



# *Calvary Courier*

## *March 2024*

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From the Pastor:

The group activity was fairly simple. All the participants stand in a circle. The group leader, then, takes a ball of yarn and, while holding the end of the strand, tosses the ball to someone on the opposite side of the circle. The one who catches the ball of yarn keeps hold of the strand and likewise tosses the ball across the circle to a different participant. This pattern continues until every member of the group is holding on to the strand of yarn. What forms, if the group successfully follows instructions, is a web of yarn in the middle of the group.

Creating the web is just the set-up to the real lesson. The next step involves the leader gently pulling on the strand of yarn and asking the participants to notice what happens. By a single person pulling on the strand, virtually everyone in the circle feels the tug. The web connects everyone in the group.

The life-lesson demonstrated by this web is that we are all interconnected. And, in reality, we are interconnected not just with the people around us, but with all of creation. The actions that I take may affect not just me or the person immediately adjacent to me, but my entire community, both human and nonhuman.

Our midweek Lenten services this year are calling us to pay attention to the communities in which we live. God creates everything, and calls all (people and every other part of creation) good. Everything and everyone, in the eyes of God, has value. And there is a web of life that connects all of it.

So, we need to be aware that the things we say and do affect not just us, but the people and environment around us. We are connected as a part of God's good creation. We need to consider how our actions may impact the people and things around us, both near and far. We must remember that a tug on my part of the strand will be felt far beyond me.

This is what it means to be a member of the community of faith.

In Christ,

*Pastor Knowles*

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## **HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday (March 24):** 8:00 a.m. St. James; 10:30 a.m. @ Calvary with Prazin Hymn Trio

**Maundy Thursday (March 28):** 7:00 p.m. @ Calvary

**Good Friday (March 29):** Noon @ Calvary; 7:00 p.m. @ St. James

**EASTER (March 31):** 8:00 a.m. @ St. James; 10:30 a.m. @ Calvary



**Happy Birthday to:**

- 1 – Gisele Richardson
- 2 – Peter Doering
- 8 – Judi Ingerson
- 9 – Betty Clark
- 13 – Linda Chase

- 15 – Margo Miller, Randi Toft
- 17 – Ted Jackson
- 18 – Cindy Pham
- 25 – Pam Gross
- 27 – Laura Knipe

**Happy Anniversary to:**

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



**WISHING  
GISELE RICHARDSON  
A  
HAPPY  
100<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY!**

From your Calvary Friends.



**HAPPY HOOKERS - March 27**

Happy Hookers will meet at 9:30 a.m. on March 27.

**Knit-A-Bit will be meeting on the Last Tuesday of the month – February 26 and March 26..**



**JACK & MARILYN GROSS**

**CELEBRATING  
70 YEARS TOGETHER  
on MARCH 3**

Jack and Marilyn Gross will be having their 70th anniversary this March. All are invited to join them for cake following the service on March 3. Join them in the Upper Room to help them celebrate.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING  
TIME BEGINS**

**On Saturday, March 10,** Be sure and Change Your Clocks **AHEAD** one (1) hour before going to bed.



**April Newsletter Deadline**

All articles for the April newsletter should be emailed to the church office or placed in my box by **Tuesday, March 19,** for distribution on Thursday, March 28.



**MINI CHOIR  
NO REHEARSAL ON MARCH 3RD**

Our mini choir has been practicing after worship for Easter. There is still time if you would like to join us, as the piece is very simple. We rehearse for about 15 minutes after worship with time to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Upper room. If you would like more information, please contact Teri Griebel.

**WORSHIP SERVICE MUSIC**

After several years of providing guitar music at Calvary, the group has decided on a name. We are now calling ourselves **Prazin Hymn Trio**. We will be leading the congregation on Palm Sunday and the last Sunday of the month beginning in April. If you have a favorite Praise or Gospel song that you would like the trio to sing during prelude, please let us know.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – March 1** at 9:00 a.m. at Bethel Wesley United Methodist church – 1201 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Moline. Trinity Lutheran is in charge of the program.



**WELCA will not be meeting in March due to Lenten lunches.**



**WELCA Basement Sale** will be **May 17 and 18**. You may drop off your items in the Sunday school room downstairs. We are NOT accepting clothes.



During the month of February, we have received the following words of thanks....

☘ from Lutheran Social Services of

IL: Thank you for your in-kind gift to LSSI's Holiday Hope Chest of Christmas gifts for 10 children served by Moline Foster Care program. At LSSI, we believe that we are called to care for our neighbors in need and with the help of friends like you, we were able to provide gifts for our clients this Christmas!

☘ from Churches United: Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministries of Churches United. We have received your \$156.25 donation for Moline Care Link.

☘ from The Salvation Army Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$200.00 to The Salvation Army. These are tough times for many of our neighbors. Families are often faced with hard choices or devastating news. Your support shows them that a crisis doesn't have to lead to hopelessness. You are so vital to all that we do. Thank you, and God bless you for your kindness.

☘ from Every Child: Thank you to everyone at Calvary Lutheran church for your donation to Every Child this past holiday season! Together we can create safe and healthy childhoods for all children.

### CALVARY CARE CREW – MARCH 20

CCC – will meet March 20 at 9:00 Come and join in doing some lite cleaning of the church and fellowship after our work is done.

### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

A special council meeting was held after the annual meeting on January 28 for newly elected members and to elect officers for the coming year. New council members are Judy Ingerson, Linda Chase and Charlene Lundstrom.

### OUR ELECTED COUNCIL OFFICERS for 2024:

President – Gary Gross  
Vice President – Charlene Lundstrom  
Secretary – Paul Levesque  
Treasurer – Pam Gross.

Council will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.



### LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHESES

Services for Lent are as follows:

#### LENTEN LUNCHESES....

Thank you to those who have signed up to serve Lenten Lunches during March. They are:

**March 6:** Linda Grace & Sandy Ohrn

**March 13:** Charlene Lundstrom & Marilyn Gross

**March 20:** Judi Ingerson & Sandy Ohrn

**Midweek Services:** Noon @ Calvary,  
7:00 p.m. @ St. James



### SERVING AT CAFÉ ON VINE MARCH 2:

We are serving on Saturday, March 2. We will need workers for prepping meal on Friday, March 1 and then on Saturday, March 2 for serving the meal. We will be serving again on May 4. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. **Please save these future dates for Café on Vine: May 4, July 27 and November 9**

### BASEMENT LADIES at CIRCA 21 – APRIL 17 RESERVATIONS DUE – MARCH 24

Interested in an entertaining afternoon? Then join the group going to see *Church Basement Ladies* at Circa 21 on April 17, 2024. Tickets are \$50.00 each. Reservations (due by March 24 – Palm Sunday) can be made by submitting your name along with your phone number and a check made payable to Calvary. You may place in an envelope and write Circa 21. Each ticket includes the show and a plated dinner. The doors open at 11:45 a.m. and the Bootleggers preshow starts at 12:45 p.m. We have 44 seats reserved. More seats *might* be available if needed.



## Order your Easter Lilies for Calvary!



### DEADLINE FOR ORDERING Is MONDAY, MARCH 11

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 \$12.00**

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

Please complete the appropriate information:

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Given by:

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**March 31 - Easter Service** is at 10:30 a.m.

Please take your plant home following the Easter Service

**FOUND** – A jacket from Ash Wednesday Service. It is hanging on the coatrack outside the church office.

### SERVICE COMMITTEE

Service Committee will meet Monday March 4 at 11:15 right after Bible Study. We will plan out this year's activities. If you have an idea for Calvary's outreach to the community come and share you idea or share it with Pam Gross or Ruth Laabs-Wilcox.

**A BIG thank you** to all who donated out Souper Bowl collection. We will be sending \$257.63 to Churches United for their food pantry. Great Job!

### MISSION TRIP

**Calvary** – I am going on a mission trip to Guatemala starting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. One of the objectives of this trip is to give rain boots to kids. Another Child Foundation will be partnering with Roma Boots, planning to give 500+ pairs of boots to kids during our trip. You can see more in this 1-minute video on Facebook: [Video | Facebook](#) If you would like, you may donate for one or more pairs of boots at \$15 a pair. Go to [General Giving Page - Another Child Foundation](#) and for "Direct Support to," select "Give Poverty the Boot." These boots will make their way to Guatemala and onto the feet of kids. Thank you. Greg Johnson  
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### DISCUSSION GROUP FORMING Begins on Thursday, April 4, 10:30 a.m.

What is Racism? What does it have to do with me? What has the church done to help or hinder progress on this important issue?

Pastor Quentin Fleming invites you to join him to discuss "The Color of compromise – The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism". He admits that his own journey toward awareness of racism has taken a lifetime with some significant wake up moments along the way. As the group reads and discusses this book, we may have some 'aha' moments of our own.

He anticipates an eleven-sessions study, April 4 through June 13.

The book will be available through the church office for a suggested donation of \$10. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex or call Pastor Fleming for more information 240-993-9004.





Please read over carefully the two-month schedules. Please note there are now two communion assistants listed for each Sunday. If you are unable to full-fill your commitment, please find a replacement and let Teri know in the office

**ATAR GUILD for MARCH**

Val & Bruce Daniel

**LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. MARCH**

- March. 3 – Val Daniel (L & CA);  
Bruce Daniel (CA)
- March 10 – Karla Kirkwood-Johnson (L);  
Joe Geerts & Gary Gross (CA)
- March 17 – Margo Miller (L & CA);  
Sheila Doering (CA)
- March 24 – Paul Levesque (L & CA); - Palm Sunday  
Dawn Levesque (CA)
- March 31 – Renee Ketelsen (L & CA) - EASTER  
Sandy Ohrn (CA)

**BACK DOOR GREETERS for MARCH**

- March 4 – Linda Chase
- March 10 – Gary Gross
- March 17 – Barb Geerts
- March 24 – Vicki McAlister – Palm Sunday
- March 31 – Pam Gross - EASTER

**COUNTERS for MARCH**

- March 4 – Barb Geerts & Linda Chase
- March 10 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister
- March 17 – Paul Levesque & Pam Gross
- March 24 – Deb Faith & Pam Gross – Palm Sunday
- March 31 – Gary Gross & Terry Langston - EASTER

**USHERS/GREETERS for MARCH**

- March 4 – Vicki McAlister
- March 10 – Bruce & Val Daniel
- March 17 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase
- March 24 – Joe Geerts & Gary Gross – Palm Sunday
- March 31 – Kirk Ketelsen – EASTER

**ALTAR GUILD for APRIL**

**LECTORS & COMMUNION ASST. APRIL**

- April. 7 – Joe Geerts (L & CA);  
Terry Langston (CA)
- April 14 – Renee Ketelsen (L & CA);  
Margo Miller (CA)
- April 21 – Deb Faith (L & CA)  
Val Daniel (CA)
- April 28 – Gary Gross (L & CA);  
Bruce Daniel (CA)

**BACK DOOR GREETERS for APRIL**

- April 7 – Deb Faith
- April 14 – Renee Ketelsen
- April 21 – Sandy Ohrn
- April 28 – Terry Langston

**COUNTERS for APRIL**

- April. 7 – Pam Gross & Connie Langston
- April 14 – Pam Gross & Linda Chase
- April 21 – Charlene Lundstrom & Vicki McAlister
- April 28 – Deb Faith & Barb Geerts

**USHERS/GREETERS for APRIL**

- April 7 – David Peterson & Terry Langston
- April 14 – Vicki McAlister & Ruth Laabs
- April 21 – Bruce & Val Daniel
- April 28 – Greg Johnson & Linda Chase

# March 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28 11:00 am Lenten Lunch - <b>Calvary</b> 12:00 pm Midweek Service. - <b>Calvary</b> 5:30 pm Soup Supper - <b>St. James</b> 7:00 pm Midweek Service - <b>St. James</b>	29	1 <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</b> <b>GISELE RICHARDSON</b> <b>URNS 100</b> <b>TODAY!</b>	2
3 9:15 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Worship <b>70th Anniversary Party after worship Upper Room</b> <b>NO</b> Choir Rehearsal after worship	4 9:00 am Flexiable Flexors 10:00 am Bible Study	5 9:30 am WELCA, Upper Room	6 11:00 am Lenten Lunch - <b>Calvary</b> 12:00 pm Midweek Service. - <b>Calvary</b> 5:30 pm Soup Supper - <b>St. James</b> 7:00 pm Midweek Service - <b>St. James</b> <b>JACK &amp; MARILYN'S 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY</b>	7 9:00 am Flexiable Flexors	8	9 <b>Daylight Savings Time Begins Turn Clocks Ahead 1 Hour before bed</b>
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24 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:15 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Worship with Prazin Hymn Trio Choir Rehearsal after worship	25 9:00 am Flexiable Flexors 10:00 am Bible Study	26	27 9:30 am Happy Hookers	28 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 9:00 am Flexiable Flexors 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service - <b>Calvary</b> 6:30 pm Quad City Coin Club - Board Meeting	29 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Noon - Good Friday Service - <b>Calvary</b> 7:00 pm Good Friday Service - <b>St. James, RI</b>	30
31 <b>HAPPY EASTER!</b> 9:15 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Worship	1	Notes: <b>EASTER LILY ORDER DEADLINE IS MARCH 1TH!</b> <b>REMEMBER - MARCH 9 - turn clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed</b> <b>Prior to the Wednesday Lenten Services</b> held at noon, everyone is welcome to join us in the Upper Room at 11:00 am for a lunch. 5:30 pm A Soup Supper at St. James with service at 7:00 pm <b>PLEASE take your Easter Lilly after worship on Easter.</b>				