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Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church June 2017

From the Pastor

“You have so many activities at Calvary Church! It’s a regular beehive of activity!” A quote from an email from Agnes Edwards, who moved away a few years ago, first to Tennessee and then to Wisconsin, but who still keeps in touch with friends at Calvary and still receives our newsletter. She is so right! In May we had Mother’s Day and Graduation; and in June we have Confirmation, Vacation Bible School, and Father’s Day. It takes a lot of people to make all these things happen, along with our usual schedule of worship, education, youth ministry, outreach, fellowship, facility maintenance, and so on. It seems we come right out of the Lent and Easter season and into a new flurry of activity!

I am especially excited about Vacation Bible School this year. The theme is, “Rome: Paul and the Underground Church.” It not only teaches the children about God’s saving love in Christ, but it also helps them to understand that it was once actually dangerous to be a Christian, so that they can appreciate the religious freedom they enjoy today. It’s something that I think many of us forget, and often take for granted.

There is always a Bible verse and a theme for each day of VBS. My favorite this year is Day 2. The theme is, “God’s love changes us.” And the Bible verse, Romans 12:2, is, “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.” (NLT)

I think we forget that, too: that God has the power to transform lives. Just look at the example of Paul himself. A hard-line persecutor of Christians, he was met on the road to Damascus by the risen Christ, and transformed into the leading apostle to the Gentiles.

The image of the butterfly is so apt. The caterpillar goes into its cocoon (chrysalis), and, as our VBS curriculum points out, “it doesn’t come out simply *acting* like a butterfly . . . Inside the cocoon, a caterpillar completely transforms – its body breaks down and is reborn as a new creation.” (Group Publishing)

It’s a great Baptismal and Resurrection image! We die to our old selves of sin and are completely transformed, completely reborn, into our new life in Christ. As Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

A comfort to both those who are grieving as they think about their loved ones’ new lives in Christ – and we’ve had a lot of that lately – as well as to those of us who continue to sin each day and need to remember that God transforms us, each day, so that we become more and more the children of God that he created us to be. We don’t just *act* like Christians; our hearts are made *new!*

And after we’re done “taking the log out of our own eye” (Luke 6:41-42), we can also pray for and look for the transformation of others. So many are in need of the change of heart and mind that Christ can bring into their lives. And more than that, they are in need of the loving heart of God himself: his acceptance, forgiveness, and comfort.

May Christ’s transformative love be with us all, in our busy moments and in our quiet moments, as we grow together in God’s grace.

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Janet





June 2-Ashley Riley, 6-Joshua Koch, 12-Cynthia Collins, 13-Donna Gannon, Canaan Knoles, 14-Andreya Veintimilla, Tristan Woodard, 15-Cheryl Elson, 16-Adrienne Erslan, 17-Connie Senter, 19-Katterli Ebright, Jonathan Rouleau, Tess Snyder, 20-Stacey Mohr-Tyler, 21-Brandon Sagraves, Ruth Schaller, 22-Matthew Vaughan, 23-Walter Diekroger, 24-Rita Hummel, 26-Shirley Riley, 28-Richard Sherman, 29-Christian Kassulke, Caitlyn Maille, Miguel Veintimilla, 30-Mackenzie O'Millian

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Calvary Lutheran Church

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 18, 2017

Members Present-Bill Knoles, Janis Lane, Charlotte Spahr, Dave Jones, Jack Thompson, Bob Austin, Jeff Webb, Connie Senter, Pastor Janet & Susan Gearhart, treasurer.

Members Absent -Teresa Pelletier, Scott Nusbaum, Melody Knoles

Called to Order – 7:02p by Bill

Devotions – Pastor Janet – “Loving One Another” John 13:34-35

Helen Schneider – Craft Show – Requested approval to have another craft show (Nov. 18 with the Fellowship Hall closed for set beginning the 13th) with proceeds benefiting the maintenance of the church. Charlotte moved to accept. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary’s Report – Mike moved to accept the report. Dave seconded. Report accepted.

Pastor’s Report – In addition to leading worship, teaching classes and counseling. Pastor made hospital, home and nursing home visits. She also attended the Free Community Meal, The WELCA spring conference held at Calvary, Bridges Out of Poverty seminar, The Youth Group, Council Retreat, First Tuesday, Good Sam Volunteer dinner, Healthy Congregation Seminar, & Bowl for Kid’s sake. Connie moved to accept the report. Jeff seconded. Report accepted.

Team Reports

Archives - Work continues.

Parish Education – Bible Study on April 24, May 8, 15 & 22 from 2-3:30p.

Community Life – Letters from Pastor were sent to members who have been ‘missing’ for some time inviting them to our Easter services.

Facility & Landscaping- Adopt-a-Pot time – Calvary being recognized for its landscaping on April 28 by Chillicothe.

Finance – Audit should be done soon.

Fellowship – \$1300 raised for Big Brothers and Big Sisters through bowl-a-thon. We will be busy with receptions for graduates, confirmands, Mother’s& Father’s Day and farewell to Tess and Vivian Snyder.

Long Range Planning (Vision) – Beginning to plan Cottage Meetings whose focus will be the vision, focus and passions of Calvary.

Outreach – Free Community Meals and Cookie delivery doing well, Free Meal funded for another year by Synod

Stewardship –

Visitation

Worship & Music – No meeting. Kudos and thanks to all those who helped make the Lent and Easter season special...altar guild for all the work on setting up communion and arranging the altar area – All the musicians and actors and those who participated in the services.

Youth – The youth had an evening of ‘deep discussion’ and an evening of fun in the youth room.

Old Business

Security cameras – All cameras and wires installed. Need one more cable for internet access.

Status of job descriptions/evaluations. – These are done and will be placed in council mailboxes.

New Business

Accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Tess Snyder. Her last day is May 31. A Godspeed and good bye reception is being planned for May 28. Moved to accept by Dave. Seconded by Connie. Motion carried.

Time to have cottage meeting for input on vision/focus/passion of Calvary. Bill will be asking some members to open their homes
Next month confirmands will appear before council. Confirmation will be June 4.

Treasurer's Report - Susan Gearhart
March's performance was very close to budget and nearly break-even. Highlights are as follows:

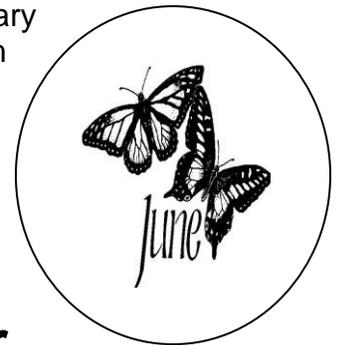
1. For the month, operating income of \$13,899 was \$2 less than expenses, but \$173 more than budget. Debt reduction receipts were \$90 less than outflows. Total January giving of \$19,512 was \$88 less than need, and \$958 less than the same month a year ago. Operating expenses for the month were \$1,726 less than budget, and total outflows were \$3,382 less than the same month last year.
2. Year-to-date, total inflows of \$59,750 exceeded the prior year by \$330, while total outflows of \$61,480 were \$3,677 lower.

Operating expenses were \$1,309 higher than operating revenues; debt revenues were \$421 short of need. Overall net performance was (\$1,730) vs. (5,737) for the first 3 months of 2016-a welcome improvement. For the first quarter, giving is at 107% of budget, while expenses are running at 94%. (Remember, the 2017 approved budget reflected a \$26,369 projected loss based upon current giving patterns, so we need to exceed budgeted revenue numbers to break even.)

The new software conversion has been completed. We now need to complete setup and training on our end. Another item of interest-17% of March revenues were received through online giving.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Gearhart, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Lane, council secretary
Next meeting May 16, 7pm



June 2017 Dates to Remember

- June 1-Fellowship Team Meeting@Yoctangee Park 12PM
- June 1-VBS Decorating of the church 1PM
- June 1-Worship and Music Mtg. 5:30PM
- June 4-Pentecost, Confirmation
- June 5-9-Vacation Bible School from 6-8PM
- June 7-WELCA Ladies Lunch 11:30AM @Paper City
- June 11-Holy Trinity Sunday
- June 13-Facility Team Evening Session 6-9PM
- June 13-Council 7PM
- June 18-Father's Day Reception
- June 21-Calvary Night at the Paints
- June 22-Free Community Meal from 5-6:30PM



*Summer is here! How exciting it is to see another season filled with the warmth and love of our savior Jesus Christ!

*Thanks to all of our volunteers and leaders who have helped make our Free Community Meal possible! This month it is on June 22 from 5-6:30PM. Summer leaders are needed to help keep this important outreach ministry going! The former teams and facilitators are happy to teach anyone the ropes. Us mice pitch in as much as we can and clean up all the crumbs!

*The Fellowship Team has been doing a great job planning events to help us celebrate God's love and enjoy fellowship with one another. This month on June 21 Calvary will be enjoying a night at the Paints! Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

*We are so proud of all of our Calvary confirmands! We will be keeping them in prayer as they continue in their journey of faith and we wish them all many blessings!

* The Father's Day reception is June 18th. We hear the Fellowship Team has already acquired a special gift for all the Calvary fathers. Us mice made a special card for our mouse dad. We're also very grateful to our heavenly Father for his continual grace!

*The women of faith Bible study was a huge success! Thank you to all our attendees and to all our teachers. What a wonderful chance it was to learn more about our faith and share great lessons from the Bible. We look forward to the next study! Us mice listened in for every session.

*Volunteers are welcome to come and learn more about operating the Calvary sound system. Visit one of the operators in the balcony on Sunday to learn more about this very important job. Thank you to everyone for helping with this task. Us mice are a bit too small to reach the buttons on the sound board.

*Vacation Bible School is earlier than previous years. There are so many ways to help and volunteers are welcome! Thank you to Kay Sykes our VBS facilitator and to all her helpers for bringing the Word of Jesus to children in our community.

*We pray for safe travels and wonderful summer memories for all of our Calvary family. See you at church!

HONORING GRADUATES

Sunday May 21 Calvary honored our graduates this year: Karley Kassulke, Kaitlyn Ellison, and Steve Wise. May God continue to bless these graduates and their families in their journey of faith and in all of their future endeavors!

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!

WELCA OUTING, LADIES' LUNCH

WELCA invites all ladies of the church to meet at Paper City, 47 S. Paint Street, for lunch on **Wednesday, June 7th at 11:30AM**. You are invited too! To RSVP or if you have questions contact Karla Hanson at khanson22@live.com

WELCA UPDATE: KITCHEN RENOVATION

A new Maytag dishwasher was purchased for the downstairs (Fellowship Hall) kitchen. The monetary gifts, given in memory of Cliff Beeks, were used for this purpose. This was the wish of Bea Beeks to use the money towards the ongoing completion of the Fellowship Hall's kitchen. Many thanks to our Facility Team who installed the appliance and special thanks also to Frank Clary and family for their work in this area of our church.

Sincerely, The WELCA Committee

2017 DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE IN CHURCH MAILBOXES

See your church mailbox for the new 2017 directory. Thank you to all who helped with this endeavor. Extra copies are available in the church office. If you would like a copy mailed to you please contact the church office (740) 773-1044 or Larry Lieske (larry.lieske64@gmail.com)

MUSIC DIRECTOR POSITION

We will be looking for a new Music Director. The position is part-time. The job description is posted on the bulletin board. If you are interested, please send your resume to Pastor Hatch or put it in her mailbox in the Conference Room.

FACILITY TEAM EVENING SESSION JUNE 13 FROM 6-9PM

No expertise needed, just a willingness to help maintain our church facility. If you cannot volunteer for the whole session, any contribution of time and assistance is appreciated! Questions, contact a member of our Facility Team or the church office.

CALVARY YOUTH SCHEDULE

A summer schedule of youth activities is being revised. For more details regarding upcoming youth events contact Bob Austin, Phone#740-703-4646

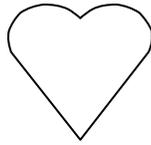
SOUND SYSTEM OPERATION

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.

RED FLOWER DONATION

June 4th is Pentecost, and we are decorating our church with live red annual flowers. Please bring a small pack of red annual flowers to church on June 4th. They do not need to be geraniums. The gardening team will plant them outside of our church after that Sunday service. Questions, contact Julie Ries.

THANKS FROM THE HEART



To our Calvary Lutheran Family,
Thanks to you and Pastor Janet for the prayers, words of comfort,
and cards. We appreciate your thoughtfulness at this difficult time
of loss.

Blessings,
Rita and Steve Hummel

Thank you to our Calvary Youth for a beautiful Mother's Day
service. Special thanks to the Youth facilitator Sophie Fulkerson
and to Karla Hanson.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Adopt-A-Pot project.
Your contributions allow this Calvary tradition to thrive.

VBS THANK YOU

A big shout out to all those who have helped with preparations:
Kay Northrup, Helen Schneider, Rita Hummel, Linda Mohr,
Brenda Segelhorst, Nancy Hagen, Linda Jones, Diane Diekroger,
Brian Knoles, Dave Weber, and Sue Wise. *Thank you all so much!*

CALVARY MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

The 2017 Rich Bebee Leadership Award has been awarded to two
former distinguished Ohio University Students, Dr. Diane Diekroger
and Jack Everson. The award recognizes former Ohio University
students who exemplify their professional field as well as
exceptional service to their community and philanthropic efforts.

Rev. Carol Hertler is being recognized by Church Women United
on June 7th at 1PM in the Chillicothe Room at Traditions. She is
being recognized for her accomplishments and service to the
community.



Come to VBS!

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Calvary Lutheran Church VBS
June 5-9, 2017 from 6PM-8PM

Many ways to help! Volunteers are greatly appreciated!
See you there!

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Please bring your children and grandchildren and invite your neighbors and friends! Continue **praying that Calvary may share God's love with our community through this outreach and pray for our staff and the children who will attend!**

Help is still needed with skits and guides to lead the children to the various centers and marketplaces.

We are especially in need of:

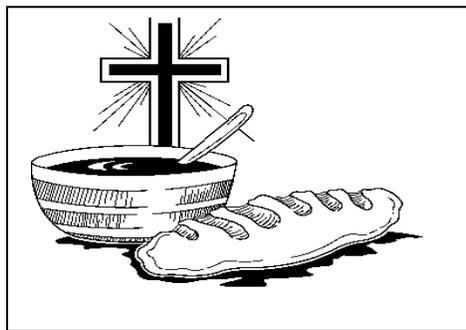
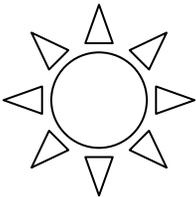
***Imitation trees, plants, and vines**

***Rubber mallets**

*Please put your name on any items you wish to have returned.
Contact Kay Sykes if you are interested in helping or have questions: 740-804-8161 or ksykes@minfordfalcons.net*

There are opportunities to help! **Decorations will be put up on June 1st at 1:00PM.**

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. Our next **Free Community Meal** is scheduled for **Thursday JUNE 22nd**, 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



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

SUMMER LEADERS NEEDED FOR OUR FREE COMMUNITY MEAL! Team leads are needed for the summer months ahead for our Free Community Meal. This is a great opportunity to give back with your time and help those most in need right here in our community. There are many roles and just as many ways to help! Instructions are available and previous team leads are happy to provide additional information, recipes, tips, and more. This is also a great outreach project for a volunteer group, Scout group, or other organization. Contact one of the facilitators listed above to find out more! The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Thanks so much for your assistance in continuing this important outreach ministry.

In Christian Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends Roberta Wasem (*sister of Rita Hummel*), and of Susan Moeser and Lorraine Staker (*friends of Pastor Janet*), and of Blanche Knapp, who have 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.



LSS DONATIONS UPDATE AND THANK YOU

First, I would like to begin with a huge THANK YOU to anyone who has donated time, money, material support, and/or prayer to the Lutheran Social Services warehouse in Vinton County. Your generosity has been amazing and many lives have been blessed by your efforts.

Effective June 30th, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) will no longer be connected with the warehouse. Since 2009 LSS has partnered with an agency call Southeast Testament (SET). The SET board is primarily made up of members from Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna. Their members donated the land and built the warehouse. Throughout our partnership they have maintained the building and provided materials for mission projects. SET will continue their service in Vinton County and will be partnering with Sojourners Care Network. Sojourners' primary focus is to work with children and young adults in the most distressed counties of Appalachia.

What does this mean for Calvary? SET/Sojourners will continue to provide furniture, appliances, and other large items to help clients furnish their homes. They will also continue to host mission groups for weekend and weeklong trips. If you have large items to donate or would like to schedule a time to stay at the warehouse, I will continue to be a liaison. **They will no longer be collecting items such as clothing and smaller household items. The box under the coat rack will be removed at the beginning of June.** If you would like to refer clients for services, you can also give me that information and I will forward it on to SET/Sojourners.

Thanks again for your past support! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Karla Hanson, email khanson22@live.com



Join us for...
Calvary Night at the Paints!
Wednesday, June 21, 2017

TICKETS:

\$6.00 per person

\$5.00 - 12 & under/seniors 65+

*Price reflects \$1.00 off regular
ticket price, subject to 20 attendees*

Please sign up on the board in the narthex, or
call Melody Knoles: (740) 701-1221 or the
church office for more information and/or
reservation.

FELLOWSHIP UPDATE: Save the Dates!

July 9th: Great Seal of Ohio Band concert &
Ice Cream Social

September 16th: "BLOCK PARTY" featuring
the WEGIANS! (MUSIC, PICNIC, & FUN!)

Calling all Ushers and those that want to BE TECUMSEH OUTDOOR DRAMA!

Ushering coordinated by Cheryl Elson

We are again ushering for Tecumseh. Our week is August 28th through September 2nd. This is a week later than other years so school will definitely be started. There is also an extra event on September 3rd, but at this point I'm unsure if we are expected to usher for it. More to come on that! They again are paying the groups that do the ushering \$500 for the week to their organization. The exposure for our church is very positive. We are listed for the whole summer in the program and are introduced each evening of our week. For those of you that have participated you know what fun it can be! For those of you who haven't, I think if you sign up you'll be pleasantly surprised. AND, of course, you get to see the best outdoor drama in the country *for free!*

The schedule is ready to be filled in so just let me know if you are interested by phone 740-663-2996 or text 740-701-6476 or email: celson@horizonview.net.

Please contact me at the information above if I can answer any questions about Ushering at Tecumseh. Thanks in advance for your support of this outreach!

APRIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY FROM THE TREASURER

APRIL 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT			
	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	
Operating Income	17,248	60,675	
Operating Expense**	14,609	59,345	
Capital Expenditures	-	-	
<i>Net Operating Cash Flow</i>	2,639	1,330	
Debt Reduction Income	6,241	22,564	
Debt Reduction Expense***	5,521	22,265	
<i>Net Debt Reduction Cash Flow</i>	720	299	
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)**	3,359	1,629	