

March 2019 Proclamation



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MISSION STATEMENT

*Embraced in God's love through Jesus Christ, Calvary Lutheran Church is called
to proclaim the Good News of God's saving grace,
to nurture spiritual growth, and
to care for all God's creation.*

Jesus Loves Me

From Pastor Paul

In 1862 William Bradbury wrote the tune and refrain to Anna Warner's 1860 poem, "Jesus Loves Me." This song quickly became the most popular Christian Hymn in churches around the world. I was talking to our music director, Becky Stevens, about our shared love for this song recently and she mentioned how there is no song that sounds better from the voices of children than this one. I completely agree! That being said, I also lift up that in our baptisms we are all *children*. We are Children of God!

Below is not the entirety of the song "Jesus Loves Me," but it is the entirety of what I can remember off the top of my head. That's not because it is a difficult song to memorize though. It's simply because these are the words that have written themselves on my heart and I can't help but cherish and dwell on them to the point of forgetting that there are at least two more verses.

Jesus loves me—this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong—
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

All children can sing the refrain especially well, but those final lyrics to the refrain, "*the bible tells me so*," are what I think moves us forward in love as Children of God. When we read the bible as Lutherans, we read the bible to learn about, draw close to, build a relationship with, and even fall in love with Jesus. The purpose of all scripture is for all of creation to encounter, hear, know, and trust in God's love for all people through God's beloved and resurrected son, Jesus!

When we read the bible we will find that even scripture that seemingly has nothing to do with Jesus still has much to say about Jesus, by revealing to us God, the Father who gives us Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus has given to us. Because of this I am convinced that even when we read scripture that seems hugely controversial, we can come away singing with absolute honesty, "Jesus loves me! / The bible tells me so."

I have been asked to lead a bible study on some of those places in scripture where God's love has not been so clear. In these instances, some have used the bible to say the exact opposite of "Jesus loves me." I am genuinely looking forward to these studies. I love the bible and I especially love studying the bible with God's beloved.

I hope to start this series in mid to late March, but I will not have a clear date and time until the business of Lent (or what I like to call, in the church, March Madness) becomes a little more manageable. By next Sunday, even, I hope to share a time and date that will work for most if not all who would like to come.

Christ's love be with you all,

Pastor Paul



The poster features a vibrant background with horizontal stripes in purple, green, and yellow, reminiscent of Mardi Gras colors. It is adorned with various decorative elements including colorful beads, masks, and clusters of small circular items. A white rectangular box at the top center contains the text 'CALVARY YOUTH GROUP'. Below this, the date '03.05.19' is displayed in a white serif font. A white icon of two theatrical masks is positioned above the main title. The title 'Pancake Dinner' is written in a large, white, serif font across the green stripe. Below the title, the location 'New Fellowship Hall' is written in a smaller white font. A dashed white line separates the location from the event details: 'Dinner will be served from 6-7pm' and 'Join us for fellowship and LOTS of pancakes'. Another dashed white line follows. At the bottom, the contact information 'Questions: Contact Megan Downey' is provided in white. A small watermark 'PosterMyWall.com' is visible in the bottom left corner.

CALVARY YOUTH GROUP

03.05.19



Pancake Dinner

New Fellowship Hall

Dinner will be served from 6-7pm
Join us for fellowship and LOTS of pancakes

Questions: Contact Megan Downey

Announcements for March

- **Gage's Wallace** went to Marine boot camp last Tuesday for 13 weeks . All prayers are welcomed and I am sure he would love to receive an encouraging note from anyone who would like to write to him. Thanks so much! *Please no care packages.*
RCT Wallace, Gage E.
3rd RTBN, PLT 3037, COL
PO Box 19001
Parris Island, SC 29905
- **Join us after the Cantata on Palm Sunday** in the new fellowship hall from 11-12 to have fun doing crafts and decorating eggs. Each person is asked to bring their own hard boiled eggs and we will provide the decorating materials. Everyone is welcome to come, play and fellowship. This is not just for children but the entire congregation. ~Christian Education Committee
- **Lenten Devotionals** are available now in the Narthex for you and your family to enjoy. (Please only take 1 per family)
- **Easter Lily dedication forms** are available. Please have your order forms filled out and turned into the basket in the Narthex or the office by March 17th. Thank you~

Happy Birthday!!!

Nancy Gregory 03 01- Nina Harding 03 01- Gloria Kilpatrick 03 01- Tom Mills 03 05- Dawn Le Duc 03 06- Clay Stephenson 03 07- Jerry Stevens 03 07- Dorothy Harding 03 10- Eric Stuenkel 03 10- Jedidiah Evans 03 13- Teresa Gamewell 03 13- Kristyn Cozort 03 14- Kevin Watts 03 14- Paul Carlson 03 15- Liz Elsner 03 19- Asher Keller 03 19- Kamara Reade 03 20- Gail Mahlandt 03 21- Alisha Edminsten 03 26- Amy Goodson 03 26- Dave Cape 03 28- Wil Wolfgang 03 21

Happy Anniversary!!!

03 22 Bob & Gloria Kilpatrick & 03 24 Mike and Christina Robichaux

Council Communications and Updates

- **Caring Conversations on Same Gender Marriage:** Over the past year the subject of same gender marriage has been an important topic. Council would like to communicate our next steps as we move forward with this conversation. At the February 26th council meeting, a motion was presented to the Council, via a letter from a Council member who was not able to attend. The motion read:

“Since marriage is a pastoral care issue, the decision to marry or not marry any couple should be left to the wisdom of the pastor following premarital counseling.”

The council agreed to table the motion until the motion could be discussed in detail at the March council meeting. The council agreed further clarification was needed to understand the motion. We will keep you informed on next steps following the March Council meeting.

- **Mutual Ministry Committee:** Council has affirmed the reformation of a Mutual Ministry Committee here at Calvary to be chaired by Garry Vogelpohl. Other members include Mike Imboden, Margaret Miller, and Sarah Sawdy. For more detail please see the February minutes once they are approved.

Prayer Requests

Friends and family...

Amy
Clay Beach
Bob Benner
Elaine Button
Laura Lou Byers
Lin Carlson
Tony Causby & family
Joan Chappell
Anne Cleaver
Lloyd & Josellen Cleaver
Kristi Coulter
Richard Dittus
Al & Penny Farnam
Bob Fey & wife
Jim Foster
Chris Harris
Dave Henson
Hunter Hogan
Susan Ingle
Ralph Jeske
Carl Kirksey
Sydney Lail
John Malin & family
Amber Queen
Gail Pennell
Joey Price
Jimmy Pritchard
Danny Powell
Lucy Scott
Michael Sheldon
Katie Spah
Brian Stamey
Brendan Sullivan
Collin Sullivan
Dawn Talbert
Heather Vaughn
Elijah & Patience
Chris & Judy
Don & Wife

Members...

Judy Bell
Don & Rita Blanton
Emmett Brittain
Betty Butler
Will Duncan
Jim Fisher
Jo Anne Graham
Tom Hunt
Richard Isaac
Karel Johnson

Evelyn Kever
Chris Kern
Leslie Kern
Cynthia Lange
Duke Le Duc
Vincent Militello
Tom Mills
Charlie Moeller
Sandy Nutbrown
Bill Nybeck
John & Rachel O'Riley
Brandi Pennell
Phillip Rector
Henry Sain
Donna Short
Mary Ellen Smith
Beth Walborn
Gage Wallace
Rick Watts
Ken Whitley
Ed Williams
Betty Williams

Please Remember...

The family & friends of Steve Tuttle
The family & friends of Tim Pons
The family & friends of Steve Clark

**Nursing care or homebound
members...**

Lee Ann Bethke—Grace Ridge
Sandy Blackburn—Grace Ridge
Violet Carlson—Grace Heights
Jan English—home
Lola Gantt—Grace Heights
Rachel Keisler—home
Doris Sink—Autumn Care
Louise Whitener—Grace Ridge
Will Wolfgang—Grace Ridge

Sister parish...

Pastor Matias, Pastor Martina, Pastor Gloria, and Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church,
Brisas del Valle, El Salvador

*****Please notify the office if you would like to be added or removed from the prayer list. *****

BUCM Food Drive in March

It's time to fill the pantry shelves at BUCM! March has been designated as Calvary Lutheran's month to collect all types of nonperishable food items for Burke United Christian Ministries. The need is GREAT this year for food and the shelves at BUCM have been empty a lot this year. All nonperishable foods are needed.

Please consider helping fill the shelves at BUCM with much needed food and share the love of Christ. Please collect or purchase nonperishable food items, place them in a bag and then place them in the collection bins in the Old Fellowship Hall. Another option is to leave them in the narthex and someone will put them in the collection bins for you.

An even greater way to help is with a monetary donation. BUCM can purchase food much cheaper than we can so that means that they can buy more food than we can with the same amount of money. You can put your monetary donation in the offering plate (please make checks out to Calvary Lutheran Church and designate for BUCM or put cash in an envelope marked for BUCM) OR you can put it the soup pot that will be available in the narthex every Sunday during March. Any amount is very much appreciated.

CAN YOU help to fill these shelves?? We believe that the answer is "YES WE CAN!" Thank you for helping those who are hungry.



Youth News:

- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**
 - Join the youth group on Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 from 6-7pm for pancake dinner! We will have food and fellowship to kick off the Lenten season! See you there!
- **Camp Christbound Registration**
 - DAY CAMP IS BACK! Registration for Camp Christbound will open on rch 18th, 2019 for the Summer season! Be on the lookout for more information on how to register your Kinder-5th grader!



- **Youth Night:** Friday, March 15th at 6:30pm! (For all middle and high schoolers)

Just a reminder that youth group will no longer meet weekly on Wednesdays. Keep an eye out for information on our monthly youth nights!

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Transfiguration Council Installation 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:30 Choir Practice 9:45 Sunday School	4	5 9:30am Staff Meeting 10am Morning Circle 6pm Shrove Pancake Dinner 6pm Support Meeting 7pm Evening Circle	6 9:30am Quilters OFH 6:30pm Ash Wed. Worship	7 9am BUCM (lunch)	8 Wild Women Event Begins...	9... 7:30am Breakfast for Our Neighbors
10 Lent 1 Daylight Savings Time Starts >1 hour 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:30 Choir Practice 9:45 Sunday School 12-3pm Confirmation Retreat	11	12 11am Calvary Seniors at AJ's 4pm BUCM (supper)	13 5:15pm Backpack 5:30pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer 7:00pm Handbell Practice	14	15 Youth Night 6:30-8:30pm	16 9:30am Quilters OFH
17 Lent 2 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:30 Choir Practice 9:45 Sunday School	18	19 9:0 am BUCM (lunch) 1:00pm Evangelism Meeting	20 5:30pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer 7:00pm Handbell Practice	21	22	23 7:30am Breakfast for Our Neighbors
24 Lent 3 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:30 Choir Practice 9:45 Sunday School	25 7:00pm Bishop Eaton at Lenoir Rhyne	26 6pm Council Meeting	27 5:15 pm Backpack 5:30pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer 7:00pm Handbell Practice	28	29	30
31 Lent4/ World Hunger Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:30 Choir Practice 9:45 Sunday School *New Member Class*						

March Worship Schedule

Date	3/3/2019	3/6/2019	3/10/2019	3/13/2019	3/17/2019	3/20/2019	3/24/2019	3/27/2019	3/31/2019
Notes	Transfiguration of Our Lord	ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30pm	Lent 1 Confirmation Retreat	Holden Evening Prayer 6:30 pm	Lent 2	Holden Evening Prayer 6:30 pm	Lent 3	Holden Evening Prayer 6:30 pm	World Hunger Lent 4
Color	Green	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple
Preaching	Paul	Paul	Paul	Lauren	Paul	Paul	Lauren	Lauren	Paul
Assisting	Beth Spahn/Hank Hunt	Bob Kilpatrick	Nina Harding/Tawny Homesley	N/A	Wayne Giese/Emmett Brittain	N/A	Beth Spahn/Don Bandy	N/A	Nina Harding/Lynzie Cape
Crucifer	Beth Spahn/Aiden Hunt	Wayne Giese	Nina Harding/Rachel Gamewell	N/A	Wayne Giese/Lynzie Cape	N/A	Beth Spahn/Catherine Gamewell	N/A	Nina Harding/ Bob Kilpatrick
Acolyte	Howy Copenhaver/Cora Hunt	Aiden Hunt	Ed Williams/Kendall Sawdy	Anna Cape	Howy Copenhaver/Anna Cape	Cora Hunt	Ed Williams/Clara Hawn	Catherine Gamewell	Howy Copenhaver/Kendall Sawdy
Children's Sermon	Jennifer Hunt	N/A	Megan Downey	N/A	Megan Downey	N/A	Megan Downey	N/A	Pastor Lauren
Lector	Julie Copenhaver/Helen Wallace	Leslie Kern	Glen Giese/Chris Malzahn	Ruth Vogelpohl	Dot Williams/Karel Johnson	Kathy Hunt	Joyce Imboden/Wes Hawn	Treesie Cape	Julie Copenhaver/Tabitha Yates
Greeter	Margaret Miller/Martha Mills	Judie Huffman	Nancy Gregory/Ernie Wallat	Ken Whitley	Rebekah Poplin/Teddy Lehman	Becky Schlein	Charlie Moeller/Lloyd Wallace	Teresa Gamewell	Arlene Robinson/Rebekah Poplin
Children's Ch	Treesie Cape	N/A	Megan Downey	N/A	Megan Downey	N/A	Tabitha Yates	N/A	Megan Downey
Nursery	Tabitha Yates	N/A	Helen Wallace	N/A	Tawny Homesley	N/A	Teresa Giese	N/A	Tammy Isaac
Sound	Charlie Buckner/Paul Gamewell	Paul Gamewell	Charlie Buckner/Paul Gamewell	Paul Gamewell	Ed Williams/Paul Gamewell	Paul Gamewell	Charlie Buckner/Paul Gamewell	Paul Gamewell	Charlie Buckner/Paul Gamewell

For the Month				
Ushers	8:30 Lois & Larry Berryhill,	11:00 Bob Kilpatrick*,	Ken Whitley,	
Altar Guild	Angie Voltmer*,	Judie Huffman,	Krista Stillwell,	Beverly Wilson
Tellers	Sherri Morris,	Jim Voltmer		

Permission to go public

You've got the Bible behind you when you talk about your faith



The Bible tells the stories of God's public relationship with the people of Israel and how that public relationship extends to all who believe through Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Marsh is bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod. He wrote the "Our faith" column from 2006 to 2008, exploring the book of Acts.

We Lutherans tend to be pretty quiet when it comes to expressing our faith. We usually aren't quiet about most other things, as can be witnessed by walking into almost any fellowship hall on any given Sunday after worship. But we do tend to be very quiet about our faith.

Many reasons have been given as to why we are so quiet about this particular aspect of our lives, including the fact that we tend to see our faith as a private possession. I do agree that what a person believes has a private aspect. But I would also argue that the Christian faith inherently has a public aspect. My study of Scripture through the years has convinced me that the Christian church was meant to be a very public entity, and the Christian faith has always been meant to be expressed in some very public ways.

The Bible—our guidebook of faith—is a collection of books that tells the stories of God's public relationship with the people of Israel, and how that relationship extends to all who believe through Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

According to these stories, God created the world and everything in it in a very public way. God brought the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt and across the Red Sea on dry land in a way that all of their enemies could see. The prophets were very public with their message of repentance and obedience in ways that spoke to Israel, as well as to its adversaries.

Scripture also tells us that Jesus had a very public ministry that spoke good news to many people in many ways. His death and resurrection was accomplished for all who will ever live, not just for a privileged few. As Jesus departed this earth, his instruction to those who knew the good news was to make sure to tell others.

The book of Acts records the efforts of many disciples and emerging faith communities to publicly declare their decision to follow Jesus, and it includes their public testimonies of belief in the God who sent him. The last book of the

Bible, Revelation, even tells of those who lost their physical lives because they wouldn't publicly denounce the lordship of Jesus.

All of the characters in these Bible stories possessed a private faith. But at some point they decided to be active in a community of faith to join with others in word, sacrament and service.

Through the Word and Spirit of God, they received permission to be public with their faith. The Scriptures from the lectionary in September can begin to give us the permission we may need—along with the knowledge and courage—to go public with our faith.

Isaiah lets us know that God has given him a tongue to speak encouragement and healing to others. In the face of those who seek to silence God's witness, Isaiah is emboldened to keep speaking (50:4-9). The psalmist is so filled with private gratitude to God that he promises to serve God publicly in the presence of all the people (Psalm 116). James, the brother of Jesus, comes right out in his letter and says that if you have a private faith that is not being seen or heard of in public ways, that faith is dead (2:1-17). Mark's gospel has Jesus publicly healing a man who couldn't hear or speak, and the first thing the man and the crowd did when he got healed was to tell everyone they could about Jesus (7:31-38).

Jesus also says in Mark 9:50 that we who know and believe the good news of God's power and love are the salt of the earth, a flavoring and preservative that are needed and necessary for the sake of the world: "Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." The gospel gives us permission to be public salt and to let our flavor be savored. □

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... is where you can learn more about the Book of Faith, including *Leading in Faith*, an online and DVD library to help Book of Faith leaders with study methods and with strategies for beginning small groups. Webinars also will be offered.

Directory

Pastor Lauren Carlson.....Pastor
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Becky Stevens.....Organist/Music Director
Heather Evans.....Parish Administrator
Amber Austin.....Bookkeeper
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