

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lenten journeys can be powerful. The readings we hear during worship in Lent are often full of things that are hard for us to hear. The reality of human frailty is brought to the forefront. Our collective and individual weakness to temptation and sin are on display. The brokenness of our lives and the lives of those we know are right in front of us always, but especially highlighted during this season. Together we are going to Calvary, to the Cross. The journey is not supposed to be easy. Our own crosses of sin and regret are opened during this season more than any other time during the church year. The journey shows us just how unworthy we are for the grace that is bestowed by our Loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

The world we inhabit is broken. There is a hunger that we all are feeling these days. We are anxious about what tomorrow is bringing. We notice that so much of what was, is in decline, and is being replaced by something that is unrecognizable. Institutions of the past are being recreated in new and inventive ways, for many of us this is not good news. Life is hard enough without the reality of bedrock beliefs being under assault. This leads us to fear and anxiety, often followed by anger and disappointment. We feel disconnected from God and community.

Jesus Christ knows and feels our pain and suffering. Jesus knows our anger. Jesus experiences our disappointment. Like a balm on an open wound however, Jesus is here to soothe our grief over what we are losing. Jesus calls to us, touches us with the same love and grace that He has for our entire lives. We come to understand the old words of the prophet Isaiah that the things of "this world will pass away, but the promise of God is permanent." Jesus walks with us on our journey.

During Lent we are encouraged to bring our fear, anger, sin, regret, and disappointment to the Cross of Jesus. We walk slowly and intentionally to the reality of Golgotha and once there we can lay our burdens at the foot of the Cross. Jesus offered himself for the taking of those things that burden us and keep us from God. "Take my yoke upon you," Jesus declares, "and I will give you rest." Rest in the Grace sisters and brothers. Walk with me to the Cross and together let us find the empty tomb of Easter. I am so proud to be your pastor.

Pray, Worship, Study,

Pastor Bob



- *Fellowship, coffee and donuts every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Morning Coffee with Pastor on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Tuesdays with Pastor & Tom on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Bible Study on Zoom Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.*
- *Designing Women Thursday's at 9:00 a.m.*



DETROIT TIGERS VS CHICAGO WHITESOX

JUNE 22, 2024

Pastor Bob will be leading a group to Detroit on June 22, 2024 to attend the Tigers Home Plate event. This is a yearly event held by the Tigers. During the program we hear from Detroit Tigers of their own personal faith stories. There is also Christian music provided by Matt Hammitt of Sanctus Real. Included in the package is a food and drink package as well as a ticket to the ball game. The Tigers are playing the Chicago White Sox on this day. **Please sign up by April 7th** so we can order the necessary tickets. This is a fun event for the whole family!!

Email or call the church for tickets...or sign-up sheet on bulletin board across from office by April 7th!!!

Lent



— **Let us break bread together at
Dinner Church beginning Feb. 21.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Ask Wednesday Service February 14
Worship—7:30 p.m.

Midweek Lenten Dinner Church 6:30 p.m.
Soup and Salad Supper with worship

February March

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Wednesday night Dinner Church has been a great success. If you haven't made it out please join us March 6th, 13th and 20th!!



CROCHET CLASS

APRIL 6TH at 11:00 a.m.

Dee Mutchler will be teaching a Crochet Class at Calvary Lutheran Church. It's for beginner to intermediate crocheter's. But if you're a pro feel free to join. You will need to bring a size "G" crochet hook. The church will provide the yarn. Our project will be a lap robe which we will donate to one of our homebound members. Hope you can join us for crocheting and fellowship!!



Palm Sunday: March 24, 2024 (9:15 am at Christ, and 11:00 am Calvary) we will remember Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Please join us as we celebrate and hear the words of His passion once again.

Maundy Thursday: March 28, 2024. (7:00 pm start at both congregations). During this special service we will remember the night in which Jesus was betrayed. We will receive absolution by laying on of hands. We will also remember the beginning of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. The service culminates in the stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday: March 29, 2024 (6:00 pm at Christ, 7:30 pm at Calvary). We remember the crucifixion of Jesus with the ancient Tenebrae service. Please join us.

Easter Sunday: March 31, 2024 (9:15 am at Christ, 11:00 am at Calvary). Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed. Celebrate the central act of our faith as we join with Christians around the world the Resurrection of Jesus. Breakfast will be served before both services. 7:30 am at Christ, and 9:30 at Calvary.



HUNGER PROGRAM

Your donations to the Hunger Program will be greatly appreciated especially during this time. We are helping St. John's Lutheran in Stony Ridge and St. Paul Episcopal Church in Oregon with this endeavor. St. Paul needs all items for their food pantry. Also, St. Paul is appealing for cash and help. If you would like to drop off donations at the church, please call the office to arrange a time. Thank you!

CALVARY IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA, CALVARY HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE CALVARYLUTHERANNORHWOOD AND ON TWITTER AT CALVARYLC. OUR WEBPAGE IS CALVARYNORTHWOOD.COM. FROM THE WEBPAGE YOU CAN SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWSLETTERS AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICES VIA EMAIL.

Morning Coffee

Join Pastor Bob daily
Monday thru Friday at 10:30
a.m. on Facebook.





Altar Flowers

Flower Chart

The 2024 Flower Chart is on the wall in the narthex across from the office. The cost of the flowers will be \$30.00. Flowers are put on the altar for the Glory of God



Altar Care-

If you would like to volunteer to help with Altar Care please see Paula. Basic weekly duties are changing paraments as needed, set-up communion and clean up after service. Thank you.



Prayer Chain

*Are you or a loved one in need of prayer? Calvary's Prayer Chain will be most happy to pray for you/them. The person does not need to be a member of Calvary. We include **everyone** in need of prayer! To start a prayer for yourself or someone else, call Charlene at 419-836-1999. When the person no longer needs our prayers, we would appreciate knowing that as well. If you would like to be a **prayer warrior**, please call me at 419-836-1999. Many thanks & blessings. Charlene Hoot*



SERVICE HELPERS NEEDED!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office for anyone interested in Assisting the Pastor, Reading lessons or Greeting friends & guests on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Clione Schneider if you have any questions.



REMEMBER OUR HOME BOUND

- Eleanor Sheronick, 3099 Stearns Rd., Room 401, Bedford, MI 48144
- Marlene Fouty-Ehrsam, 2466 Luther Hills Circle #66, Oregon, OH 43616
- Mary McLaughlin, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 168, Walbridge, OH 43465
- Janie Kollarik, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 9, Walbridge, OH 43465
- Jill Cousino, 1706 Dier Rd., PO Box 75, Curtice, OH 43412
- Cliff & Madonna Bury, 1247 S. Stadium Rd., Oregon, OH 43616



In our Prayers

Jill Cousino, Bob Joehlin, Marlene Ehrsam, Paulette Colombo, Eleanore Sheronick, Don Koenig, Beverly McIntosh, Emily Hyder-Jasinski, Ava Burkey-Schwander, Dee Mutchler, William Putnam, Logan Murphy Dodge, Duane Ralston, Kurt Putnam, Barbara Land, Susan Land, Tom Hoot, Jocelyn Marker and Angie Mazey Noesen.



FUNDRAISING

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**CALVARY AND CHRIST LUTHERAN
CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS**

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

3PM-10PM



10%

DONATION NIGHT

for **Calvary and Christ Lutheran
Church Youth Groups.**

Present this flyer at the Toledo (Trust
Dr.) location and Texas Roadhouse will
donate **10%** of your total food
purchases to **Calvary and Christ
Lutheran Church Youth Groups!**

419-866-4890

**6137 TRUST DRIVE
HOLLAND, OH**



March Birthday's

Tom Susor, Sr.	3/1
Mary Jane Joehlin	3/13
Wendy Kimble	3/13
Candace Ross	3/21
Morgan Susor	3/24
Cliff Bury	3/29
Aubrey Whitmore	3/30
Ronald Phillips	3/31



Martin & Tamia Land

March 12th

47 years

FINANCIALS

ONLINE GIVING

Calvary has online and mobile options for giving. You can set up an account through the church office to give weekly, monthly or other options. You can also set up an online account by going to our website and clicking on the online giving button.

You also have the option of giving and signing up with your phone or mobile device by downloading the Vanco mobile app.

If you would like assistance in doing any of this, please contact the church office.

Thank You!

Monthly Financial Activity

Ending church operating \$1,339.72

Total income \$11,362.18
(Shared cost, Holiday Baskets, etc)

Total expenses: \$13,914.89

Council notes: January 2024 meeting

***Financial Report:** Half of offerings for Wednesday Lenten round robin will go to Lutheran World Hunger Relief.

***Old Business:** Larry and Gerry Dominique stepped away from weekly offering counting. They were thanked for their years and years of handling the counting and deposit. Volunteers are coming forward to help. Wednesday evening Lenten services will be Dinner Church. Dinner Church will begin at 6:30 pm.

***New Business:** Nominations for Council and other positions will be taken at the Annual Meeting on February 11, 2024.

Easter Word Search Puzzle

Circle the words that you find.

R E H T A F P Q E A X A N A Q U
A J C M F S U S E J M H O Z F T
D I S C I P L E S C X E I I I Y
G B E B H U B K Y T F V T K E R
P C H B P R K R S J A I C C A A
R R O G P P A O B M G L E S S M
Q I O M K N H R B J R A R A T U
M D T I G G F R S B E M R W E R
A D B E Y Q P X U K N U U O R A
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Alive
Angels
Cross
Dead
Disciples
Easter
Father
Gardener

God
Holy Ghost
Jesus
Joanna
John
Mary
Peter
Rabboni

Resurrection
Sepulchre
Tomb

