



THE VISITOR
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⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised.... ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. (Matthew 28:5-8)

Easter is not for the faint of heart.

The women had come to the tomb facing what they thought was a big problem – how they would move the stone away from the opening. It was the Sabbath and they had spices with which they intended to anoint the body. There seems to be no evidence they were afraid of the soldiers or of touching the dead body. They weren't even afraid when they found the stone rolled away. They went right in.

But when they heard the words about Jesus being raised from the dead, terror and amazement seized them. The angel in the white robe said, **"...Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised."** As Matthew tells the Easter story there is an earthquake as the angel descends and the guards are shaken with fear.

The Gospel of Matthew reminds us that Easter is more than a springtime ritual, a celebration of nature turning over, the greening of grass, or the birthing of bunnies. In fact Matthew reminds us Easter is not for the faint of heart. Easter is about the triumphant love of God that turns the world upside down and reverses the deathward spiral of life. The story of Jesus that unfolds in the events of Holy Week stands the world on its head. Things we once thought were true for all time are suddenly upended. The resurrection of Jesus Christ rescues us from a self-centered life, tears down walls that divide, and breaks open a world enclosed by death.

And this is the dilemma, is it not? Easter is what we most want and what we most fear. Easter confirms in profound ways that God is love and God is trustworthy and God comes to rescue us from death. Easter is the very message we want to hear when we are eyeball to eyeball with death.

And yet, as we stand at the open tomb, what does this Easter message do to all our assumptions and viewpoints? To how we look upon ourselves and those with differing political viewpoints? To how we spend our money, our time, our energies? What does Easter mean for our deepest fears or our cherished hopes and dreams? How does Easter impact our relationships with family members or the neighbor down the street? What does this mean for congregational programs and our involvement in neighborhoods and communities?

Easter is about the great reversal. The women went to the tomb expecting to do the usual, to anoint the body of Jesus. Then they heard the words, **“he has been raised...he is going ahead of you to Galilee...there you will see him.”**

I do not think less of the women and the other disciples because of their fear that Easter morning. If anything I find myself identifying with them when I ponder the meaning of the events leading up to Holy Week, the Passion of our Lord, and the astounding news of the Resurrection. The African American Spiritual asks, “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” When I truly ponder the meaning of these events around the cross and the empty tomb, indeed I tremble, tremble, tremble, because of the profound magnitude of the message.

The Gospel of Mark says the women left the tomb saying nothing to anyone, but at some point they found their voice. The other gospels and the rest of the New Testament speak of their witness to the Easter story. Fear gave way to trust and a new found courage in witness and service emerged.

The same thing happens to us and it can happen in every congregation when people are stunned anew by the news of Easter. Lives are transformed. Hearts are renewed. Gifts are set free. Love abounds. This is the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that enlivens the Church for the sake of the world.

A blessed Holy Week and Easter to all.
Pastor Jerry Mansholt



HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 2: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, April 6: 6:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 7: 12:15 & 6:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 9: 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.



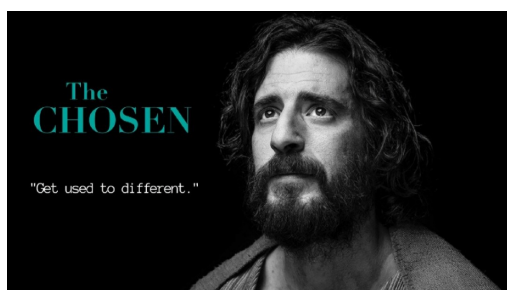
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We continue to deliver beds, and the requests for beds keep coming in daily. Last month, we delivered our 900th bed in less than 26 months!

Our next build day is planned for Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 8:00-Noon. Come and join us as we construct our 1,000th bed for local kids. Feel free to contact me with any questions on how you can help.

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THE CHOSEN ***Get Used to Different***

Char Gillis will be leading a Bible Study featuring the movie, ***The Chosen***. It will begin on Wednesday, April 26 from 6-8 p.m. in the Chapel and will run for eight weeks.

This is open to all ages, and families are encouraged to attend together. We will view one episode and then have discussion. Snacks will be provided.

COMING UP FOR YOUTH

- Mission Night—Monday, April 17th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Open to any youth at Calvary to have time working on service projects! To sign up, please contact Angel at angel@calvarygb.com
- 8th Grade rehearsal will be on April 23rd from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. All 8th graders and parents are required to attend!
- Confirmation Sunday will be April 30th at the 10:30 a.m. service. Come celebrate the 8th graders!

COMING UP AT WOODSIDE SENIOR COMMUNITIES

- Woodside Senior Communities has an exciting summer planned! Be sure to save the date for these events.
- **Wednesday, July 12 from 11:30-2:00 p.m.** - Music in the Park at Klipstine Park in Ashwaubenon. This will be a toe-tapping, dancing good time!
- **Thursday, July 27 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**—Annual Kids Carnival. This FREE event is open to kids of all ages. Enjoy tasty treats, music, carnival games and so much more.
- **Tuesday, August 22 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**—Woodside Communities Resident Art Show. Browse the beautiful artwork and visit with our in-house artists while enjoying drinks and tasty treats.

Calvary Lawn Cutters Needed!

Do you like being outside?

Do you like the smell of freshly cut grass?

The Calvary Lawn Cutting Team needs you!!

Crews are beginning to form!

If you're interested, call or text

Matt at 920-471-3248

or mattschreiter@gmail.com if

**you're interested in joining
the 2023 lawn cutting crew!**



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What's Happening

- **Thank you** for prayers from Linda Cox for her niece, Sheila who passed away recently. Sheila and her whole family really appreciated all the prayers they received.
- **Thank you** to the Youth who cleaned and reorganized the Food Pantry for one of their Mission Nights. Great job!
- **Thank you** to our soup/chili makers who made/served/cleaned up for our three Lenten Soup Suppers. This was a big job and everything was delicious. Thank you Char Gillis and Roger and Ann Blau!
- **Paper grocery bags with handles** are always needed for the Food Pantry. They can be placed on the cart just outside the church office.
- If you are interested in **ordering a plaque to be hung in the Prayer Garden gazebo**, please drop off your order and \$10.00 to the church office. The order will be placed at the end of April. The plaque can be in honor of or in memory of a loved one.





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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Education Hour: 9:15 a.m., Classrooms

Thursdays: 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Visitor is the monthly newsletter of Calvary Lutheran Church. Information for the newsletter can be dropped off at the Church Office or emailed to: kris@calvarygb.com. ***The deadline for the May issue is April 21, 2023.***

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