

LANTERN

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church May 2017

From the Pastor

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Easter blessings to all of you as we celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death, and enjoy the warmer springtime weather that comes with Easter. All nature seems to reflect God's glory: the trees are in bloom, the flowers are popping up with bright color everywhere, the birds and animals are busy with life and growth.

And my (dastardly?) deed has succeeded: there are little bits of confetti, *everywhere!* In the church, in my house . . . in my hair! I love it! If you weren't here on Easter Sunday, you missed the "surprise" during the Children's Sermon. As we talked about the unexpected and unbelievable surprise that the disciples experienced on Easter morning when Jesus actually rose from the dead, we first broke a regular egg into a bowl and found the usual bright but messy yolk and white inside. No surprise – just what we expected. Just as the disciples expected that anyone who had died went into the tomb, and stayed there. But then we broke another egg and colorful confetti came out, all over our heads! What a surprise!

And now, those little bits of sparkle have traveled all over! The Light of Christ, is carried out into the world! The glorious surprise and good news of the Resurrection cannot be contained inside our church!

When I told this story to our cleaning crew the week after Easter, they loved it. But one of them, vacuuming later, said to me, "I just want you to know: the Light of Christ is going to be around for a while!" And then she said, "I just don't know how people live without him." And so the crew and I, though from different congregations, shared for a few minutes how much he means in our own lives.

So, every time you pick up one of those pieces of confetti -- and you will probably have to pick up the last ones, by hand – remember that the Light of Christ shines on!

And special thanks to the members of the two families, one in each worship service, who were particularly blessed: those of the two brave young volunteers who let me crack the second egg over their heads! I am sure that they are still being blessed by the Light of Christ – everywhere!

Just a note: one of the young mothers, who got very busy after worship cleaning up my “mess,” teased me: “You’re as bad as the kids!” And I said, in all sincerity: “Thank you very much!”

I hope we never lose our child-like wonder about Easter and God’s amazing and undeserved gift to us. It’s so much more than bunnies, eggs, and candy. And I pray that we will, throughout the year, carry that wonder and that Light with us everywhere. As Jesus says in Matthew 5:16:

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

The Light, and the glory, are his. Thanks be to God that he shares them with us! As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, let your light so shine!

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Janet





May 2-Tom Breeden, 4-Barb Rasmussen, 7-Chuck Werner, 10-Aaron Koch, 11-Twana Clary, 13-Fredalene Duffy, Aaron Mohr, Pam Tullis, 14-Agnes Edwards, 15-Karol Specht, Jack Thompson, 17-Bill Lane, 18-Bryce Clary, 19-Dorothy Werner, 21-Ruth Black, 24-Sue Sherman, 25-Pr. Carol Hertler, Craig Solle, 26-Edgar Collins, Jan Nusbaum, 27-Haylee Stephens, 28-Kay Sykes, 29-Jana Eldrige, Sophie Fulkerson, 30-Don Ault, 31-Brian Ebright, Alexis Murphy

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Calvary Lutheran Church

**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

MARCH 21, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT- Bill Knoles, Melody Knoles, Charlotte Spahr, Jack Thompson, Mike Northrup, Bob Austin, Connie Senter, Jeff Webb, Dave Jones, Scott Nusbaum, Susan Gearhart, Janis Lane and Pastor Janet.

MEMBERS ABSENT – Teresa Pelletier

CALLED TO ORDER – Bill Knoles called the meeting to order at 7p

DEVOTION – We read 2 Timothy 1:3-5. Receiving Guidance through Others was the topic. Council shared people and events which helped up develop our faith.

SECRETARY’S REPORT -Moved by Melody to accept the report. Seconded by Charlotte. Minutes approved.

PASTOR’S REPORT – Pastor attended the Free Community Meal, Youth Game Night, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Statehood Day Breakfast, First Tuesday, Bishop’s Theological

Convocation (dialogue of Lutheran’s and Catholic’s), and the Healthy Congregation Seminar. She also made numerous visits, several counseling sessions, and home communions. Jeff moved to accept. Mike seconded. Report approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT 1. For the month, operating income of \$12,854 was \$2,804 less than expenses, but \$453 more than budget. Debt reduction receipts were \$617 less than outflows. Total January giving of \$17,759 was \$3,421 less than need, and \$1,587 less than the same month a year ago. Operating expenses for the month were \$301 less than budget, and total outflows were \$549 more than the same month last year. Organist expenses were \$600 more than budgeted due to a catch up payment from prior months (request for payment just submitted). 2. Year-to-date, total inflows of \$40,238 exceeded the prior year by \$1,288, while total outflows of \$41,880 were

\$295 lower. Operating expenses were \$1,311 higher than operating revenues; debt revenues were \$331 short of need. Overall net performance was (\$1,642) vs. (3,225) for the first 2 months of 2016-a decent start coming out of winter.

Scott moved to accept. Bob seconded. Report approved.

TEAM REPORTS

Archives – Continues work on saving Calvary’s history.

Parish Education – First Tuesday will be April 4.

Community Life – report submitted

Facility – Report submitted

Landscaping –

Finance – Audit in process.

Fellowship – Report submitted

Long Range Planning (Vision)

Outreach – Reports on Community Meals, Cookies to community

Stewardship –

Visitation

Worship & Music – Report submitted and report on banner storage. Kudos to Mike for constructing the new banner storage area.

Youth – Report submitted for activities through 9/9. Good job Bob!

Dave moved to accept reports. Mike seconded. Reports approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The security system is being installed. 3 cameras are installed but cable and hook up to computer needed.

2. Job descriptions for Office Administrator and Music Director completed. Evaluations will be done by Pastor and members of council.

3. Retreat with Pastor Abrams on April 1 from 10a – 2p at Calvary.

4. Calvary hosting Southern Ohio WELCA spring conference on March 25.

5. Status of finances will appear in the church bulletin monthly.

6. Team descriptions and team members will be published. Those wishing to ‘get involved’ will be encouraged to contact a team member

NEW BUSINESS

1 Issues with the alarm and the alarm company have been resolved. The alarm issue seems to have been resolved.

2. Council approved the following guidelines for the cancellation of worship services at Calvary.

“Cancellation of worship services will be made by the pastor, and a member of the executive staff, and a member of the worship & music team, and a member of the facility team. A simple majority will be used.” Melody moved and Charlotte seconded. The guideline approved.

3. Communication with all members of Calvary is essential. We currently use Simple Church CRM’s membership module and payroll module. We will add a module to include ‘blast’ messages to the congregation by telephone. Once set up, this will include messages and reminders to all members of the

congregation. This will help us more effectively communicate with all members of the congregation. We presently do this by email...but not everyone has email and if they do they don't check it multiple times during the day. Everyone has a telephone! Susan will work with the company for specifics. Scott moved to increase our use of Simple Church CRM to include 'telephone' blast messaging to all members of the congregation. Jack seconded. Motion approved.

4. Cheryl Elson submitted a request to once again usher at Tecumseh. We will receive \$500. The dates are 8/28-9/2. Char moved to approve and Melody seconded. The motion passed.

5. Connie Senter presented Tess Snyder's request to have CCT practices at Calvary through May. Mike asked that they not use tap shoes in the Fellowship Hall and Bill said that a Calvary member must open the church and be

responsible for securing the building and locking up. Connie made the motion and Scott seconded. The motion passed.

6. Pastor stated that all events must be on the calendar and each event should state which room or area are to be used.

7. Bob made the motion \$120 be paid to LSS for the weekend the youth spent at LSS. Scott seconded. Motion passed.

8. Calvary received \$500 from the Great Seal Band. The Band stores their music at Calvary and do a lot of work on it at Calvary. A contribution was also received from CCT for use of the facility. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Lane

Council Secretary

The next council meeting is April 18 at 7pm.

MAY 2017 Dates to Remember

May 1,8,15- Bible Study at 2PM

May 2-First Tuesday 7PM

May 4,11,18,25-VBS Decorating Session 1PM-3PM

May 6-Youth Ice Cream Social 6PM

May 9-Facility Team Evening Session 6-9PM

May 13-Lay Theology 8-2PM

May 14-Mother's Day Service

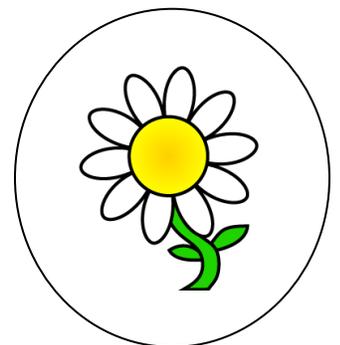
May 16-Council 7PM

May 20-Youth Movie Night 7PM

May 21-Graduate Reception 9:30AM

May 25-Free Community Meal 5-6:30PM

May 28-Farewell and Godspeed Tess and Vivian Snyder Family, Confirmation Rehearsal





*Christ has risen indeed! Halleluiah! And what a wonderful spring season which has followed the resurrection of our Lord. We are all enjoying the warm weather and the beautiful sunshine!

*We are all so grateful to everyone that helped Melody and ALL of the fellowship team as well as volunteers that bowled for "Kids" sake at the Big Brothers and Big Sisters bowling event at Shawnee Lanes. Calvary helped raise \$1300 for children in need in our area, what a great cause! And us mice looked so good in our tiny bowling shirts!

*Thank you to everyone who made our Lent and Easter celebrations so special! We left with wonderful prayerful thoughts and great recipes to share!

*Our Facility Team is always hard at work maintaining and improving our beautiful church building. They recently installed security cameras, and have been working hard to keep our outdoors areas inviting. They can always use more helping hands! If

you're interested, contact our church office.

*Bob Austin has been doing a great job as our youth facilitator setting up great activities for Calvary's youth. See the calendar and save the dates!

*Our Free Community Meal will be on May 25th from 5-6:30PM. There are so many ways to contribute and more help is always welcome! Talk to a meal facilitator if you would like to learn more.

*We bought our mom special flowers for Mother's Day. The youth will be leading worship Sunday May 14th!

*Don't forgot to email or call the office and let us know if you have any graduates you would like us to celebrate! Please submit their name and the school they are graduating from to the church office. Thanks for helping us honor our graduates and their wonderful accomplishment!

*VBS preparation is underway. We have helped Kay Sykes and her team make all sorts of crafts. Come and join in the fun of bringing Jesus to the lives of children in our community!

*As the school year draws to a close, there are so many reasons to be grateful. We pray for all our traveling families and for our students as they conclude their studies for the year. Jesus is with us wherever we go!

*See you at Calvary!

TEAM LEADERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR FREE COMMUNITY MEALS.

Previous team leads are happy to train anyone who is interested. Our next **Free Community Meal** is scheduled for **Thursday MAY 25th**, 2017, from 5:00PM-6:30PM. *This program is being supported, in part, through a grant from the ELCA (World Hunger) Domestic Hunger Grants Program. More help is always welcome and appreciated!* All are welcome! Contact one of the facilitators to learn more. *Facilitators:* Pastor Hatch 740-773-1044, Jeff Webb 740-253-3558, The Segelhorst Family 740-775-5115

WELCA SERVICE PROJECT

WELCA has adopted the Children's Clothing Bank as our outreach project for 2017. We are collecting **NEW** socks and underwear, all sizes. Everyone is welcome to donate. There is a collection box in the rear hallway. Your contributions are appreciated!

UPDATE! NEW BIBLE STUDY

Women of faith bible study continues. On May 8-Mary the Mother of Jesus, and May 15-Mary Magdalene. Join us! Bible study leaders will be Janis Lane, Kay Sykes, and Diane Diekroger. Contact one of the leaders if you have any questions.

ADOPT-A-POT

It is time to think about the beautiful potted *flowers that make our church even more special and bring such pleasure to the community.* If you would like to help with the flowers... please place your donation in an envelope and put it in the offering marked clearly 'Adopt -A- Pot'. To adopt -a-pot the cost is \$40. *Any and all donations are appreciated.* Forms are in the Adopt-A-Pot flower display in the Entrance (Narthex). Questions, contact Charlotte Spahr #740-775-4718

COOKIES AND TREATS NEEDED FOR MOTHER'S DAY RECEPTION

Donations of cookies, home baked, or store bought treats are needed for our Mother's Day Reception on May 14th at 9:30AM. As this occasion nears, if you have a donation, please place it on the kitchen counter upstairs labeled "Mother's Day." If you have any questions contact Melody Knoles, 740-701-1221

MAY 9 FACILITY TEAM EVENING SESSION

6-9PM, no expertise needed, any time contributed is appreciated!

HONORING GRADUATES

Calvary will be honoring graduates with a reception at 9:30AM between services on Sunday May 21st. If you have a graduate you would like listed in our graduate announcement, please submit their name and the school they are graduating from to the church office. Ways to submit: By Email, CalvarySec@Horizonview.net, By phone 740-773-1044, or you can leave a note in the office mailbox. Please print clearly.
Thank you for helping us celebrate our graduates!

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATION

For those of you who attended the training on April 2 as well as those who could not do so but are still interested in learning to help with our worship services in this way, the next step is to assist with it at either service with our regular operators: just join them in the balcony at either 8:15 a.m., with Brian Knoles and Dave Weber; or at 10:45 a.m., with Bill Knoles. This hands-on opportunity will then have you ready to do it on your own, and we'll develop a schedule that works for everyone. Thank you for your willingness to serve the Lord and our church in this important way.

FIRST TUESDAY PARISH EDUCATION

Parish Education speaker series continues at 7PM Tuesday May 2nd in the church Sanctuary. *These events are free and open to the public* so come join us and bring a friend! Questions, or if you have a topic to present, contact Karla Hanson, email: khanson22@live.com

CALLING FOR VBS VOLUNTEERS

Working on Decorations Thursday Afternoons at 1:00PM-3:00PM
May 4, May 11, May 18, May 25
No special skills needed! Come and join in the fun!

WELCA YARN PROJECT UPDATE

We are discontinuing the collection of yarn for the prison ministry in order to serve our community in other areas. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project over the years. Your donations were appreciated!
Sincerely, WELCA Members of Calvary

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 29 The Church office will be closed May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. Normal hours resume May 30th.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to parents David and Christie Webb on the birth of their son Thomas James Webb on April 25th. Grandparents are Mary Webb and Jeff Webb.

ROME: PAUL AND THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 5-9, 2017, FROM 6-8PM

Our VBS this year will be one week earlier than previous summers! Please save the date for our children, youth, grandkids, neighbors and friends and **begin praying!** This year the theme is Rome: Paul and the Underground Church. It is a market place style curriculum. We will be needing lots of volunteers of all ages to man the shops and various centers and folks to make easy togas. Items that you can be on the lookout for in your basement, garage, attic, sales racks and garage sales:

Canopies (that can be set up indoors)

Blankets, pots, imitation plants and trees

Old sheets and fabrics for draping

Inexpensive fabric for togas

Hot knife for cutting Styrofoam

Please contact Kay Sykes if you are interested in helping or have questions:

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UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES, CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2017

All kids 8th to 12th grade are invited!

NEXT UP May 6th at 6PM Youth Ice Cream Social

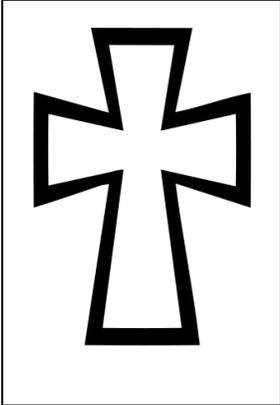
Also May 20th at 7PM Youth Movie Night

More events to follow...

Saturday, 5/6, 6:00 p.m.	Youth Ice Cream Social
Saturday, 5/20, 7:00 p.m.	Movie Night, bring friends, led by Bob Austin.
Saturday, 6/3, 7:00 p.m.	Fishing at Burkes, BBQ, with families
Saturday, 6/17, 7:00 p.m.	Danbarry Cinemas
Saturday, 7/1, 2:00 p.m.	Roller skating at Cavalier
Sunday, 7/16, 12 p.m.	Open TBD
Saturday, 7/29, 7:00 p.m.	Hang-out, TBD with friends
Saturday, 8/12, 1:00 p.m.	John Bryant State Park, Young's Dairy, led by Bob Austin
Saturday, 8/26,	Open TBD
Saturday, 9/9, 7:00 p.m.	Confirmands Welcome, Church lock-in

Look for additional details in bulletins as these events occur.

Questions? Contact Bob Austin, Phone#740-703-4646



Summer Fun at Calvary! Save the dates! More details in bulletins as these events occur. Look for updates.

Confirmation-June 4
 Father's Day Reception-June 18
 Calvary Night at the Paints-June 21
 Great Seal Band Concert/Ice Cream Social-July 9, 3PM

MARCH 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>
Operating Income	13,899	43,427
Operating Expense**	13,897	44,736
Capital Expenditures	-	-
Net Operating Cash Flow	2	(1,309)
Debt Reduction Income	5,613	16,323
Debt Reduction Expense***	5,703	16,744
Net Debt Reduction Cash Flow	(90)	(421)
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)**	(88)	(1,730)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. ARE YOU HANDY AROUND THE HOUSE?

Habitat for Humanity is looking for a few men and/or women to join their home building crew. If you are interested in helping with this worthy endeavor of providing housing for those in our community, contact Roger Cenci at 740-701-0565

LANDSCAPING AWARD

The Chillicothe Tree Commission chose Calvary to receive its Landscaping Award this year in recognition of our beautiful flowers and landscaping and how much it always contributes to our downtown area. The award was presented on April 28th at Yoctangee Park. Charlotte Spahr and Mike Northrup received the award. Congratulations to them and to all who keep our church so beautiful. May God continue to grace us with Easter joy!

In Christian *Sympathy*

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Nicole Crawford, who has joined the Saints in Light. May God comfort them in their loss, and ease their hearts with hope in Christ's promises of resurrection and reunion.



SYNOD WELCA ANNOUNCEMENT

Our WELCA Board prayed and reflected on how to have each and every woman in the ELCA Lutheran Church in Southern Ohio involved. Our vision, as we believe God directed is:

We have planned-

The “500 Anniversary Reformation Celebration Initiative”

Request: We are asking each woman in every pew in every church in Southern Ohio to donate \$5.00 to the initiative. Five hundred pennies for five hundred years. Here is how it works: There are 6 WELCA Conferences. Each Conference will have a designated 500 Anniversary Reformation Celebration Initiative Box at their gatherings for this purpose. This will be their initial launch of this event! Each of the women in the churches (within each conference) coming to the Gatherings should reach out to their sisters in their congregations and share this challenge, collect the money and bring it for placement in the Gathering Box. We continue to collect funds for this Initiative until the conclusion of the year. We are hopeful we can collect minimally \$500 from each conference, thereby achieving our 500 Years and beyond part of the Initiative. Gifts will be offered to God as an offering of Love at the Biennial Gathering in the Fall, October 13th and 14th at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Columbus, OH. We will disburse gifts (funds donated) to each of the 6 Conferences to use in ministry in their area in a 4:1 effort. For each \$5.00 collected, \$1 will be sent to the synod WELCA for disbursement to the national WELCA support of our global communities while the remaining \$4 will remain in the local community for specific outreach ministries.

To recap: REFORM (ation)

REVIVE: Conference Gatherings

RESTORE: Gift of \$5

RESPOND: Gifts to local and global ministries

Now Sisters, you have been Challenged! I know your good works in your churches, within your families and local communities. Let’s continue in the faith to demonstrate the love of Christ Jesus! Thank you for your contribution to a productive and memorable year!

God’s Peace from your WELCA Board!

-Robin Kaelin, President

WELCA Board, Southern Ohio Synod

Questions? Contact Karla Hanson khanson22@live.com