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Pastor's Ponderings

Stewardship and Our Baptism

The congregation is sitting silently in anticipation, their eyes on Pastor as he takes the baby into his arms or places his hands on the child's or the adult's head and says their name. He dips his hand into the water of the font three times as he says, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The sound of falling water is joyful music to those straining to hear it. Pastor gives thanks to God from all who are gathered in this sacred moment, "that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life."

The gift that is priceless has been given. The newly baptized know whose they are and because of that, they know who they are— "child of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever." They are in the family of God, loved and treasured by our Lord beyond human comprehension.

We may not usually view ourselves as a steward of our gift of baptism, but this is where new life begins for each of us, changes our vision of how we live, and defines our priorities in new ways. Through our baptism, God calls us and trusts us to care for and use the many gifts he has given to us in a way that responds to the love he has given us. For those things we can see, like our environment, natural resources, and our own assets, we can clearly define what needs to be done to show ourselves competent caretakers and each other's keepers. Then there is what is unseen inside each of us—our motivations, reactions, thoughts, and emotions. Expressing, tending, and sharing them through Jesus is also being a steward of our baptism.

The baptismal lens we use to live and view life and each other can be challenging because we are called to look through the eyes of Jesus and reflect his love in all that we do. To help us, God gives us the gift that we do not live our baptism alone. Jesus is with us. We are part of the family of God, so we come together in worship and fellowship to love and support each other on our life journey. We join with each other to live and express the love of Jesus, drawing others to his light and salvation by sharing ourselves and our resources individually and through community.

The beginning point for the stewardship of all our gifts is in our baptism. Through water and the Holy Spirit, we have been given new birth. We have been cleansed from sin and raised to eternal life. We are marked with the cross of Christ forever to live as a baptized child of God.

SAM Clione Schneider



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.



To the Congregants of Calvary
Lutheran,

Thank you, on behalf of our
entire community, for your
generous donation of water
for our Disaster Relief Fund.
Your gifts have aided so many
families in our community. We
are truly blessed to have met
you. May God Bless You All,
And Keep You Safe,

Mallory Aponick
Church of Christ East Palestine



Holy Week

April

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| 2 | Palm Sunday |
| | 11 a.m. Worship |
| 6 | Maundy Thursday |
| | 7 p.m. Communion |
| | Changing of the Altar |
| 7 | Good Friday |
| | 7:30 p.m. Worship |
| 9 | EASTER |
| | 9:30 a.m. Breakfast |
| | 11 a.m. Worship |



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SATURDAY
MARCH 6TH!!!

On Saturday, May 6th the Confirmation Class will be coordinating a party at Luther Home of Mercy in Williston. They will be hosting a bingo game and making ice cream sundaes with the residents. We need your help in several ways:

1. Bingo gifts. We'll need 40-50 prizes. Word searches, notebooks, decks of cards, card games, pens and pencils, coloring books and crayons or colored pencils, etc, are all good. If you see any of these items at good prices, please pick up one or two and bring to church. There will be a collection point in the entryway. If we wind up with extra prizes, the Home will use them for future events, so nothing will go to waste.
2. Your presence. We'll need to help some of the residents in wheelchairs from their cottage to the recreation area. Many of the residents will need help marking their bingo cards. The more people there to help, the better!

Mark your calendars now. Details will be coming closer to the event!





Altar Flowers

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.



Conference Watering Offering

Pastor Bob took our water to East Palestine. When he was there he saw an ongoing need to assist the residents going forward. Area congregations along with Calvary are responding to this need. Now through Easter we will be receiving your special offering to purchase water for the residents of East Palestine. 100 percent of all money received will go to purchase water. Thank you for your generosity!



"A View From The Pew"

Hello, Tom Susor again, as I write this I say to myself "if it ever stops raining and warms up" well you get the drift, it's been somewhat less spring-like than we all hoped it would be. That being said, there's not much we can do about the weather. There is however something we can do with the gifts God has given us. Now you may think "what gifts"? As Peter tells us in First Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." God leaves no one out; we are all in possession of various gifts from God. Some recognize their God given talents, some people don't. A beautiful voice is easy to recognize but it's no greater gift than an open ear to listen to the troubled heart of a needy friend. Your gift from God can be as simple as a warm smile and an out-stretched hand to a stranger. It can also be as demanding as the need to bear the responsibility of organizing the neighborhood dinner, or to work diligently in the kitchen preparing that same dinner. A person's individual talents regardless of what they are, are indeed gifts from God and all God asks is we chose to use those wonderful gifts to help, enlighten and serve one another in His Name. So if you're a singer, Sing; if you're a leader, Lead; if you're a server, Serve; and yes if you're a smiler by all means SMILE; they're all God's gifts and they are meant to be used for His Glory. 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*

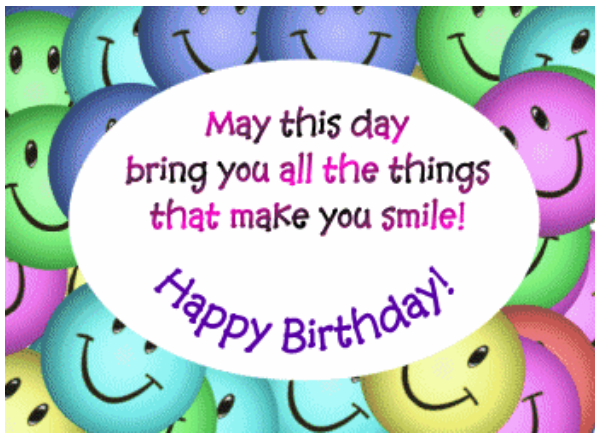


In our Prayers

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 Poling, Duane Ralston, Shirley Loy, Paul Goodman, Angie Mazey Noesen, Butch Molnar, Jennifer Duckett-Smith 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.





April Birthday's

Terrie Phillips	4/5
Kaelen Ross	4/8
Tom Susor, Jr.	4/10
Matthew Jenkins	4/11
Larry Dominique	4/12
Paulette Colombo	4/14
Tammy D'Amore	4/19
Lola Sleek	4/19
Kit Ross	4/28
Sandy Susor	4/28



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-Ehram, 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 February:	\$6,767.70
Total income:	\$10,197.29
Total expenses:	\$13,636.13

Council notes: February meeting

*Financial Report: Acuity Insurance report was reviewed. Fire extinguisher's need serviced. Motion passed to contact Fyr Fyter.

*Pastor's Report: Provided an update on donating water to East Palestine. Informed council that Dimeck Service donated the parts and labor for the work done to repair the gas line. A thank you will be sent.

*Old Business: Discussed Holy Week schedule and confirmed breakfast potluck Easter morning at 9:30. Italian dinner will be held June 24, 2023 to raise funds for New Orleans youth gathering.

*New Business: Collecting monetary donations for earthquake relief through March 19, 2023. Received three quotes for exterminators. Accepted Stachin Pest Control. Discussed Church 360. Pastor will explore and report back to council.

He is Risen!

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Angels

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Easter

Faith

Judas

Mary

Passover

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Risen

Savior

Sunday

Tomb



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