

# *Calvary Life*

**Spring  
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## AROUND CALVARY

### PUT YOUR BEST DISH FORWARD

On Friday, March 1, Molly Powell graciously hosted “Put Your Best Dish Forward” where women of Calvary gathered to share dinner and personal stories. Sheila Phillips started us off with her wonderful story of “Uncle Gus”. We heard so many great stories – centered around family, and cooking, survival and tradition. So much love experienced by all...



### HANGIN’ OUT WITH THE EYC

Sunday, February 3rd, the Calvary youth group (EYC) collected \$1000.00 and 200 pounds of food to donate to Helping Hand as part of our traditional Souper Bowl Sunday. On Sunday, February 24th, the EYC group loaded up the Calvary bus and went to volunteer at Helping Hands,



and to present the check to Executive Director Diane Clark. After working hard at Helping Hands, the 16 youth and four leaders loaded back onto the bus and went to Guanajuato Mexican Restaurant in Rosenberg for a wonderful dinner. The EYC youth and leaders would like to express how grateful they are for all your continued support.

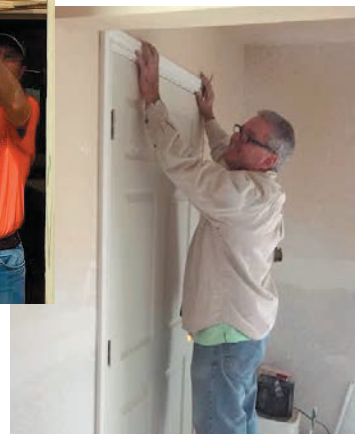
### HOUSE FOR HEARTS

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.” Matthew 25:35*

Last year, Calvary Church was blessed by assisting a family of nine whose house was destroyed by roof damage during Hurricane Harvey. The experience demonstrated that we can’t outgive God, for Calvary was richly blessed by helping others.

Calvary is being called again to partner with God to be a blessing to a retired widow whose home, located in Rosenberg, was flooded by the x day flood, rebuilt and then flooded again by Hurricane Harvey.

Since Hurricane Harvey, her home has been elevated 6 to 8 feet off the ground and a ramp was built to access the front door. But with this elevation, her back door opens to a seven foot drop. Her kitchen is empty of fixtures or cabinets. Her bedroom does not have doors. Twelve windows are broken. The flooring is only plywood. The rooms are textured but not painted.





## *Clergy Corner*

As we go through our season of Lent together, I hope you are appreciating the changes in our worship and the opportunities for prayer and reflection that Lent brings. Lent is a special time for me, because it is a time when I am more intentional (and more successful) with my spiritual reading. Taking time to read has become an extravagance in my life that I feel I cannot afford the time to indulge. However, Lent reminds me that it is very much to my disadvantage when I do not prioritize my time to include daily reading. Reading and reflecting on the thoughts and words of others about God and the world provide the exercise that we all need to stay in good spiritual and mental shape. I pray that our Lenten disciplines will not be forgotten when Easter comes.

Speaking of Lenten disciplines, every year I develop my list of things that I wish to remove from my life – my fasting list. And also their counterparts - the good habits that I hope will replace them – my feasting list. I decided to look back through the years and provide again some of my favorites for you to use in developing your own list.

### BEST OF FAST AND FEAST LIST

FAST from being too busy to be interrupted . . . FEAST on the joy of another's company.  
FAST from clever words that hurt others . . . FEAST on words that affirm and offer comfort.  
FAST from feeling proud of my accomplishments . . . FEAST on the efforts of others.  
FAST from fear of being too open and vulnerable . . . FEAST on relationships rooted in trust.  
FAST from feelings of unworthiness . . . FEAST on God's love of who I am.  
FAST from being discouraged about life . . . FEAST on God's promise of life everlasting.  
FAST from feeling too old for what I do . . . FEAST on the wisdom and maturity these years have given me  
FAST from finishing the sentences of others . . . FEAST on the opportunity to hear something new.  
FAST from resentment . . . FEAST on forgiveness.  
FAST from fear of running out of time or money . . . FEAST on God's promise to always provide.  
FAST from worrying about lapses in memory . . . FEAST on the fun of hearing things for the first time - *again*.  
(And again.)

Finally,  
FAST from grouching about being too young to retire . . . FEAST on savoring every moment of every day.

*Blessings,  
Fr. Paul*

## FAT TUESDAY

Nearly 90 hungry Calvary church and school members gathered in the Mardi-Gras decorated Parish Hall for our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Thanks to the Calvary EYC and their leaders who did a super job in the kitchen keeping hot pancakes and bacon cooking, while others waited tables. More than 20 youth braved the competition in the pancake eating contest. Winners included Bobby Morris (K-Gr. 2); Gerald Medal and Nadya Golovine (tied Gr. 3-6); Drove Churchwell (Gr. 7-10); and Jalen Brankston (Gr. 11-adult).



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Again this year, Calvary offered Ashes to Go in the circle drive on Travis Street. Our Ashes to Go ministers offered each person prayer, the touch of ashes in a cross on their forehead and a few minutes to engage together as Christians and neighbors. Those receiving ashes continually expressed their gratitude for our presence and ministry, making it possible for them to enter the Lenten season by receiving ashes. Rev. Nancy, Rev. Lecia, John Johnston and Dan Bradley shared in praying and imposing ashes on 150 people.







## *Lenten Schedule*

The Wednesday evening Lenten soup and salad suppers and program are in progress. Each program is stand alone, so you can join in for the fellowship and message each Wednesday. Titled “Who’s in Charge”, the evening begins with a meal at 6:30, video presentation (sermon) at 7:15, closing with Compline at 8:15.

Our speakers, while joining us in video format, have powerful sermons to share.  
Add this learning opportunity to your Lenten journey.

- March 27** Presiding Bp. Michael Curry “Crazy Christians”  
**April 3** ABC Justin Welby “Who Runs Our Lives?”  
**April 10** (in person) Fr. Peter Funk and Br. Michael Gallagher “Who’s in Charge?”

## *Be Present During Holy Week*

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### **Sun, Apr 14**

*Palm Sunday - 8:00 and 10:30 AM*

### **Wed, April 17**

*Shadow of the Cross - 7PM*

### **Thurs, Apr 18**

*Maundy Thursday - 7PM*

### **Fri, Apr 19**

*Good Friday - noon*

### **Sat, Apr 20**

*Holy Saturday  
Liturgy of the Word - 9AM*

### **Sun, Apr 21**

*Easter Sunday Festival Service - 8:00 and 10:30 AM  
Easter Egg Hunt - 9:30AM*

## PRESTON STREET GARDEN NEWS

The weather cooperated for a great turn out for the biannual “Garden Work Day” at Preston Street Community Garden on March 2. Of the 41 adults, children and high school students who helped, sixteen were Calvary adults and children. Landscaping, garden bed preparation, tree trimming, weeding and more were accomplished. DOK provided kolaches and doughnuts in the morning and a grilled hot dog picnic lunch ended the work day. The garden contributes nearly two thousand pounds of fruits and vegetables per year to Helping Hands and the Women’s Shelter and is now ‘good to go’ for another productive year.

## 170TH COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF TEXAS

From February 21-23, lay and clergy delegates of the diocese convened for their annual meeting in The Woodlands. This year’s Calvary delegates are Greg Bethke, Kathy Haley, Jewlon Morris, Amber Zentis and the three clergy. Council opened on Thursday evening with worship and Eucharist, followed by a dinner honoring retiring Bishop Suffragan Dena Harrison. The main item of business was the election of a new Bishop Suffragan, and The Rev. Canon Kai Ryan won the election over two other candidates. She will be consecrated as bishop on June 1 by Presiding Bishop Curry. Next year’s Council will meet in Waco.





## SCHOOL IN THE NEWS

Calvary students all actively participate in service learning projects. Most recently, Middle School students went to Lunches of Love to help pack over 2,000 meals for local kids to would not normally have meals on the weekends. The Calvary Episcopal Preparatory's Parent Teacher Organization hosted CEP's annual auction fundraiser on February 23rd. It is traditionally one of the most highly anticipated events of the year for Calvary families, and this year was no exception. Through the hard work and creativity volunteers transformed the gym into a casino and ballroom making it "A Night To Bond."

Middle School One Act Play earns 1st and district and is headed to state competition.



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**Worship Services**

**Sunday**

8:00 AM	Traditional
9:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 AM	Contemporary

**Tuesday**

9:30 AM	Traditional
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**Vestry**

Amber Zentis, Sr. Warden	Roy Haley
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