

Crossways

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Did You Know?

Everything that happens at Calvary is done by volunteers. Aside from a small handful of paid staff, everything having to do with the life of the church and the ministries you see are volunteer led and volunteer accomplished. That means there is an incredible legacy of volunteers in this church's past who have given much to carry the church along to what it has become today.

If you are a member or regular visitor at Calvary you are invited to become a part of this legacy as well. From meeting and greeting on Sunday morning to helping out with mission activities your help is needed and it is one way you can care for your church and others who are here. Please contact the church office or any of our volunteer coordinators to find out how to get involved.

Stay Up to Date

To best keep up with all the events and activities happening at Calvary, check out the following resources:

- Sunday morning bulletin and Traffic Report (All services recorded, CDs available in Narthex)
- Our Bi-Monthly *Crossways* Newsletter
- Our Facebook Page: Calvary Silver Spring
- Our Website: calvarysilverspring.org
- Pastor's Midweek Meditations is a weekly devotional email that also includes event reminders (call 301-589-4001 to receive)

About the Cover

Soon we will celebrate and rejoice. Soon the glory of Easter morning will be upon us. First we must come and see, open our ears to hear, allow it all to sink in. The joy of Easter is understood in full when we first know all He has done. Soon, the time will be here. Join us as we watch.

Upcoming Events

April 7—Voters Assembly after worship

April 13—Holy Hike outing to Patuxent Research Refuge

April 14—Palm Sunday Worship

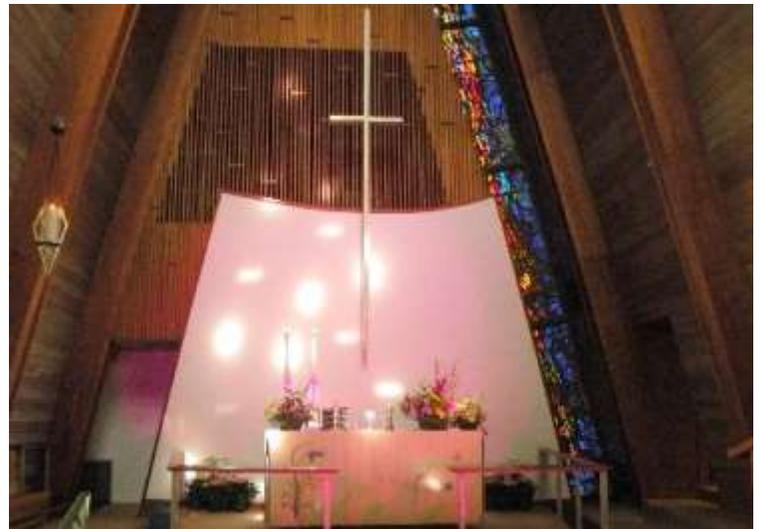
April 20—Men's Group Church Cleanup and Prepare Easter Brunch; 9:00am Fellowship Hall

April 21—Easter Sunday; 6:30am Sunrise Service followed by breakfast, 10:00am Celebration Service followed by Kids' Egg Hunt

April 27—Calvary Art Show Reception; Evening

April 28 and May 5—Calvary Art Show after Worship

June 9—Voters Assembly after worship



A Letter from Pastor Mike

The Celebration of Easter is just around the corner. It is truly one of my favorite days of the year—the joy of spring, the cuteness of kids dressed in their best, and the power of the worship service—but as I have said before, the days leading up to Easter are just as important to understand the celebration.

There, in those holy days of the Passion Week, we find many teaching moments of Jesus, one of the most powerful being sometimes overlooked. Before the Passover meal Jesus washed his disciples' feet.

In this gracious act, Jesus is teaching the disciples about service and humility. He tells them that because he has washed their feet, they should also wash the feet of others. More than just a symbol of service though, this event was also meant to reveal to the disciples an inescapable truth – they needed to be cleansed by Jesus. And not just their feet, but their entire being. The disciples, in their brokenness and sin, needed to be washed and cleansed in order to attain salvation.

Only Jesus could do this for them. When he washed their feet that Thursday night he may have removed some dirt from their skin, but on the following day as his blood was shed upon the cross his sacrifice expunged their sin forever. Only Jesus could do this for them, and only Jesus can do this for us.

Each of the services of Holy Week are invitations to experience again the fullness of God's love as revealed by Jesus' death and resurrection. Each moment of Holy Week explains the necessity of Jesus' sacrifice and heightens the experience of joy on Easter morning. I look forward to worshipping with you through these days.



~Pastor Mike

A Letter from the President

Dear Calvary Members and Friends,

“Meetings are the curse of the managerial class.” I was unable to find a source for that epigram, so I will take credit for its coinage, at least until evidence surfaces to prove otherwise. In the later years of my career as a Federal bureaucrat, often there were days (and evenings) during which I accomplished nothing. That was because the day had been spent entirely in meetings. One day started with a meeting in DC, followed by one in Bethesda, then one in Rockville (or was it two?), and then the day was concluded with meetings in Gaithersburg. I reconciled this kind of life with the philosophy that others could get real work done because I had attended the meeting(s) instead of them.

While that may be a quasi-cynical view, and maybe quasi-accurate, meetings are a necessary component in the life of human organizations. Memoranda, conference calls, emails, texts, Skype, and other media cannot replace essential face-to-face interaction of real (not virtual) people. I believe that those who disagree with this proposition may be devaluing the heart of human communication.

Why this treatise on meetings? It seems that a major part of the job of Calvary President is to arrange for meetings. Much of my Calvary time is engaged with meetings, monitoring meeting preparation, chairing some meetings, and monitoring the meeting outcomes, so that real work gets done. But without the attendees' enthusiasm, energy and expertise, nothing much would be accomplished. This newsletter is an opportunity to thank all of the Calvary (and other) folks who meet together to sort out tasks and plan their accomplishment. Thank you ALL for keeping Calvary alive, improving the facility, planning for the future, taking care of one another, and meeting together to serve others. You are all God's representatives, even if you are in a meeting.

I trust that you will consider participation in planned Voters Assembly meetings first on April 7,

the week before Palm Sunday. Reports on a variety of activities are expected. Then our regular Voters Assembly meeting is scheduled for June 9. Among other things, the budget and election of Board members will be major business items. Many of you will participate in other essential meetings over the coming months, and I thank you for doing so.

Yours in Christ,

Daniel L. Michels
President



*Where have they taken our
Psalm? (... you may ask)*

For several years, Calvary has been exploring the book of Psalms through music. Most often we've used specially composed "Responsorial Psalms" in which the cantor sings the verses and the congregation responds with a refrain drawn from the key phrase or theme of the appointed Psalm. The musical settings are often quite tuneful and memorable. This responsorial style of Psalm has been popular at Calvary, with some calling it their favorite part of the service (*...after the sermon, of course*).

This year, during the season of Lent, we are using the Psalm as the Old Testament lesson. This approach of simply reading the Psalm is another appropriate way to hear and reflect on the text, and although the Psalms were originally designed to be sung, the spoken version has *leant* itself well to Pastor Mike's theme for *Lent* (*pun intended*), "How We Worship".

Have no fear, our Responsorial Psalms will return to the service after Easter in their regular place between the Old Testament and Epistle lessons.

During Holy Week, we commemorate the passion and resurrection of Christ in four beautifully moving worship services. **Palm Sunday** begins with the exuberant entry into Jerusalem, deteriorating into the arrest, trial and crucifixion of our Savior. **Maundy Thursday** takes a step back to the evening of his arrest as Jesus washes the feet of his disciples and celebrates his last supper. **Good Friday** remembers Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. **Easter** is a jubilant celebration of Jesus' victory over death and *our* victory because of it.

I invite and encourage you to attend all four of these special services. That is, come to each portion of our one continuous Holy Week commemoration. Those who've done so in the past have shared a particularly special Holy Week worship experience. Even better, invite a friend to join you!

Lenten Blessings,

Brian Priebe
Minister of Music



Stepping Down, But Not Leaving

As Office Administrator at Calvary, Beverly Harmon has seen a lot of changes while keeping things running smoothly for 20 years. In the late 1990s, she called Pastor Larry Schmidt to see if she could volunteer for something at church. She didn't know at the time that they were looking for an Administrative Program

Coordinator, and the VP for Administration invited her to become an employee instead. At first her "office" was in a corner of Pastor Larry's office, and David Whitt, who was being mentored by Pastor Larry, had another corner. In addition to her duties



in the office, she also taught confirmation classes for many years.

Beverly has always enjoyed being involved in meetings where music is planned for the upcoming services. "When Brian Priebe became the Minister of Music, he would sometimes go on midweek tours," she says. "Then he'd call me from the back of the tour bus so we could work out the Sunday service and the contents of the worship bulletin."

When Beverly joined the staff, Calvary had two services on Sundays, with approximately 125 attending the 11:00 o'clock service. Calvary Lutheran School was also in full swing with kindergarten through 8th grade, a full school staff, and approximately 125 students. While the school was in session, many facility emergencies occurred. "I learned more than I ever wanted to know about plumbing, heating, and air-conditioning," she says.

With the acquisition of the Steinway piano (thanks to Brian and Mr. Junker), we started offering a recital venue to music teachers and musical groups. Some very famous musicians have performed at Calvary. The Washington Piano Society and the Potomac River Jazz Club regularly hold public

performances in our sanctuary. "I'm passionate about making our space available to serve the community," she says, "and I don't think most congregation members know that we currently have 32 music teachers and groups using this space for recitals for their pupils."

After Pastor Larry's retirement, we had several years without a pastor, so Calvary was especially blessed to have Beverly's steady hand in the office. "We found many wonderful pastors to help us out," she says, "including David Percy, Ben Nass, Keith Loesch, and Lloyd Gaines, to name a few." These pastors and the church council relied on Beverly to keep the office running at a normal pace.

After Calvary School closed, the Auburn School used our classroom space for eight years. Beverly has some fond memories of the children with Asperger's syndrome who attended the school. "I will always remember Nathaniel, whom I taught to pick up the mail. Oh, and a truly memorable day was during their summer camp when a youngster ripped the water fountain off the wall!"

Beverly was born in La Crosse, WI, and she is the daughter and granddaughter of Lutheran ministers. She attended The Dunning School of Music in Aberdeen, SD, where she studied music theory and composition; St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, where she specialized in playing the organ; and Baylor University in Waco, TX, where she majored in history and education.

In addition to being a wife and mother, Beverly had two careers before she joined the staff at Calvary. She taught high school history (and sometimes English) in Texas, Illinois, Indiana, and Maryland. "The students were often twice my size, but they *did* learn their history," she says. Then she spent 25 years on the Hill with the American Hospital Association and retired as staff specialist to the president of the association.

It's not surprising, with her early interest in music, that Beverly enjoys going to classical music concerts. She also likes movies of the non-horror sort and reading mystery and history books. And for

A Tribute to Harvey Kloehn

exercise, there's nothing like a good game of tennis. "I grew up in a family that was nuts about tennis," she explains. "In fact, my mother was so good at it that my dad refused to play with her!"

But what's her favorite thing to do? "I love spending time with my four wonderful grandchildren. It's especially fun to travel with them. And I have two great-grandsons. One is 14 and the other is less than a month. I just spent four hours admiring and cuddling him on his one-week birthday."

So, what does Beverly want to tell us as she retires? "I can't believe it has been 20 years—I guess time flies when you're having fun. But I'm not planning to leave Calvary. I will still be on the back pew for the Sunday services. Calvary is my church. It's the place where I get energized for the following week. "

—Claire Miller

Financial Statement for the Year to Date Fiscal 2019 (July 2018 – February 2019)

Income by Source:	
Member Giving	\$ 151,471.04
Capital Schools	\$ 43,600.00
Other Income	\$ 6,773.53
Total all sources	\$ 201,844.57

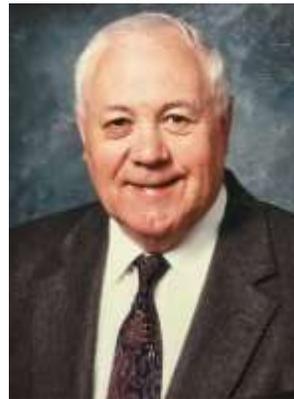
Expenses:	
Salaries and Casual Labor	\$ 203,806.69
Office & Program Expenses	\$ 22,426.47
Property Expenses	\$ 77,175.53

Total Expenses	\$ 303,408.69
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Income less Expenses (\$ 101,564.12)

A larger than normal deficit was not unexpected because of the Auburn School moving out. Their monthly contribution of \$11,600 went down to \$2,000, so for the months of October through February there was a loss of income of \$48 thousand.

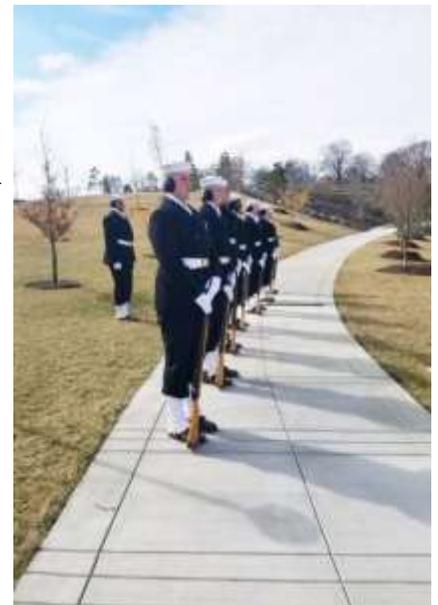
—Nicole Ellis, Treasurer/Carl Johnson, Bookkeeper



Harvey's family and friends gathered for his memorial service last June, and his family filled two pews in our church again on March 3 because his internment at Arlington National Cemetery was scheduled for the following day.

We all remember Harvey as one of Calvary's former presidents, our resident carpenter and handyman, and a cheerful friend and volunteer. But he also served in the U.S. Navy as an electronics officer and as a civilian engineer.

Pat Kloehn, Harvey and Ann's daughter, had this to say about her father's ceremony: It was a beautiful cold, sunny day, and a red tailed hawk flew in lazy circles overhead. The honor guard (right) performed a 21-gun salute followed by a flag ceremony. At the end, a distant trumpet played "Taps".



My mom was presented with a flag "from the President and a grateful nation." It was hard to say goodbye all over again to my dad. Still, as the family silently walked away, I was comforted to know that my hero was surrounded by heroes. He's in a beautiful sacred place. I will carry him in my heart always. —Pat Kloehn

Book Club Update

Book Drive The Calvary Book Club thanks all those who participated in the book drive for the DC Books to Prisons program. About 680 paperback books were collected that will be most appreciated by state and federal prisoners in 34 states.



Thanks also to Hank (left) and the other volunteers who repacked the books into smaller boxes, and thanks to Erik Delfino for inspiring this book drive and volunteering

to deliver the books to the program office.

Upcoming Book-Club Choices Stimulating discussions and fellowship are at the heart of the Book Club meetings. Each month (usually on the first Sunday after the Worship service) the group meets to discuss works of both fiction and non-fiction. Refreshments are served in the Parents Room, and all are welcome.

April 7. **Portuguese Irregular Verbs** (Professor Dr. Von Igelfeld Series) by Alexander McCall Smith, 2004. “Readers who fell in love with Precious Ramotswe, proprietor of The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, now have new cause for celebration in the protagonist of these three light-footed comic novels by Alexander McCall Smith. Welcome to the insane and rarified world of Professor Dr. Moritz-Maria von Igelfeld of the Institute of Romance Philology. Von Igelfeld is engaged in a never-ending quest to win the respect he feels certain he is due—a quest which has the tendency to go hilariously astray.” (from inside flap of book).

Discussion leader – Margy Holley.

May 5. **The Water is Wide** by Pat Conroy, 2002. “The island is nearly deserted, haunting, beautiful. Across a slip of ocean lies South Carolina. But for the handful of families on Yamacraw Island, America is a world away. For years the people here lived proudly

from the sea, but now its waters are not safe. Waste from industry threatens their very existence—unless, somehow, they can learn a new life. But they will learn nothing without someone to teach them, and their school has no teacher. Here is Pat Conroy’s extraordinary drama based on his own experience—the true story of a man who gave a year of his life to an island, and the new life its people gave him.” (from inside flap of book).

Discussion leader – Barbara Boehne

June 2. **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman, 2018. “Eleanor Oliphant is a quirky loner and a model of efficiency with her routine of frozen pizza, vodka, and weekly phone calls with Mummy. [She’s] a woman beginning to heal from unimaginable tragedy, with a voice that is deadpan, heart-breaking, and humorous all at once.” –NPR.org. “Walking in Eleanor’s practical black Velcro shoes is delightfully amusing. But readers will also be drawn in by her tragic backstory, which slowly reveals how she came to be so entirely Eleanor. Witty, charming, and heartwarming, *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* is a remarkable debut about a singular woman.” --Booklist (starred review).

Discussion leader—Lori Schwartz

—Robyn Frank



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Art Show Co-chairs: Vita Sims and Erik Delfino

Many talented artists are members of Calvary, and two of them (Vita and Erik) are heading up the Art Show on the evening of April 27 and after church on April 28 and May 5. Ask Vita why art is important, and be prepared for an inspiring half-hour response! "Art enriches our lives in so many ways," she says. "Almost every object we use was created and designed to solve a problem. The arts build important connections in a person's brain and people use many different skills when creating and appreciating art. When you're really engaged in art, your skills continue to evolve."



Vita loves spending vacation time in Acadia National Park where the fir trees, granite peaks, and rocky ocean beaches make the park an inspiring place to paint. "I like to think there's a gull that recognizes me and watches me work every time I come," she says. "Once it made off with an art sponge and

finally tossed it away when it concluded it wasn't food. But when I bring fruit or nuts, the gull will take them right from my hand. You could say that I'm a gull whisperer!"

While working as an art therapist at psychiatric hospitals, Vita saw many ways art could affect people. She found it rewarding to help patients work through their problems by using art, but the long commute and tremendous amount of paperwork were stressful.



She has since switched her focus to interior design and thoroughly enjoys helping people create spaces that fit their lifestyle.

Vita still paints some realistic scenes, but her interest has evolved to working more abstractly. She finds abstract painting a challenge, but she enjoys exploring new ideas. Her abstract paintings still have some elements of realism, but she focuses more on color, texture, shape, and composition in her work.



Not long ago, while sitting with the choir at Calvary, she saw a T-shaped shadow on the wall that inspired her to paint a picture of a waterfall. "Often I start with a shape

and the original idea changes into something I wasn't expecting," she says.

In addition to singing in Calvary's choir, Vita is a prayer shepherd, and she helps with interior design around the church, as needed.

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A book might not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think of art, but Erik, who worked at the Library of Congress for many years, has been interested in making books that *are* works of art. He attended a Masters' Program at the Corcoran where he learned typography, printing, letterpress (rolling paper over type), and how to sew a book, and now he is studying screen printing.



Among other books he created, Erik made one on the 50th anniversary of the New York World's Fair (purchased by the Library of Congress), and his newest one is a photo book of railroad stations in New Jersey. (For an artistic touch, each page is printed in either red, green, brown, or blue).

Before making a book about Frankenstein, Erik bought 20 second-hand editions of Mary Shelley's book by different publishers. Then he cut each of the

20 chapters out of a different book and combined them into his art book. (Cutting up books wasn't easy for a librarian, but Erik is convinced that he rescued these Frankenstein books from dying unwanted on someone's bookshelf.)

Erik's volunteer jobs at Calvary include entering each week's contribution checks into an Excel program in the church office. He also has organized an aphasia choir for people like himself who have suffered strokes, he's a member of the Road to 2020 committee, and he's part of Calvary's Sunday-morning sound crew. We're thankful to both Vita and Erik for all the volunteer work they do at Calvary.

—Claire Miller



Building Renovation Update

Construction can be likened to an iceberg. Most of it you don't see. Before a shovel can go into the ground or a wall knocked down and new and improved facilities begin to emerge there is much thinking, planning, head scratching, calculating, drawing, meeting, and approving (sic) that have to take place.

Calvary now has a complete team of architects, engineers, contractors, advisory committees, honchos, and go-fors who have been meeting and are just aching to move our project forward.

You'll recall that construction will proceed in two phases. The first phase will address the fellowship hall, kitchen, bathrooms in the school area, classroom renovations, and related mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems upgrades and windows. The elevator, adjacent bathrooms, drop-off area, and continuation of the systems upgrades and windows will follow.

To fine-tune our conceptual plans, Phase One stakeholder committees, consisting of Calvary members with

varied interests and responsibilities, were established to provide guidance to Miche Booz Architects on the needs and desired improvements for their particular areas. The give-and-take during these sessions was enlightening and fruitful. Plans for the layout of the fellowship hall, the youth area on the stage, and the kitchen and classroom wing are essentially complete and will soon be presented to the congregation.

Not to steal too much of our architect's thunder, but here are a few specific examples of what's to come . . .

- **Stage:** This will be a haven for youth outfitted with a TV, table and chairs, lounge chairs, and shelves. It will be behind a glass wall with double doors and a ramp will provide full access.
- **Kitchen:** Improvements will include stainless steel work surfaces and storage, new oven and microwaves, icemaker, and a warming cabinet. The dirty dishes pass-through will be opened to provide the entrance to a pantry created by expanding the closet that once housed dozens of coffee makers. This addition will centralize **all** kitchen supplies and equipment.
- **School wing:** Existing bathrooms will be modernized, and a new ADA bathroom large enough for an attendant and a shower will be added next to the current girl's room. A future school will ultimately determine office and classroom configuration, but two options have been developed for consideration.

Progress has been made outside as well. A boundary survey necessary for permitting and determining what's ours has been completed, and the topography of areas to be developed or disturbed has been established. Enough ground will be disturbed out back and paving added to require the installation of a facility to retain rainwater for a brief period and slowly release it into the local storm drain system. The extent of this feature is being determined.

—Steve Frank

Kids Quiz (page 11) Answer:

1-BG, 2-CE, 3-CD, 4-BD, 5-CF, 6-AE, 7-AD, 8-CG

KidsChurch News

As we move through the season of Lent, our kids will be preparing for Holy Week in KidsChurch. Our lessons will focus on Jesus' life leading up to and after his crucifixion and resurrection. Through the story of Mary washing the feet of Jesus we will talk about how we can show our love for him. We will learn the story of Jesus' joyful welcome into Jerusalem celebrated on Palm Sunday and think about how quickly that joy changed as we read about the sad events of Good Friday. Then, as we join the women at the empty tomb, we will learn how Jesus is more powerful than death. It is an exciting time to be in KidsChurch!

Please be aware that we won't hold KidsChurch classes on Easter Sunday so that we can give all our kids and teachers the day to enjoy the service with their families. And be sure to stay for the Easter Egg Hunt on the playground after the 10:00am service. Kids are invited to bring their own baskets, but we'll also have some on hand that they can borrow.

We enjoyed our first KidsSing event on the fourth Sunday in February. All kids are invited to gather after church on the fourth Sunday of every month to learn simple but meaningful songs that teach about our faith. Our plan is to sing for the congregation every fifth Sunday when the kids are also helping with other jobs in the church, as we did on March 31. We are so glad to have the leadership of our Music Minister, Brian Priebe, and to have Toku Kawata accompanying us.

Finally, thank you to those who came to our Family Night in March. We had a great dinner, and while the kids enjoyed a movie, the parents whipped our classrooms into shape. Stop by our KidsChurch classrooms when you have a minute to enjoy the new rugs and room decorations. They look great and we couldn't have gotten so much done without all the help!

Stay tuned for more family events coming in the spring! —Lori Schwartz, KidsChurch Director

Chili Cook-off



Ten Calvary cooks brought pots of delicious chili for the Cook-Off on March 10. After about 45 minutes of tasting and comparing, Pastor Mike warned that it was time to vote. As soon as the votes were counted, he announced that Christina Calvo's pot #1 was the winner of the trophy labeled "Calvary's You've Won First Place, But We Suspect Collusion Award." Christina admits to a little collusion, but not too much.

Courtney Fletcher's pot #3 won the trophy labeled "Calvary's We Wish You Hadn't Entered The Chili Cook-Off Award" for the spiciest chili. Meanwhile, Lori Schwartz and Sherrell Goolsby cooked up a big pot of chili to donate to the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless.



Women of Calvary News

The Women of Calvary met for our March quarterly meeting on Saturday March 2. We had a large group of 15 women in attendance for a potluck breakfast and a presentation from Lynn Rose of the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH).



Lynn educated us on all of the various programs that MCCH runs to try to address homelessness in our county. In the past, Calvary has supported MCCH through donation drives to fill backpacks for children in the fall, gathering items needed for a homeless

veteran who was transitioning to his own apartment, and by preparing bagged meals to be delivered to the main men's shelter in Rockville.

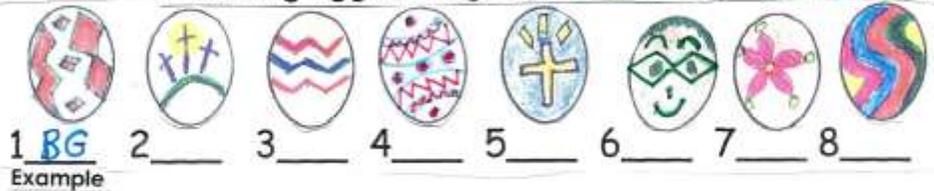
Lynn let us know that there are other ways to support MCCH as well, especially with their smaller supported housing project in downtown Bethesda called Cordell Place. Cordell Place houses 32 of the county's most vulnerable residents who are provided with 24/7 on-site assistance from a staff member and assisted in developing life skills and managing their health and well-being.

The residents of Cordell Place can be assisted by community members through donations of meals (that the group is encouraged to stay and serve) and by preparing interactive programs for the residents to participate in (such as an art class/demonstration). The group was energized and spent some time after Lynn's presentation discussing how Calvary might be able to expand our work with MCCH.

The annual LWML Spring Rally, Potomac Zone, will be held Saturday, April 6, from 9am to 3pm at Peace in Christ Lutheran Church, 8798 Adventure Ave., Walkersville, MD 21793. The \$20.00 registration fee includes lunch. During the morning program, presenters will share information about the ministries from two organizations serving women and children within the Potomac Zone. After lunch there will be a brief business meeting to discuss an update to the zone bylaws, and we will also hear from our Chesapeake District President, Teresa Tester. The day will close with a worship service with Communion. There will be a flyer in your church mailbox with a lot more information about this meeting. You can also contact me with any questions about the rally.
 -Kate Tomes, 301-785-9545, katetomes24@gmail.com

Kids Quiz

Here's how to practice for Calvary's Easter Egg Hunt. On the line after each number, write the letter combination of the square where you found a matching egg in the grass. **Answer Key—see page 9.**



	D	E	G	F
A				
B				
C				

Calvary KidsNews

← KidsSing

This is something new at Calvary. Every 4th Sunday after the church service, the kids are getting together to learn new songs. Then in the months that have a 5th Sunday, they will sing one of the songs for everyone in church.

REMEMBER THE ART SHOW April 27 and 28 and May 5. There will be art created by kids and adults, and maybe something by you!



↑ First Communion

Boden and Zelah met with Pastor Mike to learn about Holy Communion. Then, during the church service on Feb. 24, Boden and Zelah took the body and blood of Jesus, along with their parents and grandparents—what a special day for all of them!

Easter Sunday

Celebrate the true meaning of Easter with your family in church. Then head out to the playground for the Easter egg hunt.

BYOB = Bring Your Own Basket

(Extra baskets will be available.)



Wrestling Champion ↓

Miles has been playing football at Long Reach High School in Columbia, MD, for three years. But this year he also joined the wrestling team. "There were a lot of rules to learn about ways to score points and penalties for things like locking hands when you're on top of someone. I still have more to learn," he says. After less than a year on the team, Miles is the 195-pound Junior Varsity Champion in Howard County. He's hoping to make it to the Maryland State finals next year.



Family Night →

Did you join the other kids for the Family Night on February 22? If you did, you know that you started with a pizza dinner. Then you watched the movie, "Toy Story," while your parents worked on fixing up the KidsChurch classrooms. It was a fun way to start the weekend!



New Youth Group

The Calvary Youth Group has formed with kids in 5th grade through high school. "We plan to gather once a month for Bible study and fun activities. We will also plan outings, both for adventure and community service," says Mr. Mark. "Our first activity was duck-pin bowling on March 29."



KIDS—HAVE YOU DONE SOMETHING SPECIAL OUTSIDE OF CHURCH? PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO TELL MRS. MILLER. →