

Mt. Calvary News



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From the Pastor's Desk ...

What do we remember in the Lord's Supper?

"Do this in remembrance of Me"

When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He said that as we continue to celebrate Holy Communion we should do so *in remembrance of Him* (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). But what exactly is that we remember about Christ when we receive His Supper?

Remembering the many wonders of Christ

One of the worship services in our hymnal includes the following prayer: *"O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess: Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment."*

So, how does the Lord's Supper remind us of all that?

Christ's holy cross and passion: As we now partake of Christ's body and blood in Communion, we are reminded of how His body was once given into suffering for us and His blood was once shed for us. The Christ who now gives himself to us in Communion is the same Christ who once gave himself for us on the cross.

Christ's blessed death: When we receive the life that flows to us in Christ's Holy Supper, we are reminded that we now share in His life only because He first shared in our death, by dying in our place on the cross.

Christ's rest in the tomb: When we receive the communion of our living Savior's true body and blood (1 Corinthians 10:16), we are reminded that though His body rested for three days in the tomb, the Father did not abandon Christ to the grave and did not let His body see decay (Psalm 16:9-10, Acts 2:22-32).

Christ's resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven: When we contemplate Christ's resurrection and ascension, we are reminded that in Communion we are uniting *not* with One who is dead but with One who lives and reigns to all eternity.

Christ's coming for the final judgment: As Christ strengthens and renews our faith through the gift of Communion, we are reminded of the importance of abiding in Him by faith, so that we may be prepared to meet Him confidently and joyfully at His return, at which time we will feast with Him in His kingdom.

We have so much to be thankful for in Christ! And the Lord's Supper is one way — a very special way — in which He brings to our remembrance the wonders of what He has done for us and the many blessings we have in Him.

In Christ,
Pastor Aaron Stinnett

LWML Mission Grants:

Inner-City Children's Ministry – Minneapolis/St. Paul

\$50,000

“2 million people dead, primarily from famine and disease, and 4 million homeless” was the news from Sudan in 2005. Reporting on Sudan, Africa's decades long civil war, Glenn Kessler in the Washington Post, January 10, 2005, wrote “The two-decade (20 years) civil war, which pitted the Islamic government against rebels based in the mostly animist and Christian south, left 2 million people dead, primarily from famine and disease, and 4 million homeless.”

The sentence above gives some indication of the reason many Sudanese felt they had to escape from their homeland as refugees, often leaving all but the clothes they were wearing. In the past several years, many of these refugees have come to the United States to start making a new life for themselves and their families. By God's grace, these and other African refugees and immigrants have relocated to the Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota inner-city.

Another group of immigrants, the Hmong people, sought escape from Communist control and genocidal extinction after it was revealed that many of them had been recruited by the American CIA to fight secretly against the communists during the Viet Nam war. Many of these Hmong people from Southeast Asia, mainly Thailand and Laos (roughly 100,000 of the 300,000 in the US) live in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. While Hmong people usually have adult parents and grandparents living with their families, many of the older generation do not speak English. Thus the children must “parent” the adults as they adjust to living in the United States.

God is at work among these refugees and immigrants through Partners in Mission, a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS, in inner-city Minneapolis/St. Paul, which has become involved with established local LCMS congregations who attempt to reach many immigrant families and lead them to know the Savior.

The LWML grant of \$50,000 will enable Partners in Mission to assist the twelve congregations to fund programs that meet the physical, educational and spiritual needs of these children and their families in the name of Jesus.

The March LWML Meeting

The meeting was opened in the name of the Triune God. Anna led the topic, “Counting the Cost: Taking the Risk.”

The March meeting donations included \$31.80 for mites. Instead of putting the large mite box out on only 5th Sundays, the box will now be out on the last Sunday of every month.

This month's local mission project is donating appropriate books to the local jail. If you have a devotional, educational, or motivational book you would like to donate, please bring it to the church by April 13. Loretta will deliver the books to the jail after the LWML meeting.

The Spring Tea will be Saturday, May 3, from 1 to 3 PM. Mary Lou has provided a sign-up sheet for everyone interested in helping. Hazle has provided a storage box for tea cups; anyone wishing to donate tea cups may bring them to the church.

Mt. Calvary may send four delegates to the LWML convention in Billings. The group voted to pay the registration fee for each delegate attending.

You are invited to donate items for Gifts from the Heart; this convention's recipients are the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Billings and The Lutheran Center of Billings. Bring items to the church by April 20. Items they've requested are:

Lutheran Center: Paper products, household cleaning products, towels, washcloths, and tea.

Care Net Pregnancy Center: Body wash, net scrubbers, combs, brushes, lotions, nail polish, Chap stick, lipstick, cards, wrapped candy, small journals, notebooks, baby formula (any kind or brand), and diapers (newborn, 4, 5, and 6).

The World Relief truck will be at Mt. Calvary on Friday, April 11, at 2:20 to pick up donations. Most of the items have been boxed and labeled and are ready to go.

Esther was hostess. The meeting was closed with the League Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.

Key dates for your calendar...

April 11 World Relief Drive

**April 25-27 Montana District LWML
Convention in Billings**

May 3 Spring Tea at Mt. Calvary

Bible Study: New Day, New Time, New Topic ... Same Powerful Word

A new Bible study will be offered at Mt. Calvary on Friday afternoons at 1:30 PM, beginning on Friday, April 4. The theme for this study will be "Families of the Bible," and the topics will include:

- Lesson One—Made for Each Other (The Story of the First Family)
- Lesson Two—Alone against the World (Noah and His Family)
- Lesson Three—Blessed Is the Family That Puts God First (Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac)
- Lesson Four—Salt That Lost Its Saltiness (Lot and His Family)
- Lesson Five—Rivalry and Reconciliation (Jacob and His Family)
- Lesson Six—Train a Child (The Families of Hannah and Eli)
- Lesson Seven—Fallen, Yet Forgiven (David's Sin and Its Consequences for His Family)
- Lesson Eight—Holding On While Letting Go (Mary's Relationship with Her Son Jesus)

Each lesson draws Scriptural truths from a Biblical family circumstance and applies them to contemporary family life. Daily devotions will also be distributed each week, based on the theme of that week's lesson. We look forward to seeing you there and growing together in God's Word!

Anniversaries:

Bob & Mary Lou Mires 4/10
Stewart & Faye Schiele 4/17

Birthdays:

Mike Shima 4/5
Hazle Heth 4/7
Chuck Moody 4/10
Alonna Morris 4/15
Candis Unger 4/17
Wayne Morris 4/19
Don Christenson 4/20
Lydia Stinnett 4/21
Del Mindt 4/22
Dolly Lingle 4/25
Elsie Nygaard 4/26
William Becker 4/19
Bev Becker 4/29



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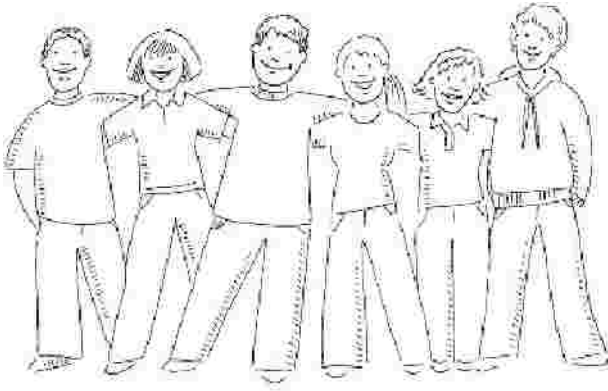
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Words Of Welcome

We warmly welcome each worshiper here. May God's love be in us and around us so no one feels like a stranger and all know that they are children of our Creator.

May Mt. Calvary News Deadline
Monday, April 21st

Email Submissions To: hob@bresnan.net



Active Christian Teens

Reported by Breanna Bobb

On the evening of March 15, the Active Christian Teens came together for a “lock-in” at the church. Teens attending were Sara and Breanna Bobb, Tori and Devon Morris, Maranda Crandall and a friend, Stormy.

It was announced at the lock-in the officers of the group and to whom they were assigned.

Sky	Chairman
Devon Morris	Vice Chairman
Ashlee Berens	Secretary
Sara Bobb	Treasurer
Breanna Bobb	Reporter
Maranda Crandall and Tori Morris	Entertainment Committee

During the lock-in the teens discussed why people have Easter egg hunts and about the true meaning of Easter. They colored the banner for Palm Sunday and made snacks for after the church service.

The group also watched *The Passion of the Christ*, and played hide and seek in the dark. They were given flashlights during the game and after they discussed how similar the game was to being in darkness of sin with God’s light to lead the way.

Everyone thought the lock-in was a success. They had many interesting discussions and lots of fun.