

Calvary Courier

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From the Pastor:

The answer: The first Sunday after the paschal moon. The question: When is Easter?

Every year it seems, I get involved in some conversation about why the date for Easter varies. Without getting too complicated, it has to do with the paschal moon – which is the first full moon of the spring (after the spring equinox). The paschal moon, as determined by the Jewish calendar, sets the date for the Jewish Festival of Passover which is linked to the Christian observance of Easter. Sound complicated? It is. So, let's be thankful there are people who know how to figure it all out.

With that being said, however, it is important to understand that the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Day) is at the heart of our church year. With the exception of the Advent/Christmas season, the rest of the church year is determined or impacted by Easter – which mirrors the heart of Christian worship and life.

Here's how it works:

Season of Easter (liturgical color: white)

Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21 (the paschal moon). Easter is now always on a Sunday (although it was not always that way in the very early years of the church) because we are celebrating Christ's rising from the tomb on the first day of the week. Because the resurrection is such a significant event in the life of the Christian, the celebration cannot be contained to just one day or week. So, in the Christian Church we celebrate Easter for a week of weeks. Hence we have seven Sundays of Easter.

Season of Lent (liturgical color: purple)

Lent is the season of preparation for Easter. It is a season devoted to prayer, fasting and repentance. In the early church Lent was a time when new converts to the faith prepared for their baptisms at Easter. Mimicking the Israelites' 40 years in the wilderness in preparation for entrance into the promised land, Lent is a 40 day season beginning with Ash Wednesday. However, for those of you who are curious and have actually counted the days, you will notice that there are actually 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. That's because Sundays

don't count. Sundays for Christians are always days of celebration in remembrance of the resurrection and so fasting is not appropriate.

Pentecost (liturgical color: red) is the 50th day after Easter and concludes the Easter season. It is on the Day of Pentecost that we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

Season after Pentecost (liturgical color: green)

This season, also known as "ordinary time" in other parts of the Christian Church, marks the time of the growing of the Christian church. The liturgical readings during this season share the teachings of Jesus and focus on Christian witness and service to the world as "people of the resurrection." The number of Sundays in this season changes depending on how early or late Easter falls.

Season of Christmas (liturgical color: white)

In our tradition the Christmas season, celebrating the birth of Christ, begins on December 25 and lasts for 12 days, concluding on the Day of Epiphany – January 6. (In some parts of the Christian Church, the nativity of Christ is celebrated on January 6.)

Season of Advent (liturgical color: blue)

Advent is a season of expectation and hope in anticipation of the arrival of the Christ, as child at Christmas and as the messiah at the end of time. It is a season that incorporates the four Sundays prior to December 25.

Season after the Epiphany (liturgical color: green)

The season after the Epiphany is also part of "ordinary time," although the gospel readings tend to focus on Jesus being revealed as the messiah. The word Epiphany has a meaning related to the word "reveal." This season begins on January 7 and concludes with Ash Wednesday. So, the length of the season varies from year to year depending on the date of Easter.

Forgive me if I've been answering questions you didn't ask, but I think it's important to have some understanding of why we do what we do. And who knows....maybe someday you'll be on *Jeopardy* this will help you help answer a Daily Double.

In Christ, *Pastor Knowles*

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

- 2 – Kirk Ketelsen
- 4 – Arlene Cooke
- 6 – Teri Griebel
- 9 – David Peterson, Ardeth Lindell
- 23 – Dereck Chase
- 27 – Pat Cornelius
- 28 – LaVerne Knipe



Happy Anniversary to:

- 4 – Robert & Beth Fuller (2005)
 - Robert & Linda Miner (1963)
- 11 – Gene & Betsy Untiedt (1952)
- 24 – Gary & Pam Gross (1980)
- 25 – Jerry & Pat Cornelius (1968)
 - Bruce & Valorie Daniel (1974)
- 28 – Randy & Ann Bowser (1973)
- 28 – Dale & Joan Winter (1955)



Calvary's All Daughters Banquet Friday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Deadline for Reservations:
Sunday, April 30

The **All Daughters Banquet** will be held on Friday evening May 5th at 6 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 per person for everyone with catering by Jeff's Market.

Our menu will be Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Fresh Fruit, Pasta Salad and Chocolate Cake.

Contact Connie Langston, 788-6280 or Teri Griebel, 762-5423 for reservations.

The program will feature a unique and original fashion show from local designers – you won't want to miss this entertaining evening!!!

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

Thank you to all who donated and helped with the Kids Against Hunger project. We filled bags for 3000 meals and gave money towards the shipping of those bags. About \$1000.00 was given in total. You can go to this link to see some pictures posted on their site:
<http://kahqc.com/calvary-lutheran-moline>



We offer our sympathies and prayers to the family and friends of Ken Peterson. Ken passed away on April 9th. May you find refuge and comfort in our Lord, Jesus Christ.



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

♥ Thank you to everyone for all the Love, prayers, cards and flowers. I miss you all so very much. Please keep in touch. Hopefully at some time in the future, I will try to get to church to see everyone.

----God Bless you all, Eulalia Dunn

♥ I want to thank everyone who was so kind to me during my recent health problems. It is a joy to be a member of a congregation like Calvary's.

---- Doris Henriksen

♥ Thanks to everyone at Calvary for your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and food, especially the Basement Sale Food Kitchen.

---- Thank you and God Bless, Joan Winter

• Thank you for your faithful giving, so that we may share His love through the work at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center. Your generous gift makes a real difference in accomplishing our goals and managing our operations for the church in this beautiful outdoor setting

---- In His love, Russ Senti, Exec. Dir.

• Thank you for your contribution of \$337 to Churches United of the Quad City Area. Your contribution of \$292 will help with answering the need of emergency assistance through the E.Moline/Moline CareLINK and your contribution of \$45 to the Souper Bowl of Caring will help support the hunger ministry of Churches United of the Quad City Area.

----Blessings, Anne Wachal, Exec. Dir.

• Thank you! We appreciate your generous gift to impact at-risk youth. Thank you for partnering with us to help make all of our outreach available to low-income youth as we help them believe in all their potential!

----Mark Drake, Exec. Dir. For Youthope



Knit A Bit received the following word of thanks....

Our Friends at Knit-a-Bit Group from Calvary Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful hat, scarf and mitten sets. They are tucked away and ready for the fall weather, or a cold snap. Our families are in the program because they meet the 100% poverty guide lines therefore they are usually the neediest of the needy. Thank you for your generosity.

----- Whiteside and Rock Island/Milan Head Start families

If you would like to be a part of this group, we meet on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet again on May 16th at 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Room when a delicious lunch and fellowship will take place. Invite your friends and neighbors too. Our program will be a “meet and greet” with our new Parish Nurse, Becky Maxson. She welcomes getting acquainted with you on a personal basis.



WELCA NEWS All ladies of the church are welcome to attend

- ❖ **Deborah Circle** meet on Tuesday, May 2 in the Upper Room. Hostess: Charlene Lundstrom
- ❖ **Happy Hookers** will meet on May 31st at 9:30 am

DAILY GRACE.... Is a daily devotion available on the WELCA website. Delivered to your e-mail every morning, it is an inspirational message that will enrich your lives. Just sign up at the website: womenoftheelca.us.

Mark Your Calendars! There will be a work day on May 20th starting at 9 am till noon. Plan on both inside and outside projects.



Brianna Griebel will be confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline on Sunday, April 30 at the 10:30 am service. WELCA will hold a reception for her at Calvary on Sunday, May 7th after worship. All are welcome to attend.

Calvary Basement Sale – Over for This Year

A truly BIG Thank You to everyone who helped us to have a wonderful successful basement sale.



We thank everyone who donated so many wonderful items for us to sell and thus creating for us so many customers who know this is the place to shop.

So pleased with all the wonderful workers we had. Hopefully you all had a good time and also making better and closer friendships with fellow members.

Thank you to the Men’s Store “garage” for all your extra help.

Thank you – thank you and God Bless. Our total was \$3,700.00.

----- Love & Hugs from Pam Ohrn, Sandy Ohrn, Sharon Hough and Marilyn Mudd

* Our basement sale left overs are being sent out to help several other organizations.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION



If you or a member of your family will be graduating this spring, please let us know. We would like to acknowledge them for all their hard work in achieving their goals. Please be sure to include relevant information (name, degree/certificate, future plans). You may put the information in the offering plate, send an email secretary@calvarymoline.org, or call the church office (309-762-5423).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is May 11th.



This will be a combined newsletter for **June & July**. The newsletter will be distributed on May 25. Please have your articles to me, especially Relay for Life, as soon as you can. Thank You.



SUMMER CLEANING SCHEDULE...

Now that Spring has Sprung, the Winter cleaning gals and guys are going to be taking a long *summers* nap.

Please check the bulletin board at the top of the stairs or in the upper hallway to see the areas to be cleaned. When the task is completed, please sign your name.

As I do not want to miss someone – Thank You for a job well done to each of you! You kept the dust bunnies at bay and the church in tip top shape.



Service Committee Notes:

Thank you to all of the generous people who donate food each month. Summer is coming and the kids will not have the school lunches. We are asking that you also prayerfully consider donating personal hygiene items such as deodorant, diapers, shampoo, etc. These are items that are hard for people who are having problems making ends meet to purchase.

Knit-a-Bit continues to meet each Wednesday. We had such an awesome reception of the hats and scarves. There are 500 kids in Rock Island Co. Head Start. Can we do it???

Do you have any men’s clothing or coats? We are going to be helping with the Veteran’s Stand Down again this year. New socks and underwear are appreciated also. We will provide a list of what is needed in this newsletter.

Another Child Foundation...

Starting in mid-May, we will be collecting donations to buy 60 backpacks for children in Romania. We plan to show the progress on a board in the narthex. A sample backpack will be on hand for us to see what the Romanian kids actually receive. The kids will appreciate our generosity. Thanks. Greg Johnson



The Synod Assembly is collecting new smoke detectors and carbon dioxide sensors for foster parents. Many foster parents are not approved because they do not have the in their homes. Pastor will be taking them with him when he goes to the Synod meeting in June.



TACO LUNCH – Sunday, May 21

Mark your calendars and have lunch with us! Relay for Life will be sponsoring a Taco Lunch after worship, starting approximately 11:15 a.m. in Erlander Hall for unlimited tacos for your donation to Relay for Life. Dessert and drink also included.

Your support is so appreciated. A Thrivent Action Team grant is being applied to cover expenses so all donations will go to Relay!



RELAY FOR LIFE CALVARY CRUSADERS UPCOMING SUNDAY EVENTS:

Because relay is so early in the year, our fundraising activities can continue through August 10.

SUNDAY, May 21 – Taco Lunch – see above

The 2017 Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, May 13 at Bettendorf High School from 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The Calvary Crusaders will be participating, but on a limited scale due to other events on this Mother’s Day weekend. The full schedule of events is posted on the hallway bulletin board and the Narthex display.

- 3:00 pm – Opening Ceremony
- 4:00 pm – Relay starts
- 4:30 – 6:30 pm – Survivor & caregiver Dinner in the High School Commons Area
- 8:00 pm – Luminaria Ceremony
- 9:45 pm – Closing Ceremony

LUMINARIA can be purchased at church by contacting one of the Calvary Crusader members. The cost is \$10.00 for the white bags and \$25.00 for a gold bag – deadline for purchase is Sunday, May 7th. Forms are available on the hallway bulletin board and on the Narthex display.

CULVER’S of the Quad Cities... is again a sponsor for Relay with their contributions benefiting our Calvary Crusaders team. Please let them know your appreciation when dining with them.



Church Women United
Theme: "Kindling New Fires of Love"

Our May Friendship Day celebration will be on Friday, May 5, at First Lutheran Church, 130 5th Ave., Moline. The celebration will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. Reservations are not needed. Just come – all are welcome!!

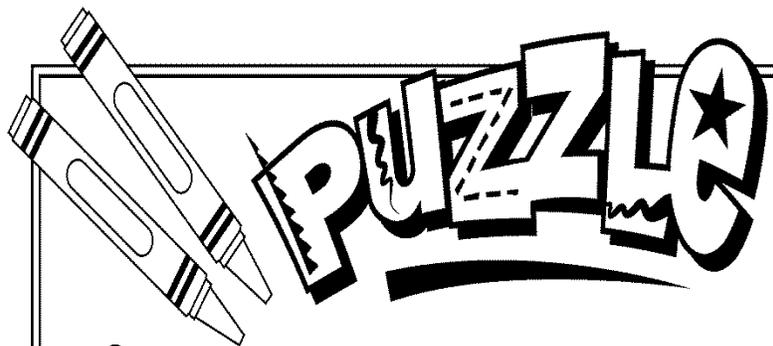
Also, it is at May Friendship Day that money collected for Fellowship of the Least Coin is presented. The flyer will be posted on the bulletin board by the Upper Room for a list of additional items, if you would like to donate.

Church Women United
GARDEN SALE
May 1 thru May 7 at
HY-VEE



This Year, you can shop at Silvis Hy-Vee or both locations of Hy-Vee in Moline (Ave of the Cities

or 7th Street). Good on all purchases in the outdoor garden center (plants, flowers, mulch, shrubs, trees, lawn ornaments, etc.) 10% of your purchase benefits: Christian Friendliness, WINNIES Place, Local Food Pantries and Women's Prison Ministries. **NOTE:** A flyer will be **REQUIRED** with purchase. On the back page of the newsletter, is a copy of the flyer. If you forget to bring this flyer with you, please ASK for another at the outdoor checkout counter before making your purchases.

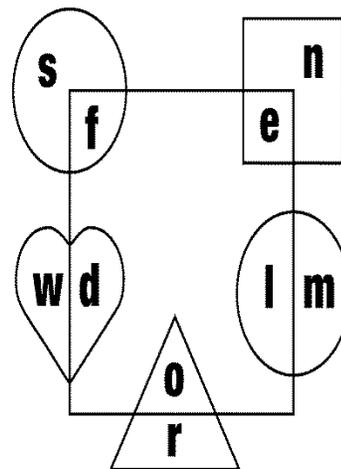


GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



"Consider how the wild _____
 grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even _____
 in all his splendor was _____
 like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV



MOLINE/EAST MOLINE & SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

GARDEN SALE

MAY 1, 2017 – MAY 7, 2017

At Silvis HyVee – 2001–5th Street

Moline HyVee – 4218 Avenue of the Cities

John Deere Rd, Moline HyVee – 750–42 Ave.

Outdoor Garden Center

Good on all purchases in the outdoor garden center

(plants, flowers, mulch, shrubs, trees, lawn ornaments, etc.)

10% of your purchase benefits:

Christian Friendliness

W.I.N.N.I.E.S. Place

Local Food Pantries

Women's Prison Ministries

This flyer REQUIRED with purchase –

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Moline/East Moline & Surrounding Communities C.W.U.

Garden Sale

May 1 – May 7, 2017

Signature

\$ _____

Sales Total