

# *Calvary Courier*

## *April 2017*

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From the Pastor:

There is something about the smell of corn muffins baking....

Whenever my family would go to visit my grandmother (mom's mom) she would bake corn muffins for us. So, when I smell corn muffins baking I find myself oddly transported to my grandmother's kitchen on Farragut in Chicago, watching as she pulled the muffins from the oven, a dish of butter and a jar of strawberry preserves at the ready, while coffee perked in the glass carafe on the stove. It is more than a memory. Somehow that past experience becomes a present reality for me. I am surrounded by family and warmth and peace.

The celebration of Holy Communion, I think, provides a very similar experience.

In Luke's gospel, as Jesus has gathered with his disciples to celebrate the Passover meal, he "took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in *remembrance* of me. And he did the same with the cup after supper...."

The Greek word that is translated "remembrance" in this passage is *anamnesis*. (You might notice a similarity between this word and amnesia, which is related to forgetting.) *Anamnesis* implies more than just recalling something – like you might recall someone's name or remember the day you were married. Instead, *anamnesis* has the sense of bringing something from the past into one's presence – like, for me, smelling corn muffins baking and suddenly feeling as if I'm in my grandmother's kitchen.

So for us, as we share the bread and cup of Holy Communion "in remembrance" of Jesus, it is much more than just recalling the Last Supper as one might recall the Battle of Concord from the American Revolution. To share the bread and cup of the sacrament "in remembrance" of Jesus is to somehow find ourselves in the very presence of Jesus, in the here and now, as he shares his body and blood with us.

That is the miracle and promise that God makes to us through Holy Communion. As we gather around the altar and share in the bread and cup, we do so in *anamnesis*. We are gathered with Jesus and the apostles as he shares his body and blood for us – for our forgiveness and salvation. It is so much more than a memory. It is finding ourselves surrounded by Christ sharing the warmth and peace of God.

In Christ,

*Pastor Knowles*

**Please Note:** Pastor Knowles will be out of town April 24 – 28 to attend a continuing education event in Gettysburg. The event includes a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion of his graduation from seminary.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 – Kurt Dicks, Shirley Lofgren
- 4 – Judy Noftsker
- 6 – John James Gross
- 7 – Greg Johnson
- 9 – Joe Geerts, Gene Untiedt, Dale Winter
- 10 – Marilyn Gross
- 13 – Katlyn Jones, Betsy Untiedt
- 18 – Erik Ohm
- 19 – Jimmy Duncan
- 28 – Ann Bowser
- 29 – Scott Mayo



Happy Anniversary to:

- 13 – Mike & Stephanie Mudd (1991)
- 14 – David & Debra McClanahan (1990)

**NO LUNCH BUNCH**

**Lenten Lunches** will take the place of Lunch Bunch for the month of April. Lenten Lunches will end on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Lunch Bunch will resume in May.



**Eulalia Dunn** has moved and her new address is: Jersey Ridge Place – Apt. 101 5605 Jersey Ridge Rd, Davenport, IA 52807. Her telephone is: 563-424-4057.

**PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH  
Sunday, April 9th**

Everyone is invited!!!!



The Calvary Crusaders Relay Team will serve a “Palm Sunday Brunch” on Sunday, April 9 in the Upper Room after worship. Plan to stay after church to enjoy a great array of pastries and fruit, coffee and juice.

**Mid-Week Lenten  
SCHEDULE**

**This year our theme  
is based on**



Luther’s Small Catechism  
“With Awe and Love”

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.

April 5 is our last Mid-Week service with a Lenten Lunch served in the Upper Room.

**April 5 - Wednesday Services:**

- 11:00 am Lenten Lunch**
- 12 noon Lenten Service – Pr. Willers**
- 6:30 pm Lenten Service – Pr. Witkowski**
- 7:15 pm Choir Practice**



**SCHEDULE FOR  
HOLY WEEK**

**Note:** *We will only be having one (1) worship service on Easter at 10:00 am*

- April 9** – 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship  
**Palm Sunday Brunch** after Worship
- April 13** – 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
- April 14** – 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship
- April 16** – 10:00 am – Easter Worship



**May Newsletter Deadline is April 13.** Please have your articles to me as soon as you can. Thank You.





Order your Easter Lilies from Calvary!



**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING  
Is Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Please complete this form.

Return it to the Church Office  
or place in the offering plate.

You may also email the office at  
[secretary@calvarymoline.org](mailto:secretary@calvarymoline.org).

**The cost of each plant is \$10.00.**

Make checks payable to:  
**Calvary Lutheran Church**

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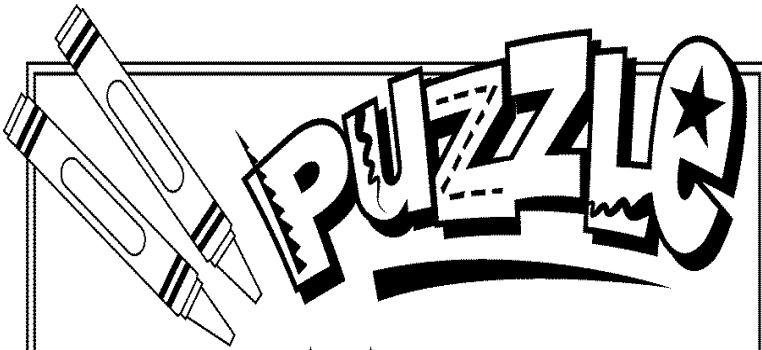
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**Easter Service** is at 10:00 a.m.

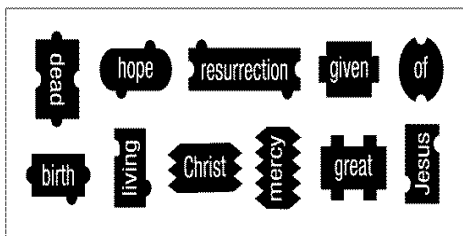
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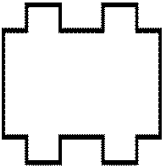



**> NEW LIFE <**

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

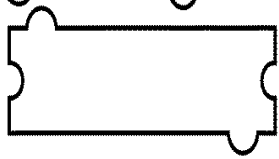
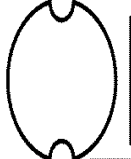
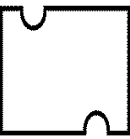
*Directions: Use the  
puzzle pieces from  
the box to complete  
1 Peter 1:3, NIV.*

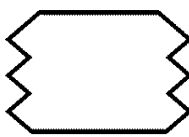
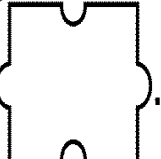


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**1 PETER 1:3, NIV**

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

