peter Doering
- 9 – Betty Clark
- 11 – Rebecca Richardson
- 13 – Linda Chase
- 15 – Margo Miller
- 17 – Ted Jackson
- 18 – Steve Faith, Dorothy Hultgren
– Cindy Pham
- 25 – Pam Gross
- 27 – Laura Knipe
- 30 – Rosalie Mellgren
- 31 – JoAnn Sullivan



Happy Anniversary to:

- 6 – Jack & Marilyn Gross (1954)
– Bob & Charlene Lundstrom (1976)
- 19 – Dianna & Terry Kitchen (1983)
– Mike & Alisha Jones (2005)



During the month of March we received the following word of thanks....

♣ Dear Members of the Calvary Lutheran Church, Our school would like to express their appreciation for the lovely winter wear. It warms our hearts of all the kindness you bestow our students. Thank you so much for your generosity.

----Lincoln Irving School

♣ Dear Church: We would like to thank you for your donation of cleaning supplies. We appreciate your kindness. May God continue to bless you.

---- Christian Care residents & Staff



Dorothy Hultgren's Correct address is Avonlea Cottage #35, 2021 1st Street East, Milan, IL 61264. Telephone number: 309-206-4001. She would

love for you to keep in touch!

Also, Kim Smith has a new address. It is 2058 35th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201.

Mid-Week Lenten
SCHEDULE



Lent Begins March 1 with

Ash Wednesday Services

12 noon and 6:30 p.m

This year our theme will be based on
Luther's Small Catechism

We are once again partnering with other Moline churches for the Lent Midweek Worship. A schedule of the topics and the Pastor presiding is on the bulletin board by the Upper Room.

Starting on Wednesday, March 8, we will begin our Mid-Week services with a Lenten Lunch served in the Upper Room.

Weekly Wednesday Services:

11:00 am	Lenten Lunch
12 noon	Lenten Service
6:30 pm	Lenten Service
7:00 pm	Choir Practice

NO LUNCH BUNCH



Lenten Lunches will take the place of Lunch Bunch for the months of March and April. March 1st is Ash Wednesday (no lunch). Lenten lunches will begin on Wednesday, March 8 for five weeks, ending Wednesday, April 5th.

**Calvary Basement Sale–
SAVE the DATES!**

Friday and Saturday – April 7 and 8th. Please start cleaning out your closets, garage and basements! Bring the items to church and deposit them in the Youth room, downstairs. This year, the planning committee is Sharon Hough, Marilyn Mudd, Sandy Ohrn and Pam Ohrn.



This is a huge undertaking and we will need everyone, including men. If you can help or have a pick-up truck available and would be able to pick up items, please contact the ladies of the committee.

**FILL THE BAG
March 12**



On March 12 after worship, we will meet in Erlander Hall for a light lunch and then begin to “fill the bags”. It is still not too late to sign up to help and/or to sponsor. On page 4 is a Sponsor form. Last time it only took a couple of hours amid all the laughter and fellowship.



WELCA NEWS
All ladies of the church
are welcome to attend

- ❖ Deborah Circle - will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Room. Hostess is Bev Boyle.

LENTEN LUNCH SCHEDULE: Volunteers are still needed to prepare our Lenten lunches. If you can help, contact Sue Knipe or Jan Jackson.

- March 01 – Ash Wednesday (no lunch)
- March 08 – Sharon Hough and Doroty Harmening
- March 15 – Jan Jackson and Marilyn Mudd
- March 22 – Carol Mayo and Charlene Lundstrom
- March 29 – Ann Donahue and Karen Thorsvold
- April 05 – Charlene Lundstrom and Carol Mayo

FLOORING PROPOSAL - at the WELCA meeting on Sunday, February 5, the ladies chose a vinyl tile pattern from Carpetland to replace the floor covering in the basement kitchen, Erlander Hall and hallway as well as the kitchenette floor in the Upper Room. A firm bid has been requested and a vote will be taken by WELCA for the expenditure.

ALL-DAUGHTER BANQUET - will be Friday, May 5. Planning committee is Marilyn Gross (program) and Connie Langston (food and set-up).

FUNERAL LUNCHEON COMMITTEE – Jan Jackson will be in charge – volunteers will assist as before to prepare and serve the luncheons. Ann Donahue will help in making calls for food and helpers.

NIS WELCA RETREAT

The Northern IL Women of the ELCA Spring Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center, Oregon, IL. The program: “Making a Difference – Leaving a Legacy.” Registration is \$35.00 due by March 20th. For more information and registration forms, see the bulletin board in the Upper Room.

The 2017 WELCA Yearbook is being prepared and will be in your mailboxes soon.



We offer our sympathies and prayers to Gerda Schmeltzer, family and friends. Gerda’s husband,

Norm passed away on Tuesday, February 21. May each of you find refuge and comfort in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

RELAY FOR LIFE



COFFEE HOURS... The Calvary Crusaders will again sponsor the 4th Sunday of the month Coffee Hours. There will be special baked goods and treats.

UPCOMING EVENTS... Sunday, April 9 – **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH** will be served by the Calvary Crusaders – more information next month.

Calvary CRUSADERS...have been approved for a Thrivent Action Team \$250 grant to help purchase supplies for their events this year. Covering expenses this way will give us more profit to donate to Relay for Life – **“thank you, Thrivent.”**

- The Relay for Life Quad Cities - will be held at Bettendorf High School on Saturday, May 13 and combines Rock Island County and Scott County. Even though Relay is early, we will have additional time to raise funds through August 31st. Thank you again for all the support you have given us in the past, and looking forward to your support for another fun-filled year... Marilyn Gross & The Calvary Crusaders.



THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Thrivent Action Team Grants...

Do you have a community project you would like to sponsor??? Just give one of the Thrivent Advocates (Dawn Levesque or Marilyn Gross) the information on what you would like to do, and we can help you verify the project and find a Thrivent member willing to apply for a \$250 Action Team Grant.

Choice Dollars... remember that March 31st is the final date you can direct your Choice Dollars for 2016. Please do not let this benefit go unused. Contact Thrivent at www.thrivent.com or call 1-800-847-4836. Thank you to all those members who have helped support our church’s mission by directing their Choice Dollars to Calvary.



SERVANTHEARTS SCHEDULE COFFEE HOUR

On the bottom right corner of the Servant Hearts Schedule is a box showing sign-ups for next month's Coffee Hour. We are looking for volunteers to take a Sunday. This would entail making coffee (if Jim is gone) and with clean up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Upper Room. If you do not know how to make coffee, ask Jim. He will show you where everything is.

A BIG Thank you goes to Jim Johansen and LeRoy Freeze for making sure the coffee is made and the doughnuts are here on Sunday mornings.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Thursday, MARCH 9TH!

For the last several months, articles for the newsletter have been slow coming into the office. If you know of an event or project that should go into the newsletter, please have it to me by the deadline.

The newsletter is a way of communicating up-coming events. If you would look at this newsletter it lets us know our clocks need to be turned a head on March 11, has a whole column dedicated to WELCA and also gives you a schedule of our Lenten Services. The newsletter also informs us of the need for volunteers for Sunday morning coffee hour, a schedule for those helping with worship, how we can fight against hunger with "Kids Against Hunger" and how you can help Beat Cancer with our Relay for Life team and to use Choice Dollars to help our church. This is YOUR newsletter, so it is up to YOU to keep me informed so I can *pass* the information along.

Thank you, Teri G, secretary

Kids Against Hunger



Each day, thousands of children around the world go hungry. What if it took just one quarter — 25 cents — to provide a lifesaving meal to a starving youngster? Kids Against Hunger can use your small change to make a BIG change for struggling children in foreign lands—and here at home. Calvary will be joining forces with this humanitarian organization to purchase and package meals to combat hunger. How can you help? By filling out the pledge card below and joining us on Sunday, March 12 as we package nutrient-rich meals for distribution both locally and abroad. We will gather for a light lunch, then put on our caps and get to work. If we get a good crew, it shouldn't take more than an hour.

What will your quarters buy?



- \$10.00 = 40 meals
- \$25.00 = 100 meals
- \$40.00 = 160 meals

Blessed that I will not go hungry today when so many others will, I pledge:

- To donate _____ to provide meals for those in need.
- To be God's hands by helping to assemble meals on March 12.

Name _____

