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FIRST CLASS MAIL

WE ARE A TEACHING, PREACHING AND HEALING COMMUNITY
CALLED TO GROW IN THE LIFE OF GOD.

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Dear friends,

This month begins with Holy Week – the eight-day cycle from Palm Sunday through Easter Day when we move deep into the heart of our Christian story, remembering Jesus’ days in Jerusalem, the central meal shared with his friends, and his death and resurrection. The liturgies of that week are our attempt to “be there” for those holy moments; to live these stories as our own. Inside this newsletter you’ll find a description of all the worship services that invite us to be there, in Jerusalem and with all the family of God, in remembrance.

In a way, the work of Holy Week reminds me a little of the “Occupy” movement – a group of people stepping out of their own lives to live – eat, sleep, work and interact – in another place; a place that is about powerful truths and powerful change. As we move through the celebrations and ceremonies of Holy Week, I invite you to consider how you “occupy” the Christian story. How have you “moved in” to the places where God is present? When or how have you “been there,” day in and day out, for the experience of holiness? How can you “occupy” the gospel right now in your life?

This month, I invite you to move in to the stories of our faith, to be fully present, waking and sleeping, to the experience of power and change, and resurrection, as we remember how God occupied our world in Jesus Christ, and God’s desire to occupy our hearts, here and now.

Blessings,

Pastor Emily

CALVARY FAMILY NEWS

Please remember in your prayers those in our Calvary family and extended family on our ongoing prayer list:

For those in need of healing:

Calvary members: Dottie Cain, Wilma Champene, Bob Ingram, Helen Douglas, Mabel Brooks, Sally McClure, Ethel Samela, Frank Samela, Rocky Berrier, Judy Cherry

Families and Friends: Patricia (Carol Berrier's mother); Rick (friend of Carla Castle); Maggie Ganster (step-daughter of Dean Hacker); Megan Smith (cousin of Maureen Elliott); Starla (friend of Carla Castle); Leon (stroke, Elizabeth McPherson); Al Masco, Baby Abby, (brain tumor, friend of Carla Castle), Sally (sister of Bill Kendall), Kelly (daughter of Carol Halla), Mark (son-in-law Carol Halla); John (friend of Pastor Emily); Chase (cousin of Drew Nolan); Steve Lazanas (recovering from chemo); Kathy (daughter of Dottie Cain); Kelly (Tim Cortesi), Perry, Corey, Rob (Jan Bruesch); the Douglas family; Pat, David (Hocks), Fran (Pastor Emily's aunt); Barb (Grant Iannelli), Joyce (Dottie Cain); Roy, Brian (Marilyn Stein); Samantha (granddaughter of Samelas).

For healing from Cancer: Sherry (friend of Jensby family); (Nicholas (friend of Ada Carrasco); Alexa (teen with lung cancer, friend of Joey Vitti, and Carol Halla); Carol (Gwen O'Loughlin) John Willets; Mary (mother of Don Edyburn); Patsy (Tom and Hope Smith); Pete, David, Dyana (Cekal); Ellie (Vittis); Stan (Sari Chick), Terri (Coles); Tom (Gwen O'Loughlin); Tod (Grant Iannelli); Lucy (Dottie Cain)

For those in any need or trouble: Erik Rodriguez (friend of Annie Vitti & Kamaria Palmer); Ashley (Smith), Kathy Sue (Cain); Brittney (friend of Annie Vitti)

For those underemployed or unemployed: James Douglas (son of Helen), Brandon (Ruth Ann Pfohl); Bill (Cekals), Bill (Lamberis),

For those in the armed forces: Emily Skol, John Schroeder, (Morans); Michael Holley (grandson of Jack), Kyle Mahoney, Branden Samela, Thomas Richert (Tom & Hope Smith), Nathan Pfohl, Andrew Ziccardi (Mellott)

For expectant parents: Hope & Joe Serritella, Katie & Joe (Morans), Bob & Elizabeth Smith (Gladys & Tom), Kortney & Darnell Walker

For those doing missionary and service work: Michael Bruesch, teaching in Guatemala; Elizabeth Daubert (Pastor Emily's cousin), community health in South Africa; Megan (Jennifer Cepelcha's niece) teaching in China.

For those discerning God's will: Maureen Elliott (discerning a call to the priesthood.

WORSHIP

Changes in Holy Week

This year we're going to try a few new things during Holy Week, as we remember and celebrate the central stories of our Christian faith. We'll worship with a wider Christian community for two of our services, and make slight changes to another service to better fit our own community. I invite you to attend these services, and let me know what you think!

On **Maundy Thursday**, (April 5), at **7 pm** we celebrate The First Communion – we tell the story of the meal at which Jesus taught us to remember him in bread and wine, and we celebrate the children of our church who are claiming that story as their own by participating in our annual Communion Class. This year we will not offer the experience of foot washing during the service. The gospel story for Maundy Thursday tells us about how Jesus washed his disciples' feet to teach them about love and service. When we do the same at Calvary, it seems awkward for some, so this year we will try to focus only on the very First Communion and our children who will be sharing this with us. The service will be very family friendly!

After the Maundy Thursday service, we offer a **Vigil with the Reserved Sacrament**. Remembering Jesus' prayer in the garden the night before his death, and his question to the disciples, "Can you not stay awake with me one hour?" we invite you to spend 30 minutes or an hour in prayer in the quiet church. This year, **the church will only be open as long as there are two people signed up for each time slot**. We need to have signups complete by Palm Sunday, April 1.

On **Good Friday**, (April 6) at **noon**, we will have a quiet service of prayer and veneration of the cross, with communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

On **Good Friday**, (April 6) at **7 pm**, we will join our Christian neighbors at Maple and Main for a **Community Good Friday service at First Church** (155 S Main Street). As we remember the gift of Jesus' life, and watch with the disciples from the foot of the cross, it is an excellent time to pray together with our brothers and sisters in Christ across denominations. The service will be planned and led jointly by the pastors and musicians of Calvary, First Methodist and First Church.

On **Saturday** (April 7), **Easter begins at night**. This year, we'll have a Calvary field trip to the **8 pm Easter Vigil Service at St. James Cathedral** (65 East Huron Street; discounted garage parking is available at 33 W Ontario).

We will be **presenting Lauren Szady for Confirmation** at this service. This is also an opportunity to see one of the richest and most colorful worship services of our year done with all the resources of the Cathedral! If you are interested in carpooling from Calvary, please call or email the office. There will be no worship service at Calvary on Saturday.

Easter Sunday will be our traditional joyful celebration with an Easter Bonnet Parade (prizes for adults and children!) at the end of each service, and festive brass at the 10:15 service.

See you there!
Pastor Emily

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Lent is a busy time for Church School. The Rite 13 class is heading up our outreach project for Haiti. They have been collecting money for brick to rebuild the cathedral that was destroyed by an earthquake. I'm sure by Easter they will reach the goal!!!

The J2A class is busy with their fundraiser for their Urban Adventure trip. They are planning a dinner theater; "The Last Pirate of the Caribbean" promises to be a delight. They are also planning a Prairie Path clean up day on April 28th. Anyone interested in helping, please see any J2A member.

The First Communion class is busy with their studies. Thank you Pastor Emily and Susan Vitti for helping our youngsters through this class. The class will be presented at the Maundy Thursday service.

A special thank you to "the supply elf" that left a bunch of very cool supplies in the Church School. Your donation is very much appreciated. They came just in time for Valentines Day, so the 1-2 grades made some awesome cards for their Valentines!

Mark your calendars:

Easter April 8th, NO CHURCH SCHOOL
April 22nd, 3-4-5 grade Youth Sunday
May 5th, J2A--Feed the Children 4:30 pm
May 12th, Rite 13 Food Bank 1:30 pm
May 13th, NO CHURCH SCHOOL
June 3rd, Last Day of Church School

Thank you, Linda Szady,
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CHOIR/MUSIC NOTES

Calvary's Adult Choir rehearses from 9:00 to 10:00 am each Sunday morning in the choir loft.

YOU are invited to spend a few Sundays with us up in the choir loft to get the feel of things & maybe you'll get the urge to join us!

You'd be surprised at the amazing inspiration our choir promotes during the services!

FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR

BAGEL PICKUP SCHEDULE

April 1	John Morrice
April 8	Easter (No Bagels)
April 15	Marilyn Stein
April 22	Ruth Ann and Brian Pfohl
April 29	Katie & Greg Pardue

If you think of anyone in the parish who we can add to our committee please let me know! Sally McClure continues to be available to assist us!

Much thanks! Ross Kellan

Coffee Hour Cleanup

April 1	Szady
April 8	Easter (No Coffee Hour)
April 15	J Morris, M Stein
April 22	J Vitti, J Holley
April 29	Adamson

Many Thanks to all these Helpful People!!

John Morrice, Coordinator

OUTREACH

P A D S

Tues/Wed, April 24/25, 2012

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SATURDAY, April 28, 2012 10:00 am

Mary Hanahan, President

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ECM NEWS

Episcopal Church Men have been meeting at individuals houses. In lieu of that, we use Anyway's Grill in Villa Park as a backup. Come out and join us in fellowship.

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TREASURY NOTES



The meaning of life is that it ends. – Franz Kafka
Quote taken from *The Fiddler in the Subway* by
Gene Weingarten

I received Gene Weingarten's book as a Christmas gift from a dear friend who shares my love (sometimes considered an obsession by my family) for reading. I was very struck by this opening quote which has continued to resonate in my mind since reading it. This quote causes me to rethink everything I choose to spend my resources on. Time, finances, ambition, emotions, and possessions are all assets that determine my health both physical and spiritual. It has caused me to begin to purge the possessions from my home that I do not need. It has caused me to work towards paring down my monthly expenses, like that overspent on entertainment such as expanded cable television services. It has caused me to invest more time into exercise and preparing (and stocking) healthier foods. It has enhanced my commitment to giving to my church – Calvary, where I receive the support I need to grow in my faith.

Since participating in the "Jesus Was an Episcopalian" adult formation classes I have been able to examine my beliefs and how they parallel the philosophies of my adopted religion. As a recovering Roman Catholic, I have opened my mind to alternative views of other people and see their need for unconditional love. The kind of love Jesus taught. I believe this has been an excellent use of my resource of time. The short time we all have to share together as a church on earth.

Lent is good time to evaluate how we are using the resources God has gifted to us.

For the month of February, the following is the income versus expenses for maintaining our community home- the church:

Pledge income:	\$10,747.00
Plate offering:	\$ 2,391.00
Gift card income:	\$ 760.00
Total operating income:	\$13,898.00
Total operating expenses:	\$19,520.00
Deficit:	\$ (5,622.00)

Everyone has been provided a gift from God to share. It may be primarily financial or it could be a talent (such as shopping using Calvary gift cards). Life is short, take some time to decide what matters.

Nancy Moran co-Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CALVARY

In April and May there is so much going on at Calvary!

We have the **Health Fair** coming up in April and our **Family Outreach Service Project** in May (see below for details).

One note about our **J2A Dinner Theater** - we are changing the date of the performance. Please stay tuned for more information to follow. Rehearsals are underway and we will announce opening night soon!

For information on any events please contact Karen Dakis at 630-482-9564 or mrsdak2@comcast.net

Blessings to all, Karen

Calvary's Spring Community Health Fair will take place on Saturday, April 21st from 10 am to 1 pm. The following services will be available:

- Blood Pressure Check
- Heart/Lung Exam
- Spine and Joint Exam
- Foot Exam
- Finger Stick Cholesterol & Blood Glucose Tests provided by students at the National University of Health Sciences.
- Hearing Tests on the Lions Mobile Truck.
- Information on weight management and nutrition provided by a registered dietitian from Good Samaritan Hospital.
- Fall Prevention assessment & testing.
- SNAP (Food Stamp) information and application assistance from a Northern Illinois Food Bank representative.
- Prayer for healing of mind, body and spirit.

We are in need of volunteers to help welcome, sign people in and serve refreshments. If you are able to help please call Hester Bury 630-443-6910.

Family Outreach Service Project

Come and help sort and pack food at Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva. Saturday May 12th 1 - 4 pm Ages 8 and up. We have room for 40 people - please call Hester Bury to sign up.

VESTRY

April Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm

ALL are welcome to attend these meetings!

Notes from the Senior Warden

It's hard to believe it's already April and Holy Week is upon us. I hope your Lenten journey has been both introspective and informative. A big "Thanks!" goes out to all who led discussions, cooked soup and helped in other ways during Lent.

The Vestry held their annual retreat on March 16-17. We shared bread and laughs at dinner on Friday, then shared ideas on Saturday with our guest presenter, The Rev. Kara Wagner-Sherer from St. John's in Chicago.

Kara presented a list of 12 Keys which characterize the vitality of a parish. Through a consensus process we agreed to focus on three: Strong Leadership, Varied Relational Groups and High Visibility. We had identified the first two as strengths of the congregation, and visibility as an area that we can improve significantly. We then split into small groups to brainstorm on each feature, identifying our strengths and weaknesses and generating ideas for improvement.

The highlights and goals that were developed follow:

Leadership: We have excellent leadership within our church, but need to expand this outside our walls. We know many Calvarians are involved in community, business and governmental activities that might allow us to "get our name out" on a more frequent basis.

Goal: Identify where Calvarians are active and visible outside the church by May 2012. Provide T-Shirts or other ways to identify Calvarians who are visibly serving the community.

Relational Groups: While our parish has many varied small group activities available, we feel there is not enough guidance for people to find small groups and relationships that would be appropriate for their needs. Too much happens by accident.

Goal: Develop and implement an intentional system for invitation into small groups and relationships by January 2013.

Visibility: This is an area where we feel we have a lot of room for improvement. While we have several activities that increase our visibility in the community (Ashes to Go, PADS,

Health fair, Pet Blessing, etc.) we want to make sure Calvary is known for more than being "the church across from the library."

Goal: Create a team to develop and implement an intentional communication strategy by September 2012.

The Vestry will be reaching out for help and ideas to accomplish these goals. Contact Pastor Emily or any Vestry member if you'd like to assist.

Grant Iannelli

Vestry Meeting Notes for 3-13-12

Present: Grant Iannelli, Ross Kellan, Emily

Mellott, Sue Seger, Ethel Samela, Gwen

O'Loughlin, Lauren Szady

Absent: Ken Pardue, Karen Dakis, Brian Pfohl

Bible study: John 16:29-33

This was an informational meeting, as we did not have a quorum present.

Lauren Szady was present as a guest, as she is being confirmed later in April.

Donald Castle has resigned from the vestry, as he feels he is unable to commit the time needed. We will begin searching for a replacement to be appointed to fill Donald's term.

"Fierce Conversations" discussion: The Vestry felt like we learned a lot from this book.

Here are some of our reflections: Swapping "and" for "but" is a useful conversational technique. There is a difference between official truth (what is supposed to be happening) and ground truth (what is actually true). People want to hear the actual truth. There were several techniques for bringing people into a conversation listed in the book. We were encouraged in the book to "Interrogate Reality." We need to trust but verify reality. In day to day life, whose reality will we trust? Reality changes and we need to be able and willing to see different realities. We had a good look at reality with the survey last year, and reality is still changing. We as a vestry need to be listening to discussions, coffee hour and things that are said at Formation, and determine new ways to find the other groups that we don't hear from on a regular basis. Reading this book will provide good & effective tools to have good conversations within the vestry, and we will start using these tools to broaden and enliven other conversations.

Treasurer's report: Gwen - Check requests are not being filled out properly, and we won't accept them without them being filled out properly. We will be putting a reminder about this in the weekly e-news. It is exciting that we have money coming in from the gift card program!

Ministry Reports:

B&G, Brian: A new boiler has been installed in the Parish Hall. Many small repairs have been done, and replacing the carpet in the nursery is being investigated with several bids being considered. It was determined that May 19th would be the best Saturday in May for the Spring Cleanup Day.

Events, Karen: Many thanks go out to Jennifer Ceplecha and Jim Adamson for organizing the Valentine's Day dinner and White Elephant event. The next event is Bingo night which is already being promoted. The J2A Theater needs more time for rehearsal, and they are hoping to perform April 28.

Fellowship, Sue: Nothing new to report.

Finance, Gwen: Larry Curry has agreed to work on taking pictures of the church's fixed assets. Included in the Treasurer's report each quarter will be the book value of any stock Calvary holds.

Formation, Ethel: Church School - The Urban Adventure for the J2A class is planned and set to go, though finding a date for the J2A dinner theater is proving to be more complicated than originally expected. The J2A class will be doing the sermon on March 18th. The communion class is under way and the group will be presented at the Maundy Thursday service. The last day of Church School is June 3.

No one has stepped up to take on VBS. Also she has spoken with a few of last years' helpers and they will not be participating this year.

"Jesus is an Episcopalian" will continue through the end of April. Ethel and Pastor Emily are discussing what is next.

Stewardship, Ken: There was no report for Stewardship, though Ken and Emily will be getting together soon.

Old Business- Vestry Retreat on March 16 & 17. The Rev. Kara Wagner-Sherer from St. John's in Chicago will be discussing "Welcoming and Congregational Strengths."

New business- White Elephant auction was a lot of fun, but we wish that more people were there (21 people attended it).

Proposed Holy Week schedule:

Thursday, April 5, Maundy Thursday at 7 pm - celebrating communion class, but no foot washing this year. Pastor Emily felt that sacramental awkwardness instead of sacramental love was being communicated.

Friday, April 6- Quiet service here at noon, and community service at 7 pm with First United Methodist and First Church at First Church.

Saturday, April 7- Late night Easter Vigil- It was proposed that we go to the cathedral downtown because Lauren Szady will be presented for confirmation. The service is at 8 pm. There is potential to refresh what we do here by attending this service.

Sunday, April 8 - Same as last year - 8 and 10:15 with Easter bonnet parade

We will think about what to do next year based on reactions to this year.

Thank yous.

We blessed prayer blankets for Sherry (terminal brain cancer), and Dottie Cain (valve replacement heart surgery).

Meeting ended at 8:11 pm

*Respectfully submitted,
Linda Yeo
Administrative Assistant
Calvary Episcopal Church*

VESTRY THANK YOU'S
From the March 13th Vestry meeting:

- Frank Samela** for fixing the doors to the sanctuary!
- John Morrice**, who made the White Elephant auction extra fun by sending two representatives to bid against each other, and buy lots of treasures!
- Pastor Emily**, for making Calvary a warm and inviting work environment!
- Brian Pfohl**, for all of the work that he's done this month!
- Jim Adamson**, for organizing the white elephant event!
- Two of the Sunday School Classes- **Rite13** for taking on the Haiti "Block by Block" program, and **J2A** for having courage and commitment to write a sermon for Sunday morning!
- Patti Grobe**, for her continued drive on the gift cards. We have raised \$1,200 in the first 2 months of 2012!

		April 1 Palm Sunday	April 8 Easter Sunday	April 15	April 22	April 29
8 a.m.	Chalice	Carrasco Iannelli	Elliot Carrasco	Bradley O'Loughlin	Hitchin Carrasco	Carrasco Iannelli
	Lector	Bradley	Hitchin	M Davis	Carrasco	Iannelli
	Ushers	H Alberts T Cortesi	T Cortesi G Iannelli	H Alberts T. Cortesi	T. Cortesi K Moran	G Iannelli T Cortesi
10:15 a.m.	Prayers of the People	Audrey Iannelli	Sandy Hitchin	Audrey Iannelli	Sandy Hitchin	Audrey Iannelli
	Chalice	Morrice Seger	Davis Pfohl	J Horn Vitti	Elliot Nolan	Seger Zalisk
	Lector I/II	J Horn Davis	Hanahan Morris	Church Youth	Newlin Pfohl	G Pardue Balsitis
Ministries	Ushers	J Holley T Smith	J Morrice S Hitchin	Church Youth	J Morrice J Adamson	B Simmons S Hitchin
	Server	Phoebe Ceplecha	Annie Vitti Jacob Pardue	Branden Hentrich	Rachel Bonarek	Hannah Dakis
	Crucifer	Schuler Roberts	Joe Vitti Will Newlin	Ryan Hentrich	Austin Nolan	Paul Hanahan
	Prayers of the People	Rachel Bonarek	Jennifer Ceplecha	Church Youth	Vitti Family	Marilyn Stein
	Nursery	Vitti Panegasser	Ceplecha Pardue	Castle Pardue	Ceplecha Panegasser	Adamson Bury
	Sacristans	Sparrow Hitchin / Lazanas	Chick / Morris Halla	Simmons Carrasco / Bury	DeVaun / Cherry Samela	Sparrow Hitchin / Lazanas
	Linens	Sparrow	Morris	Honiotes	Stein	Sparrow
	Eucharistic Minister	Cain Stein	LeBlanc Seger	Zalisk Bruesch	Samela Kellan	Bury Morris

April Birthdays

4/1	Kyle Castle	4/8	Benjamin Dakis	4/15	Kevin Moran
4/3	Erin Kellan	4/9	Kara Glennon	4/16	Karen Bonarek
4/4	Steve Vella		Brian Pfohl	4/19	Ethan Kopecky
4/5	Lauren Szady	4/11	Tracy Gurdak Majoy	4/21	John Jaska
	Thomas Smith	4/13	Joseph Vitti	4/25	Kate Smith
4/6	Mike Font		Benjamin Petkus	4/28	Galina Zalisk
			Moira Lashmet	4/29	William Horn

April Anniversaries

4/1	Peter and Suzy Cekal Dibben
4/17	Frank and Susan Shrewsbury
4/28	Dennis and Patty LeBlanc
4/30	John and Kathleen Horn

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Palm Sunday 8 am HC 10:15 am HC	2	3	4 Lenten Study Calvary 10 am	5 Maundy Thursday HC 7 pm Vigil with Reserved Sacrament	6 Good Friday Prayers and Veneration of the Cross 12 Noon Community Worship at First Church 7 pm	7 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service at St. James Cathedral 8 pm
8 Easter Sunday 8 am HC 10:15 am HC Easter Bonnet Parade after each service No CS	9	10 Vestry 6:30 pm	11	12	13	14
15 8 am HC 10:15 am HC CrossRoads Deadline	16	17	18	19	20	21 Health Fair 10 am – 1 pm
22 8 am HC 10:15 am HC	23	24 PADS	25 PADS	26	27	28 DOK 10 am
29 8 am HC 10:15 am HC	30					

AA Meetings: Sundays 8:30p, Mondays 8p, Tuesdays 8:30p, Thursdays 8:30p
 Alanon Meeting: Thursdays 7:30p
 HC = Holy Communion, BS = Bible Study, CS = Church School, YG = Youth Group,
 DOK = Daughters of the King