

# News from Calvary



**April 2018**

## Calvary's Mission

As God's Children, our mission is to

Know His Word,

Share His Word

and

Live His Word.

## Calvary's Vision

To be a Christ-centered church, alive with worship and meaningful ministries, where the youngest to the oldest are serving and being served, growing and helping others to grow, and connecting with each other and our surrounding communities.



**Serve.**



**Grow.**



**Connect.**



*For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. (2 Corinthians 11:4)*

As May gets closer and closer Liz and I have been checking off things that we need to have done before our baby is born. And several weeks back, we checked off another item. God showed us a very fitting name, Samuel. One thing that was important to us was choosing a name that had a good meaning behind it (Samuel means *God has heard*). For this reason we also decided that at least while he's young, we didn't want people to refer to him as Sam or Sammy or some other shortened form.

But as I write this, I have one of Jesus' questions going on in my head. *Who do you say that I am?* (see Matthew 16:15). Just prior to asking this question, Jesus asks His disciples who people have been saying that He is. They start to give all sorts of answers and none of them are right. It's then that He asks His disciples who they think that He is. Peter then tells Him that He's the Christ, the Son of God. And that's the right answer.

Unfortunately, not long after this, when Jesus is telling His disciples how He's going to be crucified, Peter pulls Jesus aside from the group and tells Him that He needs to knock off the crazy talk. It's at this point that Jesus says some of the most painful words, *Get behind Me, Satan*.

Peter kind of realizes who Jesus is and yet he's still missing a part of it. This is the same Jesus about whom the Old Testament prophesied. The One who would come to save God's people through His own suffering and death. The suffering and death of Christ was the part that Peter couldn't deal with.

Unfortunately, Peter is not alone in his attempt to try to change who Jesus is. There are those who will reject or try to manipulate parts of God's Word (the Bible) because they don't like them or because God's words go against the way they want to live.

But if there's one thing that I'm sure of, it is that *Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever* (Hebrews 13:8) and that He gave His life so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but rather have eternal life with Him (John 3:16). When the Bible tells us this, it's talking about Jesus in the way that it (the Bible) describes Him. All of it. Even the parts that make us feel uncomfortable.

If you're struggling with a part of the Bible, I encourage you to dig deeper. Don't just ignore that part. Find out why it says what it says. Don't just settle for finding someone to give you an answer that makes you feel better about yourself. Ask someone who is reliable and has honestly studied God's Word and on top of that, pray about it. Ask God to continue to reveal Himself to you.

Remember that Jesus is the one who was willing to give up His life on a cross for YOU. And then on the third day, He rose from the dead to defeat sin, death, and the devil, for YOU. I tell you this because if He was willing to do this for you, then He is worth spending the time to get to know.

Remember my friends, wherever you go, whatever you do, you're on the King's business.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Kuder*





# Calvary Rummage Sale

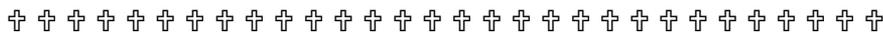
**\*\* May 5<sup>th</sup> \*\***



Start setting aside your unused household items for this annual fundraiser. The rummage sale will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Verona town-wide sale. Desirable donations are clean / polished items including new, gently used, and collectible merchandise.

The items may be brought to church any time during the months of April and early May. Please store items, marked for the sale, in the Lina Lang Room adjacent to the undercroft area. We will need volunteers to “work” the sale. Contact Ruth Bolger or Anne Daly if you are available to help price the items beforehand and/or “work” on the sale day! If you need to have your donations picked up, please advise us.

This is a great outreach to our community and beyond, and we need your participation to make it a success!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Aug. 6–10, 2018**  
**from 9 a.m. to noon**

**Ages: 5 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

Invite your friends and neighbors to bring their children to our VBS for a fun time of music, play, crafts, snacks and most importantly, learning about Jesus. Contact Ruth Bolger for more details, to register or to volunteer!

# Those Who Serve Us:

† Altar Guild: Edith Conte

† Greeters:

*April 1*    **10:45 AM**    Nancy Keltner, Brian Keltner  
*April 8*    **10:00 AM**    Ajit & Jaya Lakra  
*April 15*   **10:00 AM**    Don & Lucille Wernes  
*April 22*   **10:00 AM**    George & Marit Lofmark  
*April 29*   **10:00 AM**    Karen Gordon El



# Those Who Serve Us:

## ✝ Flower Visitors:

- April 8** Anne Daly  
**April 15** Edith Conte  
**April 22** Jaya Lakra  
**April 29** Liz Kuder

## ✝ Ushers:

- April 1 10:45 AM** Gbenga Adesokan, John Ricca,  
Harold Vaughan  
**April 8 10:00 AM** Ajit Lakra, John Wickham  
**April 15 10:00 AM** Chris Molinari, Stephen Molinari,  
Gordon Wickham  
**April 22 10:00 AM** David Behlen, Brian Keltner  
**April 29 10:00 AM** Richard Akers, Karl Wetter



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 4	Ruth Wickham
April 4	Julie Erwin
April 5	Liz Kuder
April 7	Mildred Reich
April 9	Anne Ricca
April 9	Karen Sprengel
April 13	Edith Conte
April 15	Robert L. Eucker
April 17	George Sprengel
April 18	Robert F. Eucker
April 23	Doris Deede
April 24	Karen Gordon El
April 25	David Hildebrandt
April 29	Ceazu Kassor

