

CONNECTION

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**March 23, 2026 is the
Deadline for the April
2026 Connection**

A Word from Dr. Dan

The Madness of March

Sports are an interesting venue. Yes, we are intrigued at the gifting of the athlete – natural and the result of hard work. But amid that we have the social signaling of something greater. Athletes taking a knee in Black solidarity. Athletes disqualified for wearing the pictures of killed family members and friends in Ukraine on their helmets, and the one who either crosses himself/herself or simply points to the sky in a symbolic nod to God.

I am certain that those outside the faith view us as a bit mad. Mad for acknowledging an unseen Being that from their perspective had nothing to do with a person's ability to shoot or hit or score.

It reminds me of an old man I visited who once told me, "I worked, I earned, I bought. Why should I thank God for any of it?" My answer came from Deuteronomy 8. "Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth and so confirms his covenant."

We pause and give thanks because we recognize that anything of value comes to us because the Lord so graciously gives it to us or gives us the abilities needed to acquire it.

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March Birthdays

Carolyn Cassidy	March 2
Malissa Lowe	March 2
Annabelle Emmons	March 7
Mary Ann Rusk	March 10
Shelia Hines	March 20
Donald Snyder	March 24
Jayce Lee	March 26
Phyllis Maw	March 26
Dave Reinking	March 31

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March Anniversaries

Scott & Denise Rush	
married for 18 years	March 1
Roger & Sharon Overway	
married for 60 years	March 19

As we leave the Olympics and head into the time of March Madness, we will know doubt be reminded of the “Man upstairs” and a subtle social signaling that there is a bit more going on in the world than a game. Madness.

Blessings,
 Dr. Dan

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

The next prayer meeting will be Wednesday, March 18th 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 LENT/HOLY WEEK SERVICES

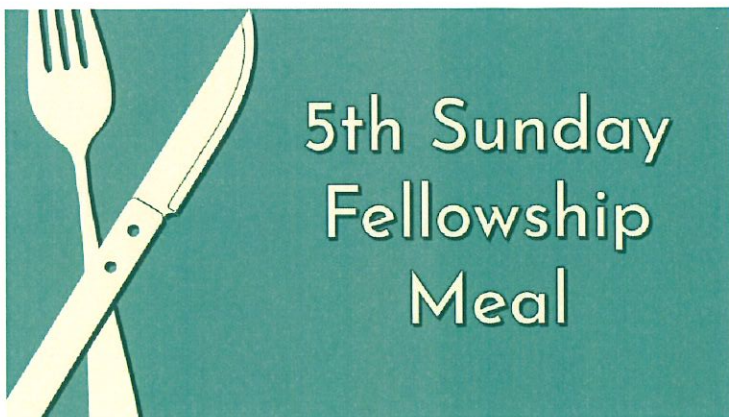
Mark your calendars for the upcoming services:

- Sunday, March 29** - Palm Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, April 2** - Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 3** - Community Good Friday Service at Noon
- Sunday, April 5** - Easter 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!



Sunday, March 29th will be our first 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal after the service. Ham and macaroni & cheese will be provided by the church. Please bring a side dish or dessert to go along with these. A sign up sheet will be on the welcome table. We hope you will join us!



Dear Calvary,

Thank you for all the cards and prayers. It is greatly appreciated.

Dan & Pat Reef

A card received by Ruth "Buttons" Smith:

Dear Ruth,

I need to acknowledge how I appreciate the lovely cards I have received these many months. Please let my Calvary friends know. I am recovering. I've had my ups and downs but I thank God and all who have been with me.

Love,

Phyllis Maw

Dear Calvary,

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, love and support. I couldn't do it without my church family.

Sincerely,

Judy Morrow & Bainbridge Family

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

SESSION SOUNDINGS

Matter of Record:

We recorded the death of our dear brother, Malcolm Bainbridge on 1-24-26.

We recorded Don Gribble as a new covenant partner of Calvary on 2-17-26. Welcome to the family, Don.

Maintenance:

A new regulator was installed on the boiler by Blue Fox of Delphi which will hopefully keep the boiler from shutting down.

Pursing some companies to give us quotes on a chairlift for the narthex of the sanctuary.

Deacons will cover kitchen assignments with the passing of Malcolm.

Personnel:

Job descriptions and responsibilities are being formed for the new Assistant Pastor role. Hoping to get those descriptions to ministry sites by the first of March. Steve Sims will be assisting.

Financials:

All seems to be good for the first of the year. A big “thank you” to all who give generously.

Terrie VanSoest will be creating guidelines for three of the current Restricted Funds.

Worship:

Gearing up for the Holy Week, especially the Community Good Friday Service.

Christian Ed.:

Terrie said that devotionals for the Lenten season are on back order and will be dispensed as soon as they arrive.

Missions:

We took on Christ Engrafted Ministry Churches (CEMC, Kenya) for quarterly support.
[National, International Ministries]

We voted to allow Connie Robinson Free Speech and Hearing Clinic to meet downstairs for four weeks in June.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Dan Lute

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 led by Deb Lute began on Monday, February 16. There are two opportunities for you to attend: 9:30 – 11:00 AM and 6:30 - 8:00 PM. We meet **every other** week. This study is six sessions and will run from February 16 to April 27.

The Letter of James: Living Out Your Faith

James, of course, is the author of this letter. We know that James is Jesus' half-brother and he was a leader on the Jerusalem Council making him a leader in the church. In his letter he instructs the believer how to live out the Christian life and a few of the things he addresses are:

1. The importance of controlling your tongue.
2. Knowing the difference between earthly wisdom and heavenly wisdom.
3. He encourages us to turn from our evil desires and obey God.
4. He teaches us to pray for each other.

Please join us as we learn to **Live Out Our Faith.**

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. We will finish *Simply Jesus* in March. In April we will start 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:

March 7	Main Street Community Church
March 14	All Saints
March 21	Lucerne Christian at Calvary
March 28	Trinity Episcopal



EASTER FLOWERS

This year we will beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday with Easter lily plants. Your purchased lily may be taken home after the service or can be donated to be shared with our shut-in members, which can be delivered by a Deacon.

The cost is \$25.00 per plant. These can be given as a memorial of a loved one.

Flower order forms must be turned in to the church office **no later than Friday, March 20, 2026** to be included in the memorial list prepared for Easter Sunday. Please complete the form below.

In memory of _____

Given by _____

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Given by _____

Total # of Flowers _____ Total Amount Due \$ _____
(\$25.00 each)

Please fill out the form above and enter the amount accompanying this form. Make checks payable to: Calvary Church

Deadline: Friday, March 20, 2026. Please turn into church office.



March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:30 am Worship & Communion w/ Dave Reinking 7:30 AA	2 9:30 am Deb's Women's Bible Study 6:00 Race for Grace Mtg 6:30 Deb's Women's Bible Study (Lute's home) 6:30 Dance Fitness Class 7:30 AA	3 10:00 am AA 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Group 6:00 Deacons Meeting	4 6:30 pm Genesis Study 7:30 AA	5 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group	6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;">Men's Great Banquet</div>	7 <i>L&F at Main St. Community</i>
8 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 AA	9 6:30 pm Dance Fitness Class 7:30 AA	10 10:00 am AA 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Group	11 Noon – DV Task Force Meeting 6:30 Genesis Study 7:30 AA	12 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 Mission Mtg	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;">Women's Great Banquet</div>	14 <i>L&F at All Saints</i>
15 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 AA	16 9:30 am Deb's Women's Bible Study 6:30 Deb's Women's Bible Study (Lute's home) 7:30 AA	17 10:00 am AA 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Session Mtg	18 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting 7:30 AA	19 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group 6:30 Dance Fitness Class	20 10:00 am AA	21 <i>L&F Lucerne Christian at Calvary</i>
22 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 pm AA	23 7:30 pm AA	24 10:00 am AA 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 5:30 GB Meeting 6:00 Senior Dance Group	25 6:30 pm Genesis Study 7:30 AA	26 8:15 am Men's Bible Study	27 10:00 am AA	28 <i>L&F at Trinity Episcopal</i>
29 Palm Sunday 9:30 am Worship Fellowship Meal after the Service 7:30 pm AA	30 9:30 am Deb's Women's Bible Study 6:30 Deb's Women's Bible Study (Lute's home) 6:30 Dance Fitness Class 7:30 AA	31 10:00 am AA 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 6:00 Senior Dance Group 6:30 GB Interviews				