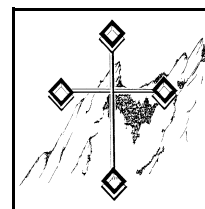


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A Letter from the Pastor

By Pastor Kevin J. Meyer

Greetings in the Name of Christ!

November is typically the time for remembering the multitude of blessings we have received. But as winter quickly gives way to spring and we emerge from our homes that have protected us and kept us safe from the harshness of winter weather...I find that spring is also a marvelous time for us to give thanks for God's rich blessings that have been entrusted to all of us.

At Mount Calvary, I see that spring has brought us many rich blessings. Consider the following:

- Our worship this spring has been exceptional...thank you to Jim Myers for the marvelous caring leadership that you provide, thank you, Kristina, for the beautiful work on the organ, thank you Gladi Lefferdink and the WGE and Intergenerational choirs...thank you each and every volunteer. Festival Choir members, song leaders, special musicians, Barb McClean and your Altar Care team, ushers, communion assistants, deacons...we are blessed by your selfless service.
- Youth Ministry is experiencing new growth...thank you, Kelly Miller and Amanda Mayhew along with your many volunteers who gather our youth in new as well as familiar settings.
- Stephen Ministry has added a number of new caregivers...thank you Tom Moen and Jane Fisher for your teaching ministry and thank you to your team of caregivers for making sure Mount Calvary cares for its own in a healthy way.
- Christian formation does not happen in a void at Mount Calvary. This is because there are committed volunteers and teachers serving under the careful and steady guidance of Sunday School Su-



perintendent Jenny Everts...thank you for your marvelous teaching.

- Even the parking lot is now entirely useable after a winter of partial completion... thank you to all who have made this needed improvement possible.
- Finally, thank you to all who make this community the vibrant community of faith that it is today...a community that cares about each other and those who might be overlooked in this town, county, or world. Spring has indeed brought many blessings.

Spring is also bringing to Mount Calvary some exciting and possibly daunting challenges...

- Our search process for our next full time director of Congregational Youth and Family Ministry continues. I am excited by the quality and quantity of the candidates that have applied. I know that you believe, as I do, that filling this position is critical for our ministry.
- Consider Chris Johnson's notes regarding our current financial position...it is clear that we have a great deal to give thanks for, because your giving is outstanding, and yet the budget you approved is higher than current giving supports. I trust that you are returning a portion of the gifts you personally have been entrusted with to the ministry, according to your promises.
- In the coming months, plenty will have their hands out to receive the tax rebate checks that many in our congregation will receive. I encourage you to ask God through prayer how that unexpected money might be best used for the benefit of all.

Spring is also a time for some housekeeping items...

- There will be a congregational meeting June 1. It will be held between services. This meeting is called in accordance with our constitution and bylaws. Its purpose is to elect three members to leadership positions, filling the scheduled vacancies on the church council as well as other business determined by council.
- Our summer worship schedule will be changing June 8. Listen for announcements in worship and look for updates on our website.

- A special task force is at work developing a survey to assess the impact of our elementary Christian education. All members are asked to take time to complete a survey either online or on a paper version. (See the website for more information.)

Finally, I want to thank each of you for sharing with me the joy of being a community moving forward in mission. It feels good to know that we are working together to follow Christ's many examples of love for the other...even when it isn't always the easiest thing to do.

Peace,
Pastor Kevin

MUSIC MINISTRIES

"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

In the introspection that was Lent, in the passion that was Holy Week, in the joy of Easter, and in the hope and gladness of spring, let us take Martin Luther King Jr.'s words to heart. Even now, forty years after his assassination, these words ring true in a time of racial oppression, distrust, and war. I pray the healing Spirit of our Great God will embrace even the bitterest hearts and that dialogue, diplomacy, and the gift of listening and compassion can replace reactionary violence.

In Music Ministry, it is our aim to lead worshippers to the Word, Sacraments, and to a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior. Music is accessible, appreciated by most, and can speak to

all. Perhaps it is time to shut down all the bickering and hate-mongering of the far right and far left on talk shows and turn instead to inspirational music to create unity. Overly simplistic? Have we tried it?

All are invited May 10 at 7:00 p.m. to our Sanctuary Concert, featuring Jacquelynne Fontaine, Miss California 2006–2007. Make an effort to invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. This will be an event not to be missed, with music in English, Latin, French, and Spanish. It will include the talents of our Festival Choir, soloists from Metropolitan State College of Denver, and instrumental talents from within Mount Calvary and the community at large. It will also be the debut of two recently completed movements of my “Requiem Op. 120,” a choral work in memory of my father, James R. Myers.

Let us seek common ground, and allow dissension and anger to evaporate in our own neighborhoods, and the world at large. We are, after all, people of FAITH. We dream of the day when we move into the realms of Paradise. Until then, let us dream and work toward LOVE.

For I have been to the mountaintop...

In Peace,
James Myers



NEWS FROM OUR INTERN

By Holly Slater

Well, I think I found out how to describe my internship in Alaska. It's kind of like dog sledging. I went dog sledging for the first time this spring, after the temperature went up... a little. My first time mushing, I was on a sled behind the lead sled and team of dogs. After just one time mushing, I was invited to take part in a passenger race. I would sit in the basket of the

sled for four miles out, and then switch places with the driver and drive the team back four miles. In the race, only the driver could direct the dogs; the person in the basket could not help at any time. It sounded like an adventure to me!

I wasn't quite sure I was ready to lead a team of eight dogs onto a trail when I had barely gotten the hang of staying on the sled myself. My new friend and caretaker of the dogs assured me that I would be just fine. So I found myself on the sled, the leader of a strong team of dogs. They were yelping, pulling at the sled being held down by a few ice picks. They were jumping in the air, ready to get going. It was nice knowing I wasn't going to take part in the race alone. The team of dogs knew the trail better than I did and didn't get off course, even when I didn't remember the correct commands. There were times I held on tightly around the slick corners, almost resulting in tipping the sled; there were times I just loosened up, enjoying the scenery and the sound of dogs galloping along the trail. I kept telling the dogs how great they were doing, as I slowed them down on the hills and as we sped down the straight paths. We even had a few laughs as they “dipped” into the snow, taking bites of snow to cool off their hot bodies. Together, as a team, we made it to the finish line, with a big hurrah from members of the congregation who had come to see if the intern could really take part in an Alaskan sport.

I've found internship to be much like dog mushing. The congregation sees me as a leader, but in many ways they are really leading me. They know much more about the congregation than I could hope to know in one year. The teamwork involved in a congregation is amazing. The people are excited and passionate about ministry and excited to be invited to be on the trail. At times, I take the lead, and at other times, they direct me when I don't know what I am doing. I find that at times I am just enjoying the ride with them; at other times, I'm a little too much in control when I'm nervous about the tight corner

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TREASURER'S REPORT

By Chris Johnson, Treasurer

Through March, Mount Calvary has an operating **deficit** of \$20,349. Please see the chart below to see how we have done in the previous two years. This number is almost identical to the deficit from last month. The good news is that the deficit did not increase. The bad news is that the deficit is substantial. The congregation of Mount Calvary must realize that they passed a budget with revenues and expenditures similar to those in the 2005 budget. However, the average Sunday attendance in 2008 is 35 giving members less. By definition, then, each member must do more than just maintain their giving (which is being done) and increase their contribution. In addition, it is critical that we increase our membership back to 2002 levels. By doing so, we can do more in the world. Remember, "God's work, our hands."

CATEGORY	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Actual	2008 Budget	2008 Variance
Total Revenues	\$92,143	\$95,829	\$90,955	\$109,675	(\$18,720)
Expenses	\$96,925	\$100,232	\$101,905	\$116,687	(\$14,782)
Mortgage Principal Payments	\$8,217	\$8,671	\$9,399	\$9,399	\$0
Net Income (Loss)	(\$12,999)	(\$13,074)	(\$20,349)	(\$16,411)	(\$3,938)

Attendance							
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Average	244	240	227	216	187	187	181

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ahead. When we hit those tight corners, or struggle through conflict, we seem to find a way to laugh at ourselves, as we learn from one another. I have found that we can never praise one another enough for the faith people share, for the ministry people do, for the strength of leaders in the congregation.

It seems that the dogs could run forever. My congregation will keep going after I have left. And so we continue on, saying "mush on, mush on."

CHURCH NEWS

Stephen Ministry

By Tom Moen

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

We are pleased to have four new Stephen Ministers ready to provide care to members of Mount Calvary. Carl, Morey, Patricia, and

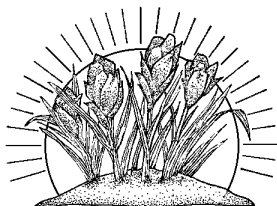
Nancy have been commissioned by the church and are available for caring relationships. Their formal training is completed, but they will continue to learn through their participation in regular supervision and continuing education sessions.

We are especially pleased to have two men available for the men of the congregation. Often we men do not ask for help, and if it is suggested that we might benefit from it, we usually respond "Thank you, but I can take care of it myself." I've found that sometimes this works, but often it doesn't, and the problem just gets worse. When I have accepted help, either through therapy, or often just having someone to talk to who would listen uncritically, the solution to the problem has seemed clearer. The person didn't solve the problem, but my being able to express myself to another person seemed to be a great benefit to helping me deal with the issue.

This is what Stephen Ministry is all about—helping one another with whatever comes up in our lives. I would encourage anyone who is struggling with a life issue to call Pastor Kevin or Jane at (303) 499-1444 or Tom at (303) 423-8058.

Bring a Flower on Mother's Day, May 11

On Mother's Day 2007, we began a wonderful new tradition at Mount Calvary of bringing flowers to honor our mothers. Again, this year, you are asked to bring a cut flower, perhaps a daisy, a carnation, or something from your garden. Helen Arndt will be at the south entrance before each service to arrange your flowers. The bouquets will be brought forth during both worship services. Last year, following worship, Ernie Arndt took the flowers to Meals on Wheels where they brightened the trays of shut-ins the following day. Thanks to Helen and Ernie Arndt for their help!



Intergenerational Choir

*By Jan Osburn and Gladi Lefferdink,
Directors*

Thanks to all thirty-two people who sang so beautifully for both worship services on April 13, Good Shepherd Sunday. The Intergenerational Choir, which sings annually at Mount Calvary, is unique in that the goal is to include singers of all ages with special parts for children.

Singers included Jenny and Shari Evarts, Cara Friery, Donna Haglin, Patricia Hanson, Linda Johnson, Kristin Carnes, Molly Johnson, Melissa Johnson, Susan, Maddie and Ella Kohuth, Kirsten and Alice Lamphere, Amanda Mayhew, Karen McAvinew, Jan Meadows, Diane Olson, Jan and Elaina Osburn, Jean Danielson, Leslie and Annie Pinkham, Ethel Pope, JR, Gail Strobel, Brittany and Hailey Mohler, Reenie Travis, Nancy Winston, and Linda and Allison Wood.

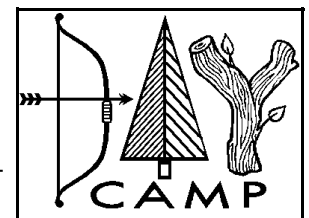
Women's Gospel Ensemble

On Sunday, May 4, our Women's Gospel Ensemble (WGE) will be singing for both worship services, closing our choral season for the group until September. This unique group was first established by Dr. Horace Boyer, who conducted Mount Calvary's Gospel Music Festivals for eighteen years. WGE rehearsals are conducted between worship services. Several members also serve as song leaders at first service and five of the thirteen vocalists are also members of the Festival Choir. Please join us for worship and special music on May 4!

Day Camp

It is time to start thinking about day camp! Camp is scheduled for August 4-8 at Mount Calvary and is open for children from pre-school through fifth grade.

The preschoolers attend for a half day (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.). The kindergarten- through fifth-grade group stays for



the whole day (9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.). The kindergarten through fifth graders will go on several field trips throughout the week. Rainbow Trail staff will provide the energetic leadership for the kindergarten through fifth graders. Registration forms are available at the church.

This is a great event for kids of all ages and has been a big event at our church for a long time. We need plenty of volunteers of all ages. If you are willing to help with food, lodging, and meals (for Rainbow Trail leaders), snacks, arts and crafts, etc., please sign up in the breezeway.

For questions about camp for volunteering, contact David Housewright at tropicalblue@msn.com or (303) 673-0332. Sign your kids up right away—let's make this year one of the best!

Book Study

On Monday, May 19, the Mount Calvary Book Study will review the classic *Giants of the Earth*, by Rolvaag. This is the story of Per Hansa and his family, who in 1873 leave Norway to settle in North Dakota, and their life of joys and sorrows in this new harsh land. Please join us! Everyone is welcome to join the group for this discussion. For information contact Katie Harris at (303) 499-6213.

EFAA Food Drive

Just a reminder that Mount Calvary has a food drive the first Sunday of each month. We've collected 645 pounds of food for EFAA. Awesome! Next collection date is Sunday, May 4. Please bring your food donations to church. Pick up an EFAA tag for needed items at the display on the sign-up table. If you would rather donate cash, you may do so in the "Let Mikey Do It" jar next to the display! Mike will then use that money to make additional purchases. For more information contact Mike Wood, (303) 440-7068.

Family Camp

Get out the sleeping bags—we're goin' to Sky Ranch! Join us June 6–8 at beautiful Sky Ranch (part of Lutheran Ranches of the Rockies) just outside Fort Collins. Talk to Amanda for details at (303) 601-9931.



Royalty Is Coming To Mount Calvary

Soprano Jacquelynne Fontaine, Miss California 2006—2007, will be joining our community as Guest Artist. A graduate of California Lutheran University and currently a student of Opera and Voice at USC (Los Angeles), her joyous spirit and phenomenal stylistic versatility will draw hearts and eyes heavenward. She will perform an energetic and eclectic program in our continuing Sanctuary Concert Series on Saturday May 10 at 7:00 p.m. The Festival Choir, vocalists from Metropolitan State College of Denver, and our own wind and keyboard musicians will also be featured. In addition we will mark the debut of a movement of "Requiem Op. 120," composed by our music director, James J. Myers, in memory of his father, James R. Myers (scored for soprano soloist, choir, winds, and organ). Jacquelynne Fontaine will also lead our Mother's Day services on Sunday, May 11. She will be joined by the Festival Choir, winds, brass, strings, the Handbell Choir, guest vocalists, and Kristina Eller on organ and piano. The beloved "Pie Jesu," by Andrew Lloyd Webber, will be the centerpiece of extraordinary musical worship, conducted by Jim Myers.

THANK YOU

Dear Mount Calvary,
On behalf of the Charles Willert family, we'd like to thank everyone for their comfort and condolences during a very difficult and sorrowful time. We'd also like to thank those individuals who provided the beautiful music, gift of time and food for the Memorial Service. Words cannot really express how much we appreciated all the support provided by our Pastor and Church Family.

God Bless,
Jane, Brad, and Diane Willert and Family

Community Table Thank You

On Monday, April 7, an enthusiastic crew of Mount Calvary members and Mount Calvary middle schoolers, led by Amanda Mayhew, took charge in the Community Table kitchen serving over eighty guests. On the first Monday of each month, Mount Calvary is counted upon to fill the

Community Table kitchen with smiles and a spirit of giving by helping to provide a hot meal to those in need. Please join with us next month on Monday, May 5. Also, please remember that donations to the Salad Jar allow Mount Calvary to provide a fresh green salad with all the fixings. Please take time to drop a few bucks into the jar when you see it next.

Thanks to the April 7 “Monster” crew:
Middle School Volunteers: Amanda Mayhew, Chad Ciriora, Shannon Lavelle, Melissa Mika, Annie Pinkham, Karen Mika
Other Volunteers: John and Marilyn Thompson, Carl Forsberg, Tom Moen, Mike and Linda Wood, Al and Bonnie Altman, Katie and Cory Rathburn, Phil McLean, Jeanne Lewis, Lynn Bollinger, Janet Bartleson, Morey Bevers

“The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’” —Matthew 25:40

To PV Volunteers

The April *Parish Visitor* collators were Ernie Arndt, Myrt Schwartz, Al Muklebust, Ethel Pope, and Bill Renfer. Thanks to everyone! Please sign up on the response sheet or at the sign-up table to help collate our next *PV*.

SERVICE

Rainbow Fix-Up Day

Rainbow Child Care is having a fix-up day on Saturday, May 3, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please come help! Bring tools if you have them—if not, just bring willing hands. Rainbow relies on volunteers to beautify the school each year. Some of the repairs needing attention are: some of the outdoor lunchtime tables and benches need to be painted for summer use, a few smaller walls could use a coat of paint, the tricycle storage doors need to be replaced, and some kitchen shelves are falling down and need to be repaired. Snacks will be provided. There will be a sign-up sheet on the volunteer table, so that Rainbow will know how many people can help. Thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer your time!

Other Rainbow dates: Friday, May 9, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. is Planting Day (come help plant all our flowers!) and Saturday, May 17, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. is the Rainbow Carnival in the parking lot. Everyone is welcome!!

Habitat for Humanity Opportunities

On Saturday, May 17, Mount Calvary will be teaming up with CU’s Lutheran campus ministry to work on the home being built in Boulder as a joint project of Thrivent Builds and Flatirons Habitat for Humanity. Mount Calvary will provide five volunteers, so please check the signup sheet to see if there are spots available. If they’ve already filled up, please consider helping to provide lunch for the workers. Call or e-mail Jessica Gribble for details: (720) 890-6043 or jgribble@vcn.com.



May Birthdays

- 02 Jane Fisher
- 03 Barb Swenson
- 04 Karine Walter, Madeleine Kohuth
- 05 Louise Hawley
- 06 Karen Peterson, Greg Behlen
- 07 Karen Dawson, Helen Kraft, Cecily Abel, Alexa Labozan
- 12 Greg Lefferdink
- 13 Chase Scott
- 14 Reenie Travis
- 15 Hunter McDaniel, Melissa Johnson
- 16 Jacque Bruce, Will Fossum
- 17 Carolyn Ziegler
- 19 Ernest Arndt, Lance Olander
- 21 Peter Swenson, Derek Johnson, Barrett Scott
- 23 Nancy Winston
- 24 Julianna Birkenkamp
- 25 Leslie Schumacher
- 27 Laurie Mohler
- 29 Nancy Markham, Lila Rubin
- 31 George Hoos, Michael Friery, Cody Hesse

MAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

		Communion						
		Acolyte	Ushers	Altar Care	Assistants	Sound Board	Lector	Liturgist
May 4	8:00 a.m.		Jean Friedberg Roger Markham	JR	JR	Brett Woodiel	JR	Leslie Schumacher
	10:30 a.m.		Francis Duffy Scott Peterson	Belinda Housewright		Kevin Martindale	Jenny Evarts	
May 11	8:00 a.m.		John Meadows Bradley Ziegler	Jean Danielson	Kristin Lamphere	Brett Woodiel	Jessica Gribble	Gail Strobel
	10:30 a.m.		John Bollinger Romney Philpott	Helen House		Jeff Strobel	Neil Olien	
May 18	8:00 a.m.		Larry Danielson Jamie Osborn	Patricia Hanson	Diane Clymer Bill Perry	Bob Kelly	Reenie Travis	Melissa Johnson
	10:30 a.m.		Arlene Devore	Kristin Lavelle	Bonnie Mohler	Tom McAvinew	Leslie Schumacher	
May 25	8:00 a.m.		Al Altman	Janet McDaniel	Jane Fisher	Bob Kelly	Jim Winkelman	Hunter McDaniel
	10:30 a.m.		Phil McLean John Nielsen	Morey Bevers	Martha Stange	Kevin Martindale	Jeanne Lewis	

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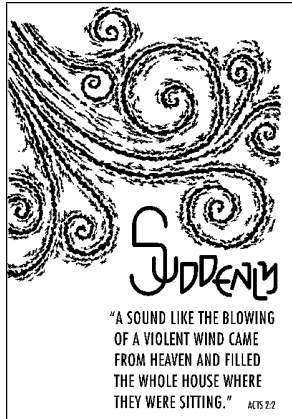
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(during school year)
9:15 a.m.

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<p>Seventh Sunday of Easter May 4 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time 9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>The Day of Pentecost Mother's Day High School Senior Recognition May 11 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time 9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion</p> 
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