

Join us for the 60th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at Eppley Auditorium at 6 am on Sunday, April 12, 2009. Our guest speaker is Rev. Matt Harri-

son. His message for the day is: *Living a Good News Life in a Bad News World*, based on the scripture from John, chapter 20.

Annual Rummage Sale—April 17 & 18

It's time for the CLWL Annual Rummage Sale Friday, April 17, 8 am—5 pm and Saturday, April 18, 8 am to Noon. Lunch will be served on both days.

We will accept items in the Church Parish Hall April 15 & 16. So, bring us your: Knick-knacks, books, decorations, toys, games, purses, shoes furniture, baby & children's clothing, dishes and working kitchen appliances. Sorry, but we can no longer accept televisions, electronics (computers, printers, phones, etc) or adult clothing.

We also need workers (male & female) to bring food, help set up and work during the sale. Please call R Mehrer or rev.travis@hotmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Clean out those closets & cupboards and support the work of the Calvary Lutheran Women's Missionary League!



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It's happening at Camp Okoboji!

Check out the happenings this summer at Camp Okoboji listed on the boards at church or go to their website at: www.campokoboji.org

“Little” Easter Rev. James Travis

Traditionally, Easter and all the little Easters that follow are the days everyone in the church gathers together. After all, the word “church” (ekleisia) in Greek means “to assemble together.” What better time to assemble than the day Jesus victoriously rose from the dead putting the seal on all He accomplished for us through His life and death: the gift of God’s righteousness, the removal of sin, the gift of everlasting life. We find ourselves day after day in this world of sin unsure what is coming next, but on Easter we know exactly what is coming next.

Yet, what gathers people together? Certainly a good game of high school basketball, soccer, football can. Or, an international event like the Super bowl can. But what really gathers people together? The answer: Kennedy’s Assassination, The Challenger Accident, 9/11, etc. Did you read or watch any of these?! Why does bad news, pain, and suffering gather us together?

Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, were gathering together on Easter morning because of bad news! Many people gathered for Jesus’ execution, but now they found something different, “Don’t be alarmed,” he

said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you’” (Mark 16:6-7). This is life changing, eternal life gaining, good news!

Worship:

I urge you to gather for the good news of Jesus! You will see Jesus this Easter in His Word, in the Lord’s Supper, and in the church (where two or three are gathered in my name there I am in the midst of them.) Let, Jesus bind you together in prayer, consolation, suffering, and resurrection. Our Easter services are April 12 at 8 am and 10:30 am and April 18 at 7 pm. If you are an early riser, come to the Easter Sunrise Service at Eppley Auditorium at 6 am too! Also, the confirmation youth are writing a special Easter Service to be received by us April 19 & 22.

Fellowship:

As brothers and sisters we have the opportunity to eat together as a church family on Sunday April 12 @ 7-7:30 & 9-10am. I know it has not been a tradition for all 900 members of Calvary to

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all eat together at once in the past, but I challenge you to try to do so, invite your family that may be home with you, invite fellow church members, let's gather as a family and encourage one another that day. Meet someone new. Fellowship might not be as important as worship (Luke 10:38-42), but it is part of the

Christian life for encouraging one another (Ephesians 4:1-6).

It is one thing to believe in Jesus and the church. It is another for Jesus to bind us together as His people and be the church. After all the church is the assembly of believers. Don't just believe! Assemble! Assemble for Easter and for what we, the church, call the little Easter!
Every Sunday is a little Easter!

Holy Week & Easter Events

Celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday at Calvary by participating in one or more of the following:

Holy Week::

- Palm Sunday worship: April 5 at 8 and 10:30 am. Children will parade with palm branches.
- Service of Confession & Absolution, Wednesday, 7 pm.
- Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion at noon and at 7 pm
- Good Friday Worship, Tennebrae Service, at 7 pm
- Saturday, April 11 Easter Egg Hunt: Sponsored by the Outreach Board at 10 am.

Easter Sunday:

- 6 am Siouxland LCMS churches sponsor annual Sunrise Service at Epply Auditorium
- Calvary's Youth serve Easter Breakfast before and after services (7-7:30 am & 9-10 am)
- Worship at Calvary at 8 and 10:30 am.
- Special Easter event for Sunday School Children at 9:15 am.



Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 12 Serving from 7 – 7:30 am & 9 – 10 am.

Menu: Assorted rolls & coffee cakes

Eggs

Grilled ham

Fresh Fruit

Coffee, juice, & milk

Free will donation for door.

Served by the youth. Money raised will be used by the youth to attend the 2010 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA.



Easter Egg Hunt Fellowship & Outreach



Egg Hunt

We have an outreach event for the entire neighborhood happening this Easter!

If you have trouble inviting a friend to church – invite them to Calvary's Big Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 11. at 10:00 AM.

Here they will search for Easter eggs and find the Good News. Children ages 2-9 years old, and their parents, are invited to participate.

We will have a "kiddies hunt" in the Parish Hall (2 – 5 year olds) with eggs everywhere and a more intense hunt for the 6-9 year olds elsewhere. All will hear the Easter story and sing a song as they prepare for the hunt. This is a way to tell others about Jesus.

Special Easter Sunday School Event

God had a plan before the world began. His plan was for His Son to die and rise on the third day. In this process the sins from the beginning of the end of the earth as we know it, are forgiven. We are clothed in Jesus' righteousness. What a gift to celebrate! And we will celebrate Easter!

At 9:15 am on Easter morning children from Preschool through 8th grade are invited

downstairs for a special Easter egg story revealing God's plan for each of us. We will celebrate with song and dance. And to finish the celebration, the children will participate in our annual Easter egg hunt.

We hope to fill our Sunday School area with children, love, and song. Visitors are welcome!!!!



We Believe – 2010 NYG, New Orleans, LA

We have 6 youth interested in attending the Synod's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana in July, 2010.

The Youth Board will be offering fund raisers for these six youth to earn their way to the Gathering. A total of \$2,000 needs to be raised over the next

15 months through the congregation.

When asked to support, please contribute generously as God has generously given to you. We will stop fund-raising when our entire group has the funds to attend. *We are a community of believers.*



Our next meeting is Tuesday April 28 in the Conference Room

at Calvary Lutheran Church, 4400 Central Street.

Our book for discussion will be *The Girl with the White Flag* by Toniko Higa.. Bring a sack lunch and your comments. For more information please call S Umland.

Recycle with the CLWL!

Do something good for the environment...and help the LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) raise funds for its 2015 National convention which will be held in Des Moines. The convention will be sponsored jointly by the LWML of Iowa District West and Iowa District East. To raise funds needed for expenses, the IDW & IDE are sponsoring "Ready, Set, Recycle!" We invite everyone to bring the following items to church: **Empty inkjet printer car-**

tridges, empty laser printer cartridges, used cell phones, laptops (include power cords) and Palm Pilots. The LWML will collect and redeem these items for cash to pay for convention expenses. For more information, check out the sheet on the CLWL bulletin board in the Friendship Room. Place your items in the box below the board. Thank you for your support.



Calvary Choir Concert — April 26

On Sunday, April 26 at 7 pm, Calvary will host a concert. The Shades of Light, The Plum Crazy for Christ Ministry Team and the Calvary Praise Team, all under the direction of Ken Johnson, will perform. We hope you will plan

to attend this evening of great music and praise.



What Matters to Families:

On April 18, 2009 at 10 a.m. an event especially directed toward young families. Rev. Kevin J. Kohnke, Professor and Director of Family Life Ministry at Concordia University, Seward, NE will keynote the event. Six different sectionals dealing with pertinent family topics (finances, discipline, sexuality, etc.) will be offered. Registrations should be sent to

First English Lutheran Church, 1311 E. 18th St, Spencer, IA 51301.

There is NO registration fee. Pre-registration is necessary for meal and sectional arrangements. See Cindy Storm, DCE for details.



From the DCE Cindy Storm

Our theme for Lent this year is “[Bind us together](#)” into a community of believers at Calvary. God has brought each and every one of us together as “*his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should **walk in them.***” (Eph. 2:10) We are HERE, in this time and in this place, to work together for the glory of His Kingdom.

God has given us a “[good works](#)” to do in Cedar Rapids, IA. The congregation of Trinity Lutheran, a sister congregation, suffered great loss in June 2008 when the Cedar River flooded its banks, forcing 70 families of this congregation from their homes. Some families had only a ten-minute warning. Many families lost everything except the lot of land on which their flood-soaked house now stands. As of March 12, 2010, only ten of these families were back in their home. Sixty families are still waiting for help in the way of muscles and sweat to help them get back into their homes.

Calvary has many able-bodied youth and adults, with the skills needed to help a family move into their home yet this year. [On June 7-11, a team from Calvary will head to Cedar Rapids to help with re-building.](#) We need people who know how to pound

a nail, put up dry wall and mud it, paint, take down wallpaper, hang curtain rods, fix a meal, and the list goes on. (Check out the list on the display.)

I ask you to pray to God to guide you in your planning. Is He calling you to be the muscle and sweat? Is He calling you to be in prayer for the Calvary Team? Is He asking you to donate money towards gas for travel? Is He asking you to donate money towards resources needed to rebuild a home? [God has a plan for you, for we are all bound together, Calvary in Sioux City and Trinity in Cedar Rapids.](#)

Check out the picture display in the Friendship Room on April 5. [Pray! Then act!](#) Talk to Sherry Book, Julie Barto, or Cindy Storm to sign up and donate time, talents, and money. Let us walk together in the “good works” God has given to us for edification.



April 5, Palm Sunday: "Joy to Pain"
 April 12, Easter Sunday: "The Easter Church"
 April 19, Youth Sunday: "Doubting Thomas, Seeing Thomas"
 April 26, Sunday: "Let's Do Lunch"



A Look Ahead:

CLWL Annual Spring Brunch:

Plan now to attend the Annual Calvary Lutheran Women's League Spring Brunch on Saturday, May 2 at 9 am. Guest Speaker: Jeannette Bekman.

Confirmation Sunday:

Sunday, May 3, 2009: Confirmation Rite at 10:30 worship service. A reception will be held at 9:45 am for the congregation, family, and friends to celebrate this milestone in these lives.

Class of 2009 Celebration:

Sunday, May 17, 2009: Class of 2009 Recognition at 8 am worship service followed by a reception in the Parish Hall at 9:15 to honor our high school seniors.

New All-Church Photo Directory:

June 1-6 & June 16-18. Plan now to have a family portrait taken and be included in our

new All-Church Photo Directory.

Wednesday Bible Journeys :

Check out Calvary's Summer Break program for 2007. Our program days will be Wednesday, July 8 & 22, and August 5. The scheduled program is from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm with before and after child care from 7:30 am to 5:15 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per child per day. You pay only for the days your child attends. The days will be filled with fun academic lessons, music, and physical activities. Registration forms will be available on May 1 or by calling Cindy (239-1575).

Vacation Bible School :

Summertime VBS/Vacation Bible School: **Solid Rock** on Sunday, July 26-31 in the evenings. Mark your calendars and watch for registration and opportunities to get involved with children learning about Jesus.

April 2009

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 Lamplight- ers at St. Paul 9:30 Bible Study, PA	2 7 Choir Practice	3	4 9 Garden Club
5 Palm Sun- day Baptism Celebration 8 Wor-	6 Pastor's Family Day 6:30 pm 75th Anni- versary	7 7 Deborah Circle 7 Dorcas 7 Boy Scouts	8 9:30 Bible Study, PA No Class Confirma- tion	9 Maundy Thursday Noon: Worship w/HC	10 Good Friday: 7pm: Ten- nebrae Worship	11 10 am Neighbor- hood Easter Egg Hunt 2-4 pm
12 Easter Sunday 6 Sunrise service 7-8 & 9- 10 Break-	13 Pastor's Family Day 9:30 LWML Quilters	14 Noon Golden Age 6:30 Out- reach Bd 6:30 Edu-	15 9:30 Bible Study, PA 5:30 Con- firmation 7 Worship	16 6:30 "From ME to WE" Couples Work- shop, Blue ←Set up for CLWL Spring Rummage→	17 Sale: 8 am- 5 pm	18 Sale: 8 am—Noon 8 am-8 pm Calvary's Day of Prayer
19 Youth Sunday 8 Wor- ship w/ HC 9:15 Edu- cation	20 Pastor's Family Day May news- letter due	21 9:30 Re- bekah Circle 7 Martha Circle 7 Ruth Circle	22 9:30 Bible Study, PA 5:30 Con- firmation Class for 5th & 6th grades	23 6:30 Wor- ship & Music Board 7 CLWL Board & Topic	24 Hickman/ Fetterman wedding rehearsal & Dinner in PH	25 Emily Hickman & Todd Fetterman Wedding service
26 8 Wor- ship 9:15 Edu- cation Hour 10:30	27 Pastor's Family Day 9:30 LWML Quilters	28 6:30 Trus- tees Bd. 7 Church Council	29 9:30 Bible Study, PA 5:30 8th Grade Confirma- tion Re-	30 7 Choir Practice		

Calvary's 75th Anniversary Celebration

September 2010 marks this milestone for Calvary and our Committee is busy working on plans to involve every member of Calvary.

We hope you can help us with photos and stories of our history as a church here in Leeds.

Do you have any photos, documents and/or stories you would like to share?

The photos, old bulletins, monthly newsletters, pictorial directories and stories can be anything related to Calvary over the past 75 years. The building, Pastors, Teachers, Sunday School, Confirmation Classes, Youth gatherings, Circles, Picnics, Friendships and even struggles and hardships our congregation has

experienced over the years. All are welcome.

If you have a story you want to share, please call Linda Book (239-1169, after 6 pm) and we will schedule a time to visit with you.

If you have photos or other documents to share, please place them in an envelope with your name, address and phone number so that we can return them to you. An explanation of who, what event, where it happened, etc., in the photo and or document will be most helpful if you have that information. A special box will be in the church Office to collect photos and documents.

Thank you for your help as we plan the celebration of 75 years as God's Church!

Adult/High School Confirmation Classes:

Pastor is offering Confirmation classes for high school youth on Sundays at 11:30 am and for Adults at 4 pm. This is also a

good review of your Confirmation lessons as well as for new members. Please call 239-1575 for more information.

Monthly Day of Prayer

Our Next Prayer Day will be Saturday, April 18, 2009, from 8 am to 8 pm. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the Friendship

Room two weeks prior to the date. Plan now to spend half an hour with your Lord in prayer!

Altar Flowers

Commemorate a special occasion, a new baby, or remember a loved one by sponsoring the weekly Altar Flowers in 2009. Signing your name and the occasion to the chart on the bulletin board in the Friendship Room.

We will order a bouquet from Terry Lee's Flower shop for a cost of \$32.10 to be delivered to the

church prior to the Sunday you select. If you prefer to provide your own flowers, please let the office know at least one week before your date. *Note:* We can accommodate up to 2 bouquets each week.



Care Team Ministry, April — Diane Krause

The process to develop a care team ministry Calvary continues. If you are still interested in being involved as initial steps unfold it is important that you contact Diane Krause so that she can bring you up-to-date on what has transpired thus far. The care team members will meet with the elders at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 to discuss self-directed work teams and their development and to visit more about value, vision and mission regarding beginning plans for this endeavor at Calvary. Take note that this gathering will last longer than one half hour and will dovetail into the elder meeting. Diane may be reached at her home number, 239-5646 or at her cell number 389-5226. I invite and encourage everyone to be open to and positive about this exciting undertaking to help our elders and our pastor. Many, many life and spiritual gifts that are be-

ing utilized now will eventually be utilized even more to God's glory in our family at Calvary. Many will be blessed God, just like he did with Moses, his people, and a bronze snake, in and through His grace and mercy, not only got his people's attention but He also provided for all that they needed. God will bless us too. It is important that the process be honored and that everyone respect the necessary time and effort involved to lay the foundation for this ministry. "Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found, brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound." (HS, p. 878) Praise be to God for his continued, unrelenting, and undeniable forgiveness) Praise be to God for his continued, unrelenting, and undeniable forgiveness and love in our midst.

Hispanic Mission in Siouxland

Pastor Henry and Ruthie Witte —
April 2009

On March 16 we begin the third session of ESL classes in Sioux City and South Sioux City. We hope to continue serving the Hispanic community in this manner and use the classes as opportunities to sow the Word of God's love in Christ. A few students participate in the study of Jesus' life held once a week at each church after the ESL class. Also we have tried to offer a family Bible time on two different Saturday afternoons at each church. Few have come to these Saturday activities, but we will continue to seek how best to share the Gospel with the Hispanics whom we have met.

One of our ESL students has begun a program for the elderly Hispanics who live in the area. She offers classes on nutrition, exercise, and crafts along with a variety of other activities. The people are very responsive and thankful for these activities which help them to meet new people and to get out into the community. This student has asked us to help teach English as part of the program. Sharon Weber and I are presently teaching twice a week at the YMCA in South Sioux City before the exercise classes begin. We hope that this activity opens doors to meet and share God's Word with many other families.

Please pray that God continue to grant us opportunities to sow His Word and that He bless this labor with future fruits of faith. *"I [Paul] planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth"* 1 Corinthians 3:6-7.

Some of the ESL students with



their teachers sharing a meal at the end of our winter ESL session

One of the Saturday afternoon activities where we studied the events of Holy Week

From Lutherans for Life:



"One of the most comforting aspects of Christ's work for us is that He has gone through pain,

dying, and death in advance of us. He didn't eliminate it from the human experience. He transformed it into our homecoming. The transition now holds no terror, no sting. Our last moment on earth is instantly transformed into our first moment with Jesus."

Pastor Mark Jeske, speaker on Time of Grace This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.

