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*Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church April 2017*

## *From the Pastor*

What an amazing Lenten journey this has been this year! On Sundays, we have been truly blessed by our dramatic series, “The People vs. Jesus,” presented during worship. Directed by Tess Snyder, it features our own talented members, who enhance it not only with their acting gifts, but also with their gifts of faith in Christ. As Jesus is “tried” in this courtroom setting, with witnesses from his life called to the stand, we find ourselves journeying with him along the path toward Calvary and the Cross. If you have missed any of this, you have missed out! What a spiritually powerful experience it has been. Join us on Sundays at either service, 8:15 or 10:45, and be fed by God’s Word presented in this unique and creative way.

I have to confess that when I heard that our mid-week Lenten theme was to be a study of Martin Luther’s Small Catechism, I thought . . . oh, goody. In other words, I was not all that enthused. But I’ve found it’s just another lesson in learning to keep an open mind. It has been wonderful! I guess I’ve gotten so used to teaching it to young people that I forgot how powerful it can be when taught on an adult level. Journeying together through Lent with the Small Catechism has turned out to be a real joy for me. And I never realized that for a significant number of our members, this is the first time they have studied it. Some of us studied it as adolescents, but many of us today were not raised in the Lutheran Church, or in another church which used the Small Catechism. Either way, we’re enjoying it!

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, I would encourage you to set those dates aside and to plan to attend Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter morning services. You'll find the schedule elsewhere in this newsletter. As we walk through that week with Jesus, the week for which he was born, and as we watch him suffer and die to save us, we remember his saving work with amazement, humility, and gratitude. Who could ever love us this much?

And we know how the story ends: the Resurrection! Out of tragedy, God brings victory! Whose victory? Ours! Through Christ, we are set free from both sin and death, and promised eternal life with him in his glory!

As we look toward the joy of Easter, let us remember and rejoice together for and with our community of faith, growing together in God's grace.

In Christ's service,

*Pastor Janet*





**April** 2-Julie Ries, 3-William Cottrill, Nicholas Erslan, Breanna Murphy, 5-Diane Diekroger, 6-Perry Brobst, Eleanor Cunningham, Steve Riley, 7-Jeff Clary, 8-Jean Ziogas, 9-Dolores Christy, Michael Gonsalves, 11-John Rapp, 13-Keith Gearhart, Gary Mohr, Kay Northrup, Else Sykes, 14-Douglas Botts Jr., Douglas Botts III, 19-Alberta Conkel, Lesia Sagraves, 20-John Emerine, Jeff O'Millian, David Riley, 22-Alexis Erslan, 25-Christopher Miller, Susan Mohr, 27-Sadie Beery, 28-Lydia Beery, 29-Valerie Crawford, Brenda Dardinger, 30-Emma Taylor

## WHO DOES WHAT

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### Calvary Lutheran Church

#### **CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES February 21, 2017**

**Members attending** – Charlotte Spahr, Bill Knoles, Janis Lane, Jeff Webb, Dave Jones, Connie Senter, Bob Austin, Melody Knoles, Jack Thompson, Scott Nusbaum, Teresa Pelletier, Mike Northrup, Susan Gearhart, treasurer, Pastor Hatch.

#### **Members absent**

**Devotions** – Led by Pastor Janet we discussed receiving God's guidance through worship by sharing meaningful worship services and our favorite hymns.

**Secretary report** – The minutes were corrected to Jeromy Burke instead of Philip. They were approved as amended. Moved to accept – Mike. Seconded – Scott. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's report** -With five Sundays of income, 2017 started the year of on a positive note. Highlights are as follows: For the

month, operating income of \$16,674 was \$1,494 more than expenses, and \$3,472 more than budget. Debt reduction receipts were \$285 above outflows. Total January giving of \$22,479 was \$1,779 more than need, and \$2875 more than January 2016 thanks to the fifth week and to a couple of larger contributions that were either "catch up" or "pay ahead" in nature. Operating expenses for the month were \$1,030 less than budget, and total outflows were \$844 less than the same month a year ago.

The Souper Bowl generated \$1,222 including miscellaneous contributions for Good Sam during the month of January. Good Sam received \$554.80 plus the soup cans, and the church received \$667.20.

A brief financial update will be put in the Sunday bulletin at the end of the month.

Moved to accept – Charlotte.  
Seconded – Bob. Report approved  
**Pastor's Report** – In addition to conducting worship services, attending meetings, counseling, teaching classes and making visitations, Pastor also attended Two Healthy Congregation Seminar; the Souper Bowl; Preached at Traditions; Conducted two funerals – Stan Planton and John Androsac; Attended First Tuesday (great job Karla); Participated in annual spiritual retreat as part of continuing education.

Moved to accept – Jeff. Seconded – Dave. Report accepted.

### **Team Reports –a**

Archives – Met and continued to work on organizing materials. Request to use memorial fund donation for Stan Planton to purchase archival materials for storage and preservation. Moved by Connie. Seconded by Teresa. Approved.

Parish Education – Study of Ruth completed.

Community Life – Work on updated directory continues.

Facility – Continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays to provide regular upkeep of buildings.

Fellowship - Feb. 28 from 5-6:30p. Working with youth to have Calvary bowling teams support Big Brother

& Sisters – April 9. For more information contact Melody Knoles, Canaan Knoles or Sophie Fulkerson. Next meeting March 9 at noon at Pump House.

Stewardship

Visitation Long Range Planning (Vision)

Outreach

Worship & Music – Confirmed use of Substitute Organist Service (SOS), Planned Lenten midweek meals and services. Began work on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Recommended all Lenten offering go to Domestic Violence Shelter.

Youth – Schedule of youth events developed. Youth gave excellent reports to congregation on weekend retreat at Capital. Jeff Spencer joined team.

### **Old Business-**

Security system has been purchased and will be installed.

- Events of Calvary now being shared with Chamber of Commerce.

- Kudos to Sheila Stearos and Pastor Janet for the new website.

- Check it out at [Calvarylutheranchurchchillicothe.org](http://Calvarylutheranchurchchillicothe.org)

- Job descriptions are being developed.

- Refurbished Ipad for use with SOS has been purchased

## **New Business**

Calvary will be hosting the WELCA spring conference in March. Karla Hanson is coordinating.

Tess Snyder asked for permission to form a Children's community choir which would practice and perform at Calvary.

\*Calvary is exploring involvement with Heroin Partnership, a one year grant to combat drug abuse of youth in the community. On March 7 Marty McGibbon will be addressing the Chamber of Commerce on drug abuse. Contact the Chamber of you would like to attend. Tickets are \$50.

\*Concordia College may be spending the night at Calvary as

they return home from a mission trip in North Carolina.

We will not be taking an ad in My Scioto Valley magazine.

Vacation Bible School will be June 5-9.... This is the first full week in June. This is a change in the original date.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting is March 21 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,  
*Janis Lane*  
Council Secretary

## **April Dates to Remember**

April 1-Council Retreat 10AM

April 2-Sound Board Training at 9:30AM&12PM

April 4-First Tuesday 7PM

April 5-Midweek Lenten Worship, Service 12PM-Meal 1PM, Meal 6PM- Service 7PM

April 6-Fellowship Team Mtg. 12PM @the Pump house

April 8-Lay Theology 9AM-4PM

April 9-Bowling for Kids' Sake at Shawnee Lanes 2PM

April 9-Palm Sunday

April 13-Maundy Thursday Service 7PM

April 14-Good Friday Service 7PM

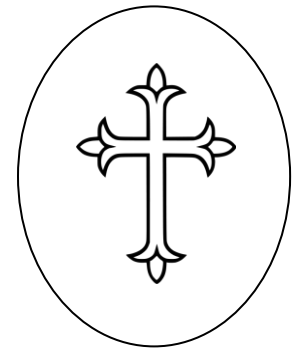
April 16-Easter Sunday

April 18-Council 7PM

April 22-Youth Event led by Bob Austin 7PM AFS Students

April 24-Bible Study 2PM

April 27-Free Community Meal 5-6:30PM





\*As the season of Lent concludes we look forward to the resurrection and hope brought by the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ and to celebrating the many gifts of the spring season!

\*The Calvary Youth program facilitated by Bob Austin has many exciting upcoming events. Thank you to the Murphy family and all our Youth leader volunteers! Be sure to check out the calendar of activities to see the many ways for Calvary Youth to connect and grow in fellowship and service!

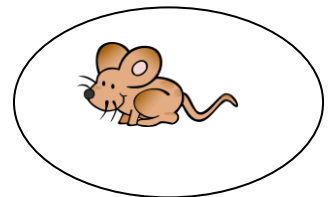
\*The Calvary Free Community meal continues to serve those in need in our community. The teams can always use more volunteers to help make this meal possible each month, there are so many ways to serve! Us mice do what we can to help clean up. Contact one of the meal facilitators to find out more!

\*The special worship opportunities leading up to Easter offer many wonderful ways to connect with the events leading up to the crucifixion and to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus. We will be there for these special services as we prepare to celebrate in Christ all that was fulfilled that wonderful Easter morning!

\*Bible school is coming up in June. Us mice are already busy gathering supplies. Contact Kay Sykes if you can help! There is room for all to pitch in and make this year's Vacation Bible School special and fun!

\*As we look ahead to all that the spring season has to offer let's not forget to remember the many who are in need, both in our communities and all over the world. As Jesus was sent so that we may be saved through grace, so God also sends us to shine in our world and extend that love and grace to others. Lend a helping hand, share a smile, invite a friend to join you at one of the many upcoming worship and fellowship events. Pray without ceasing!

\*See you at Calvary!





## **TEAM LEADERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR FREE COMMUNITY MEALS.**

Each team leader assembles their own volunteer team to help with the meal. Previous team leads are happy to train anyone who is interested. This is a great volunteer opportunity for a family, club, Scout group, etc. A sign-up is on the bulletin board. Questions, contact one of our facilitators below.

Our next **Free Community Meal** is scheduled for **Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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 below for more information about becoming involved.

*Facilitators: Pastor Hatch 740-773-1044, Jeff Webb 740-253-3558, The Segelhorst Family 740-775-5115*

## **Fellowship and Fun Event coming on Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **2017 Bowl for Kids' Sake at Shawnee Lanes at 2PM**

Calvary will be entering teams for this year's Big Brothers and Big Sisters charity event. Teams consist of 5 persons, all ages are welcome. This will be our Fellowship Service Project to our community. You don't have to be a good bowler to participate. This is NOT about bowling, this is about HELPING KIDS! Contact Melody Knoles (740)701-1221 for more information. Taking sign-ups now!

## **NEW WELCA SERVICE PROJECT**

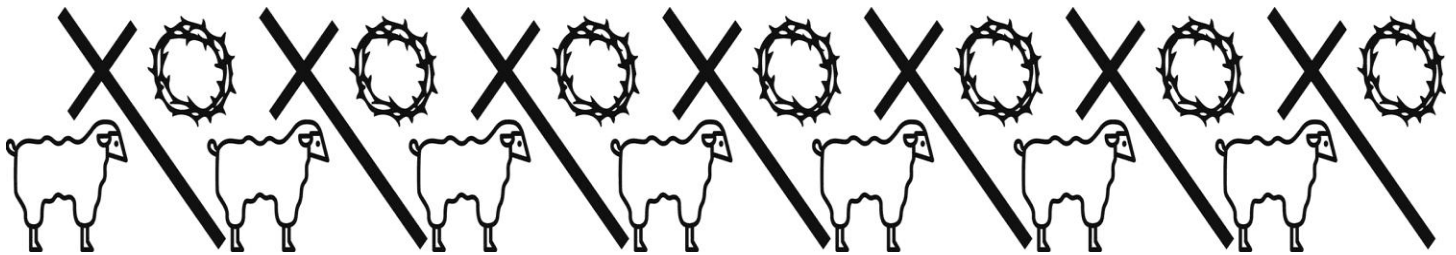
WELCA has adopted the Children's Clothing Bank as our outreach project for 2017. We are collecting **NEW** socks and underwear, all sizes. Everyone is welcome to donate. There is a collection box in the rear hallway. Your contributions are appreciated!

## **New Bible Study starting April 24 at 2PM**

Diane Diekroger and Janis Lane are leading a Bible Study consisting of 4 Monday sessions beginning on April 24. The study will be on 4 women of the Bible including Mary the Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and others! Bible Study beginning Monday April 24 from 2-3:30PM in the church conference room. Contact Diane Diekroger or Janis Lane for more details.

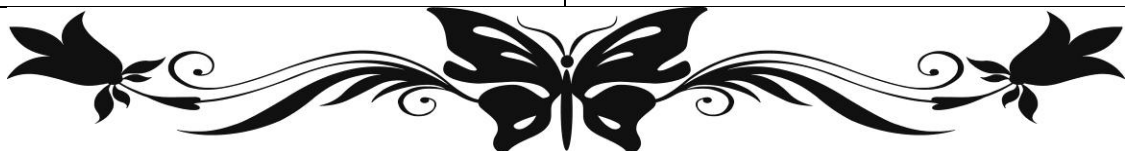
## **SOUND BOARD TRAINING**

**On Sunday, April 2** at both 9:30 a.m. and at 12 p.m., that is, immediately following each worship service, we will be offering a brief training session on how to run our Sound Board System in the sanctuary. If you are interested in helping out in this way, please plan to attend. At this point we have only three people doing it, and we'd like to offer them some respite and flexibility by adding a few more people to the schedule. Both youth and adults are encouraged to volunteer. The training will be headed up by Bill Knoles, and we will meet in the balcony of the sanctuary.



### **Lent and Easter Seasonal Worship Schedule 2017**

Midweek Lenten Service	April 5 Service 12PM, Meal 1PM Meal 6PM ,Service 7PM
Palm Sunday Worship Services	April 9 8:15AM and 10:45AM
Maundy Thursday Service	April 13, 7PM
Good Friday Service	April 14, 7PM
Easter Sunday Sunrise Service	April 16, 6AM
Easter Sunday Church Breakfast	April 16, 9:30AM
Easter Sunday Services	April 16, 8:15AM and 10:45AM





**Save the Date!  
Vacation Bible School  
June 5-9, 2017**

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 please **pray that Calvary may share God's love with our community through this outreach and for our staff and the children who will attend!**

We can use everyone's help! Volunteers are needed to help with decorations, for skits every evening, registration, publicity, song leader, guides for groups of children, recreation leaders, and youth helpers!

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, baskets, imitation trees, plants, and vines

Old sheets and fabrics for draping

Hot knife for cutting Styrofoam

Scraps of leather, leather stamping tools, and rubber mallets

Any "Rome" type decorations or ideas you could share for decor

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

740-804-8161

[ksykes@minfordfalcons.net](mailto:ksykes@minfordfalcons.net)

## Lutheran Marriage Encounter

A Marriage Encounter is a unique opportunity to be away from the usual distractions of life to focus on each other. Find out how your love can be nourished so it grows and grows. The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is April 28-30 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, Beachwood, Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Duffy & Nan Guthrie, 440-599-9090, or [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org).



## Upcoming Youth Activities, Calvary Lutheran Church, 2017

*All kids 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited!*

**NEXT UP Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7PM AFS Students**, short presentation and hang out session led by Bob Austin.

More events to follow...

Saturday, 5/6, 6:00 p.m.	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*

Dear Calvary Family,

Thank you for all of the cards and notes for our 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Jim's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is so good to hear from you! We miss you all so very much. We are doing OK for two 'old folks'. God bless you all!

Jim and Joan May

To Calvary Lutheran Church,

I just wanted to drop you a note to say thank you. You don't know me personally, but I wanted to thank you and your staff for your service, commitment, and love for this community. It is making an impact. Your work is bearing fruit. So thank you! Be encouraged!

You are making a difference. Keep it up!

With Gratitude,  
Erika



Dear Calvary Family,

Your loving support continues to bless me and give me strength. All your kindness and help over Stan's years of illness will not be forgotten. Stan's last days were eased by the tender care of Pastor Janet and Kay Northrup, they will stay in my heart forever. The joy of singing and hugs at the memorial service will warm my heart forever. Diane Diekroger continues to encourage me and Julie to keep getting out to walk, helping us to look forward, and often to laugh. And Janis Lane is helping me get back to organizing Calvary archives. Blessings abound! My heart thanks you all. And thank you to those who have given a memorial gift to Calvary in Stan's name. This fund will be used to create a permanent home for the church archives; history being his favorite subject.

'The Religious Tolerance Collection' at OUC Quinn Library continues accept memorial gifts in Stan's name. This was a subject close to his heart and is certainly a concern in our world today. A panel discussion is being planned for this spring.

Contributions can be made to OUC Chillicothe Foundation, OUC Office of Resource Development, Attn. Joyce Atwood, 101 University Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

-Margaret Planton

### **Thoughts on Fasting Submitted by Janis Lane**

Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and have trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressure and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.