



**AN UPDATE TO SECURITY
EVENTS OF WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 17, 2019**

Dear Friends:

As many of you know, Calvary was the target of a bomb scare on April 17. Someone placed an item that appeared to be an explosive device under a bench near the Second Street entrance to the church. A bus driver saw it and called the Rochester Police Department, who responded swiftly and with every

caution. The streets nearby were cordoned off and Calvary was evacuated. The St. Paul Bomb Squad was contacted. Given the time, 6:30 p.m., we had no choice but to cancel the 7:00 pm Tenebrae service. The entire church, every floor, room and pew was searched by three police officers and a bomb-sniffing dog. By 10:00 p.m. the Bomb Squad had arrived and determined that while the item was alarming, it was harmless, and the case was turned back over to the RPD.

As of this morning, the investigation into the incident continues. The staff and Wardens of Calvary have met, and the Vestry has been kept in the loop. We will continue with all services in this Holy Week, beginning with the Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm this evening. For precaution, and for peace of mind, we will have an off-duty uniformed police officer present this evening, and for our Saturday evening and Sunday morning services. The Wardens and Vestry will continue discussions about increased security measures at Calvary.

We are the Easter people and are called as people of faith to act with integrity in our work of love and compassion for all people. The church will remain open for anyone who needs a place to pray, meditate, and find solace. God has given Calvary work to do as people of hospitality and caring. The Way of Christ is the Way of Love, and in this work we find our peace. Especially in this Holy Week as we anticipate Easter, we will honor God's call to us to proclaim the Resurrection of Christ – Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia.

In peace, Penny Duffy, Phil Einspahr and Beth Royalty

A Message From Our Rector

Dear Friends:

The final practice in the Way of Love, a Rule of Life for Lent, is “Go.” It is the perfect practice for the day of Easter. The Tomb is empty. The Resurrection has already happened. You can hear the angels saying to the first witnesses to the Empty Tomb, “go on, get going, there’s nothing to see here.” Because the Resurrection has happened and now it’s time to go, get on with it, tell your family, your friends, your neighbors, that Christ is Risen! Thanks to Elise Lewis, who has written the final meditation for us to ponder on “Go.”

My prayers are with you these final days of Holy Week and first days of Easter. My heart is full, every day I am so deeply grateful to be in this community of Calvary. I can't imagine welcoming Easter with any other group of people than you. Blessing on this joyful Easter, blessings and prayers always. May God show you new life in so many ways.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

In peace,

Beth+



Luke 24:1-12- Jesus has RISEN!

On Easter morning we are rejoicing in the gift of Jesus' resurrection. We **GO** forward into the world ready to follow the teachings and path of Jesus. Bishop Curry encourages us to **GO** out into our community-beyond our comfort circles to engage and live like Jesus.

Here at Calvary over the past year, we have been examining what it means for us to **GO** out and be in spirit of "God in our Neighborhood". We have been engaging with organizations in our neighborhood like the Women's Shelter, JOY, Project Legacy, & Dorothy Day House to listen to their needs and to find ways to support those needs. Our congregation has stepped up to support those needs. While these opportunities have provided us ways to learn and grow, it is part of a larger goal of mission where Calvary develops a signature project to have an impact in our community in the spirit of God in our neighborhood.

Ask yourself, if Calvary wasn't here, would it be missed? Come, learn, get involved, let's make an impact!

"There are two ways to climb an oak tree, roll up your pants and climb to the top or sit on an acorn and wait until it grows." -Anonymous

In the spirit of one of my favorite quotes,
GO! Roll up your pants and engage and live like Jesus!

Elise Lewis

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 18 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist Rite II and Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 19 - Good Friday

7:00 am - Good Friday Liturgy

12:00 noon - Community Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, April 20 - Easter Vigil

7:00 pm - Easter Vigil and Holy Eucharist with Baptisms

Sunday, April 21- Easter Day

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am - Festal Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choirs in a service especially meaningful for children (Incense Used)

11:00 am - Festal Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choirs (Incense Used)



The office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, April 22 and 23. We will return to the office on Wednesday morning.

Have a blessed Easter!

The Calvary staff

The ECMN Bishop Search Committee



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are asking all Episcopalians in Minnesota to take the following important survey. Can you spare 20 minutes or so to help the Search Committee determine what qualities and characteristics the next bishop of Minnesota should have?

The survey asks questions designed to discover what areas you believe the Church needs to grow, and your hopes and concerns as we discern candidates for the 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Church in MN.

Thanks for your involvement.

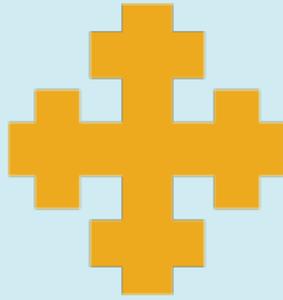
The online survey will be open until April 26th.

If you experience difficulty taking the survey or are unable to access it via the link provided, please contact teamsearch@episcopalmn.org.

Stay up to date in real time with the latest information on the ECMN Bishop Search. Go online and get involved at mnbishopsearch.org.

Faithfully,

Chair Susan Moss
Vice Chair George Thompson
& your entire Search Team



Minnesota Bishop Search *Searching for the 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota*

The Episcopal Church in Minnesota has entered a time of prayer and discernment in selecting the 10th Bishop of ECMN. The Bishop's Search Committee invites ALL to participate in this process.

Each Mission Area is gathering to provide time of "holy listening" so each faith community has a voice, hearing joys, blessings, longings and concerns.

The Southeast Mission Area Gathering and Listening Session is being held on April 27th, 2019, at The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour in Faribault. Breakfast will be offered at 830 AM followed by the Listening Session with the Bishop Search Committee beginning at 9 AM, concluding at 1030 AM. Each one of us is encouraged to share in this special opportunity. For a complete listing of the faith communities in our SEMA, visit this link: <https://episcopalmn.org/missionareas>. Here is the ECMN website link for further information and ways to become involved in the Bishop Search: <https://mnbishopsearch.org/>.

The Southeast Mission Area will conduct our periodic business meeting following the listening session. All Calvary members are invited to attend. Lunch will be served at 1145 AM. Regional Confirmation will be at 1 PM.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Beth Royalty, Laura and Paul Ehling, Ginny McBride, Jonathan Thoreson and/or Martha Mangan.



Agape Meal Assistance Needed

We are in need of 3-4 volunteers that would assist us with the preparation and cleanup for the Agape Meal which will take place after the Easter Vigil on Saturday April 20th at 7 PM. An hour or two of your time would be most appreciated. Please call Kirsten Vitale (507.266.5747) or Lee Gilmore (507.951.3288) if you can assist.



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