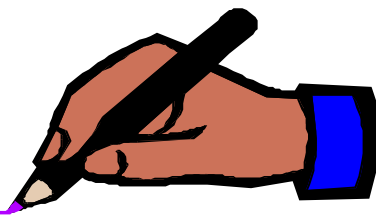


# FROM THE PASTOR



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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 2018

In just 2 short weeks, (February 14<sup>th</sup>) the season of Lent will be upon the Church as it begins the journey with Christ Jesus from the Mount of Transfiguration to Jerusalem where He will face the cross and the grave for the sake of saving mankind from sin. While Ash Wednesday falls on one of Hallmark's largest celebrated man-made holidays (i.e. Valentine's Day), the Church will take pause as it reflects on man's sinfulness and need for a Savior. The theme for our weekly Wednesday night meditations and for Holy Week is titled, "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey."

As we begin our journey with Jesus, we will start with man's exile in the wilderness of sin and death as a result of Adam and Eve's first sin in the Garden of Eden. To be exiled means to be in a state of being barred for punitive reasons. Hence, when Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit, they were barred from the Garden as punishment, having to labor for their sustenance and experience hardship and pain to bring forth offspring. No longer would they have direct access to the tree of life, and their relationship with God as they knew it was broken. Their sin and exile has been passed down from generation to generation, as we now wander in the wilderness of our sin and death, looking for the way out. But, like Adam and Eve, there is only one way out and it cannot be generated by man, but only by God, which is why our heavenly Father sent His only Son.

Every journey always has a destination, and our journey this Lent is no different. As we travel with Jesus, He takes our hand and leads us out from exile bringing us to the promised land...heaven itself, if you will...the ultimate destination Christ Jesus promises to us because of His selfless sacrifice and miraculous resurrection from the dead. This stirs tremendous joy within us as we are made to realize that in Christ we are no longer barred from heaven's paradise because our Father looks upon us in grace and declares us worthy of eternal life for Christ's sake.

Yet, as we journey with Jesus, there is also a somber attitude as we consider what Jesus faced because of our sin. Such love received a crown of thorns and stripes and ridicule. Such love received spikes of sin through His flesh. Such love received the darkness of death as He was laid in a tomb. Reflection on Jesus' Passion gives us the opportunity to contemplate the reality of our own earthly journey. However, we do not travel with Jesus blindly, but rather with our eyes fixed on our ultimate destination...namely the empty tomb and the open gates of heaven's promised land...a journey that we do not travel alone, but with our Savior by our side... a destination that truly is our reality as our Lord declares

us forgiven and restored to a right relationship with Him in Christ Jesus our Lord and our Savior.

Below, I have included the Wednesday evening Lent schedule and sermon topic. Under each date, I have included the Bible passage references for the sermon theme if you would like to read them prior to attending midweek service. Also, Wednesday morning Bible Class will have a sermon study for that evening's worship service, and all are invited to attend this class at 11:00 AM in the education building. I strongly encourage you to attend Lenten Midweek Services as this time together as God's forgiven children provides us with a moment to take pause from the busyness of our life's activities and responsibilities to humbly reflect and meditate on just how passionate our Lord is for us and what He was and is willing to do for us and for our salvation. **Midweek worship services will be Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM with a potluck supper preceding the service at 6:00 PM.** Won't you join me as together we journey with our Lord to His cross and empty tomb?

## Ash Wednesday & Lent

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Ash Wednesday: "Heart to Heart: Sackcloth and Ashes to Robes of Righteousness"  
*Genesis 3 and 27, Leviticus 16, Revelation 7 and 19*

**February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Midweek Lent 1: "Garden to Garden: Eden to Heaven"  
*Genesis 3, Revelation 22*

**February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Midweek Lent 2: "Mountain to Mountain: Mount Moriah to Mount Zion"  
*Genesis 22, John 3 and 6, Revelation 19*

**March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Midweek Lent 3: "Out of Egypt: Through the Water"  
*Exodus 14, Mark 1, Revelation 22*

**March 14<sup>th</sup>:** Midweek Lent 4: "Tree to Tree: The Tree of Life to the Cross"  
*Genesis 2 and 3, Luke 23 and 24, Revelation 22*

**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Midweek Lent 5: "Death to Resurrection: The Wilderness to the Promised Land"  
*Genesis 3, Exodus 16 and 19, Acts 1, Revelation 19*

## Holy Week

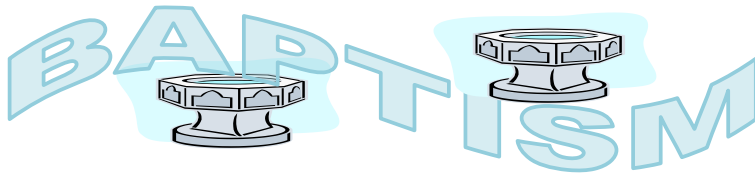
**March 29<sup>th</sup>:** Maundy Thursday: "Meal to Meal: The Passover to the Lord's Supper"

**March 30<sup>th</sup>:** Good Friday: "Sin-Bearer to Sin-Bearer: The Day of Atonement"

**April 1<sup>st</sup>:** Easter: "Welcome Home!"  
*Genesis 3 and 37, Exodus 3 and 50, Mark 15 and 16, Revelation 7*

# Happy Birthday!

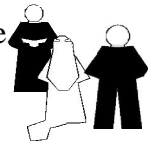
Addison Hildestad	02/04
Jordan Rutledge	02/05
Evelyn Foster	02/07
Pat Martel-Cooper	02/07
Kaden Siharath	02/07
Rebecca Kessler	02/09
Dennis Johnson	02/15
Frances Zautcke	02/16
Ronald Foster	02/17
Aja Backs	02/28
Chaylen Hildestad	02/28



Jennifer Henderson	02/01
Evelyn Foster	02/07
Joanne Williams	02/11
Dennis Johnson	02/15
Frances Zautcke	02/16
Ronald Foster	02/17
John Ehrlich Jr	02/21
William Stewart	02/21
Austin Kessler	02/26

# Happy Anniversary

Milton & Jeanene Euhus	02/02
Donald & Frances Zautcke	02/07
Dennis & Vicky Johnson	02/15
Shawn & Aja Backs	02/29



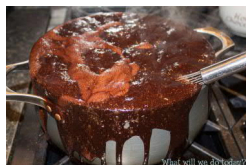
## EASTER MORNING PANCAKE BREAKFAST



We will once again be bringing to you an Easter pancake breakfast courtesy of Donna Fairchild who is applying for a **Thrivent Action Team** seed money. She will gather the forces, and assign the cooks. A freewill offering will be taken for the Parking Lot.

Are you ready Mike & Mike and Randy & Randy. Wahaahaha.

Who's up for making some of Clara Euhus's famous buttermilk syrup. Let Janet know and she will give you the recipe. Janet says she will make a quart.



# Galvary Lutheran Church Council Reports

## Board Meetings & Council Tuesday, February 13, 2018 @ 6PM

If you have a complaint or concern please attend the board meetings so the boards can address the issue.

2018 Contributions	
01/08/2018	\$3,953.00
01/14/2018	\$2,856.04
01/21/2018	\$1,979.05
01/28/2018	\$2,371.00
Office	\$2,410.00



Avg. \$ per week \$3,392.28  
Contribution amount needed, per week is \$3,423.29 to meet current budget.

Year to date	\$13,569.09
Misc Income	0.00
Fund raiser	0.00
Avg. \$ per week (4weeks)	\$3,392.28
Short \$ per week	\$ <b>31.01</b>

## 2018 Contributions & Expenses JANUARY (UNRECONCILED)

GENERAL FUND	
Contributions	\$13,569.09
Misc Income	\$ 0.00
Expenses	<u>\$14,472.92</u>
Excess/Loss	\$ <b>-903.83</b>
YEAR TO DATE	
Contributions	\$ 13,569.09
Misc Income	\$ 0.00
Expenses	<u>\$ 14,472.92</u>
Excess/Loss	\$ <b>-903.83</b>

Yearly Short \$ per week \$

## Parking Lot Fund

Fund Total as of January 31	\$17,863.00
Contributions	\$ 1,600.00 (Burrito Breakfast)
Aluminum Cans	\$
Fund Total	\$19,463.00

## HELP WANTED! COUNTERS NEEDED

The counters yearly calendar is nearly bare. For more information to sign up to be a counter please ask Larry & Ann Lee, or Donna Fairchild.

*From the Mission Board*

HEAR YE, HEAR YE HEAR YE

A picnic in the park, at Joe Henry Park, Ramada #31. Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-5PM. Pot Luck, everyone come out and enjoy Yuma's wonderful weather, and Calvary's great fellowship.

Also the mission board has tentative plans for a movie night sometime in March. A couple movies are being considered. One is "Wonder" and the other is "The Shack". You can help us decide which one you would like to see. They are both getting a lot of thumbs up but we must choose one. The showing will be in the Parish Hall and you are welcome to bring a lawn chair so you can enjoy in comfort. Since it is a movie some sort of snack and drinks will also be available for you to enjoy. A firm date and time will be announced soon.

*From the Stewardship Board*

We are in the process of making a new membership directory. As of Sunday December 31st, we are updating the membership roster. You will have until the last Sunday in February to check out the current roster and make any changes necessary to your address and phone numbers. If you are a Winter Visitor, please check both your home address and your local Yuma address as well. Once this is completed we want to start taking new pictures as well.

We are in desperate need of money counters. At the present we have only 3 counters. It takes two people to count. So please consider becoming a counter. I promise it is some what painless.

Lastly, any one that wishes to put on a Fund Raiser, please contact either myself Larry Lee, or Donna Fairchild, or Ann Lee for the required forms.

*LWML news*



Our February meeting will be right away on February the 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be the annual mug exchange which we have been enjoying for over 25years. This year we are having a salad luncheon at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. ALL women are invited. Salads will be furnished. Each lady brings a mug: it can be new, an old favorite or you can recycle one you have received before. Include a note with a favorite Bible verse and your birthday, just the date. You can also include your anniversary date if you would like. These are exchanged and that is your prayer partner for the next year. Please join us for lunch and socializing.

The annual rummage sale will be on Saturday, February 24. This has been in the Sunday bulletins so hopefully you have been bringing in your items. They may be put in the ladies old restroom. If you need pickup, let one of us know. We will also be needing LOTS of help on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> getting everything placed and priced. Also several people will be needed during the sale on Saturday.

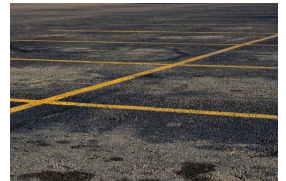
Since February is such a short month, I will include the plans for the March meeting. It will be on Thursday, March 1st at the regular time of 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall and we plan to do a craft. We will be making small booklets with Bible verses to be given to those who are homebound or in a nursing home. Please put this on your calendar now.

And remember: ALL women of the LCMS are considered LWML members. We hope to see you at these activities.

BEST WISHES for a BLESSED 2018.

*From the Trustees*

We have acquired a 2nd quote for repairs of the parking lots.



Furnish all Labor, Equipment and Materials for 1 1/2" AC overlay  
West Parking Lot \$21,795.00  
Back Parking Lot \$ 5,640.00 For a total of \$27,435.00

Currently the parking lot fund has a balance of \$19,463.00. The trustees have a lot to consider. As you can tell it is not inexpensive to repair the lots. For this reason we have not gone forth with the repairs as yet. We are still trying to raise enough money to do the job properly. We only have enough in the parking lot fund to fill the cracks and do a top seal which is not the ideal way to go.

If you would like to see what it would look like when finished with a 1" overlay, Brownie's Café parking lot was done this way. We would have to raise additional funds if this is the way we want to repair both lots.

**Thank you** to Mike Ehrlich, Randy Ehrlich, Mike Fairchild, Becky Ehrlich, Janet Ehrlich and Craig Ehrlich (for his Thrivent Action Team grant); also thank you to Dennis Johnson who showed up to help also. It was a success. We raised \$1600 towards the parking lot fund, and had a great time doing it. We have 2 pledges outstanding that are not included yet in the total raised.



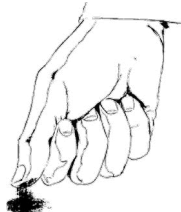
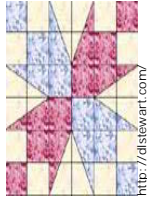
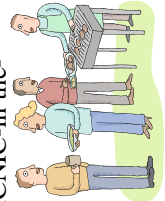
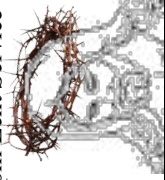
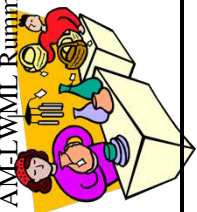
Recycle aluminum cans

Please continue to bring your cans in.

Property Usage

Dates are already being reserved on the church's calendar for this new year. Don't fall into the temptation to presume that the date will be available. If you would like to reserve the parish hall or education building, please contact the church office to get your day reserved...even if you aren't entirely sure...as soon as possible. It will ensure that the date you want will not be reserved by others. You can always call and cancel/change the date if something changes. Thank you.

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Ed Bldg 11:30AM -LWML Mug Exchange 7:00pm AWC campus ministry	2 03:30 PM-Elders Meeting	3 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro
4 09:00 AM-Communion Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School	5	6	7 11:00 AM-Bible Study	8 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Ed Bldg 7:00pm AWC campus ministry	9	10 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro
11 09:00 AM-Communion Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School	12	13 06:00 Board meetings 07:00 PM-Council Meeting	14 11:00 AM-Bible Study 7:00pm Ash Wednesday 	15 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Ed Bldg 7:00pm AWC campus ministry	16 09:00 AM-LWML Quilting  <a href="http://daisiewart.com">http://daisiewart.com</a>	17 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro 2:00PM PICNIC-in the- PARK 
18 09:00 AM-Matins Service 10:30 AM-Sunday School	19	20	21 11:00 AM-Bible Study 6:00pm Pot Luck dinner 7:00pm Lent Service 	22 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Ed Bldg 7:00pm AWC campus ministry	23 08:00 AM-LWMLrummage sale setup	24 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro 08:00 AM-LWML Rummage Sale 
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