

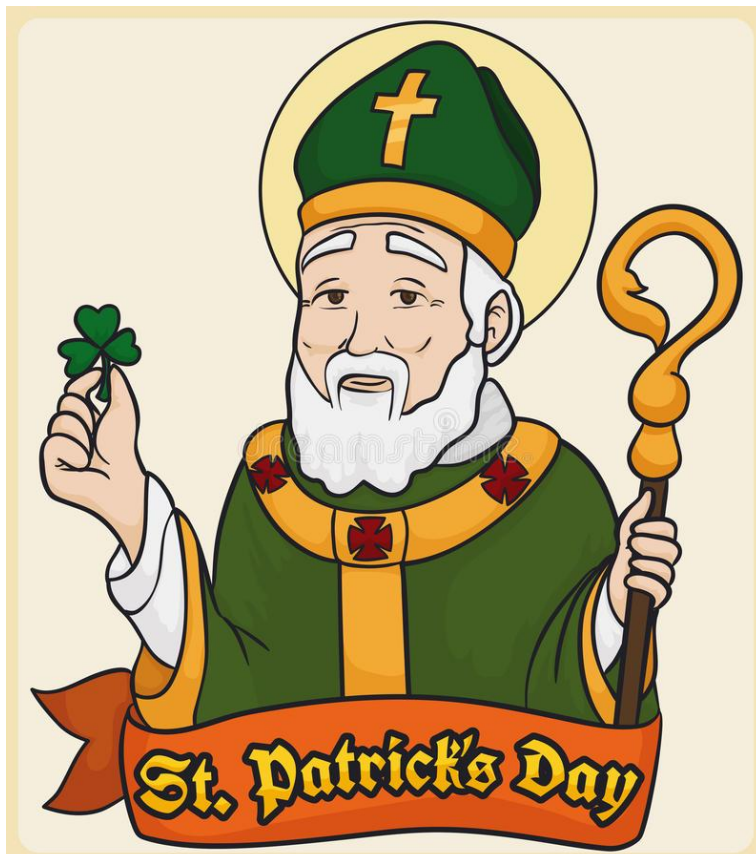
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MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ,

Drive through any town and you'll see signs that say, "NOW HIRING! APPLY WITHIN!" My first response typically is, "Already got a job, thanks!" The truth is that in addition to the ministry work I do within the Church, I also have another job that is of longer duration and much wider scope. It's the job of stewardship and it comes with being whose I am. And it's a job I share with each one of you.

I say it's a job of long duration because being a "steward" or "manager" was a task first given at the time of creation. Genesis 1:26 states that God created humankind in God's own image and with their creation, gave them the role of oversight of all that God had already created: earth and sky, land and sea, plants and animals. Some versions of the Bible translate the idea of management with the word "dominion." Martin Luther, who taught these verses way back in 1535, points out that this is a dominion without "weapons or walls" as neither yet existed! It was more that all creation was intertwined or on the same page and the role of human stewardship was/is to maintain God's order of things. That's where the wide scope of this work comes into play; God gifted creation with abundance so that *none* would lack. From that perspective, stewardship is a simple matter of careful maintenance and just distribution. It seems like that might have been a doable task within the borders of that first garden. But by the time we get to the third chapter of Genesis and fall prey to sin, care and justice starts to go awry. Dressing themselves in fig leaves, our first parents symbolize that they had learned to keep things to themselves and put their own needs and desires foremost.

Yet, God continues to gift creation and continues to ask us to do the task of stewarding those gifts. It's like God has a vision for how this world can yet be what was intended in the beginning. Starting this month, Calvary and Christ congregations will take a closer look at the various gifts of God; we'll be including the spiritual gifts of Baptism, Holy Communion, worship, and community, as well as treasures of a material nature. And, we'll ask ourselves a question framed in very Lutheran terms: *What does this mean to me?* I think we'll find that our answers are all part of God's plan for his creation...and each of us.

Serving with you in God's grace,
SAM Jeannine



HUNGER PROGRAM

Your donations to the Hunger Program will be greatly appreciated especially during this time. We are helping St. John's Lutheran in Stony Ridge and St. Paul Episcopal Church in Oregon with this endeavor. St. Paul needs all items for their food pantry. Also, St. Paul is appealing for cash and help. If you would like to drop off donations at the church, please call the office to arrange a time. Thank you!

CALVARY IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA, CALVARY HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE CALVARYLUTHERANNORTHWOOD AND ON TWITTER AT CALVARYLC. OUR WEBPAGE IS CALVARYNORTHWOOD.COM. FROM THE WEBPAGE YOU CAN SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWSLETTERS AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICES VIA EMAIL.

Morning Coffee

Join Pastor Bob daily
Monday thru Friday at 10:30
a.m. on Facebook.



For those who might be having trouble hearing our livestream.

For Window users: The following steps are only necessary if you're having trouble adjusting or hearing your computer's audio.

1. Open Start. To do so:

Click the Windows logo in the bottom-left corner of the screen.

2. Open the Control Panel. To do so:

Type control panel in the Windows Search

Select the Control Panel app.

3. Open the Sound menu from the Control Panel. To do so:

Type sound in the top-right search box.

Click Sound. It has a speaker icon. This will open the Sound window with four tabs at the top.

4. Click the Playback tab.

It's at the top of the Sound window.

5. Select your computer's speakers. Click the "Speaker" option to do so.

Depending on your computer's speakers, you may see the speakers' name or brand here instead.

6. Click Properties.

This option is in the lower-right side of the window. Doing so opens a pop-up window.

7. Click the Levels tab.

It's at the top of the pop-up "Speaker Properties" window.

8. Drag the slider to the right.

This will increase your speakers' output volume.

If the slider is already at 100 percent, your computer's volume is as high as it can go.

9. Save your changes.

Click OK at the bottom of both open Sound windows to do so. Your computer's volume should now be higher.

1. **Check the Volume Mixer (Windows only).** The Volume Mixer controls individual app volumes. An app can be set to a lower volume than the overall system volume. To check the mixer:

- Windows 10:
 - Right-click the volume icon in the taskbar.
 - Click **Open Volume Mixer**.
- Windows 11:
 - Open Settings.
 - Search for “volume mixer.”
 - Click **Sound mixer options** in the search drop down
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 - Open Settings.
 - Search for “volume mixer.”
 - Click **Sound mixer options** in the search drop down list.

Turn off automatic volume reduction (Windows only). Windows automatically reduces the volume on your computer when making phone calls. To turn this off, follow these steps:

- Press the Windows button to open a new Windows Search.
- Type “control panel” and select the Control Panel app.
- Type “sound” in the top-right search box.
- Click **Sound**, next to the speaker icon.
- Click the **Communications** tab.
- Select **Do nothing** to turn off sound reduction.
- Click **OK** to confirm the change.

Lenten Services

February

22

Ash Wednesday

6 p.m. soup supper

7 p.m. **Worship**

Imposition of Ashes

Communion

March

1

Message from Pastor Shaun

6 p.m. soup supper

7 p.m. **Worship**

8

Message from Jeanne

6 p.m. soup supper

7 p.m. **Worship**

15

Message from Clione

6 p.m. soup supper

7 p.m. **Worship**

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Message from Pastor Jackie

6 p.m. soup supper

7 p.m. **Worship**

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Message from Pastor Matt

6 p.m. soup supper

7 p.m. **Worship**

Come to Calvary



Flower Chart

The 2023 Flower Chart is on the wall in the narthex across from the office. The cost of the flowers is now \$30.00. Flowers are put on the altar for the Glory of God



Altar Care-

We continue looking for volunteers to help with Altar Care! Basic weekly duties are changing paraments as needed, set-up communion and clean up after service. Please let Cheryl know if you can help. Her phone number is 419-351-7448.



ELCA Disaster Relief for Turkey and Syria

During the month of March, Calvary and Christ will be collecting money for the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria. There is an envelope in your bulletin for contributions and there is a disaster relief option on Vanco. One-hundred percent of the money collected will go to the earthquake victims.



"A View From The Pew"

I ran across this as I was researching something to put in the newsletter and thought, "how appropriate" a small modification here and there and SHAZAM! I've recycled an older piece.

Hi, Tom Susor here, and once again I scramble to get my article in to Paula before she hunts me down. No matter how many times I tell myself this month I'll be prepared in advance, I continue to be in crisis management. I always have a perfectly logical reason for my inability to get things done in a timely fashion, but as they say in the NFL "upon further review" I simply procrastinate. You know what I'm saying, "I'll get to it this afternoon"; "I can't do it now I won't have time to finish"; and of course the always easy to say, "I won't be so busy tomorrow"; The fact of the matter is I will be as busy tomorrow and the day after that as well. So once again I think back to my childhood and sure enough the answers are right there; I can hear my mom now "don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today" and of course my dad's classic's; "tomorrow never comes" and "procrastination is the thief of time". So where does that leave me? I'm still writing my piece at the last minute but I'm going to work at trying to manage each day The Lord Has Given Me with more respect for time. It is written in [Proverbs 19:21](#) "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand". It's ok to be busy, to multi task, to have a lot of balls in the air, but we need to keep the Lords purpose in our daily lives to keep us from going astray.

Remember when you think that "someone should do something" I hope that someone is you!!!!

Peace & Love

Tom Susor Sr.



SERVICE HELPERS NEEDED!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office for anyone interested in Assisting the Pastor, Reading lessons or Greeting friends & guests on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Clione Schneider if you have any questions.



Prayer Chain

*Are you or a loved one in need of prayer? Calvary's Prayer Chain will be most happy to pray for you/them. The person does not need to be a member of Calvary. We include **everyone** in need of prayer! To start a prayer for yourself or someone else, call Charlene at 419-836-1999. When the person no longer needs our prayers, we would appreciate knowing that as well. If you would like to be a **prayer warrior**, please call me at 419-836-1999. Many thanks & blessings. Charlene Hoot*

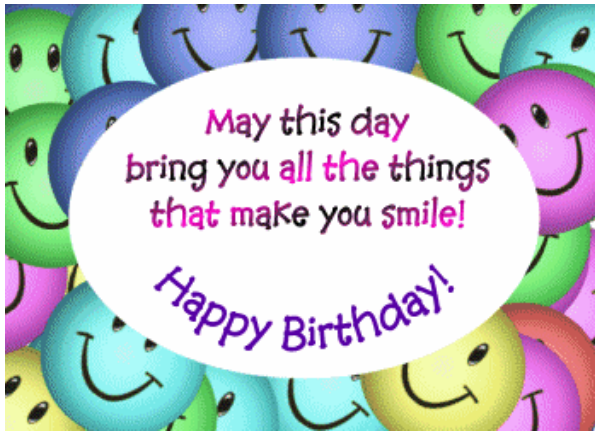


In our Prayers

Jill Cousino, Bob Joehlin, Marlene Ehram, Paulette Colombo, Eleanore Sheronick, Don Koenig, Beverly McIntosh, Emily Hyder-Jasinski, Ava Burkey, Jon Schwandner, Dan Pfouts, Craig Lake, Katie Glenn, Dee Mutchler, William Putnam, Logan Murphy, Wendy Kimble, Linda Moery, Lisa Baker, Terry Murray, Dan Skadeland, Betty Messling, Chris Poiing, Duane Ralston, Shirley Loy, Paul Goodman, Angie Mazey Noesen and Carol Jeffries.

Loaves and Fishes Our “Loaves and Fishes” ministry has a facilitator: Parish Nurse, Jackie Langlois. When anyone in the congregation is temporarily home bound because of an illness or surgery we try to provide meals for about a week. If you are willing to prepare a meal or would be willing to make calls please call Jackie at 419-779-6283. You do NOT have to prepare a gourmet, they can either be home cooked, deli or store bought. As always your help would be greatly appreciated.





March Birthday's

Tom Susor, Sr.	3/1
Mary Jane Joeelin	3/13
Wendy Kimble	3/13
Candace Ross	3/21
Morgan Susor	3/24
Cliff Bury	3/29
Aubrey Whitmore	3/30
Ronald Phillips	3/31

March Anniversaries

Martin & Tamia Land 46 yrs 3/12
Kurt & Larraine Putnam 40 yrs 3/27

Happy Anniversary!



REMEMBER OUR HOME BOUND

- Eleanor Sheronick, 3445 Fleitz Road, Oregon, OH 43616
- Lloyd (Jim Schneider, Ohio Veterans Home, 3416 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, OH 44870
- Marlene Fouty-Ehrsam, 2466 Luther Hills Circle #66, Oregon, OH 43616
- Mary McLaughlin, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 168, Walbridge, OH 43465
- Janie Kollarik, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 9, Walbridge, OH 43465
- Mike Toneff, Browning Center, 8883 Browning Dr., Waterville, OH 43566

FINANCIALS

ONLINE GIVING

Calvary has online and mobile options for giving. You can set up an account through the church office to give weekly, monthly or other options. You can also set up an online account by going to our website and clicking on the online giving button.

You also have the option of giving and signing up with your phone or mobile device by downloading the Vanco mobile app.

If you would like assistance in doing any of this, please contact the church office.

Thank You!

Monthly Financial Activity

Balance end January:	\$8,631.55
Total income:	\$14,848.20
Total expenses:	\$16,081.90

Council notes: January meeting

***Pastor's Reports:** Pastor to email council a list of upcoming events.

***Nominating Committee:** Scheduled to meet January 17, 2023 to finalize ballot.

***New Business.**

Council approved removing the paper attendance cards from the pews and will rely on usher's weekly log for attendance records.

Discussed upcoming Lent and the services schedule. Decided to offer Wednesday evening soup supper at 6:00 p.m. with worship service at 7:00 p.m. Will participate in pastoral round-robin.

Trash pick-up. After discussion it was decided to contract with Rumpke for trash and recycle services at a cost of \$23.50 per month.

Word Search for Joseph's Story

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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ANGEL
COMMANDED

DREAM
HOLY

JESUS
MARRIAGE

MARY
MESSIAH

NAME
SPIRIT