

APRIL 2022

The Calvary Communicator



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*"I want to know Christ
and the power of his
resurrection."*

Philippians 3:10, NRSV



APRIL

Brat Sale 4-23



- April 10th Palm Sunday
Worship – 10:15 am
- April 14th Maundy Thursday
Soup Supper – 6:00 pm
Worship – 7:15 pm
- April 15th Good Friday
Worship at Messiah Lutheran Church
7:00 pm
- April 17th EASTER
Sunrise Service – 6:30 am
Followed by coffee hour
Worship Service – 10:15 am



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Our Mission Statement

**Empowered with God's Spirit, we worship by:
Opening our hearts to all.
Letting God's love, joy and peace in Jesus Christ
Shine through us**

Why CHRIST calls us to worship

Easter services are usually well attended, but what about other weeks? What draws you to worship on an "average" Sunday, and what might Jesus have in store for people in the pews?

Consider this from Pastor Charles Aaron: "Did we come to church this morning thinking it was a safe thing to do? Did we come with some expectation of receiving a blessing, a bit of comfort, but no real challenge? Did we think about the possibility that encountering Jesus would rearrange our lives, explode our priorities, cause us to give more than we ever expected? Did we think we could get a little something from Jesus, a dose of grace to help us through the week? Did we come for the fellowship, the music, the spiritual boost? No one can argue with those reasons."

He continues: "The risen Christ, however, may have had other plans for this worship service. Christ may want to come under our skins and transform us. Christ may see through us so that something we have well hidden comes to the surface. Christ may kick out from under us the things we use to prop ourselves up but that we don't really need. Are we ready for that? Did we bargain on that when we walked through the door today?"

___--from The Wired Word



**Pray for Peace
Keep the
Ukrainian People in your
prayers**

APRIL 2022 PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to fulfill your duty on the Sunday assigned to you, please trade weeks with someone.

APRIL	03	HU Tom Krumpen UG Dave Stevens	L Marlene Engstrom C Kathy Wolfe BF Barb Reynolds	S Kevin Coursey N Amber Coursey
	10	UG UG Kathy Wolfe	L Donna Noffsinger C Linda Stoddard BF Linda Stoddard	S Kevin Coursey N Kathy Wolfe
	17	HU Tom Krumpen UG Sarah Greenwood	L Marlene Engstrom C Bonnie Porps BF Barb Snyder	S Kevin Coursey N Amber Coursey
	24	HU Glen Carnahan UG Kathy Wolfe	L Tom Krumpen C Nancy Cayo BF Kathy Wolfe	S Kevin Coursey N Amber Coursey
MAY	01	HU Tom Krumpen UG Dave Stevens	L Marlene Engstrom C Kathy Wolfe BF Barb Reynolds	S N Amber Coursey



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PALM SUNDAY AS AN ADVENT

When a king came to town during Greco-roman times, citizens held an Adventus ceremony, which led to the word Advent. Liturgy specialist Chan Gyu Jang writes, “On an Advent-oriented Palm Sunday, we know not only that we face fierce opposition and ridicule in this world, but the salvation comes in the least expected, most unforeseen way; a baby born of a virgin and laid in a manger, a man from Nazareth riding on a donkey, a ‘King of the Jews’ crucified between thieves, an empty tomb, wind and fire, bread and wine, a trumpet call out of nowhere, yet heard in every ear.”

MAUNDY THURSDAY



The day before Good Friday is called Maundy Thursday. The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means “commandment.” In the gospel of John, Jesus makes this statement during the Last Supper: “I am with you only a little longer...I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:33-35)

Maundy Thursday should always be a time of sharing with others, showing loving concern for one another, and partaking of Holy Communion. That is what the Lord asked of his disciples and asks of us.

Why Friday is good

To participate in the sacrificial life and death of Jesus Christ is to live already in his kingdom. This is the essence of the Christian message, the heart of the Good News, and it is why the cross has become the chief Christian symbol.

A cross of all things—a guillotine, a gallows—but the cross at the same time as the crossroads of eternity and time, as the place where such a mighty heart was broken that the healing power of God himself could flow through it into a sick and broken world. It was for this reason that of all the possible words they could have used to describe the day of his death, the word they settled on was “good.” Good Friday.



OUR LEGACY TO OUR CHURCH

We all hope to leave a positive legacy. Have you considered leaving a legacy gift to Calvary, so that our church can continue to welcome, love, nurture, support, heal, and minister to God's people into the future? We would like our Christian values to be preached and taught for years to come. Planned giving options include:

- ~ Will bequests
- ~ Gifts of retirement assets
- ~ Gifts of life insurance
- ~ Gifts of real estate or land
- ~ Charitable gift annuities
- ~ Deferred gift annuities
- ~ Charitable remainders trusts

For a will bequest, this simple wording is sufficient:

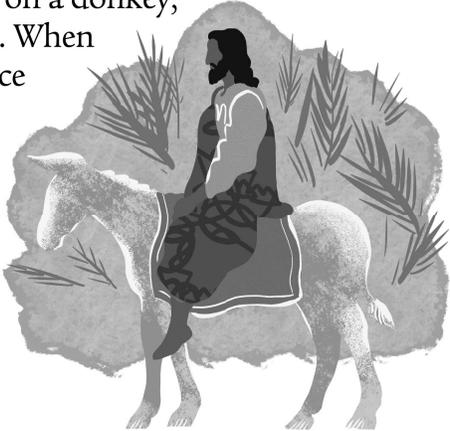
"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath the sum of \$ _____
(or, _____ percent of my estate) to Calvary United Church of Christ,
currently located at 1511 Wilmot Ave., Twin Lakes, WI 53181, Federal Tax
ID EIN# _____, for its general purposes." (See our church treasurer
Barb Reynolds for our Federal Tax ID EIN#.)

Thank you.

Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides



Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)

FROM OUR WILMOT FRIENDS at Wilmot Methodist Church



Our team C.U.R.E. will participate in Relay for Life at Wilmot High School on May 20 starting at 6 pm. We have had one very successful bake sale so far. We will have 2 more bake sales to raise money for the American Cancer Society. They will be on Saturday, April 23 and Saturday April 30, starting at 9 am. We could use more bakers!!! Sign up is available until Easter. Registration fee is \$25. Please contact Doris or Laura Carnahan if interested in joining our team. (doriscarnahan@hotmail.com or 262-496-2268).

For the month of April, we will be collecting jump ropes, balls, small cars, dolls and other small toys. Please place items in box marked "Operation Christmas Child" located in the Narthex.

PUZZLE

Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

- The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
- The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
- The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
- Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
- Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

- At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
- As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
- She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)

What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my Fat _ er and your Fa _ her, to _ y _ od and your God."
 Joh _ 20:17, NIV

DOWN 1. gardener; 3. earthquake; 6. Salome; "I am ascending to my Father and
 to my Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

Egg-cellent bouquet

Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.

Puzzle!

Using the code, complete this passage based on Ezekiel 34.

CODE

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

“As a _____ looks after his
 H S V K S V I W

_____ when _____ is
 H X Z G G V I V W U O L X P S V

_____ them, so will I _____ after my _____.
 D R G S O L L P H S V V K

I will _____ them and _____ them.
 I V H X F V K Z H G F I V

I will _____ for the _____ and bring back
 H V Z I X S O L H G

the _____ . I will _____ up the _____
 H G I Z B H Y R M W R M Q F I V W

and _____ the _____ . You are my
 H G I V M T G S V M D V Z P

_____ ... and I am your _____.”
 H S V V K T L W



Answer: shepherd, scattered, flock, he, with, look, sheep, rescue, pasture, search, lost, strays, bind, injured, strengthen, weak, sheep, God

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship 10:15 am Coffee Hour Following Worship					1	2
3 Worship Service Communion 10:15	4 Seniors 11am - 3 pm Batters Mtg. 6 pm	5	6	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday Worship 10:15	11 Batters Mtg. 6:30 pm	12	13	14 Maundy Thursday Soup Supper 6 pm Worship 7:15 pm	15 Good Friday Worship Service @ Messiah 7:00 pm	16
17 Sunrise Service 6:30 am Easter Worship 10:15 am	18 Seniors 11 am - 3 pm Batters Mtg. 6:00 pm	19	20 Blanket Bee 1:00 pm Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	21	22	23 Brat Sale @ Berkots 9 am - 2 pm Wilmot Bake Sale for Relay for Life
24 Worship Service 10:15	25 Batters Mtg. 6:30 pm	26		28	29	30 Wilmot Church Bake Sale @ Berkots 9 am for Relay for Life

AA meets
Sundays
@ 6:30 pm

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Thursdays
@ 6:30 pm

PANCAKE SUPPER

Thank you to our wonderful chefs for the delicious pancake supper and to all that worked the dinner; servers, dishwashers, ticket sales and all that donated baskets for the very successful raffle. Special thank you to Donna Noffsinger for providing the very festive decorations.

April Birthdays

Josh Greenwood 4-07
Linda Stoddard 4-09

Anniversaries

Chris & Jeff Myers 4/15



The 3rd Sunday of each month is FOOD PANTRY Sunday. Collection baskets are always in the Narthex. Please pick up extra items as you shop to donate. The pantry is always in need of cash donations; they can be sent directly to the Twin Lakes Food Pantry.

About Lent

“The purpose of Lent is to prepare the believer for Easter, through prayer, fasting, repentance of sins, almsgiving, simple living, and self-denial.” (Wikipedia)

In Lent, we ask ourselves, “How does my behavior these days stack up to my commitment to follow Jesus? Where do I do well? Where am I lacking? Where am I adequate? Where do I fall short? When do I boast, when I should be modest? When do I try to control, when I should let events run their course?”

During Lent, we humble ourselves before God, asking for forgiveness for our failings, and the spiritual strength to do better. We admit that we cannot save ourselves from ourselves. Only God’s grace and love can rescue us. During Lent we hope for renewal.

Day by day, for the six weeks of Lent, we follow Jesus, spiritually speaking, as he travels closer and closer to Jerusalem where he will die for us. His death cannot be avoided. He shows us how tough it is to be a Christian.

Lent is a period of time to live humbly and to appreciate the simple life that Jesus lived and then gave up, for our sake.

- Interim Pastor Steve



PASCHAL CANDLE—This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.

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