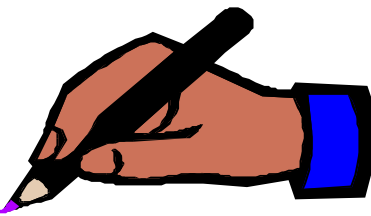


FROM THE PASTOR



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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We seem, as the Chinese proverb supposedly threatens, to live in interesting times. In my adult lifetime we have had at least four major speculative bubbles burst (stock market in 1987, commercial real estate in the early '90s, the internet bubble in 2000, and residential real estate in 2008). We have had successful revolutions in any number of countries (i.e. the Soviet Union, Iran, Poland, most of Africa and most of South America, etc). We have had unsuccessful revolutions in any number of countries (China, Iran, most of Africa, and most of South America, etc.). Since the 1960s we have had a cultural revolution which has drastically changed the sexual mores, gender roles, race relations, family makeup, and church going habits of our nation. While the internet is now ubiquitous, it is only about fifteen years old. Many of you can remember a time before television, which is already a technology of the past.

The pace of change seems to have, if anything, increased in recent years. Already this year we have seen significant revolutions, especially in Egypt. Late last year we had the third major power shift in Washington in four years. The economy continues to bump along at the worst it has been in at least thirty years. The world seems to be hurtling towards something, but what?

As Christians, we know the answer to that. We know exactly what the world is hurtling towards. We do not know the day or hour, nor are we supposed to, but we know what is coming. The world, broken by sin, is fixed in Christ. His second coming will mark the end of the sin of this world and the beginning of the perfection of the next.

Because we know the world is broken, we should not be surprised by all the negative changes and frightening events. Because we know that man is made in God's image (although corrupted by sin) we should not be surprised by all the wonderful things created by man. This tension between man's God given talent to create and our sin induced ability to destroy will continue until the return.

Where, then, do we find peace? In all the tumult of modern life, where do we go? The answer is the same as it has always been, even in less "interesting" times. There is one place to go where this constant

change does not exist, where the waves of chaos break upon the rock of stability. **8Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. 9Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace** (Heb. 13:8-9a). That grace by which He forgave the sins of our fore bearers, is also the grace He showers on us. We praise the same God, pray the same prayers, suffer the same sin, look to the same salvation. Many aspects of the Church thus stay changeless throughout the centuries. While the language may change, the Scripture does not. While the music may alter, the ideas should remain constant. When we worship, when we commune, we share that not only with the Church on earth, but also with the Church in heaven. Those changes we have suffered break against the unchanging nature of God's Word. Those people we have lost are with us again in the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us sinners.

The answer to this messed up world, to these "interesting times" is always the same. It is the Christ who fixed the mess and makes the interesting perfect. In the chaos of the world, in the craziness of daily life, come to rest in the peace of Christ, who makes all things right. As Paul says, **the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.****8Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.** (Phil 4).

Happy Birthday!

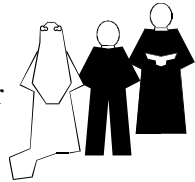
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Marilyn Engel	03/07
Jacob LeClerc	03/09
Connie Wubbena	03/10
Brian Atchley	03/11
Mark Ford	03/11
Lisa Stewart	03/12
Eleanor Knapp	03/13
Patrick Stuebs	03/13
Trina Elam	03/24
Al Rahn	03/28
Shirley Haugrose	03/31

BAPTISM

Rosemary Suhr	03/01
Jacob Rochester	03/02
Jordan Rutledge	03/03
Carolyn Macomber	03/13
Leroy Pickett	03/18
John Cochran	03/19
Brian Atchley	03/23
Jane Pray	03/25
Ella Stewart	03/26
Addison Hildestad	03/29
Shirley Haugrose	03/31

Happy Anniversary

Loren & Eleanor Knapp	03/08
Constance & Dennis Boucher	03/18
Katie & Bryon Strom	03/31



2011 BUDGET Contributions & Expenses




JANUARY 2011

Contributions	
General Fund	\$14,800.83
Roof	\$ 1,000.00
Building Principal	\$ 635.00
Expenses	\$16,630.83
Roof	\$30,000.00

YEAR TO DATE	
Contributions	\$14,800.83
Expenses	\$16,630.83
Roof	\$29,000.00
Building Principal Contrib.	\$ 635.00

OVERALL FUND BALANCES	
LWML	\$ 1,326.79

	BUILDING PROJECT	PHASE I
	LCEF Loan	
Balance (1/31/2011)		\$69,387.98
Principal payment 01/28/11		\$ 635.00



The LWML had our annual mug exchange at our February meeting and we were pleased to have 21 ladies attend. We hope all of you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed having you. Linda Kaiser did her usual excellent job leading us with readings and memories which others also joined in sharing.

On Sunday the 13th, twelve ladies and two husbands attended the concert at St Paul's Episcopal church. It was a lovely concert with a Valentine theme and then we all enjoyed dessert at Coco's for a pleasant social time together.

We have been pleased with the clothing which has come in for the Orphan Grain Train collection; both the quantity and the quality. We know these articles will be very much appreciated by the recipients. THANK YOU to those who have contributed.

We are looking forward to a special program for our March meeting on Thursday, the 3rd. Linda Stange will be sharing with us about the trip that she and Arlen took to the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany last summer. This is sure to be interesting and information and we hope you will join us.

The rummage sale will be Saturday, March 12th and the set-up day will be Friday the 11th. You may bring things that day or if you want to get them out of you way now, you may put them in the old women's restroom. Please put this on your calendar. We will be needing lots of help to set up on Friday and for the sale on Saturday.

REMEMBER: ALL LADIES OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD ARE CONSIDERED MEMBERS OF THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

Get your walking shoes or boots ready for the Walk for Life for the New Life Pregnancy Center on Saturday, March 26. The walk will begin at 9 a.m. at Smucker's Park (south of the hospital). A table will be set up in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 6, with information and pledge forms.

On Sunday, March 6, we will celebrate Lutheran Hour Sunday. Did you know that Calvary and our sister congregation, Christ, sponsor the Sunday morning broadcast? Yes-we do. It is on KCFY 88.1 at 11:30 every Sunday, bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the church! The Lutheran Hour is broadcast in South America, Mexico, Kazakstan, Russia, India, and many more countries around the world. The Lutheran Hour hires local Christians in other countries that speak the native tongue to do the broadcasts. The replies they receive telling of the gratitude for the Christian programming and music is unbelievable.

On Sunday, April 3, we will begin a new health ministry, because we care about our members and their health. The Mission Board and Yuma Regional Medical Center have partnered to begin a new program called "Healthy Heart Project." Apryl Brand-Applehans is the Parish Nurse coordinator of the program. So on Sunday, April 3 after worship-during the coffee hour-and before Bible Classes, stop by our new little area in the southwest corner of the Fellowship Hall. It is called "The Heart Healthy Corner."

The Seder Meal, celebrated by Christians and Jews, will be part of our Lenten/Passover celebration this year. The meal will be held for all adults, youth, and children of our community on Friday, April 15. Please talk with Apryl or Nancy if you would be willing to help.

We are still gathering used Portals of Prayer to be recycled in the Yuma area. A box awaits your donations in the entryway of the Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in sewing together the baby quilts for New Life contact Paula or Johnnie. The quilters meet every other Friday morning.

“Look up! Look up!”

That’s what Mike Ehrlich, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said to me a few Sunday mornings ago. And there it was in all its glory -- The new roof.

This was a difficult, expensive yet necessary task to complete for the Trustees and many others who helped. The chairs had to be removed and returned to and from the sanctuary at least four times. Many people helped in this process. It was difficult but it got done. Another great job by the Trustees. Thanks to you all and the other helpers for doing a great job.

All of our boards are important to God’s work here at Calvary. They all have goals and challenges that are sometimes difficult and always important. The Board of Trustees is no exception. Think about it: All of the physical property in one way or another falls under the responsibility of the Trustees. From light bulbs, to the air conditioning and heating, to the faucets and the roof, it’s the Trustees’ job to make sure everything is working properly. I know that the Board of Trustees appreciates your comments, concerns and even your complaints. But please remember that everyone in our congregation deserves the peaceful opportunity to worship our Lord on Sunday and that includes the members of the Board of Trustees and the other boards as well. So, if you have a comment or suggestion, please direct it to the office during the week. It will be duly noted and passed on to the Trustees or another appropriate board.

As a lifelong Lutheran and one who has been active in the church for most of my adult years, I can tell you that our boards and supporting organizations here at Calvary consist of some of the most enthusiastic and energetic Christian men and women that I have had the pleasure to work with. They all do a wonderful job.

So please remember, positive comments are also always welcome not only to the Trustees but also to our other boards. Sometimes it’s easier to find fault and see problems than to see and appreciate the many other things that are working well. So, to that end: Thank you Board of Trustees and thank you to the other boards. You all do a great job for all of us.

“When we speak or preach from the “Passion of Christ,” we are speaking or preaching about Christ’s suffering and death on Calvary’s cross for the sins of the world. Certainly, the Passion is about the purple robe and the crown of thorns; Christ carrying His cross; the soldiers with their hammers, the nails, and the spear; and His words from the cross. But more than the objects and events, the Passion is about Jesus assuming unto Himself the sins of the world and then experiencing to the fullest degree the Father’s just wrath upon that sin. It is about forgiveness and salvation graciously offered in view of the shed blood of Calvary.

This series is about all of that and more. It is also about the important and significant miracles and miraculous signs that God the Father performed to set apart His Son’s death from absolutely all others. The miracles performed were: the three hours of darkness, the torn temple curtain, the earthquake, the splitting of rocks, the opening of graves and many of God’s people being raised to life and appearing to many in Jerusalem after Christ’s resurrection, as well as the unbelievable faith of the Roman soldiers.” (Overview of the Miracles of Lent Series) Join us as we explore these miracles in our worship series throughout Lent.

Our worship services will be every Wednesday until Holy Week, at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. with a potluck at 6 P.M. We will offer Communion after the service for any who wish to participate. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be at 7 P.M. Easter Service will be at Sunrise 6:00AM and at 9:00A.M. The focus of the worship will be:

- ◆ **Ash Wednesday, March 9th:** The Miracle of Darkness (Matthew 27:45)
- ◆ **Lent-March 16th:** The Miracle of Tearing (Matthew 27:51a)
- ◆ **Lent-March 23rd:** The Miracle of Shaking (Matthew 27:51b)
- ◆ **Lent-March 30th:** The Miracle of Splitting (Matthew 27:51c)
- ◆ **Lent-April 6th:** The Miracle of Raising (Matthew 27:52–53)
- ◆ **Lent-April 13th:** The Miracle of Faith (Matthew 27:54)
- ◆ **Holy Thursday, April 21st:** The Miracle of Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:23–29)
- ◆ **Good Friday, April 22nd:** The Miracle of Good Friday (1 Peter 3:18)
- ◆ **Easter Sunday, April 24th:** The Miracle of Easter (Matthew 28:1–10)