

CONNECTION

CALVARY CHURCH

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**April 20, 2026 is the
Deadline for the May
2026 Connection**

A Word from Dr. Dan

I was looking over the April calendar in contemplation of writing something for this month and it dawned on me how many special days are calling us to remember something tragic.

We have International Roma Day which contrary to popular opinion is not about remembering a type of tomato but the Roma people. We might better know them as Gypsies. They have been a persecuted and nomadic group of people for centuries and one of the many ethnic groups that Adolf Hitler selected for his Final Solution.

In keeping with that, April also points us to the Holocaust Remembrance Day where over 6 million Jews were murdered – one-third were children. Six million Jews but also Gypsies, handicapped, elderly, mentally infirm, and any type of dissenters.

In this month we remember the International Day of Farmer's Struggles. The struggle to make a living with every increasing and uncontrollable fertilizer, seed, and equipment costs in a market that is determined by others. The struggle to have a crop with disease, pestilence, and unpredictable weather patterns.

In this month we remember the Armenian Genocide. Between the years 1915 and 1916, the Ottoman Turks systematically set out to destroy the Armenian population in their empire. It involved mass deportations, forced conversion to Islam, and ultimately

April Birthdays

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| Patrick McNarny | April 16 |
| Eli Sedam | April 18 |
| Scott Rush | April 19 |
| Amos Johnson | April 21 |
| Denise Rush | April 23 |
| Carole Maxwell | April 28 |

the deaths of up to 1.5 million people (mostly women and children). These were predominantly Christian brothers and sisters. Which leads us to...

The remembrance of the greatest tragedy of the world – the death of the Messiah, the Son of God, our Savior, Jesus. But this great tragedy points us to the hope we have in living in such an evil world – a hope of justice, a hope of peace. The Resurrection promises us this hope. It promises us victory over Death and Suffering. Perhaps that is the greatest point of remembrance in this seemingly sorrowful month.

Remembering...

In Christ,

Dr. Dan

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

The next prayer meeting will be Wednesday, April 15th at 6:30 pm. It gives us an opportunity to spend some time in prayer where we can pray for each other, for the lost, for our nation, or just pray through the scriptures to hear God's voice.

We hope that you can join us and invite someone to come with you.

CALVARY HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Mark your calendars for the upcoming services:

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service
at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 3 - Community Good Friday Service
at Noon

Sunday, April 5 - Resurrection Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.

Ladies' Lunch

Calvary is hosting a ladies' lunch on **Saturday, April 25**, from 11:00 to 1:00. The lunch will be brunch style featuring breakfast casseroles, muffins, and a fruit salad. Along with the brunch, there will be fun games and great fellowship. The cost is \$10. There will be a sign-up sheet beginning Sunday, April 12.

Mark your calendars and join us for good food and fun!



SESSION SOUNDINGS

Basic reporting from team members for the month of March heading into April. Points of notation.

Dave Reinking has been busy at work putting out maintenance fires and making improvements.

1. Session approved and Dave will be contacting a chairlift company to install a new system in the Narthex of the church.
2. The sink/shutoffs will be replaced in the Family bathroom at the end of the main hall.
3. BlueFox HVAC has been contacted to investigate and give us an estimate for some underground sewer lines that have apparently broken and are leaking into the lower-level business.

Jeff Overway is working with a sound consultant to get our hearing assistant devices working. It involves finding a new frequency.

Personnel has enlisted Steve Sims to post finished job descriptions on several on-line hiring platforms. Resumes will be received for the month of March and review/interview in May.

John Hillis continues to provide us direction on officially changing our name to Calvary Church, i.e., registering with the Secretary of State.

Dr. Dan will be, Lord willing, heading to Kenya, Africa to teach from July 30th to August 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Dan Lute

Elders: Class of 2026

Sara Overway
David Swigart
Terrie VanSoest

Elders: Class of 2027

Jeff Overway
Scott Rush

Elders: Class of 2028

Dave Reinking

Deacons: Class of 2026

Jeff Goltry
Pat Reef
Buttons Smith

Deacons: Class of 2027

Judy Bainbridge
Tim Roth
Chris Williamson

Deacons: Class of 2028

Carole Maxwell

HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR TREATS

A tremendous thanks to all who have provided treats for coffee hour and joined in fellowship. If you would like to help on a Sunday, the sign-up sheet is on the welcome table in the front entrance. If you prefer to provide treats but have Deacons assemble them on Sunday morning, please let the Deacons know. See a Deacon if you need more information or would like to provide treats with a Deacon.



Please Join Us for Worship

Sunday May 3, 2026

As We Celebrate Carolyn Cassidy's

50 Plus Years of Musical Dedication and Service

To Calvary Church

Reception to Follow in Bigler Hall





Calvary,

Thanks so much for all the prayers and things during our loss. All the cards, it's great to be a member of this church.

Thanks Always,

Tim Roth & My Family

We want our covenant partners and any other friends of Calvary to know that there are wonderful scripture based Bible studies currently in session. We will try to keep our Connection viewers informed of what each study is studying monthly. The following is information on current studies. We welcome all who want to join a study to do so!

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING & EVENING BIBLE STUDY *by Deb Lute*

The Monday morning and evening Bible study will finish the study of James and take a break for the summer months. We will start back up in September.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY *by Annette Shively*

The H.I.S. (Hope in Scripture) Women's Tuesday afternoon Bible Study meets on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. In April we will start studying a variety of *Minor Prophets*.

DR. DAN'S BIBLE STUDIES *by Rev. Dan Lute*

We welcome you to join us on Wednesday nights (6:30-7:30) for an in depth study of Genesis. Dr. Dan also has two Ezekiel studies, one after the Sunday morning service (11 - noon) for everyone and for the men from 8:15-9:15 on Thursday mornings. All are invited and bring a friend.

LOAVES AND FISHES SCHEDULE FOR 2026

Loaves and Fishes provide meals for the needy as well as fellowship by many of the local area churches including Calvary . This program provides a Saturday lunch, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., all year long. Donations are accepted. Meals will be served on the following dates:

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| April 4 | Faith Fellowship |
| April 11 | Cross-Wind at Calvary |
| April 18 | Church of the Good Shepherd |
| April 25 | Trinity Episcopal |



April 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 7:30 AA | 2 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 Dance Fitness Class | 3 <i>Good Friday</i> 10:00 am AA Noon Community Good Friday Service | 4 <i>L&F at Faith Fellowship</i> |
| 5 <i>Easter</i> 9:30 am Worship & Communion 7:30 pm AA | 6 6:00 pm Race for Grace Mtg 7:30 AA | 7 10:00 am AA 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Deacons Meeting 6:00 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Dance Fitness Class | 8 Noon – DV Task Force Meeting 6:30 Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA | 9 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 Dance Fitness Class | 10 10:00 am AA | 11 <i>L&F – Cross-Wind at Calvary</i> |
| 12 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 pm AA | 13 9:30 am Deb's Women's Bible Study 6:30 Deb's Women's Bible Study (Lute's home) 7:30 pm AA | 14 10:00 am AA 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Dance Fitness Class | 15 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting 7:30 AA | 16 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 Dance Fitness Class | 17 10:00 am AA | 18 <i>L&F at Church of the Good Shepherd</i> |
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