

# Messenger

Calvary Baptist Church of Denver



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Calvary's mission is to be a Christ-like community that experiences and shares God's love.

Calvary welcomes and affirms all people as children of God from every cultural and religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, economic means, race, age and gender.

## Come and see Sunday schedule

8:15 am worship in the chapel  
9:30 am church school for all ages  
10:30 am coffee fellowship  
10:55 am worship in the sanctuary

### Feb. 12, Love Gift Sunday

*Getting It All Out in the Open*  
Mark 1:40–45  
Anne Jernberg preaching

### Feb. 19,

*The Disbelief in Grasping Grief*  
2 Kings 2:1–17  
Anne Jernberg preaching

### Feb. 22, Ash Wednesday

*The Pilgrimage begins*  
Service of ashes with labyrinth,  
7 am and 6:30 pm  
Go to <http://www.calvarydenver.org/lent.htm>

### Feb. 26, First Sunday in Lent

*Pilgrimage:*  
*Journeying Through the Wilderness*  
Mark 1:9–15  
Anne Jernberg preaching

### March 4, Second Sunday in Lent

*Pilgrimage:*  
*Following the Way to Lose Our Way*  
Mark 8:31–38  
Anne Jernberg preaching

### Upcoming events, go to

<http://www.calvarydenver.org/calendar.htm>

## reflections

### Make a pilgrim journey in Lent

Mahatma Gandhi said, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” I don’t know about you, but I often wonder if perhaps such a thought-provoking quote may have been what challenged the Jesus we know to have said and done all that he did. Jesus definitely brought about change. More than two thousand years later we’re still seeking to emulate and model the life Jesus lived.

Jesus’ earthly ministry, according to the gospels, began with a wilderness pilgrimage of sorts. Jesus entered the desert for 40 (or many) days. Through this experience it seems Jesus found challenge, solace and seemingly the energy necessary to go about the work of peace, love and justice that the world of his day needed to hear and experience.

The work of ministry is challenging—as life is challenging. It is important for all of us to create space and time where we—like Jesus—can be challenged and renewed. Our Lenten theme

for this year is pilgrimage. Anne, Joe, Kevin, Warren and I invite all of you to take a Lenten pilgrimage. If you can’t find a wilderness to enter, will you enter into a few of the opportunities to experience Lent at Calvary? There will be many. Give yourself time and space to become the change you want to see in the world. Allow yourself the opportunities to be challenged and renewed.

In some ways, my Lenten pilgrimage has already begun. I am grateful to Staff Relations and to you as a congregation for granting me the time and space necessary to reflect, read, rest and seek renewal. I venture to bet that Jesus didn’t know where his work would take him upon completing his wilderness pilgrimage. Likewise, I don’t think any of us can know what lies ahead. Our challenge, like Jesus’, is to be faithful to the work necessary to care for ourselves and others.

Together, let’s see where our Lenten pilgrimages take us. As it was true for Jesus, so it will be true for us. God will be with us. God is with you.

—Brian Henderson, Senior Pastor





## FAMILY NOTES

### Calvary is seeking members to

serve on a new Hostess/Host committee to periodically assist the church hostess on Sunday mornings, for church events where food and beverages are served and at some non-member events. The church hostess position has become a volunteer job, and Marie Baker has graciously offered to continue with your support! This pool of volunteers would be a sub-committee under Congregational Life.

We are also looking for a member to serve as wedding coordinator. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please let us know. A brief training session is necessary to understand kitchen and AV equipment in fellowship hall.

Contact the church office regarding your willingness to serve.

### Prepare for your Lenten pilgrimage

Check out the new Lent at Calvary pages on our website. Make plans now to obtain your *Daily Lenten Devotions* booklet crafted by your Calvary family.

► sign up for daily delivery via email at [www.calvarydenver.org/lent](http://www.calvarydenver.org/lent) at any time. Include family and colleagues!

► if you prefer a hard-copy, available in the narthex Feb. 12 and 19, call the church office asap to reserve yours

► enjoy on Calvary's

Facebook and send to friends.

Experience contemplative worship at The Threshold as part of your Lenten journey at 5 pm, any Sunday evening, 3401 W. 29th Ave., Denver, [www.thethreshold.us](http://www.thethreshold.us).

Explore and reflect as you walk and pray the labyrinth—set up in the fireplace room throughout Lent, with the exception of Sundays.

Enjoy the Berglund's pilgrimage treasures in the foyer wall displays.

Lilies can be ordered for Calvary's Easter gardens. Or, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Denver Inner City Parish. Contact the church office by Monday, April 2.

### Calvary's *Messenger* newsletter

will now be published monthly, instead of every two weeks. See the revised schedule: [www.calvarydenver.org/newsletter.html](http://www.calvarydenver.org/newsletter.html)

### Thank you to the women who

attended the Jan. 5 ABWomen's Potluck at Calvary. It was an honor and privilege to share with you that evening. What a joy to have so many Calvary women gathered together to share intimate moments of faith and relationships around the tables. Thank you for your love, support and encouragement of me and my family. I appreciate you and love you. Thank you again. —Tara Henderson

### Congratulations to Stephanie

and James Kawamura on the Jan. 30 birth of Anya Jean. Happy grandparents are Olga and Dick Ashworth.

### The love and sympathy of the

Calvary family are extended to ... the family of Virginia Thrash, who died Dec. 21 at the age of 93. ... Norma Wick and family on the Jan. 30 death of her husband Bob. ... Ginger Waymire and family on the Jan. 31 death of her sister Bettie Schmidt, who lived near Boston.

## FAMILY HAPPENINGS

### Country gospel comes to

Modern Matures at noon, Saturday, **Feb. 11**. Author, singer, songwriter Mel Berg has recorded 11 albums and had five #1 songs on God's Country Music chart. Come join the fun! Lunch is \$9. Call the church office at 303.757.8421 by Feb. 8 for reservations.

### Four score—Love Gift turns

80 years old this year! ABWomen have raised more than \$53 million since the 1932 Depression for missions. Show your gratitude for God's love **Feb. 12** with this over-and-above-giving contribution. Thankful hearts give generously. Your reward—home-baked cookies during coffee time!



### The Women's Winter Retreat

will be held **Feb. 17–19** at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Colorado Springs. Enjoy a relaxing weekend of worship and study at this serene facility—and recharge your spiritual batteries with other American Baptist women from around the state! Contact Marj Musil or Sharon Murphy for more information or get registration form at [www.abcrm.org](http://www.abcrm.org) (ministries tab).

### If you're interested in a mission

work trip to Chiapas Mexico, July 5–14, join us at an informational meeting Sunday, **Feb. 19** at 12:15 pm in the boardroom. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity—join us! RSVP to the church office soon.

### All Calvary women are invited

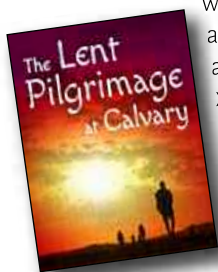
to the Roller Derby, Saturday, **March 3**, 9:30 am to noon in fellowship hall. At this annual event, Calvary women roll cloth bandages for use in missionary hospitals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, while enjoying yummy refreshments and casual conversation. No experience needed for this good work! If you would like more information or can donate additional clean used cotton sheets for this ABWomen's project, contact Marj Musil, Bev Donald or Becky Worford.

### The next Explorers' Class is

scheduled for **March 11**, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the boardroom. Hosted by the Membership Committee this class is a comprehensive look at Calvary and what being a member of Calvary entails. It is open to anyone: recent members, those contemplating membership and those curious about Calvary. If you would like to attend, make a reservation with Kathy Hill in the church office at 303.757.8421 by March 7.

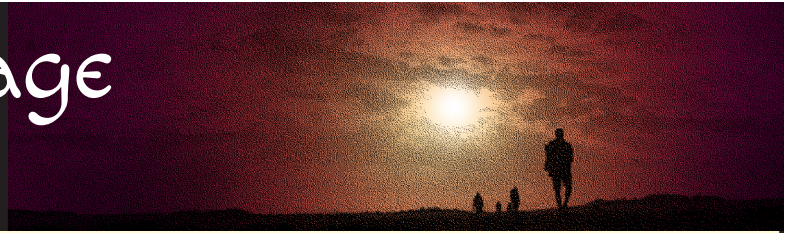
### Join us on a journey!

Brian Henderson and Mary Hulst will lead a trip—*The World of Saint Paul and the Early Church*—to Turkey, **Sept. 29–Oct. 13**. Brochures are on the kiosk in the Calvary narthex, at [www.calvarydenver.org](http://www.calvarydenver.org) and by contacting Mary Hulst at [revmhulst@comcast.net](mailto:revmhulst@comcast.net).





# The Lenten Pilgrimage at Calvary



**Feb. 19, Lenten Daily Devotions** hard copies composed by your church family available in the narthex (if you signed up)

**Feb. 22, Ash Wednesday service of ashes with the labyrinth**, 7 am and 6:30 pm, fireplace room

**Feb. 29, Wednesdays Together: Pilgrimage with the Beatles**, John Kron, 5:15 pm supper, 6:30 pm program, fellowship hall

**March 7, Wednesdays Together: Pilgrimage through outer space**, Henry Laurion, 5:15 pm supper, 6:30 pm program, fellowship hall

**March 13, Healing and Wholeness service**, 6:30 pm, music room. Offered for those in the midst of spiritual, mental, emotional or physical challenges. Lent is a time to look deeply at our lives—especially when dwelling in more darkness than light. A reception follows with Stephen Ministers available for conversation.

**March 14, Calvary Concert Series—Ottawa Collegiate Choir**, 7 pm, sanctuary (Free admission) Appreciate this premier choir ensemble as they perform music spanning all choral traditions. Their 2011 performance at Carnegie Hall won rave reviews.

**March 17, Congregational Mini-retreat to the Sanctuary Center**, 1:30 pm, near Castle Rock. Five remarkable acres including a labyrinth and resonant indoor prayer space. Meet at 1 pm to carpool; return by 4 pm.

**March 21, Wednesdays Together: Holy Land pilgrimage**, Mary Hulst, 5:15 pm supper, 6:30 pm program, fellowship hall

**March 28, Wednesdays Together: The interior journey**, Carol Willard, 5:15 pm supper, 6:30 pm program, fellowship hall

## Holy Week— Journeying with Jesus

**April 1, Palm Sunday worship**, 10:30 am (one service), sanctuary. Church school for all ages at 9 am. Bring coats (all sizes, new or used) to donate to Denver Inner City Parish clothing bank as an offering.

**April 2–4, Daily contemplative worship** 12:15, chapel. Silence begins at noon. These simple half-hour services use artwork, scripture, silence, music and prayer. Invite friends, co-workers, neighbors to worship with you.

**April 5, Maundy Thursday service of foot washing**, 12:15 pm, chapel. Silence begins at noon.

**April 6, Good Friday**, 12:15 pm, chapel, The Seven Last Words of Christ meditation. Silence begins at noon. 7 pm, sanctuary, *In Calvary's Shadow: A Tenebrae Service* by Victor Johnson. This deeply moving service of penitence and forgiveness from diverse musical traditions is presented by the Calvary Choir and instrumentalists. Communion will be served.

**April 7, Holy Saturday meditative service**, 12:15 pm, chapel. Silence begins at noon.

### Easter Sunday, April 8

Sunrise service, 6 am, Red Rocks Amphitheater

Calvary bus departs at 5 am—reservations required, limited seating. Admission: nonperishable food items.

Bring a friend, warm blankets and freewill offering (10% tithed to Colorado homeless shelter programs)

Children's Easter workshop, 9 am, east wing classrooms

No church school

Easter worship, 10:30 am (one service), sanctuary



## Revolutionizing Calvary's worship experience

Since Council's 2011 decision to purchase the University Hills 1987 III/43 McManis pipe organ, the music committee has invested much time and research into determining Calvary's next steps.

The committee sought new organ installation proposals from four recommended organ builders, nationally and locally based. While bids from 2002 estimated \$234,000 to refurbish our current organ, two of the 2011 bids came in below this figure. After careful review, the committee unanimously recommended Denver-based builder Morel & Associates, Inc. to complete the project. This builder offered:

- the most comprehensive proposal
- competitive pricing (\$180,000–220,000)
- comprehensive designs
- best availability for the installation
- the best understanding of our current and new organs (Morel serviced the new organ while in use at University Hills and currently services our organ.)

Calvary has been approached by a Laramie, Wyo. church that is interested in our current pipe organ for their sanctuary. This is an opportunity to continue

the legacy of our organ in another church and eliminate the cost of removal (an estimated \$15,000–25,000).

The current condition and upcoming costs of our own organ, the availability and purchase of the University Hills organ, and the interest of another church community seem to provide some momentum toward envisioning the new organ in Calvary's sanctuary, revolutionizing our worship space and congregational music. Thankfully, we have received funds and verbal financial commitments to the project from many of you. Next steps include additional design work and fund raising. If you would like to know more about the organ project or are interested in giving a gift toward the installation, please contact me or committee members: Beth Dickinson, Ron Johnson, Karen Stanley.

—Kevin Padworski, *Director of Music and Organist*

For more details, go to [www.calvarydenver.org/music/organ](http://www.calvarydenver.org/music/organ)

Next *Messenger* deadline is **Feb. 28**. This advert issue covers March 11–April 7, 2012.

**Please** include name/phone when submitting items.

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