

# March 2021

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**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	1	2	3 Midweek 4pm Lent Dinner 5pm Lent Worship 6pm	4 LWML 1pm	5	6
7 Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School/ Bible Class 9:15am  Elder's Meeting	8	9	10 Midweek 4pm Lent Dinner 5pm Lent Worship 6pm	11 Council 6pm	12	13
14 Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School/ Bible Class 9:15am	15	16	17 Midweek 4pm Lent Dinner 5pm Lent Worship 6pm	18	19	20
21 Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School/ Bible Class 9:15am	22	23 Hats of Love 3pm	24 Midweek 4pm Lent Dinner 5pm Lent Worship 6pm	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday  Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School/ Bible Class 9:15am	29	30	31	Apr 1 Maundy Thursday Service 6pm	Apr 2 Good Friday Service 6pm	Apr 3

## Happy Birthday

3- Bev Donley  
3- Debbie Lescalett  
9- Marisa Teske  
9- Ivan Clark  
16- Brett Wolfe  
16- Brian Welch  
17- Clark Bernett  
17- Martin Eckhardt  
17 - Kaelynn Sebben  
19- Kevin Engel  
20- Raoul Reinertsen  
21- Megan Sperry  
22- Shelly Heimann  
22- Chance Donley  
22- Robert Nichols  
23- Randall Noe  
28- Nelly Clark  
30- Melanie Sommerer

17-Arnie & Sharon Gonzalez

## Happy Anniversary

### Attendance for the month of February

Date	Worship	Communion
2/7	42	33
2/14	42	34
2/17	42	37
2/21	84	67
2/24	52	—
2/28		

## Baptism Birthdays

3-11 Talia Wells  
3-11 Kadin John  
3-18 Merrily Sargent  
3-19 Shari Meeker  
3-24 Brian Mason  
3-31 Jordan Donnelly  
3-31 Julie Donnelly

Whoever believes and is  
baptized will be saved.

Mark 16:16a

## In Our Prayers

### Health concerns:

Joyce Wolfe	Dan Brackett	Debra Hughes
Kim Noe	Missy Montgomery	Theresa Clark
Walter Walker	Fern Harding	Julie Jordan-Brandt
Janalee Gutierrez	Guy Hood	Chris Clark
Rose Morris	Bev Donley	William Burkhardt
Louis Linnenburger	Anita Reinertsen	Mina Montgomery
Beulah Meadows	Arlene Hazlett	

Allie Clark (family of Theresa Clark)- fighting cancer  
Lorren- upcoming back surgery  
Glenn - Lori Kugler's brother

### Others:

Lisa Corps- fostering a little girl  
Pastor Meeker, Deaconess Lorna and the Kenya Mission  
Sgt Daniel Colombo deployed to Iraq  
SPC Douglas Havens- stationed at Fort Drum, NY  
Cpl Kaleb Karssen- stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA  
Our nation, our world, our leaders, our neighbors  
Our healthcare workers: Tom, Mark, Jared, Gabby, Evelyn,  
Diane, Kathy, Shelly, Deb, Lori, Becca



## Preschool News

In February the children enjoyed making valentines for their parents and grandparents, and exchanging valentines with their classmates. Many thanks to Kayla and Laura for taking school pictures; the photos are beautiful, and we so appreciate Kayla and Laura's time, talent and creativity!

Thank you to our church family for participating in the PTO's Little Caesar fundraiser; delivery will be the week of March 8th-exact date and time to be determined. We look forward to warmer weather in March! Thank you for your continuing support and prayers!

### LCMS- Virtual Life Conference - March 19-20, 2021

Cost: For \$20, you get access to the event live. For \$40, you get that, plus ongoing access to the recordings for another 90 days. Each participant must register individually. See the following link for additional information and to register.

[https://www.lcms-life.org/?r\\_done=1](https://www.lcms-life.org/?r_done=1)



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### Easter Flowers

Please use this form to order flowers for Easter.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10.00 each)  
(amount you are ordering)

Circle dedication:      To the Glory of God...  
                                    In Loving Memory of...  
                                    In Thanksgiving for....  
                                    In Celebration of...

\_\_\_\_\_

I (WILL) (WILL NOT) be picking up my flowers after second service on Easter.

This form and your check should be made payable to **Mt. Calvary**  
And must be received by **Sunday, March 14, 2021.**

Please place your form & check in Leah Koch's mailbox,  
the church office or the office mailbox. Thank you!



Hats of Love will meet on March 23rd at 3pm.  
We are always in need of baby yarn and worsted yarn if you are able to donate any! Thank you for continuing to help us show God's love to those in our community!



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Our Lent series this year will be "Sacred Head, Now Wounded". This series is based on the hymn and explores the wounds we inflict upon our Lord through our acts of betrayal, apathy, denial, mockery, and abandonment. Yet the ultimate message is one of healing and joy. Our services will begin at 6:00pm.

Ash Wednesday February 17: A Wounded Savior for a Wounded People

February 24: The Wound of Betrayal

March 3: The Wound of Apathy

March 10: The Wound of Denial

March 17: The Wound of Mockery

March 24: The Wound of Abandonment



\*We will have dinners prior to our Wednesday night services,  
The dinners will start at 5:00pm.

March 3– Elder's: La Gondola spaghetti

March 10- CIF: La Gondola torpedo subs

March 17– LWML

March 24– Properties

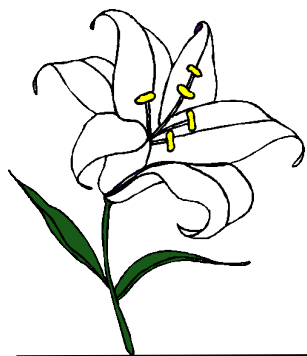
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### Join us during Holy Week!

Palm Sunday (March 28): Services at 8:00am and 10:30am,  
Bible Class/Sunday School at 9:15am

Maundy Thursday: "A Meal for the Wounded" Service at 6:00pm

Good Friday: "The Wounds That Heal" Service at 6:00pm



Easter Sunday: "He is Risen! The Wound of Death is Vanquished!"  
Services at 8:00am and 10:30am  
(The rest of the plans are still being finalized!)

*To the best of our abilities, all services will be streamed/posted to our Facebook page, website and You-tube.*

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### IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO JOIN US ON EASTER SUNDAY:

Please contact Leah in the office and let her know how many people/what service. We are trying to make sure that we can accommodate all who will be attending and celebrating Jesus' resurrection with us!





Thrivent Choice Dollars can help organizations that YOU care about!

If you are an eligible Thrivent Member- your 2020 Choice Dollars **need to be directed/designated by March 31, 2021.**

Don't let them expire! Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more, call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice"

after the prompt or call

Jennifer DeWolfe at 309-341-0073 for help.

Both Mt. Calvary Church and Mt. Calvary Preschool are on the list of organizations that can receive your Choice dollars!

Thrivent Choice dollars donated to the preschool go into the Scholarship Fund.

Dollars donated to the church go into our Capital Improvement Fund.

### Camp CILCA "Life Changing, Life Long, Life Eternal" Campaign Update

In 2018 Camp CILCA launched the Life Changing, Life Long, Life Eternal capital campaign with the goal of raising 1,000,000 to expand the Dining Hall, add a full-time program director, eliminate debt, and add a significant amount of money to CILCA's endowment fund. The generosity of God's people abounded and two of these goals were met in full. The \$60,000 mortgage was paid in full and the endowment fund is up to \$100,000. The funds from this endowment go toward providing "camperships" for children who might not otherwise be able to afford a full week at camp.

While 2020 was a tumultuous year, CILCA was able to break ground on the Dining Hall expansion in September. As of January 11, the exterior frame is nearly completed, and interior work continues. With the Lord's blessings the work will be completed by Spring. Once the Dining Hall is completed the program director position will become the next priority. Our Lord has been truly generous, and His grace has made this all possible, working through His people. "Thank you" to all who have prayed, donated, and volunteered. You are a gift from the Lord.

### Treasurer's Financial Update

Operating Fund Balance				
	Jan-21	YTD	Percentage of Budget	Budget
Income	\$21,714.95	\$122,541.66	51.1%	\$239,750.00
Expenses	\$18,838.98	\$116,896.41	48.8%	\$239,750.00
The end of December/beginning of January marks halfway through our fiscal year.				

What's included in Missions on the Operating Treasurer's Report?  
 Missions is the amount that we give directly to the Central Illinois District.  
 We give 10% of the total envelope and plate every month.

## LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter article – March 2021

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, “God’s work, done in God’s way, will not lack God’s supply.” To know God’s way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor 10:5). Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God’s Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord’s Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord’s teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord’s Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it. God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned on the mount of the Lord it will be provided. The Lord’s generosity forms our generosity in return.

Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord’s provision is the working out of our faith in Him. When budgetary discussions pop up our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance. It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts have been taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (2 Chron 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.

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### LWML

Will meet on Thur. March 4th at 1 pm.

Melanie will have the topic and Janet will be our hostess.

Roll call will be Lambs. **Bring your mites!**



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### **Knox County Right to Life Don't forget!! 7x7x7 Prayer**

7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7 words: Lord, please, stop abortion in this country.

*“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will speak not on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come.”*

John 16:12,13.

You can't teach an old dog, new tricks. While dog trainers may dispute the truth of that statement, my experiences from days long passed would seem to vindicate the old adage. Say for instance, you have a neighbor who butchers beef quite often. I can tell you with certainty that if your dog (especially a blue-tick, coon hound) develops a taste for chewing on old cow heads, nothing short of an act of Divine intervention will cure that appetite. Over time your yard will likely come to resemble the carcass-littered desert stretches of the old Oregon Trail.

And you can't begin to understand how much your dog likes to chew on cow bones until doing considerable damage to your lawnmower blade. But by then it's too late. The canine pedagogical technique required to wean an old dog from dragging cowheads into your yard doesn't exist. Just be thankful that your dog's diminutive frame won't allow him to drag the smellier portions over a great distance.

The verses above were part of Jesus' final words with the disciples the night of Judas' betrayal and Jesus' arrest in the Garden. The disciples were, at that time, not prepared to understand the significance of what would happen in the next few days. Despite three years of learning at the feet of our Savior, they were still too caught up in their own ideas of what the Messiah would come to be and do. They were the proverbial old dogs. It would take something totally unexpected, something heart-wrenching, before they could understand the import of *“the Word becoming flesh”* and achieving victory through death.

Lent is a time for us old dogs to contemplate the mystery of what Christ did for us at the cross. Over time, it seems the mystery becomes “old hat.” It's an old story, one we've heard so many times, and yet a thousand sermons couldn't do justice to the unimaginable events of Holy Week.

Our Savior left the disciples and us with the promise of One who would come to *“guide us into all truth.”* The work of the Holy Spirit is to embed into our hearts and minds the far-reaching significance of Christ's work. I suspect that all of us would be filled with terror if we could only see with God's eyes the hideous mark that sin has left on our life. If we could only see how deeply we have offended and grieved our God by our words, by our actions, even by our thoughts, only then could we truly understand the depth of what happened at Calvary so long ago.

Perhaps then, Lent would cease to be “the same old story”, but would instead become for us a time to pour out our sins at the foot of the cross. Then might we be overwhelmed at the abundance of God's love. Then might we see how Jesus could look out from the agonies of the cross, not hating his murderers, but offering a prayer of forgiveness for them, a prayer of forgiveness for us too. This Lenten season by the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's perfect Word, may we “old dogs” learn anew of God's love in Christ! At the cross, see the solemn judgment of God upon the sins of the world, yet at the cross, see most perfectly the super-abundant love of God that *“while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”* As of this writing, we have come part way... Stick with it. If you have stumbled in the disciplines of Lent – prayer, fasting, reading the Word – get back on your feet and go. If you never started, start today. Use this season to learn more completely to *“fix your eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of your faith”*(Heb.12:1f).

Pastor Steve Sommerer