



THE VISITOR

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**Christ Is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” ELW 365

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!*

*Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!*

*Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!*

*Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! This is our rallying cry for the full Easter season. The joy of this season bursts from our lips. In the hymn quoted above, the exclamation, “Alleluia,” literally interrupts the reason for our joy. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The stories we will hear during this Easter season remind us that because of the resurrection, we belong to Christ and to one another. “From Thomas still finding his place despite, or perhaps because of, his doubts, to our place in the sheepfold and on the vine, to the embrace of the Spirit, we are reminded repeatedly about our place in God’s family.” (Sundays and Seasons, Year B, 2023). The promise of this season is not just that we are with Christ, but that we are within Christ. Imagine a set of nesting dolls. My daughter loves playing with these dolls. She takes them a part and is delighted to find the “baby” doll nestled inside all the others. Like those dolls, Jesus is in God, and we are in Jesus; embraced and protected at every level. Like that doll in the center of the set of nesting dolls, our belonging is not dependent on anything other than resting within the fullness of God. No matter the outcome, missteps, questions, or doubts we may encounter, there is always a place for us in Christ’s fold.

And as we find our place and sense of belonging in Christ, we might also start to notice that there are others who belong to God as well. The security we find from belonging to such an expansive God frees us to imagine how we might share the good news, spread the love of Jesus, and work for justice and peace in our wider community. Where there is death, we proclaim a promise resurrection. Where there is despair, we proclaim a promise of hope. Where there is isolation, we proclaim a promise of belonging. For Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

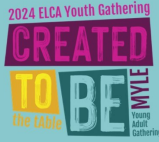
Happy Easter,  
Pr. Ben

## 2024 Youth Gathering

July 16 - July 20, 2024 - New Orleans

Stop by the table in the Narthex to learn more about the upcoming Youth Gathering Trip!

Learn who is going and what activities the youth will participate in.



### Tator Tot Casserole

Our volunteers serve over 300 meals the **2nd Tuesday of each month.**

When dropping off the prepared casseroles, please store them in the church freezer.

Contact the Church Office to volunteer!



### Tator Tot Casserole

Foil pans are available in the Multi- Purpose Room kitchen for you to use.

Please make this ahead of time and freeze it. Please do not bake it.

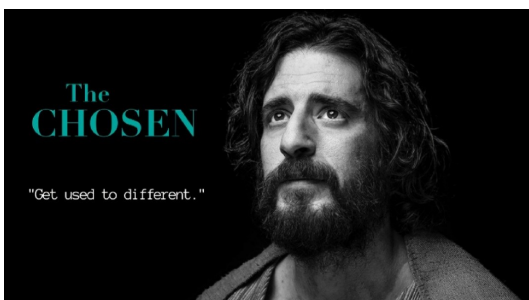
Bring it to Calvary by 12-noon, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, for the NEW Community Shelter meal. Label it and put it in the freezer in the MPR kitchen.

Thank you!

### Ingredients

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 1- 32oz package of tater tots
- 2 medium onions
- 1 lb frozen mixed vegetables OR 2 cans of green beans

Brown the ground beef and diced onions. Drain. Combine the meat mixture, soup, and vegetables. Mix thoroughly and pour into a 9 x 13 disposable aluminum pan (from Calvary). Top with tater tots. Cover with foil.



### THE CHOSEN (Season 3)

Char Gillis will be leading a Bible Study featuring the series, *The Chosen*.

It will begin on Wednesday, April 3rd from 6-8 pm 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.

### You're Invited!

Please join in the celebration on Sunday, June 23, 2024, 10:00 a.m. St. John/St. Stephen Lutheran Parish in Edgar, Wisconsin will be celebrating Pr. Gail Sowell's (former Associate Pastor at Calvary) retirement on her 25<sup>th</sup> Ordination anniversary! Immediately following the retirement service, Pr. Gail will be marrying her best friend, Mike. All are invited and welcome to celebrate with Pr. Gail. Pr. Gail has asked for no gifts – if you feel a gift is important, a donation to Lutheran World Relief would be appreciated.

Best wishes, Pr. Gail, on your retirement and marriage!

St. John Lutheran Church  
120500 County Road N  
Edgar, WI 54426

### SUPPORT THE ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP FOR HOUSING

Calvary will be hosting Crystal Decleene, the Executive Director of EPH, on Sunday, April 7th during our worship services. She will be presenting on the EPH Direct Mail Campaign—one of their main fundraisers.

Thank you for supporting EPH!



## **NEW Community Shelter**

Thank you to all who prepared hot dishes and desert for the NEW Shelter meal on March 12th. Special thanks to Cindy for the festive St. Patrick's cookies.

It was a beautiful winter day with a larger than normal turnout. All who attended left full and nourished for the evening.



## **CALVARY FOOD PANTRY**

The special food pantry donation for April is Dinty Moore Beef Stew and Canned Beef.

The food items can be dropped off on the Food Pantry Cart located outside the Church Office or the Pantry Donation Basket located in the Narthex.





## POCKET PRAYER SHAWLS



Next time you are in the church office, please feel free to take a Pocket Prayer Shawl for someone in your life who may need a little extra comfort.

They easily fit in your purse or pocket and have a note attached that says, "Throughout the day, when your fingers touch this, be mindful of God's love and grace for you."

If anyone would like to make Pocket Prayer Shawls, Fran Graves has graciously brought a copy of the pattern to the Calvary office. Please feel free to stop in for a copy.



### **Annie Jackson Elementary School**

A huge Thank You to Annie Jackson Elementary School. On Wednesday, March 6th, Annie Jackson Elementary School spent the day setting up their nearly one thousand cereal boxes they collected to tip over in a domino chain. The school signed up through the non-profit, 'Do Good, Wisconsin.' Students spent the day setting up the donated cereal boxes in a creative pattern. 910 boxes were recorded tipping over.

The boxes were then donated to four different charities:

Jackson's Hunger Heroes Jaguar Den (260 boxes),

Pastor Fred's Pantry (300 boxes),

Hope Center Pantry (200 boxes),

**and Calvary Lutheran Pantry (150 boxes).**



## Calvary Lawn Cutters Needed!

If you love being outside, the smell of freshly cut grass, and have a few hours to give every other month, the Lawn Cutting Crew needs YOU! If interested, contact Matt at (920) 471-3248 or [mattschreiter@gmail.com](mailto:mattschreiter@gmail.com)

### Women of the ELCA—Save the Date!

#### Green Bay Conference Spring Event

“God’s Work—Our Hands”

**Saturday, April 27 from 8:45am—1:30pm**

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

**349 Main Street, Seymour, WI**

Registration fee is \$15.00

Registration forms are due by **Tuesday, April 16**

Stop by the Church Office to register or pick up a registration packet in the Narthex.

For additional questions, email Marilyn Seidl-Lorenz

[mseidllorenz@yahoo.com](mailto:mseidllorenz@yahoo.com) or call **920-504-4180**



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**West High School**  
**Holter Auditorium**


**For tickets:**  
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## Graduate Sunday Sign up

Graduate Sunday is being held on  
**June 9th at 8:00am.**

If you are a high school senior and would like to be recognized during this special service,



access the QR code and complete the form by  
**Sunday, May 5th.**

Link to sign up:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5VTMLBG>

## Upcoming Events for Calvary's Youth

### Taylor Swift Youth Night at Calvary!

**Saturday, April 13**  
**12:00-3:00pm**

The Eras Tour movie will be played along with bracelet making, Taylor games, and a Taylor themed Bible lesson! All are welcomed!



Scan the QR code to sign up!

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The Eras Tour movie will be played along with bracelet making, Taylor games, and a Taylor themed Bible lesson! All are welcomed!  
Link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F44ADAA2BABFB6-47660838-taylor>

## Confirmation Camp

Camp will be held from  
Sunday, June 23rd-Friday, June 28

If you are interested in sending your child to Confirmation Camp, use the QR Code to sign up!



For more information on the Confirmation Camp— please email Angel at [angel@calvarygb.com](mailto:angel@calvarygb.com)

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Staff

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# What's Happening



For anyone that would like to volunteer for:  
Reading, communion assistant, altar  
guild, and acolyte, you can use the  
signup genius link/QR code below or  
you can sign up on the  
sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please  
feel free to call the office with any  
questions.



[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/8050549adaf22abf49-calvary#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050549adaf22abf49-calvary#/)

## We Care About You!

To receive a pastoral call and communion,  
please call the Church Office at  
920-494-2431

The Pastor and  
Communion Volunteers  
would love to bring  
communion and pray  
with you!



Just a reminder that you can watch Sunday Worship on

Calvary's YouTube Channel

Please go to our website

<https://www.calvarygb.com/home>

and click on the

[Calvary's YouTube Channel](#)





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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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: [dawn@calvarygb.com](mailto:dawn@calvarygb.com).

***The deadline for the May issue is April 17, 2024.***

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