## Calvary's Quilters Helping to Keep Babies Warm

Margee Adrian and her husband, Denny, of St. Paul's West End, are spending their retirement rescuing, refurbishing, delivering and setting up baby equipment for needy families across the Twin Cities. Calvary's quilters have contributed some baby quilts to the effort. Margee sends this note of thanks:

#### Dear Ladies,

Thank you so much for your continued generous donation of beautiful quilts for needy moms and babies. Our crib ministry keeps growing, with 25 agencies calling us for help, as well as many individuals. Last year, in 2018, we delivered and set up 321 cribs and gave out 342 car seats. All total we have given out 1,900 cribs to happy, thankful moms. Thanks to kind, caring, talented ladies like you, each crib has come with a nice quilt. May God bless you for the work you do. I feel like we're a team, and together we get God's work done!!

Sincerely and Thankfully, Margee





Margee Adrian displays some Calvary quilts, with an assist from older siblings of recipients of the quilts and cribs.

# Thank you!

Metro Hope Ministries
has sent a note of
appreciation for all the
quilts you have made and

delivered to "help keep

our folks warm."

#### 2019 Calvary Council Members:

Thank you, all of our council members, including Mark Carter, who has been appointed to fill the remaining open seat. Your church council members are:

Karol Holmquist – President

Joan Sedlacek **Trustees** Bob Fett Stewardship and Property

Sally Kahn **Deacons** Sara Bauer Worship and Evangelism

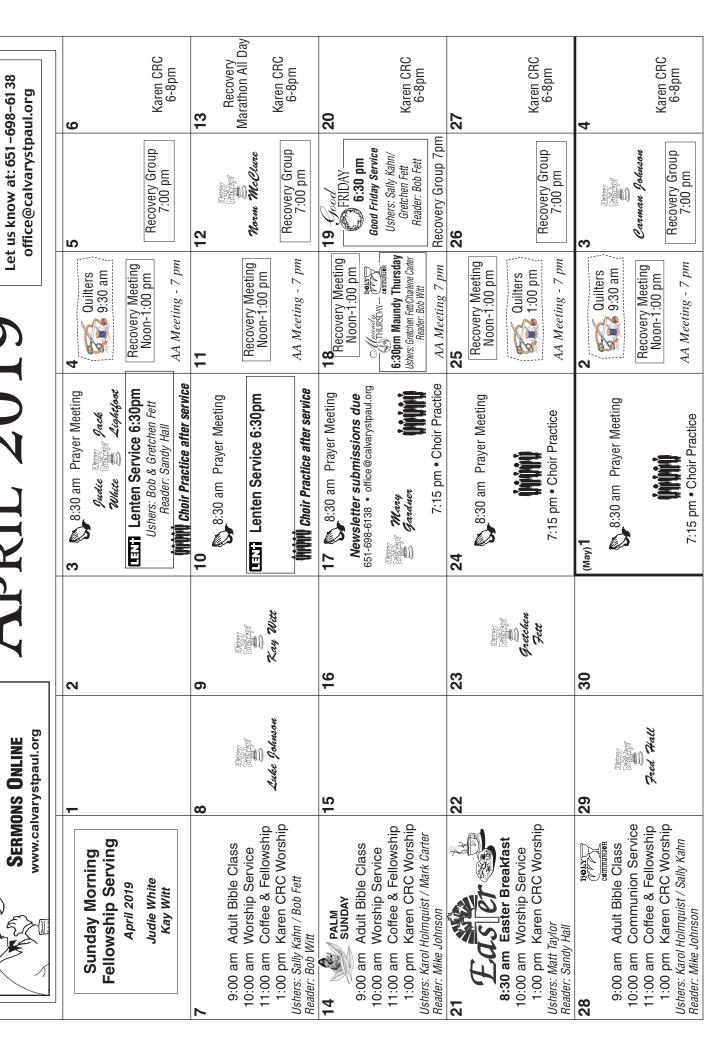
April Taylor **Elders** Mark Carter Education and Organization

#### Let Us Pray for One Another:

Please pray each day for the following people of Calvary who have special needs: Lorenda Brown, Fred Hall, Sandy Hall, Jack Lightfoot, Chris Steiner-Lightfoot, Norm McClure, Carole Sunde, Bill White and Kay Witt. Please pray for Pastor Joe Marsh, for God's powerful guidance. Also please pray for other family and friends: Pastor Tom & Mary Aadland, Debbie & John Amacher, Pastor Jay Eberth, Rita Schenk, Dawn Stewart, Marcie Ann Coville, Dan & Dawn Hall. If you know one or more people on the "other family and friends" prayer list in this newsletter, and you think that their names should continue on the list, please let the church office know not later than April 17 so that those names will not be removed from the list.



# Thursday Wednesday Tuesday Wonday



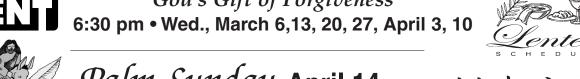
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"God's Gift of Forgiveness"







6:30 pm Holy Communion





April 19 6:30 pm



#### His Mission for Us:

This is our best understanding of why God wants us here as a congregation!

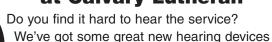
#### "Changing Lives by Sharing Christ!"

His Values for Us:

These are the values we stand for, without compromise, regardless of the challenges placed before us. These are our quiding principles, defining our relationships and our work together.

- Fellowship Our Salvation Reaching the Unchurched • Scriptures • Preaching and Teaching
- Love and Care for One Another
   Grow in Our Faith

#### It' Easier than Ever to **HEAR THE GOSPEL!** at Calvary Lutheran



you will want to try. They are easy to use and inconspicuous. Think: Transistor radio and earphone. And another device actually works wirelessly with many hearing aids.

#### Short Takes...

As this newsletter was going to press, we learned that Herdis Hash had graduated to her heavenly reward. Funeral plans were yet to be finalized. Our prayers are with Orlando and all of Herdis' family.

Check out our new website at www.calvarvstpaul.org. You can sign up for events such as the Easter Breakfast, subscribe to Pastor Ioe's sermons in print, and hear them online. The office email is now: office@calvarystpaul.org.

Prayer Request Forms: The ushers have forms you can use to make a prayer request prior to the beginning of Sunday worship. If you like, request some forms to take home with you to prepare for the next week. During the week, you may e-mail prayer requests to office@calvarystpaul.org.

### Calvary News Update – April 2019

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## Need Some Help?

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In case you hadn't noticed, this was a record year for snowfall in Minnesota. Well, I guess you probably did notice!

I live in a neighborhood where most people don't really know their neighbors very well. Maybe just enough to say "Hi" or wave when they take out the garbage cans but not much beyond that. So a few weeks ago I was surprised how much attention I received when my low slung, gas guzzling Prius got stuck in the driveway. The first time (yes, it happened more than once) there were some young boys waiting for the school bus who asked, "Need some help?" None of them were over three feet tall, so even though there were five of them pushing, they weren't able to help much. Then the neighbor lady across the street saw what was going on and asked "Need some help?" I finally got help from two men, five boys, the neighbor lady and a guy with a pickup who helped pull me out.

A few days later I got stuck again (I'm a slow learner) and a woman several houses down came running up the street with a snow shovel and asked "Need some help?" Saved again! Deep snow seems to bring out the best in Minnesotans, maybe because we are all in the same boat. Without help we are just plain "stuck."

As Christians we know that all of us are in the same boat as sinful people. We know that without help we are powerless to save ourselves eternally. Without

help from Jesus we are lost forever. "The soul that sins, it shall die." That's why we cling to Him by faith.

> Jesus, God's Son, is the only one who can truly help us. God looked down upon our hopeless situation and asked, "Need some help?"

When people who are not Christians criticize us for needing a "crutch" they are absolutely right. If you can't walk without help you would be foolish to refuse to use a crutch, a cane or wheelchair to keep yourself moving ahead. They are right, we do need a crutch, but what they don't seem to realize is that they do too.

So what is our default reaction when we meet someone who doesn't know they are stuck in sin? Just keep walking? Pretend we don't know enough to help them? Act as if they don't need help? Or should we be asking them, "Need some help?"

We don't have to beat anyone with our Bible. We don't have to make them uncomfortable. We don't have to convert them, that's the job of the Holy Spirit. As our relationship with them deepens we can ask, when the time is right, "Can I share something with you about what I know as a Christian?'

About a week after people helped me get out of my blocked driveway I was coming home and saw three teenagers trying to get their car out of a driveway. I stopped, went over and asked, "Need some help?"

- Pastor Joe



Easter Sunday: Our worship service will be held at 10:00am on Sunday, April 21. Members and guests are invited to our Easter Sunday Breakfast at 8:30am.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for you to let us know if you will be attending. Please indicate the number who will be in attendance and if you would like to contribute "culinary delights" for the breakfast.