

Calvary Lutheran Church

April 2026



Mark 16:1-8 tells the story of the three women going to Jesus' tomb, wondering who will roll the stone away so they can anoint Christ's body. Their obstacle was a literal stone, but the "stone" could symbolize obstacles in our lives.

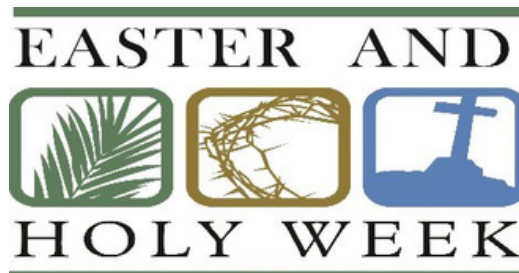
This month as we celebrate the resurrection message - JESUS IS RISEN, do we come to the tomb with obstacles; obstacles that affect our relationship with Jesus? Who's going to roll that stone away?

Often in our lives we try to figure out on our own how to get past our obstacles, our problems, our stone so to speak. Mark 16:4 says, "But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. "Problem solved! God had already taken care of it. Plus, He did so much more, for the angel told the women that "Jesus has risen! He's not here. Go share the good news."

As we thank God for raising Jesus from the grave, remember and accept the truths that God has rolled your stone away. He has cared for your obstacles through His Son. Jesus is the only one who can bring real peace. He's the only one who can calm your fears. He's the only one who can forgive you of your sins and give you real meaning in life.

Remember, God has removed the obstacle of sin through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Sin that kept us from our Father has been forgiven when we come to Jesus in repentance. We have a great message to share - JESUS IS RISEN! Look up, the stone has been rolled away.

Resurrection Blessings,
Pastor Mark



April Events

- April 8 - Easter Worship Service 9:00 am
Free Will Breakfast 8:00 - 8:45 am
- April 12, 19, 26 - Worship Service 9:00 am
- April 12, 19, 26 - Fellowship coffee 10:00 am
- April 12, 19, 26 - Sunday School 10:15 am
- April 7, 14, 21, 28 - Tuesday Fellowship 9:30 am
- April 7 - Sunset Manor Bible Study 2:00 pm
- April 8 - Bible Study 9:30 am
- April 14 - PMNH Bible Study 2:00 pm
- April 19 - PMNH Worship Service 2:00 pm



Readers

April 5- Linda Kroeger
Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5,13-17

April 12 - Terry Jensen
Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11

April 19 - Confirmation Student
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14

April 26 - Nancy Brockmueller
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11

Acolytes

April 5 - Walker Girard
April 12 - Estie Kuchta
April 19 - Maddie Balison
April 26 - Alice Cooley

Altar Guild

Verlene Olson & Donna Viergutz

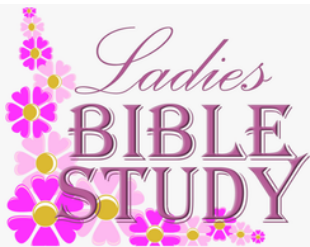
Head Usher

Dave Knutson

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



- April 3 - Susan Bak
Adam Rempp
- April 4 - Leon Hansen
Lacie Olson
- April 5 - Korie Norris
Dana Schenk
- April 7 - Alma Korslund
Lonnie Schenk
- April 8 - Deanna Eli
Chris Torgerson
- April 10 - Scott Sorensen
Esme Barta
- April 11 - Jim Viergutz
- April 12 - Anne Marie Hinseth
Chloe Nielsen
- April 15 - David Akland
Jaycie Wager
Scottie Wager
- April 16 - Joe & Sara Sheman (A)
- April 19 - Jerry Berg
John Schmidt
- April 24 - Nancy Oswald
Carla Marshall
Walker Girard
- April 29 - Evan Hansen
- April 30 - Bob Satter



Calvary Women's
Bible Study
April 8
at 9:30 am at Calvary

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Please Pray for: Our Country,
Roger Nielson Jr. family, Marjorie Moss,
Sharron Larson, Cathy Fystro, Cynthia Hines,
Jim Wright, Ryan Zilla, Ian Nichols,
Hayley Anderson, Arlene Davidson, Ted Bartz,
Sharyn Ostrem, Maxine Hansen, Matt Kuchta,
Marvin Hinseth, Gale Bender, Theo Soll,
Harper Lucas, Lily Shields, our military members,
our Elderly & Shut-Ins.
If you would like to add/remove names to this list
contact Pastor Mark or Vicki.



In Memory of:

**Lloyd Mork, Arthur & Helen Bak,
Harvey & Judy Mork, Ronald Bak & Larry Bak**
given by Vicki & Family

AnneJo Holsether Clark & Roger Bjerkaas
given by Brian & Tami Bjerkaas Family

Jane Stevens Ford & Merlin & Pearl Hinseth
given by Ronnie Hinseth

Edwin Olson & Russell Olson
given by Margie Olson

**Arnie Ostrem, Don & Gin Peterson,
Jace VanDenBerg**
given by Gary & Julie Peterson

Cynthia Hansen
Given by Leon & Berniece Hansen

Larry Torgerson & Jody Dossett
given by Chris, Suzanne & Sky Torgerson

Clinton & Ardell Davis, Palmer & Janice Erickson
given by Paul & Pam Erickson

Damon Jorgensen
given by the Jorgensen Family

Marvin Girard & Stan Dillon
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Guy & Stella Skogen, Morris & Jackie Petersen
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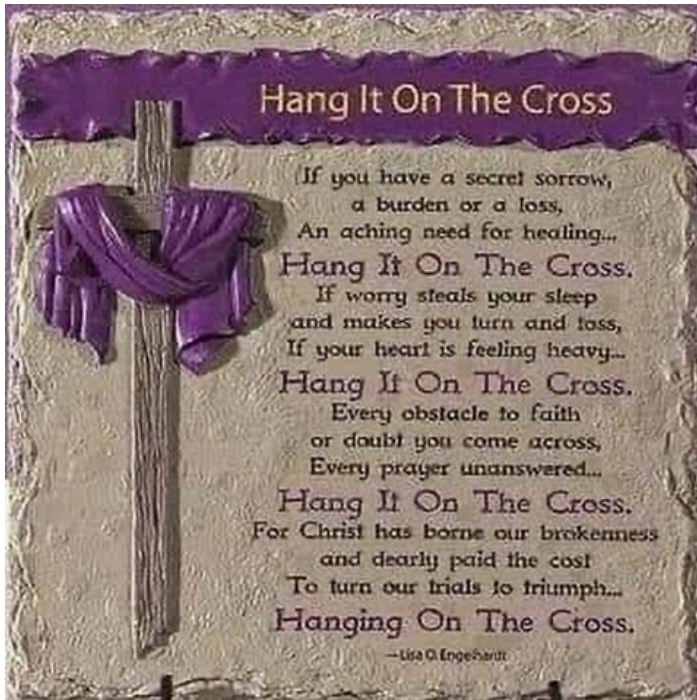
Tonya Anderson
given by Tim & Jessica Anderson

Don Anderson & Rhonda Nielson
given by Tim & Jessica Anderson

**George Kjeldseth, Milburn & Los Kjeldseth,
Lewis & Alice Heller**
given by Loann Kjeldseth

Arnie Ostrem, Bentley Rogers, Jace VanDen Berg
given by Pastor Mark & Sharyn Ostrem & family

Jim & Joan Kribell, Winky Jensen
by Tim & Cindy Kribell



April Sunday School Happenings

April 5th-NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 12th-Sunday School

April 19th-Sing in Church-Noisey Sunday & Sunday
School

April 26th Sunday School



Ingredients

- 14 oz crushed Oreo cookies
- 8 oz softened cream cheese
- 0.25 cup softened unsalted butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3.4 oz instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 cups cold milk
- 8 oz thawed whipped topping (Cool Whip)
- 1 cup pastel candy coated chocolates (such as M&M's)
- 0.5 cup mini Oreo cookies for topping

Recipes from our Parish Kitchen

Easter Dirt Cake

Instructions

- Crush all Oreo cookies and set aside 1/2 cup of crumbs for topping. Press the remaining crumbs into a 9×13 inch dish to form the crust.
- Beat softened cream cheese, butter, and powdered sugar until smooth. Fold in the whipped topping until light and fluffy.
- Whisk the pudding mix with cold milk until thickened. Let rest five minutes, then fold into the cream cheese mixture.
- Spread the filling over the crust. Sprinkle with reserved crumbs, mini Oreos, and pastel candies.
- Cover and refrigerate at least two hours to set.

Notes

Chill for at least two hours for best texture. Use finely crushed Oreos for a firm crust.