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## **A Message From Our Rector**

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Dear Friends,

I'm writing from Princeton, New Jersey, where I'm attending a four day seminar organized by the Institute of Youth Ministry which is housed at Princeton Seminary, just down the road from Princeton University. On the day after Easter traveling to New Jersey was not high on my list of things I wanted to do, but the opportunity to represent Calvary as the leaders of the 12 faith communities that have received the Log College Grant for the Renewal of Youth Ministry gathered overrode any travel concerns I had. I had never been to Princeton before. Most important - the weather here has been glorious, a nice respite from the cold and rainy spring we have had in Rochester. I must confess that looking at the weekend's weather report at home makes me a little discouraged...but we will press on! You will hear much more about the work that the Log College team at Calvary has been doing and will be doing as we move closer to the late June Design Lab here at Princeton, when 5 members of each Log College Team, from all over the United States, will gather back at Princeton to work on two ideas for our own context for new forms of Youth Ministry, then choose one idea to bring back to each respective community along with the \$15,000 grant that we all received. We will learn here how to pitch our new ideas to the congregation at Calvary, then get busy making our idea reality, with your help. What is that idea? Your Log College Team is beginning to see shapes of ideas forming, but as of now we can't tell you much, except that we CAN tell you what a wonderful, enriching, community building experience this has been. We received this two-year grant last summer, and a team of @15 people have been meeting since then - some have joined us over time, some have left the team, so the number has been fluid. The main team members are: Maia Merkel, Audrey Ehling, Jered Nathan, Tim O'Neill, Jennifer O'Neill, Tim Seelinger, Travis Amundson, Julie Tschumperlin, Mary Freedman, Colleen Timimi, Nicole Hendrikson and Johnna O'Neill. Five of us will travel back to Princeton in June: Jennifer, Johnna, Audrey, Maia and myself. We are grateful for the support of our families, our congregation - each of you! Please keep the Log College process in your prayers.

As I've been in Princeton, I've been reflecting on Holy Week and Easter at Calvary,

and my overwhelming response to the whole week, is thanksgiving. Thanksgiving and gratitude for all who came together to plan worship and make sure that each service was beautifully and faithfully planned and implemented: the staff of Calvary, the Altar Guild, Acolytes, Lectors and Chalice Bearers. The Ushers, a thurifer or two, and of course, our Choirs. Thanks to those who made sure the Easter lilies were ordered and delivered, and thanks to those who gave generously so that we could have those lilies. Thanks to our Office Volunteers, all those who brought food for the Easter Vigil Agape meal and to those who set up for that banquet, and then cleaned up afterwards. And thanks for your prayers and understanding when we all dealt with that major interruption of a bomb scare in the middle of Holy Week. The response of our Wardens, Vestry, Choir and many of you was supportive, loving, prayerful and careful and for that I give thanks.

Easter has just begun! Thank you for being the Easter people, for looking for God's light in the darkness of the world, for praying together in faith and assurance of God's powerful miracle of the Empty Tomb. Keep telling your stories of the presence of God in your lives. Through community, through our relationships, in our stories, we can hear, taste, touch Easter every day. The risen Lord Christ is known to us in the breaking of the bread - the bread on our altar, on our tables at home, work and school, the tables out in the world.

In grateful love,

Beth+



### A NOTE FROM OUR SEXTON:

We will be waxing the Main hallway and landing outside of Crawford on May 3rd. **So the church will be closed after 1:00 pm on May 3rd till 12:00 pm on May 4th.** If you should need in the building for any reason please contact Stuart first.

Thanks  
Stuart

## Up Coming Events



### Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation with Bishop Prior May 7th, 6 pm

Bishop Brian Prior is making a visit to Calvary on May 7 at 6 pm. During the worship service, Bishop Prior will confirm 14 youth, receive 6 adults, and reaffirm all who desire. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the service to support and uphold those being confirmed, received, and reaffirmed. Everyone is invited to stay for a celebratory reception in Brackenridge immediately following the service. We will be serving sandwiches, fruit, veggies and cake.

## Oasis Garden Planting

Yes! It's that time again! Summer will be here before you know it!

For more than 30 years, Calvary parishioners have gathered en masse in the Oasis garden on a morning in May to plant hundreds of flowers, creating a place of peace and beauty for the downtown community. This year, we'll plant on **Saturday, May 18, from 9am to noon. (NOT on Sunday.)** No experience is required, and all ages are welcome. Come for the whole morning, or spend a half-hour planting with your children between your usual Saturday morning activities. Every little bit helps. Tools will be supplied. There are jobs for all - organizing, planting, mulching, watering and cleanup.



If you're willing to help set plants out before the planters arrive, come anytime between 8am and 9am.

Questions? Contact Joan Rabe - 507-269-3162, [joan.rabe@icloud.com](mailto:joan.rabe@icloud.com)



### **Sacred Circle Yoga and Meditation Spring Series: *The Yamas of Yoga (Six-week Session)***

The *yamas* are the ethical principles that guide the physical practice of yoga and encourage a "right way of living". Patricia Barrier, registered yoga teacher, will begin each class with instruction on a *yama* that will inform our gentle yoga practice and end with a short meditation helping us to apply that principle to

our daily life. In this way, we move from the physical practice to a living yoga that guides our actions and helps us to grow spiritually. The class is suitable for beginners as well as those experienced in yoga who wish to deepen their practice. All aspects of the practice are adaptable to a chair or can be done with assistive devices. Yoga equipment is provided or bring your own mat.

The six-week series will occur on the following dates: **Tuesday May 21st, 28th, June 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 5:30- 6:30 pm in Crawford Hall.** The cost of the entire series is **\$90** payable upon registration. Scholarships are available for Calvary parishioners. Please register by calling Linda in the church office at (507)282-9429. Payment accepted by cash/check, credit card or PayPal. For more information please contact Stephanie Barsness at [swbarsness@gmail.com](mailto:swbarsness@gmail.com) or (507) 282-1229.



## GRADUATION SUNDAY - JUNE 3

Calvary would love to recognize our graduating seniors by acknowledging them at our 10 am service on Sunday, June 3. If you or someone you love from Calvary is graduating please let us know their name, where they are graduating from and what their future plans are.



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