From Pastor Jonathan:

Easter. The day we, as believers, celebrate Jesus conquering over all. He proved His deity by raising up from the dead, setting those who trust in Him free from eternal death.

As believers, we can look at the resurrection of Jesus as the very foundation that gives us hope. Hope in the storms, hope in the trials, hope in this life. Paul says that if Jesus was not raised, we are, of all people, most to be pitied. Our rejoicing though is that our Lord is not dead. He is alive! He sits at the right hand of the Father and directs and controls everything in His mercy and grace.

What does His resurrection mean for us? Right now, in this moment in time, there is much fear. Spurred on by rhetoric of politicians and media, we see how our world has dissolved into a departure of common decorum and behavior.

What does Jesus’ death mean for us? He said that we are not to be afraid. He told us that we could cast our cares upon Him. He told us He would never leave us or forsake us. He told us that He was the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Have we fallen into a trap of fear? Please know that Jesus did not just die and rise up to simply give us a story to tell. Fear, while serving a good and true purpose, can also be twisted to make us react uncharacteristically in our actions and attitudes, as seen in the world. Perfect love, God’s love, casts out all fear. He says He has not given us a spirit of fear but of love, power and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). What a promise from God! When we read the writings of the Puritans, they put such high and noble thoughts to the promises of God because that was what sustained them in their time of trials, persecutions, and eventual dispersion around the world. Jesus loves you! His love will cast out your fear.

How do we respond? First, we cast our fears on God. Easy to say, hard to do. But we can! Then we, while not ignoring facts and having personal responsibility, weigh the truth against the promises of God’s Word and the evidences of His power. Third, we weigh in the balance of what we have seen before to what is going on now. Lastly, we commit ourselves to our Father in Heaven that He knows best. This is nothing we can do on our own.

When the storms rage around us, He is our Rock. When the winds of deceit howl, He is our Shelter. When the attacks of Satan grow and seem to envelop us, He is our Fortress. We can rest in Him and trust Him in everything.

Death was swallowed up in victory. Our fear has been calmed by the Lamb and Our Lord and Savior is still in control. We can rest on that and in that truth. We, who are believers in Christ, are more than conquerors. We will never face defeat. God, our Master, has already declared the victory and while the battle may rage on, the victory is sure and we can know that at the trumpet sound, we will see our victory secured and full. We have no reason to hide or to cower. We have no reason to spurn the truth of God’s Word for the folly of man. We can and will stand victorious in the Lord’s Salvation.

“I will lift up my eyes to the hills – From whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, Who made the heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.” - Psalm 121:1-3. Look at those words. WE WILL NOT BE MOVED! He is our Lord! He is the same yesterday, today and forever! The grave could not hold Him, death could not keep him and our sin did not stop Him. He arose and with Him, we will all raise up to life! When we celebrate Easter, let us glory in our LIVING God! We do not worship a dead God but a God who is and forever will be the Author and Finisher of our faith and the Almighty God who is our Creator, Master, Lord, Father.

Amen and Amen!

Jonathan
Highlights of the Calvary Church Calendar April 2020 and May 2020

April 2020
05 Palm Sunday
CCAP Food Sunday
10 Good Friday
Good Friday Service – Online
12 Easter Sunday
Easter Drive-In Worship – 11 AM
13 Church Offices Closed
22 Ministerial – 6:30 PM – Virtual
26 Congregational Business Meeting – Postponed

May 2020
03 CCAP Food Sunday
12 Witness Committee – 1 PM
13 Church Board – 7 PM
23 Ladies Appreciation Tea – 3 PM
25 Memorial Day – Offices Closed
27 Ministerial – 6:30 PM

All services, activities and meetings are subject to change. Every effort will be made to announce any changes.

The April 2020 calendar will not be printed this month, as everything is cancelled.

Daily Bible Reading
APRIL 2020

01 Deuteronomy 23-24
Psalm 91
Acts 15
02 Deuteronomy 25-27
Psalm 92
Acts 16
03 Deuteronomy 28-29
Psalm 93
Acts 17
04 Deuteronomy 30-31
Psalm 94
Acts 18
05 Deuteronomy 32
Psalm 95
Acts 19
06 Deuteronomy 33-34
Psalm 96
Acts 20
07 Joshua 1-2
Psalm 97
Acts 21
08 Joshua 3-4
Psalm 98
Acts 22
09 Joshua 5-6
Psalm 99
Acts 23
10 Joshua 7-8
Psalm 100
Acts 24-25
11 Joshua 9-10
Psalm 101
Acts 26
12 Joshua 11-12
Psalm 102
Acts 27
13 Joshua 13-14
Psalm 103
Acts 28
14 Joshua 15-16
Psalm 104
Romans 1-2
15 Joshua 17-18
Psalm 105
Romans 3-4
16 Joshua 19-20
Psalm 106
Romans 5-6
17 Joshua 21-22
Psalm 107
Romans 7-8
18 Joshua 23-24
Psalm 108
Romans 9-10
19 Judges 1-2
Psalm 109
Romans 11-12
20 Judges 3-4
Psalm 110
Romans 13-14
21 Judges 5-6
Psalm 111
Romans 15-16
22 Judges 7-8
Psalm 112
1 Corinthians 1-2
23 Psalms 113
1 Corinthians 3-4
24 Judges 10-11
Psalm 114
1 Corinthians 5-6
25 Judges 12-13
Psalm 115
1 Corinthians 7
26 Judges 14-15
Psalm 116
1 Corinthians 8-9
27 Judges 16-17
Psalm 117
1 Corinthians 10
28 Judges 18-19
Psalm 118
1 Corinthians 11
29 Judges 20-21
Psalm 119:1-88
1 Corinthians 12
30 Ruth 1-4
Psalm 119:89-176
1 Corinthians 13
We wish each of you a blessed birthday!

Notes of Appreciation

Dear Calvary Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the prayers, love, support, and meals over the last several months. We are so thankful for such a loving and caring congregation. We appreciate each and every one of you.
Blessings,
Jon, Ami, Renee and Elijah

Dear Church Family,
My "hip vacay" is almost to an end. These last several months were difficult following my unexpected broken hip surgery on January 30th. However, you made this time so much better. The visits, cards, flowers, phone calls, food and shopping while I was homebound is so appreciated. Lastly, a BIG thank you to my friends who took me to doctors' appointments. Calvary people are exceptional caring friends! I am blessed!!
Carly Bauserman

Love in Action
To my friends at Calvary,
I will be eternally grateful for the love shown to me and my family, during my stay in the hospital, for the prayers, phone calls, visits, cards and good food. Thank you each one and God bless you all,
Loretta Williams

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Carly Bauserman

Deaths
The church family grieves with Janice and Ronnie Wise for the loss of Janice’s mother, Glenna Jean Malick Linton, who died Monday, 3/09. Services were held on Friday, 3/13, in Martinsburg, WV. She worshipped with Janice and Ronnie at Calvary for the past few years when she was able. Glenna’s brother, Ron Malick, preceded her in death. We pray that God will comfort and strengthen Janice, Ronnie, Tommie Anne and the entire family during this time of loss.

The church also grieves with Bill Renkenberger for the loss of his sister, Mary Renkenberger Closz, who died on Monday, 2/24 in Muskegon, MI. Mary and her husband, Bill, were passionate advocates of adoption and foster care. In addition to their four biological children, they adopted 14 other children and fostered dozens more. We pray that the Lord will grant peace and comfort Bill and the entire Closz/Renkenberger family during this time of loss and encourage the family to continue the legacy love left behind by Mary and Bill Closz.
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the Coronavirus crisis, the church board executive committee unanimously agreed on Friday, 4/03, to suspend church services at the recommendation of the worship committee.

There will not be public church services at Calvary through Wednesday, 6/10, due to the proclamation from Virginia Governor Northam. The worship committee and the executive board will re-evaluate resuming services closer to June 10th.

In light of no public services, the worship committee and the pastoral team will be recording a worship service with music and a sermon. The service will be available for viewing first thing on Sunday mornings.

Please stay safe and healthy! As the church family navigates this crisis, let us put our faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is our only hope! With His love, protection and grace, we will get through this together!

A TIME OF PRAYER – Please join the Korean Church at 9 PM every evening for a time of corporate prayer to seek the Lord during this time of uncertainty.

BULLETINS – A bulletin will be available via email and will be posted on the church’s website. Paper copies will be available to be mailed per request. The newsletter will also be shared through email and mail.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS – As of Monday, 3/16, hospital visitations for clergy have been severely limited to emergencies only. Routine clergy visits have been suspended indefinitely. If you would like Pastor Jonathan or Pastor Charlie to pray with you before surgery, please call to schedule a time for them to come pray with you in your home, here at church or another location. Please continue to let the church office know if someone is in the hospital or the emergency room. Arrangements will be made for phone calls or emergency room visits if allowed. Please see the notices posted on the church office door or see the pastors with any questions.

LOVE FEAST has been postponed. More information will be shared when it is available.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The church office will be open as much as we are able to be. If you would like to mail your tithe/offering you may do so. If you would rather stop by the church to drop it off, please call first to be certain the office is open.

There is a new option!! We now have online giving through Tithe.ly!!

Go to www.calvarycob.org and click on the ONLINE DONATION tab at the top right of the page and then click on the black online donation button and follow the prompts. Carmen has already used the online option and it is easy!

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

AJ Taylor, Chair
The Spring Work Day scheduled for Saturday, 4/04, was been cancelled. Another date will be rescheduled soon. The April and May meetings have been cancelled, as well. If any business comes up, AJ Taylor will contact the committee members via a conference call.

THE CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS

meeting scheduled for Sunday, 4/26, has been postponed. An announcement will be made when the meeting has been rescheduled.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

April’s Schedule:

Sunday, 4/05 – No meeting.
Saturday, 4/11 – No meeting.
Friday, 4/24 – No meeting.

Friday Night Cottage Prayer Meeting - In accordance with Calvary’s cancellation decisions, Kristina Koranek has also decided to cancel the Friday Cottage Prayer Meeting scheduled for Friday, 4/24, in her home. However, she would love to provide you with a copy of the March and April topics/lessons through email or regular mail. If you would like to be sent the topics/lessons through one of these avenues, please reply to the church office and Kristina with the method that you would prefer. She will be getting those ready to disperse soon. Kristina will re-evaluate the 5/22, Friday Cottage Prayer Meeting date at a later time.

Please contact any of the leaders with questions.
CCAP NEWS
The CCAP Easter basket drive was cancelled. They were able to give away a number of baskets that they had supplies for at that time. Also, CCAP has closed its doors during this pandemic. There was no way to keep their patrons and their volunteers safe. Please keep CCAP and their patrons in your prayers.

CRAFTY HANDS
Sherry Miller, Coordinator
In an abundance of caution, Crafty Hands will not meet during the months of April and May due to the Coronavirus crisis. As the situation improves, a decision will be made regarding June’s meeting closer to the end of May. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Miller.

EASTER MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS DONATIONS TO CCAP AND THE HELPING HAND FUND have been EXTENDED through Sunday, 6/28 and will be recognized for the Independence Day holiday on Sunday, 7/05. Please remember your donations may be sent now and will be used to help hurting people during this health crisis. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time.

THE MONDAY NIGHT LAY SHEPHERD
Bible Study has been cancelled for the rest of the semester. The group will resume their study in September. Please contact Betty Keller with any questions.

FEED THE HUNGRY
Mary Haines, Coordinator
Feed the Hungry is not serving meals at this time. The church Feed the Hungry was using, The Church of the Good Shepherd, has suspended all meetings and functions until Thursday, 4/23. Please keep the ministry and their patrons in your prayers.

Urgent Items Needed:
- Sheets – gently used/new/full size
- Towels – gently used or new
- All types of toiletries
- Paper towels
- Napkins

For other specific items needed, please contact Mary Haines before donating.

We are always in need of people who would like to help with set-up on Mondays. If you are interested, please contact Mary Haines at 540-686-0878

JUST BECAUSE We Care
Bill and Ginny Itterly, Coordinators and Maria Anderson, Moderator
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget none of His benefits;
Who pardons all your iniquities;
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from the pit;
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;
Who satisfies your years with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle. Psalm 103:2 – 3

All meetings have been cancelled until further notice. The meetings will resume when it is safe to gather again. Keep an eye out for announcements.

We look forward sharing with you praising the Lord again soon!

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE EVENTS FOR 2020
May 23 – Ladies Tea Party @ 3 PM
June 7 – Senior Recognition Luncheon @ 12 PM
June 20 – Free Movie Night – Double Feature with Meal Break @ 3 PM
July – Date to be Determined – VBS/Summer Picnic
August 8 – Water Party/Ice Cream Social/Outdoor Cornhole Tournament with Light Meal @ 4 PM
September 12 – Silly Supper @ 5 PM
October 11 – Carry-In Pastor Appreciation Luncheon @ 12 PM
October 17 – Indoor Cornhole Tournament, Chili Challenge and Harvest Party @ 5 PM
November 6-7 Christmas Bazaar
November 14 – Fall Family Night @ 5 PM
December 20 – Children’s Christmas Program @ 11 AM

SENIOR CHOIR rehearsals have been suspended through Thursday, June 4th. After it is safe to meet, Maria plans to gather the choir to discuss a schedule for the rest of the summer or begin again in September. The cantata performance may be rescheduled for another time.

WOMEN OF THE WORD will not meet until further notice. Please contact Joyce Ruffner with any questions.
From our Parish Nurse, Janice Randolph
How to Protect Yourself & Others from COVID-19

Know How it Spreads
There is currently no vaccine to prevent corona virus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Everyone Should:
Clean your hands often
Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home as much as possible.
- Put distance between yourself and other people.

Cover coughs and sneezes
- If you are in a private setting and do not have on your cloth face covering, remember to always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others
- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

Clean and disinfect
- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, counter tops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

To disinfect: Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface.
Options include:
- Diluting your household bleach. To make a bleach solution, mix:
  - 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water OR
  - 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water
Follow manufacturer’s instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against corona viruses when properly diluted.
- Alcohol solutions: Ensure solution has at least 70% alcohol.
- Other common EPA-registered household disinfectants. Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens pdf icon[7 pages]external icon claims are expected to be effective against COVID-19 based on data for harder to kill viruses. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).

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