

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ,

Spring has sprung! Life has been renewed! Winter has passed us and together we move forward in the light of resurrection, love, and grace. Alleluia, Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, alleluia! The cycle of life begins again. Springtime planting will bring the autumn harvest. Life is fresh and new. God is providing for His children.

When I was a child, my grandma would take my brother and I downtown to the Lion store to buy new Easter dress shoes. The shoes always fit snugly and were very shiny. We would wear them at Easter to go to church then to my grandma's house for dinner. We could not wait to take off those shoes. The freedom we felt as the shoes came off was a rite of passage from winter to spring. Just as seeds burst forth from the ground, so would our toes emerge from the leather prison that cramped our feet.

I suspect that Jesus felt the same way in the tomb. Trapped by the confines of darkness and fear, Jesus bursts forth on Easter Sunday. Jesus is a person of action. Our God is a God on the move. Laying in a tomb is no place for God, too much work to be done. Easter freedom releases Jesus into the world in a new and exciting way. No longer confined by the cruelty of the world, Jesus springs into action, and brings us along for the ride.

Resurrection light sweeps through our world and calls us to new and exciting things to see and do and be in the world. No longer are we cramped by the empty promises of the world, we have been freed from the prisons of our own making, and it is Jesus who does this for us, because he loves us first. The brokenness of the world shows us every day how this promise of a new life gives us hope. Hope does not disappoint, because it is in hope that we live and move and have our very being. Happy Spring! I am so proud to be your pastor!

Pray, Study, Worship,

Pastor Bob

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April 15, 2024

CALLING KIDS OF EVERY AGE!!

Have you heard? The pastoral team at Calvary and Christ are doing something new with Morning Coffee time!!! Every Monday morning at 10:30 on Facebook, our 15 minutes will be devoted to kids of every age, but especially school age kids! (Just to be clear, we're all Children of God, so everybody's welcome!)

Now, here's the thing: you're in school while we're broadcasting. DO NOT FEAR! You'll never have to go on Facebook (yep, we know that's just for older people.) We've created a special private YouTube channel just for you where you can watch "Monday Manna" any time you want...after school, before school, weekends... We'll send you a special invite so you can easily find the video. To get your invitation, have a parent send us an email address so we can put your name on the list to get the invitation. (Send it to: jeanninegrimm@yahoo.com) We made this a private channel, so you won't be able to find it unless we get your address.

We promise not to be boring and, in fact, if you catch one of us mentioning your name, there might be a special something involved. You really don't want to miss it! Can't wait to "see" you there!!!

Learning about Jesus together,

Pastor Bob with SAMs Clione and Jeannine

JOIN US

- Fellowship, coffee and donuts every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.
- Monday Manna with Pastor & SAM's Clione & Jeannine on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesdays with Pastor & Tom on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday thru Friday Morning Coffee with Pastor 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.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR MONTH OF MAY**



<u>DATE</u>	<u>FIRST READING</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>SECOND READING</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
May 5 th	Acts 10:44-48	Ps 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 12 th	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Ps 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 19 th	Acts 2:1-21 Or Ezek 37:1-14	Ps 104: 24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27 Or Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 26 th	Isaiah 6:1-8	Ps 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17



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.

FUNDRAISER FOR NEW ORLEANS YOUTH CONVENTION!

A Southern BBQ will be on Saturday June 29th at the IBEW local 8 picnic pavilion on Lime City Rd Rossford.

**Save
the
Date!**



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!!

We are looking for volunteers to help with Sunday service. If you are interested in Assisting the Pastor, Reading lessons or Greeting friends & guests on Sunday mornings please contact Clione Schneider.



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



In our Prayers

Jill Cousino, Bob Joeplin, Marlene Ehrsam, Paulette Colombo, Eleanore Sheronick, Don Koenig, Beverly McIntosh, Emily Hyder-Jasinski, Ava Burkey, Jon Schwandner, Dan Pfouts, Craig Lake, Katie Glenn, William Putnam, Logan Murphy, Wendy Kimble, Lisa Baker, Terry Murray, Dan Skadeland, Betty Messling, Duane Ralston, Shirley Loy, Paul Goodman and Angie Mazey Noesen.



May Birthday's

Gerry Dominique	5/2
Kelsey Wulf	5/18
Terry Murray	5/26
Lori Hicks	5/29
Paula Hudak	5/30
Brandon Hudak	5/31



Bob & Mary Jane Joehlin	May 3 rd	66 yrs
Don & Sherry Koenig	May 4 th	50 yrs
Mike & Paula Hudak	May 16 th	20 yrs
Ryan & Patti Hbtmer	May 20 th	35 yrs

ROGATION DAYS

Rogation comes from the Latin “rogare” which means to beseech or to ask. On the festival of the Ascension (Christ ascent/return to heaven) we beseech God’s blessing for the seed, for the soil, for those who labor in the fields and for all of God’s creation.

Please let Pastor know if you would like to have your farm, livestock, garden or agriculturally related business blessed between May 6th and 8th. If you are unavailable to have something blessed on those dates, there will be a pot where you can bring earth from your planting beds, yards, and seeds that you intend to plant this spring at the Worship Service. The pot will be in the sanctuary and during the service everything in the pot will be blessed!



Thursday May 9th, 2024 is Ascension Day. You are invited to be our guest at a special dinner and a worship service with a blessing of seed and soil at Solomon Lutheran Church in Woodville Ohio. Worship will be 6:00 PM with dinner immediately after worship.

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

Balance as of 2/29/24	\$703.00
March revenue	\$15,467.64
March expenses	\$11,282.39

Council notes: March 2024 meeting

***Old Business:** Easter mailer. Paula Hudak and Pastor made changes to the Easter mail. The mailer has been printed and being delivered to Walbridge and Millbury residents.

Crochet class to begin April 6th at 11:00 a.m.

***New Business:** Luther Home of Mercy's Bid for the Roses is April 24th at the Pinnacle.

Rogation Days are May 6-8, 2024 with a worship service on May 9, 2024 at Solomon in Woodville. Area Pastors will offer to bless farmers planting land, animals and gardens.

Discussed the office copier. Current lease is up at the end of 2024 so the matter was tabled.