

Calvary Lutheran Church
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The
Season
of
Lent



The Epistle
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From the Office of Pr. Kevin Kaiser St. Patrick and Forgiveness

"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: "The Voice of the Irish". As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea—and they cried out, as with one voice: "We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us."

These words were from a vision. This vision was what called St. Patrick back to Ireland. Legend tells us that St. Patrick was born in Britain, but taken into captivity by Irish pirates when he was 16 years old. He escaped six years later and boarded a ship back to Britain. After a time of study in Christianity, he returned to Ireland as a missionary to bring the Gospel of Christ to his captors.

Most people who were held captive as slaves or prisoners might return to the site of their despair later in life to pay tribute to fallen comrades. If there was hope of saving others, they may go as part of a rescue effort. But it seems unbelievable that a slave would return to the people who stole him from his home to be their priest. Apparently, that is what Patrick did.

His life story is much longer than this, but Patrick's call to ministry also shows us a presumably real-life example of some of Jesus' teachings, which are the hardest to accept.

"Come to terms with your accuser while you are going with him to court..."

"Do not resist an evil doer."

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."



In the same month as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, we also begin the season of Lent. Lent is a season designed to help us examine and confront the worst parts of ourselves. You will hear about sin, death, hell, temptation and the devil. You will also hear about forgiveness and new life, for these are the gifts of God that come through Christ. We will encourage discipline in one another; not just the discipline of giving up a luxury, and not just the standard disciplines of prayer, study and service, but also forgiveness in Christ where it might not seem possible.

Lent is a difficult season, but an important one. So, I encourage you to pray for yourself and your house. I ask you to pray for me as I prepare some difficult sermons. Pray for the servers of our Wednesday night meals. Pray for and assist those who are suffering and in need. Most of all pray to forgive and to be forgiven. It is, after all, how we were taught to pray.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship Schedule:

Joint services between Calvary Lutheran Church and the Catholic Tri-parishes (St Mary, St Anthony, and St Pius). The evening begins with a soup supper at 5 PM, followed by worship service at 6 PM. Schedule as follows:

March 4th Hosted by Calvary with supper at 5 PM, Service at 6 PM

March 11th Hosted by St Mary Catholic Church with supper at 5 PM, Service at 6 PM

March 18th Hosted by Calvary with supper at 5 PM, Service at 6 PM

March 25th Hosted by St Mary Catholic Church with supper at 5 PM, Service at 6 PM

April 1st Hosted by Calvary with supper at 5 PM, Service at 6 PM

A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex for soups, sides or desserts for the nights that Calvary hosts the soup-supper – thank you for your support.

Easter Lily forms will be available on March 8th.

World Day of Prayer will be held at 1:30 PM, Friday, March 6th at St Mary's Catholic Church in Minong. This is an annual world-wide event in which communities of faith are encouraged to join together in prayer at this specific hour for prayer. The theme this year is "Take up your mat and follow" with focus on Zimbabwe and the healing that has taken place since their genocide experience. Men and women of all faith communities are invited to participate. Refreshments will follow the service for an opportunity to engage in fellowship with others from the community.

Nursing Home Visitation – Tuesday, March 10th, 2 pm at the Hayward Nursing Home. Join us as we share stories, sing favorite hymns, usher in the beginning of Spring and enjoy one another's company. All are welcome to join us for this hour of faith, fun and fellowship. If you'd like to car-pool call the church office or notify Curt Olson 715-222-8289.

Tuesday, March 10th, 7 PM – **Theology on Tap** – Bootleggers on Hwy 53 just north of the Washburn/Douglas County line. Don't let the word "theology" scare you; this is a great opportunity to engage in conversation with other Christian friends in a very relaxed, open atmosphere. Join us for a beverage or bite to eat while we enjoy the opportunity to listen to one another's ideas as we discuss some of life's challenges. The topic for this month: "Whose my neighbor and what am I being called to do?"

Personal Private Retreats will resume following the Lenten Season to allow for various activities at various churches. Personal retreat opportunities will resume on April 15th at 5 PM at St. Mary's.

Come to pray, read, listen or just sit in the presence of God

Council Meeting February 27, 2020

Minutes from the meeting were not submitted at the time of this publication. They will be included in next month's Epistle..

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
 BALANCE SHEET
 AS OF JANUARY 31, 2020

ASSETS

Current Assests

Checking Account - Unrestricted Funds	\$31,761.14
Checking Account - Restricted Funds	\$12,169.75
Total Assests	<u><u>\$43,930.89</u></u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Social Security Tax	83.24
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Total Liabilities	<u>83.24</u>
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Equity

Unrestricted Equity

Retained Earnings	32736.01
Net Income or (Loss)	-974.87
Total Unrestricted Equity	<u>31761.14</u>

Restricted Equity

Building Fund	6238.44
Youth Fund	3044.28
Sunday School	1078.15
Relief Fund - Tim McCoy	543.57
Memorial Flowers (Poinsettias & Lilies)	399.00
Garden Group	783.07

Total Restricted Equity	<u>12086.51</u>
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Total Equity	43847.65
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Total Liabilities & Equity	<u><u>\$43,930.89</u></u>
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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MEMORIAL FUND REPORT
MONEY MARKET
FEBRUARY 10, 2020

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/10/20	1061.37
DEPOSITS	
Interest	0.41
Total Deposits	0.41
 EXPENSES	
Total Expenses	0.00
ENDING BALANCE	1061.78

CALVARY LUTHERAN C CHURCH
MEMORIAL FUND
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
JANUARY 6, 2020

BEGINNING BALANCE 10/7/19	5196.79
Interest	16.37
ENDING BALANCE 1/6/20	5213.16
 TOTAL MEMORIAL FUNDS	
MONEY MARKET & CD	6274.94

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  9:00 AM Sunday Worship	2 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting	3	4  7:00 AM Pocket of Prayer 5:00 PM Soup Supper-Calvary 6:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Service-Calvary	5 3:00 PM TOPS Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	6	7
8  9:00 AM Sunday Worship	9 9:00 AM Quilters	10 2:00 PM Nursing Home Visit-Hayward 7:00 PM Theology on Tap	11  7:00 AM Pocket of Prayer 5:00 PM Soup Supper-St. Mary 6:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Service-St. Mary	12 3:00 PM TOPS Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	13	14
15  9:00 AM Sunday Worship	16	17	18  7:00 AM Pocket of Prayer 5:00 PM Soup Supper-Calvary 6:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Service-Calvary	19 1:00 PM Family Back Pack Program 3:00 PM TOPS Meeting 5:00 PM Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	20	21
22  Fellowship Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday Worship	23	24	25  Epistle (Newsletter) Articles and Reports Due 7:00 AM Pocket of Prayer 5:00 PM Soup Supper-St. Mary 6:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Service-St. Mary	26 3:00 PM TOPS Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	27	28
29  9:00 AM Sunday Worship	30	31	1  7:00 AM Pocket of Prayer 5:00 PM Soup Supper-Calvary 6:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Service-Calvary	2 3:00 PM TOPS Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	3	4