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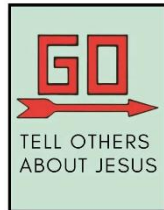
Upcoming Events

April 5th – 7AM Easter service
& Potluck breakfast after -
10AM Easter service

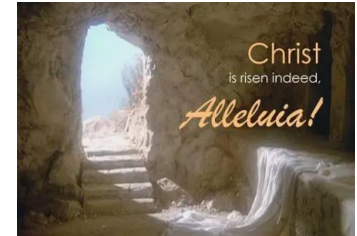
April 7th @ 10AM Mornings
with Mommy “Fun with Food”

April 19th Friendship Circle
Event @ 4PM

Go and Tell!!



“Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples...” Mark 16:6



In the month of April, we celebrate Holy Week and the greatest celebration of all – Easter! During that first Easter, the angels told the women who came to the tomb, “Go, tell his disciples.” Soon, within that very hour, the women would do that very thing. They would be speaking the words we ourselves are still speaking today, “Christ is risen!”

The angels’ words, “Go tell his disciples,” are as appropriate for us now as they ever have been and ever will be. As a congregation we “go and tell” every time we gather together for worship. We hear the words of Christ’s resurrection in our sermons, our hymns, our readings and our liturgies. We literally see the resurrection of the living Jesus as he still comes to us physically with his living sacrifice in the Lord’s Supper.

As a congregation, we also offer a Sunday School program. We don’t have Sunday School classes on Sunday because we like to give the kids something to do during Adult Bible Class. We have Sunday School so we can “go and tell” the children about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and all he has done for them. In a world that is growing increasingly opposed towards Christianity and Jesus, our Sunday School is a shining light showing these children that Jesus died and rose again for them, loves them, and is still coming to them.

As a baptized Christian, you have been given Jesus’ death and his resurrection (Romans 6). Now, “go and tell” yourself this every single day of your life. Remind yourself every single day what it is Jesus Christ has done for you so that you may be comforted and also able to share that good news with people in your family, your friends, coworkers and neighbors.

May we as a congregation always be a place, and a people, who “go and tell” the wonderful deeds of our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us to destroy our sin and rose from the dead to bring each of us everlasting life.

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Happy Easter!



Pastor Martin Spaude



Our "Easter and Eggs- Jesus is Risen!" session was so egg-citing! The children enjoyed creating their egg sticker craft and painting crosses with watercolor in the arts and crafts center. During circle time, everyone danced and sang along to the "Jesus is Alive" song with their egg shaped shakers. The children had an egg-cellent time hunting for giant action eggs spread throughout the room for our gross motor skills activity, matching the egg shape and color sorter toys in the fine motor skills center and playing in the Easter grass and Easter egg & foam cross and cotton ball filled sensory bins. Our resurrection eggs along with our book during story-time helped retell the victorious story of Easter, how our Savior died on the cross for our sins on Good Friday and rose from the dead on Easter morning!

Our next session, "Fun with Food" will be on Tuesday, April 7th at 10AM. Your continued prayers and assistance with this amazing and ever-growing program are always welcome and appreciated. If you would like to help with our program, please speak with Bridget Spaude.



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Calvary's Mission Statement

As members of this congregation, our constant aim is to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with all people based on the inspired, infallible Holy Scriptures and to exemplify our faith through Christian living commissioned by our Savior.



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Worship: 6PM Saturday/9AM Sunday

April Worship

Use this Schedule to Prepare Yourself

April 2

Maundy Thursday

Theme: Jesus instituted Holy Communion to forgive, strengthen and reassure us to face the difficulties of this world.

Hymns: Blue: 416, 418 vs. 1-3, 418 vs. 4-6, 677, 669 vs. 1-2, 669 vs. 3

Red: 717, ---, ---, 135, ---, ---

April 3

Good Friday

Theme: To save us, our God had to die for us to pay for our sins.

Hymns: Blue: 430, 433, ---, ---, ---, 423 436 (verses broken up for each of the seven words from the cross)

Red: 127, 140, 137 vs. 1, 137 vs. 2, 137 vs. 3-5, ---, ---

April 5

Easter

Theme: Our Savior is the light of the world, and we reflect his light onto everyone around us.

Hymns: Blue: 465 vs. 1-4, 441 vs. 1-3 & 5, 451, 445, 675 vs. 1 & 5-8, 441 vs. 1, 4 & 6-8, 438, 449

Red: 149 vs. 1-4, 152 vs. 1-3 & 5, ---, 143, 141 vs. 1 & 5-8, 152 vs. 1, 4 & 6-8, 157, 160

April 11 & 12

Easter 2

Theme: Jesus' resurrection proves he is our Savior and his sacrifice for our sins was accepted by his Heavenly Father.

Liturgy: Service of the Word

Psalm 16

Lessons: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Hymns: Blue: 452, 456 vs. 1-5, 456 vs. 6-9, 464

Red: 148, 165 vs. 1-5, 165 vs. 6-9, 158

April 18 & 19

Easter 3

Theme: Because Jesus lives our lives are never helpless. Jesus lives to restore our hope.

Liturgy: The Common Service with Communion

Psalm 116

Lessons: Acts 2:14a, 32-41; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Hymns: Blue: 455, 459, 461, 458

Red: 152, 155, 144

April 25 & 26

Easter 4

Theme: Jesus is our Good Shepherd; we are his little lambs.

Liturgy: Service of the Word

Psalm 23

Lessons: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Hymns: Blue: 551, 552, 553, 555

Red: 436, 375, ---, 360



Maundy Thursday April 2nd at 7PM: Join us as we commemorate Jesus instituting the Lord's Supper on that Thursday of Holy Week.

Good Friday Tenebrae services April 3rd at 1PM & 7 PM: In these Tenebrae services (service of darkness) we focus on the seven words Jesus spoke from the cross. At the ninth hour (3 PM) Jesus breathed his last and died.

Saturday, April 4th -- no regular Saturday night worship.

Easter Song Services April 5th at 7AM & 10 AM.: Early Sunday morning, several women went to the tomb and discovered that the large stone covering the entrance had been rolled away. An angel announced that Jesus had risen from the death. We gather together on Easter to commemorate this event knowing that because Jesus lives, so we live eternally.

Easter Breakfast: Between the two Easter services there will be a potluck Easter breakfast. A sign-up sheet for this is on the back counter at church.



Easter Lilies

There is a sign-up for Easter Lilies on the back counter in the Narthex. The cost is \$10 each. These lilies can be taken home after the 10AM Easter Sunday service.



An updated church member directory will be distributed soon. If you have a new address, phone, email and/or need a picture added please email Randi at office@calvarychandler.net or text at 602-317-7435. Pictures can also be taken at church between the two Easter services.

April Worship

Our worship services in April will follow this pattern:

April 2: Maundy Thursday
April 3: Good Friday
April 5: Easter
April 11 & 12: Easter 2
April 18 & 19: Easter 3
April 25 & 26: Easter 4

The Lord's Supper
It Is Finished
He lives to take me from death to life
He lives to give me proof and peace
He lives to restore my hope
He lives to be my Good Shepherd

Friendship Circle FAMILY Event:

Mark your calendars, **ALL ARE INVITED**, for Sunday, April 19th at 4PM at Calvary for a Friendship Circle Family Event! There will be cornhole games and making your own pizza! Dough, sauce and cheese will be provided. A sign-up sheet for toppings is on the back counter of the entryway to church.

Any questions, please speak to Debbie Spaude.



The Calvary Columbarium

Calvary Lutheran Church of Chandler, Arizona, has a columbarium on its property for the use of its members and their families. The columbarium offers an economically feasible way to handle the final resting place needs of its members.

The columbarium contains small compartments or "niches" to hold the cremated remains of loved ones. Our columbarium has single niches (which can contain one cinerary urn) and double niches (which can contain two cinerary urns.) Single niches cost \$1,250 and double niches cost \$1,500.

Included in the cost are a brass urn and a granite face plate engraved with the name of the deceased. Payment plans are available. There are funeral arrangement packets in the literature racks above the back counter in the church entryway that contain columbarium order forms. For more information, talk with Pastor Spaude.



Stewardship Tools

Why do I need to give offerings?

- *Proverbs 3:28 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops. Then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will brim over with new wine.*
- *Psalms 116:17-19 I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord.*
- *James 2:17 Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

First off, you don't *need* to give anything to God. On the one hand, he's God, and so he *needs* nothing. On the other hand, you're his child justified by the blood of Christ, and so you don't *need* to do anything to be loved by him. Rather, giving offerings to your congregation is a fruit of faith: it's what Christians naturally do. We *want* to give glory to God through our offerings to show our trust in him and belief that it all comes from him, and we *want* to support the gospel ministry in our community and throughout the world. It's an important way God expects us to say, "thank you," "I want to serve you," and, "I trust you."

Exactly How much should I give?

- *2 Corinthians 9:7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*
- *1 Corinthians 16:2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.*
- *Proverbs 3:9 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.*
- *2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.*
- *Malachi 3:10 "Test me..." says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."*

In the Old Testament, the Israelites were commanded to tithe, that is, give ten percent of all their income to the Lord. God does not give New Testament Christians a similar specific direction. Instead, the New Testament approaches giving to the church almost entirely from gospel motivation. Seeing what Jesus has done for us, we will simply want to give as much as possible back to our Lord. After all, he's given us eternal life; what's a fitting response to that?

Yet, although specific amounts are not spelled out, we can deduce principles of giving for the New Testament Christian:

1. God desires we give *generously* in *proportion* to our material blessings.
2. God desires our giving is *regular* and *planned*, not a last-minute response.
3. God desires we give *first fruits*, not leftovers. Decide first how much you will give to God, *then* plan the rest of our budget and lifestyle. If you do this, God promises to take care of you.

And note this is just one aspect of our lives of stewardship. God expects us to not only give a proportion of our *treasures*, but also a proportion of our *time* and *talents*. The principles above apply just as much to these gifts from God as it does to money.

From Calvary's Stewardship Committee

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

Sunday Adult Bible Study: Dragons, angels, talking frogs, locusts with scorpion tails, seven-headed monsters, a woman with wings. Oh my. What is this? Characters from the latest sci-fi film? No. They are details from a 2,000-year-old vision the Apostle John received on the Greek island of Patmos. This vision is recorded in the last book of the Bible: *Revelation*. Join our Sunday morning Bible Class for a multi-media Bible study of this fascinating New Testament book. Revelation: Get Pumped for the End.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class

We will be studying **My Life for the Kingdom: The Story of Joseph**. Part of the story of Joseph and his brothers is perhaps one of the more famous biblical accounts, popularized today by the successful Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical. In *My Life for the Kingdom: The Story of Joseph*, the biblical account of Joseph in Genesis showcases how God's grace, revealed in his promises and their fulfillment, was ever-present for Joseph and his family. Through these lessons, students will be encouraged to trust in God in difficult circumstances and motivated to dedicate their lives to the welfare of God's kingdom. Also included is a timeline of Joseph's life to help the participant visualize the relationship between the events recorded in the scriptures. The Wednesday night Bible Classes will begin On Wednesday, April 15th at 7PM.

Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO): Christian education is important. Helping our children to grow in their faith in their Savior Jesus is vital for their eternal welfare. Providing an education in a Christian environment where they can learn math, science, history, and all subjects, through the lens of God's Word will prepare them for living productive, Christ-centered lives in this world.

We are blessed to have Pilgrim Lutheran School in Mesa and Emmanuel Lutheran School in Tempe to help with the Christian education of our children. To help with the cost of this Christian education, Arizona's Private School Tax Credit Program is incredibly important. Through this program, you can support Christian education. You can participate in the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Arizona state taxes. We have some member children who attend Pilgrim Lutheran School that you can recommend for a scholarship with your tax credit donation to ACSTO. We are featuring especially Jenna Traudt. The other Traudt children attending Pilgrim are Micah, Aaron and Grace. You can give using one of the forms at church or online at: ACSTO.org.

**The April Voters' Meeting will take place on
Sunday, April 26th
after the service.**



April Birthdays

Janice Taynor	April 1
Katy Abbe	April 5
Geri Bacon	April 10
Sandy Warskow	April 10
Roland Grimm	April 10
Nathaniel Warskow	April 11
John Durham	April 11
Rachel Traudt	April 11
Scott Abbe	April 13
Cammielle Wiley	April 13
Jackie Corry	April 16
Geraldine Kominska	April 17
Michelle Zorn	April 18
Meaghan Warskow	April 18
David Gannon	April 19
Gerald Brueser	April 22
Jacob Warskow	April 22
Maverick Holguin	April 23
Gregg Baker	April 25
Jason Woodring	April 26
Kaden Lowry	April 27
Carol Myers	April 27
Todd Bahnsen	April 30
Amy Burger	April 30
Rodney Rasmussen	April 30
Hazel Sell	April 30



If your birthday is not listed, please email the office manager, Randi, at office@calvaryhandler.net so your records can be updated.

April

1	1 Samuel 4-7
2	1 Samuel 8-11
3	1 Samuel 12-14
4	1 Samuel 15-16
5	1 Samuel 17-18
6	1 Samuel 19-21
7	1 Samuel 22-24
8	1 Samuel 25-27
9	1 Samuel 28-31
10	2 Samuel 1-2
11	2 Samuel 3-5
12	2 Samuel 6-9
13	2 Samuel 10-12
14	2 Samuel 13-14
15	2 Samuel 15-16
16	2 Samuel 17-18
17	2 Samuel 19-20
18	2 Samuel 21-22
19	2 Samuel 23-24
20	1 Kings 1-2
21	1 Kings 3-4
22	1 Kings 5-7
23	1 Kings 8
24	1 Kings 9-11
25	1 Kings 12-13
26	1 Kings 14-15
27	1 Kings 16-18
28	1 Kings 19-20
29	1 Kings 21-22
30	2 Kings 1-3

If you would like to submit information for the monthly Courier, please email it to Randi at office@calvaryhandler.net by the 15th month. Thank you.