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*For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
And the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
And our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.*

Dear Friends,

We have begun what has become customarily called the “Program Year”. This is when school begins, various sports activities begin for children and parents spend their time carting their kids back and forth from one thing to the other. Vacations are, for the most part, over and Sunday church attendance can again be considered important.

I don’t consider attendance at church *per se* to be critical, in the sense we once thought; that is, as a requirement to make us acceptable to God and perhaps prepare our resume for the next life. What is important is that the family of God meet together regularly and participate in the ceremonies which bind us together and to God. It is so easy to become isolated in our personal self-shells or be simply cogs in the workday world. Some attention needs to be paid to finding ourselves as acceptable as we are, persons who are children of God and loved just because. We try to emphasize that simple belonging at Calvary, letting others in other churches spend their time judging, demanding, or instructing as to what God requires.

Last week, as we were celebrating our weekly festival of thanksgiving, which is the Holy Eucharist, the choir sang one of my most favorite pieces of music, commonly known as the hymn which begins, “There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”. I realized how much I needed that message that morning, as I do every day. I grieve over the many times I forget the truth those words intend to bring into my life and I melt when I hear them again as proof positive that I am forgiven without reservation or precondition. I want that to happen for everyone I know, especially you, my beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, who make Calvary your spiritual home.

I look forward to a wonderful fall with you and wish you every blessing in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithfully,

Steven Metcalfe

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FOR CHRONICLES
ARTICLES IS THE
15TH OF THE MONTH**

Commentary

I wrote this for family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and those we wish to assign to a zip code in Kuala Lumpur. If what one speaks is the truth, it doesn't need help to get around. If it is speculation, best to leave it percolating in silence. And, if it is a lie, it will come back and bite every time...whether *you* know it or not, others will, if not immediately, then, in time!!! The repetition or the start of a rumor becomes their assurance that all isn't well in your soul. The truth will still set you free...trust yourself with it. It will always lead you safely home.

Rumor

It was a sophisticated lie,
Decked out in top hat and tails.
It swept them off their feet
And danced them around the floor
In smooth measured steps.
It kept perfect time;
Dipped with crescendos,
Spun with innuendoes,
And pirouetted purposefully
Until it filled the dance card
Of everyone it met. KBN

MISSION NEWS

Food Giving Sunday

A lot of food items, clothing, and some monies were brought in for Food Giving Sunday in September. Remember that Hearts for the Homeless Mobile Soup Kitchen serves the homeless, whose numbers increase each month. In August, 1,561 meals were served to 1,253 males, 214 females, and 94 children, representing 131.5 volunteer hours.

NEEDS LIST: mayo; elbow macaroni; spaghetti sauce; canned chicken, beef stew, tuna, vegetables, pork and beans; Parmesan cheese; peanut butter; grape jelly; juice boxes; new or used clothing, boots, shoes, and items for the thrift shop. Volunteers are always needed.

FOOD GIVING SUNDAYS ARE:

October 9th November 13th December 11th

OCTOBER 9TH

UNITED THANK OFFERING SUNDAY

This is the day when everyone turns in money from their blue boxes to the church.

UTO's goal is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission we encourage daily prayers, offerings, and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings. Your coins represent all that you are thankful for.

It would be helpful if you could change your coins into dollars, and place them in a blue envelope. Children will present their blue boxes in a special ceremony.

UTO prayer:

Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy, and challenge that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ. Amen

16th Friends of the Night People (serve)
21st Wine and Cheese Party to benefit
Friends of the Night People

NOVEMBER

6th &
13th African Team Ministries Sale
13th Food Giving Sunday
20th Mitten Tree for School 77

DECEMBER

11th All Mitten Tree Gifts to be returned
11th Food Giving Sunday
18th Friends of the Night People (serve)

Volunteers are needed each week for Meals on Wheels. (Did you know that Amherst Meals on Wheels actually started in Calvary Church?) Jeanne Eaton is desperate for some new volunteers (626-5066). Substitutes would also be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are also needed for School 77.

Remember our monthly themes:

October - pencils



November - glue sticks



December - crayons.

A basket is available for your contributions.

We hope that MISSION SUNDAY gave you an opportunity to learn more about our mission activities and that you signed up to help in some way. Mission and Outreach are vital to the church. At this writing (Sept 30), we have 4 people on the Mission Committee.

*We need you to help,
in any way you can.*

For questions about MISSION or to offer your ASSISTANCE, please contact Sharon Jackson at 877-4866.

Senior Class Is Off and Running

Get out your "running shoes" - it will be a busy year for Seniors. The committee for Calvary's Senior Class has planned more events for the coming year than we had before. We hope this will enable more people to participate.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TWO UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 12, 2005:

Tour Central Railway Terminal 9:30am - 11:30am. Cost \$10/person

Tour Pierce Arrow Museum 12:00pm - 12:45pm. Cost \$10/person for guided tour
(\$6/person otherwise, if minimum of 25 people isn't met for a guide)

Dutch Treat Lunch - Chef's Restaurant 1:00pm

Meet at Calvary Church parking lot for car-pooling at **8:45am**

Central Railway Terminal located: 495 Paderewski Dr., Buffalo

Pierce Arrow Museum located: corner of Michigan and Seneca Streets, Buffalo

Watch for sign-up sheet mid October

Sunday, December 18th

Buffalo Philharmonic Holiday Pops with Marvin Hamlisch

2:30pm Performance - Tickets \$34/person

More info during November sign-up

2006 Tentative Events/Dates

February: Wine & Cheese Party TBA

March: Red Jacket Men's Chorus/Show
Amherst High School

April 28: Musical Fare (Daemen College)
Urinetown - The Hilarious Musical with
the Terrible Name

July: Possible Artpark Event

August: Jet Boat Cruise and lunch Niag-
ara-on-the Lake

October: Fall Foliage - Finger Lakes -
lunch at Glen Iris Inn or Lumberyard Res-
taurant, Perry, NY

Your suggestions and input are important to us. Please feel free to call either Bob/Julie Preston, 632-5862 or Bill/Joyce Clark, 741-9124. One suggestion received - a tour of St. Joseph's Cathedral. The Senior Class will also be hosting a couple coffee hours during the year.

2005/06 Committee

Bob/Julie Preston Bill/Joyce Clark
Rhea Mathien Cy/Marlea Crowther
Hazel Whalen

BIKING

The season is winding down. As of September 20th, we had eight rides under our belts (seats) and hoped to squeeze in a few more. Thanks to all who joined our rides from Canada to Clarence and helped make them the fun trips they were.

Helen & Ray Slominski



Coffee Hours

Thanks to everyone who has signed up as a Coffee Hour Host for the fall! *There are, however, a few openings left, particularly for November and December.* You can sign up on the Coffee Hour schedule posted on the easel in the Scaife Room. Attached to the easel are instructions detailing the host's responsibilities.

Thanks again for participating in such an important mission.

Janet Mather

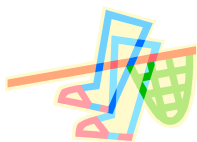


Children's Ministries

A new communication vehicle has been established this year to help teachers and children's ministries communicate more immediately with the congregation. Thanks to Andrea Turton's marketing skills and Pat Burt's willingness to do yet more work in the name of progress, children's ministries has a special insert each Sunday in the bulletin. Please make a special note of reading this very important and timely information. Your feedback is always welcome and greatly appreciated. Thank you. Your Children's Ministries Committee.



A cute pair of pink Dora boots size seven looking for a good home. Please contact Lisa Maxwell at 839-4350 if you have a young one who could use them. This is a freebie!



We're off to a wonderful year in Sunday school. Attendance has been magnificent with over 50 children showing up each Sunday downstairs. Their first mission contribution will be on Sunday, October 2 when Calvary holds its official adoption ceremony of School #77. The kids will be singing a special song and making a presentation to the children of School #77.

In October, don't miss out on joining Carl Zebrowski for his annual bonfire on October 8th as well as his pilgrimage to the corn maze on the 23rd. These are sure to be fun events for kids of all ages (kids under 10 will require an adult to supervise please). Maps will be provided as the date draws closer. See you then!

Lisa Maxwell
Co-Chair Children's Ministries Committee

Quick Start to Planned Giving

You asked for it – you got it! We are offering two programs on how to use wills, trusts, insurance, and investment assets to make long-term gifts to Calvary. Come have coffee and light refreshments and hear presentations by some of Calvary's experts in the field. Bob Goods will talk about wills, bequests, and trusts; Betsy Greno will cover investments and other financial instruments; Dick Thompson will share his knowledge about insurance.



Put these dates on your calendar now and plan to attend at least one:

**Sunday, Oct. 16, 9:00 – 9:45am
Scaife Room**

**Sunday, Nov. 6, 11:15 – 12 noon
Reception Room**

The goal is to have every member of Calvary make a commitment to set aside some portion of their assets for the future benefit of our parish. No gift is too small or too large.



Everyone can help – this means you!

Planned Giving Committee
Frank & Wilma Cipolla, Co-chairs

A Word From the Farm...

We had a beautiful day for our Calvary farm hoedown! It was a great family party. Everyone had fun enjoying the day on hay rides, doing crafts, playing games, eating good food and sitting around the campfire catching up with friends.



This day was such a success because of all the hard work of our Children's Ministry co-chairs, Lisa Maxwell and Andrea Turton. They did an outstanding job planning, shopping for, and organizing this event. They are a great party planning team! We are so lucky to have them. My mom (Jo Bissell), Wes and I want to thank Lisa, Andrea and all the helpers for all they did. It made our chores that much easier. Thank you gang, hope to see you down on the farm next year. **Cinda Stone**

About Evensong... and "First Sunday Liturgies"

The Service of Evensong is one of the treasures of the Episcopal tradition. It comes from the service devised by Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer, the 16th century English cleric who was the principal liturgist for the original (1549) Book of Common Prayer. The term "Evensong" is most commonly used to refer to the **choral manifestation of Evening Prayer** where the musicians and choir are the principal leaders of worship. Key elements of the service are glorious musical settings of the New Testament canticles, psalms and prayers, as well as anthems. Beauty and integrity of the music and text are emphasized. Through this, the choir represents the congregation, offering the gift of music to carry our praise and worship through the heights and depths of human and spiritual emotion. Because we are able to join inwardly and more deeply into the meaning of these musical offerings, many find that they become **more** involved in worship and prayer, not less. Active worship comes from participation in the singing of hymns and responding to prayers.

On November 6 at 5:00 p.m.,
we will offer an
Evensong for the Feast of All Saints.

One of the principal feast days of the liturgical year, our Evensong service for this feast day is one not to be missed. The evening canticles will be *The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D* by Herbert Brewer, and featured anthems will be the spiritual "Keep your lamps," arr. by Andre Thomas, "Song to Athene" by John Tavener, and *Lux Aeterna* - music by Edward Elgar ("Nimrod" from the "Enigma Variations"), arr. by John Cameron.

The evening is certain to provide an opportunity for peace, the sense of God's beauty and love, and the resolve to humanity's highest aspirations which are best lived out in our lives in the world. Plan now to join us as daylight settles into evening for the opportunity for recollection and stillness before God.

Peace.
...debi

Speaking of Music...and the Choir!!...



PLC and Your Parish Choir Present
"A Night on Broadway"

Once again, **Parish Life and your Parish Choir** are joining together for an evening of music and refreshments—**A Night on Broadway**. Tables of 8 await you, on a first come first served basis. Sit with your gang, or let us find a gang for you.

Tickets are on sale NOW!

Saturday, October 15th

7 - 8 pm
8 - 9 pm

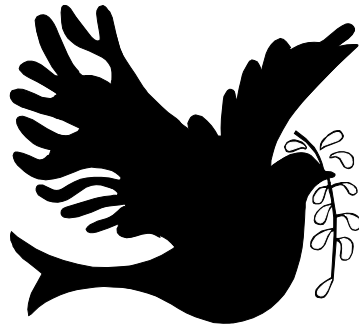
Drinks and Hors D's
The Music of Broadway—
Ensembles/Solos w/ Piano/
String Bass/Traps

9 - 10 pm

Coffee & Elegant Desserts

Childcare will be available
from 7 pm - 10 pm by
Children's Ministries.





EVENSONG
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS'

5:00 PM

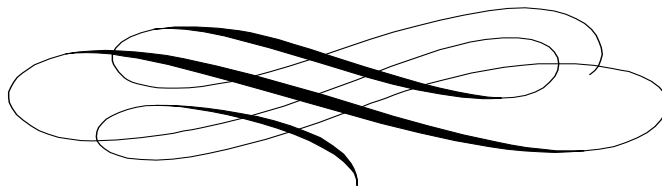
THE PARISH CHOIR
OF CALVARY CHURCH

INTROIT – *KEEP YOUR LAMPS* – ARR. ANDRE THOMAS

MAGNIFICAT AND NUNC DIMITTIS IN D MAJOR – HERBERT
BREWER

ANTHEM – “*SONG TO ATHENE*” – JOHN TAVENER

ANTHEM – *LUX AETERNA* – EDWARD ELGAR,
ARR. JOHN CAMERON



THE REV. STEVEN T. METCALFE, RECTOR
THE REV. BARBARA W. BAXTER, ASSOCIATE RECTOR
DEBI OVERTON, ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER

Prayers From the Pew

By George Mayer

There is in Jesus Christ an adequate answer to any problem. You don't have the answer, but you don't need to. He has the answer! Bring the problem to Him, whatever it may be: doubt, unbelief,, dishonesty, fear, bitterness, anxiety, sorry, whatever it is. Remember, Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) And, He also said, "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me, I will never drive away." (John 6:37)

In this marvelous relationship in which Jesus lived His life on earth, the Father was forever giving Him power over all flesh, over everyone that came--an adequate answer for every need. So He in turn, in meeting that need, gave those individuals back to the Father, having received them as a gift from the Father to Himself. Do you see that we stand in exactly the same relationship to the Lord Jesus as He stood to His Father? Remember these words, "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:12) Through the life of Jesus Christ in us, He is ready to give us all power over all flesh. Whatever demand life makes upon us, whatever urgent problem comes bearing down on our lives, He is adequate for it, in order that we might give back to Him the rejoicing and the thanksgiving of our hearts.

We must have what He is in order to do what he did. This is the secret of vital Christianity. Jesus lives in and through me! This is intimate communion! this is spiritual union and oneness! Unlimited potential is unveiled! Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent." {John 17:3) Eternal life is a quality of relationship! Eternal life is knowing a Person (the triune God)! Eternal life is the knowledge of an eternal Person, the intimacy of communion and fellowship with the Person of God. The result of knowing god, of intimate fellowship is always the same: Life becomes meaningful, rich and enjoyable! Knowing God is fullness of enjoyment, the richest of experiences, the enlargement of life beyond our ability to imagine. Knowing God enlarges life, life becomes vibrant, exciting, and awesome. Life is enriched. In all dimensions!

Thank You...

So many of you sent notes and cards...so many were at the service for Gerard on September 1... The love and concern you expressed for me and my family was overwhelming. Calvary has been our home for over sixty years. No one could ask for more support than you gave to us. We thank you and we love you.

Eleanor Murray

Perfect

If life was perfect
It could not get any better!
If life was perfect
There would be no room for
God to do what he wants to do!
If life was perfect
It cannot be
As it was not meant to be
And coming down the ladder
Is very difficult and painful!
So ----
Let life be good
It can travel 50 – 100 different roads
Or more to get better.
Let life be good
God will have all the room to do
What he has planned for you in the first place!
Let Life be good
And it is up to you
To make it the best you can
Under your circumstances.
God gives us the gift of a day
One day at a time
It is up to you
If you will waste it or spoil it
Or make it the best you can
Under your circumstances.
God gives us the gift of a day
One day at a time
When that day is over
You do not get it back
It is gone forever.
We are not supposed to know what tomorrow will
bring
Because we are here today
With today's problems
And if we are fortunate to see tomorrow come
It may bring it's own problems
And with God's help He will guide us through it.
So ----
Make life the best you can
It is your choice and up to you!!!

Norma E. Miller