

The Calvary Connection

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Good News and Better News

At our annual meeting in January, we saw that financial pledges were less for 2010 than they had been for 2009. We adjusted the budget as much as we could and sent letters to members and friends of the church asking for any pledges or contributions they could make. The good news is we finished the first two months of 2010 with income running even with expenses. The better news is we received a substantial donation from former members Bekki Jankoviak and John Schmitt. In the letter they sent with the donation, John and Bekki described their affection for their friends at Calvary and their efforts to find employment in Milwaukee so they can move back here as soon as Bekki finishes her Master's degree. The session sent a letter of thanks and soon, we hope, all of us will be able to thank Bekki and John and welcome them back into our family.

Make Room for Change

"Reformed and always reforming" is a phrase often associated with Presbyterians. Our church building has been a recipient of reformation during its 137 years. Some epic—such as the addition of an elevator and class rooms in the 60's and a theater in this new millennium, and others rather subtle—such as took place on a February Saturday. Many may not even be aware of a bell room that sits between the chancel and the staircase leading to the Pastor's study and church office. The handbells had long ago been sold and the music they made was replaced with that of the beautiful Yamaha grand piano we hear each Sunday. Or so I thought until it came time to reform the bell room into a new storage room for the scaffolding. Every building has a starting point from which everything else it built on and around. Odd that this one started on the second story in a nondescript three by eight room. If a tornado came by and wiped out all of the Marquette campus this little room would still be there suspended in air. As a half hour deconstruction project turned into five, I had time

to ponder its construction. This room certainly wasn't an after thought. The shelving that housed the hand bells were built as the floor was being built. The anchors set into the wall were in place before the plaster went up. I envisioned those early Scots hitching their wagon and heading down to the Ye Olde Home Depot for nails. And when asked what kind of nails ye be needin' they replied "the kind that go straight through to China". Then it was off to the lumber yard for nothing less than half inch tongue and groove planks that came from trees grown on the planet Krypton. While that may or may not be true, it was true that I was removing history. Those shelves were built when the church was built. Before my grandfather was born someone made a room to store handbells for a choir. The choir and bells are no longer here. The scaffolding is. Time marches on and things change. We can't stay in the past, although sometimes I find myself trying. I've restored vintage cars

to their original condition. I read history. I wonder what is original in our church and how can I keep it as such. How can I revert what isn't back again? I hate change but I do it from time to time. We now have a new storage room right next to the sanctuary for the scaffolding we need to change the light bulbs in the sanctuary. But regardless of what that room may house now or in the future, it will always be the bell room to me.

~ Don Thomas



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Alverno Consultations Update (and a word about tables)

During our last session with Prof. Graham from Alverno, we reviewed our efforts to incorporate the abilities, which we identified in earlier discussions, into our life together as Calvary Church. As we continue to adapt and perfect our efforts to incorporate the four abilities, we made two changes. First, we will spend more time on fellowship and deepening our relationships with one another when we gather at Second Table. To do this we will give more time to table conversations and use other times to develop the biblical and theological ability such as classes after worship and in members' homes, retreats, and events, e.g. going together to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Milwaukee Public Museum. Second, we will add more informal gatherings, e.g. meals at area restaurants, simple potlucks at members' homes, and some spur-of-the-moment outings to movies, concerts, ice skating, and other events. To get us started on our off site special events, we will be heading to **Rudy's Mexican Restaurant (1122 N. Edison St.) this Sunday, March 21 for lunch** following worship. It's close to the Marcus Center, so those going to the opera can walk afterwards. For more info about Rudy's menu and location, go to www.rudysmexican.com. The last class of the Borg and Crossan book study will move to March 28.

As we add more fellowship opportunities (and everyone is encouraged to suggest and plan an outing) we will plan to keep Second Table every month (nearly). Outings are fun and allow us to do things we cannot do at our church, e.g. see a movie. But our dinners at church also allow us to do things we cannot do other places like include those who do not have the money to pay for a dinner in a restaurant, or for whom transportation is difficult. At church, we all share what we have--all pitch in--and all enjoy the benefits. Dinners at church are easier on families with young children as we have a nursery with rocking chairs and privacy, and there is room for children to move around and still be in sight of their parents. And dinners at church allow us to say prayers and engage one another in conversations without distracting others.

So, as we add other informal gatherings, we will continue to feast together in our own home.

BUNDLES OF JOY

Announcing two new arrivals to the Calvary Family:

ADELAIDE MARIE GLATZEL
Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 11:48 p.m.

YOLI ELLEIN KALUMBULA
Friday, March 12, 2010 at 1:07 p.m.

*New life is a blessing to us all! We welcome you little ones and look forward to knowing you better.
Congratulations and best wishes to both families!*

Poetry Corner

I thank you, O God,
for the warming of the winds
that brings a melting of the snow,
for daylight hours that daily grow longer
and richer in the aroma of hope.

Spring lingers beneath the horizon
as approaching echoes of Easter
ring in my ears.

I lift up my heart to you, Beloved,
in this season of Lent
that gently sweeps across
my sluggish and sleeping heart,
awakening me
to a deeper love for you.

May the wind of the Spirit
that drove Jesus into the desert,
into the furnace of prayer,
also drive me with a passion
during this Lenten season
to enkindle the fire of my devotion
in the desert of Lenten love.

Birds above, on migratory wings,
signal me to an inner migration,
a message that draws me homeward
bound
on Spirit's wings
to the heart of my Beloved.

May I earnestly use this Lenten season
to answer the inner urge
to return.

-Edward Hays

Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim:
A Personal Manual for Prayer and Ritual
Ave Maria Press, 1989



Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY: As is our custom, we will combine a supper of soup and bread with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. Supper and worship lasts about an hour. Please contact the church office to let us know how many are coming and whether you plan to bring soup or bread or to come early to help set up. Supper is at 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY: Not so many years ago businesses let employees off between noon and 3:00 p.m. so they could attend Good Friday services. Now, few can take even an extended lunch on Good Friday. So we will try something different. Instead of driving into downtown to attend a service, I will bring the service to you. I will provide a few readings for reflection and email them to you between noon and three on Good Friday. We cannot all come together physically but we can gather virtually as the church to mark this holy day with serious reflection and prayer. I will also have the sanctuary open from noon to three that day so any who can may come and pray in the sanctuary.

EASTER SUNDAY: Another custom at Calvary is to share breakfast together before the Easter Sunday service. We gather with our baked eggs, hot cross buns, etc., at 8:30 a.m. and feast before we worship. If anyone is moved to supply flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter, please let the office know. Traditionally, the flowers are then purchased and taken home by anyone at the service. Musicians are welcome to contribute to Easter Sunday worship. There are several places for special music—you can also accompany or embellish any of the hymns. One very special player has already volunteered: Shu Zhan, violinist with the MSO has offered to play for Easter worship. We are honored!

- Mark

Oh, Happy Day!

Catching up & looking ahead...

January 18 *Emma & Sam Mitchell*
 February 15 *David Peters*
 February 18 *Tom Martin*
 February 22 *Greg Mitchell*
 February 26 *Pam Halter*
 February 28 *Kasongo Kalumbula*

March 5 *Debby Peters*
 March 12 *Yoli Kalumbula*
 March 31 *Anna Martin*
 April 12 *Richard Wengler*
 April 19 *David McDonough*
 April 21 *Don Thomas*
 April 26 *Will Martin*
 April 27 *Sarah Glatzel*

Sacred Music

What music moves you, specifically, moves you to a greater awareness of your own deep, unique, identity as a human being in the image of God, and/or to a greater awareness of your relation to all of God’s creation? We would call such music sacred music and I want to know your sacred music. Why? Because I am committed to offering everyone’s sacred music as part of our worship and I want to be sure everyone’s sacred music is represented.

Now, as you think of songs and tunes that have moved you, you may find that the song itself would not work well in worship but the style of song might. For example, I have liked the drum solo from “In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida” by Iron Butterfly since I first heard it at a dance in high school. While I wouldn’t play that song for worship, I would enjoy more drums in worship. I find that a good drum cadence reaches something in me that makes me feel more alive and connected to all humanity. Right, well, drums may not do that for you but I’m sure there are songs and tunes and styles of music that do. And I want to know what they are so I can incorporate them in our worship. Good worship, like good music, should propel us to our feet to dance, move us to the point of tears, take our breath away, and leave us so profoundly moved, we cannot move.

As you choose music to set a mood, lift you out of a funk, celebrate an event, get you dancing, help you grieve, shore up your courage, stir your passions, or inspire wonder, awe, and gratitude for God, take note and send your selections to the church office. We have many capable musicians in our congregation and I’m looking forward to using their talents to express the full range of our sacred music.

- Mark

Cheers to all of you!

If we missed YOU or anyone in your family, please let us know!

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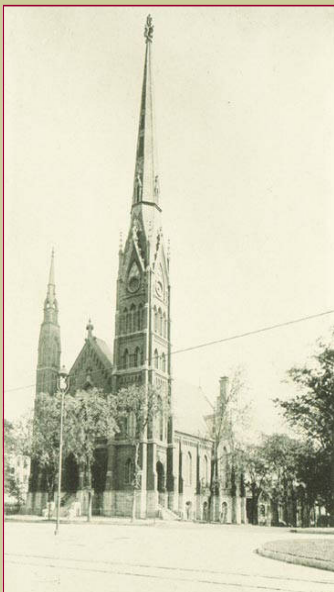
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Practicing scandalous hospitality in the heart of Milwaukee for nearly 140 years.

Calvary Church is a Christian Community organized around three words:
gathering, shaping and sending.

GATHERING is more than getting everyone in one place; it is also an attitude of welcome and hospitality. It means noticing one another and taking time to learn each other's names and stories. It also means removing barriers: in our building and in our personalities.

SHAPING is our word for intentionally striving to grow in the image of Christ. Through worship, education opportunities for all ages, active participation in the mission of the church, and fellowship, we hope to make our lives more like Christ's.

SENDING means just that; we believe God gather and shapes us to send us out to love as God loves. In our homes, our work, our communities, and our world, we try to make life on earth as it is in Heaven.

Whether you are looking for a Christian community or just passing through...
please visit us - you are welcome here!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 WORSHIP 10:00 am COMMUNION SUNDAY	8	9 Lego Project 3:30 pm The Ave 8:30 pm	10 Midday Prayers 12:10 pm Labyrinth 5:30-7:00 pm	11 Lego Project 3:30 pm Stuck 7:30 pm	12 Stuck 8:00 pm	13 Stuck 4:00 pm / 8:00 pm
14 WORSHIP 10:00 am Covenant Kingdom 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Stuck 2:00 pm	15	16 The Ave 8:30 pm	17 ST PATRICK'S DAY Midday Prayers 12:10 pm Labyrinth 5:30-7:00 pm	18	19	20
21 Session meeting 8:00 am WORSHIP 10:00 am Lunch/fellowship at Rudy's to follow	22	23 Lego Project 3:30 pm	24 Midday Prayers 12:10 pm Labyrinth 5:30-7:00 pm	25 Lego Project 3:30 pm	26 Jesus Christ Superstar (Calvary sanctuary) 8:00 pm	27 Jesus Christ Superstar (Calvary sanctuary) 8:00 pm
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