



The Parish News

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"Staying in Love"

We all know what's required to fall in love: A pulse! Falling in love is easy. But staying there? That's something else entirely.

With more than 1,500 matchmaker organizations in the United States, finding someone is easier than ever, but staying together seems to get more difficult every day. So . . . is it possible for two people to fall in love and actually stay there? Absolutely! Learn how in this 4-part sermon series, "Staying In Love", beginning at Mt. Calvary Sunday, January 24 . At the conclusion of this series, February 14, couples will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows at the altar.

Staying in Love, pt.1 "The Juno Dilemma" January 24

It's never been easier to fall in love and never been harder to stay in love. Is it even possible for two people to be happy together forever?

Yes!
 Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus gave us the foundation for enduring love. In this message, Pastor Tim shares the simple, yet powerful, principle from Philippians 2:3-8

Staying in Love, pt. 2 "Re-Modeling" January 31

Do you remember what it felt like to fall in love? How you would do anything for that person? What happens to those feelings?

Falling in love comes naturally. But staying in love requires a plan. While many couples just endure their marriages, in this message, Vicar Eric shares a blueprint based on Philippians 2:3-7 for maintaining, and even growing those feelings over time.

Staying in Love, pt.3 "Feelin' It" February 7

What happens after "I do"? How can the person to whom a woman gave her deepest vow become the person she despises most? How can the beautiful woman a man couldn't stay away from become the person he can't stand to be around?

In Part 3, Pastor Tim dispels a common myth about why we fall "out of love" and reveals how to renew your heart's love. Based on Proverbs 4:23.

Staying in Love, pt.4 "Multiple Choice Marriages" February 14

What's different about people who stay in love? What is their secret . . . their magic formula? They've learned what to place in the gaps between expectations and reality. To wrap up this series, Vicar Eric shares this secret from a part of the familiar Scripture passage, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Please Note!

Church Office Hours are **Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm**. These are the hours the office will be unlocked and staff is available to assist you.

Early Communion for Confirmands



Receiving one first communion is a critical step for Christians. In 1 Corinthians the Lord talks about “examining oneself” and the possibility that one could somehow receive the Lord’s Supper in an “unworthy manner”. In addition, the Lord’s Supper has always been

understood as a communal event, the community of faith gathering in unity at Christ’s supper table. Over three Sunday afternoons, from 12:00 – 1:30 pm Pastor Knapp will be exploring the depth of communing at the Lord’s Supper. Confirmands will be preparing

for their first communion. You are invited to participate in any or all of these studies and deepen your own appreciation for what Scripture calls, “The Mystery”. The remaining dates are January 24 and 31.

“The Crossing” Being a Christian in MA today

Beginning January 10 at the Sunday, 8 am Bible Class Pastor Knapp will be sharing his learning from the series of seminars he participated in this fall through Vision New England. You will get a

comprehensive view of the state of Christendom in New England and engage the Scriptures to consider how to be a Christ follower in a secular culture.

Your walk with Jesus Christ will be deepened and you will become more thoughtful about how to live out your faith. You can join the Sunday study at anytime to gain insightful information,



The Big 6 Great Date Experiment

I challenge you to the BIG 6 GREAT DATE EXPERIMENT!! I am promoting an awesome online resource which I believe touches the 6 most important components to keeping a marriage alive and happy:

- TRUST GOD
- FINISH TOGETHER
- CULTIVATE COMMUNICATION
- CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES

- NURTURE ROMANCE
- HURRY HOME

You are encouraged to do this together at Marriage Boosters once a month on Saturday nights; **our next Marriage Boosters event is SATURDAY, FEB. 6TH at 6:00 PM.** Or you can participate on your own by going to www.marriedlifeonline.org and click on the “Find Out More” button for the ‘Big 6... essentials of a great marriage’; this will take you to a link with

a wealth of information both written and on video. In our monthly Marriage Boosters event, we will be focusing on one facet of the Big 6 and making a plan on how we can nurture it!! We hope you will be able to join us as we explore the Big 6. The biggest gift you can give to your children and yourselves and to the stability of our nation is a strong marriage!! Let’s be leaders promoting strong marriages!!
~Karen Saaristo,
Director of Family Life Ministry

Thank You from the Church Staff

The Church Staff would like to thank all for their generous gifts during this Christmas Season. You’re benevolent

and thoughtful gifts during these challenging economic times are sincerely and gratefully appreciated by all the

staff. Thank you for thinking of us and for sharing your love for our Savior as we all celebrated His wondrous birth!

Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Mt. Calvary,

Words cannot express the heartfelt thanks for all the calls, cards, visits, food, thoughts and prayers you lavished on us after the sudden death of Charla's father. They were tangible tokens of your love

that sustained not only Mark and I, but Lauren, Jonathan and the extended Trusheim and Wilson family. Your care and concern gave us strength just when we needed it the most. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

With much love,

Charla, Mark,
Lauren & Jonathan
Trusheim

Many, Many Thanks

Dear People of God,

Thank you for your many expressions of love this past Christmas season. Your cards, gifts and words of encouragement during a busy season are deeply appreciated. I am grateful to God for you and for your many acts of kindness not only at this time of year but throughout the year. I feel very blessed to be your pastor!

I also want to thank the Mount Calvary staff. December is a very busy time for all our staff. Irina puts in many extra hours planning preparing music, rehearsing and playing the music that spoke to our hearts this Christmas season. Tess Yates, Sally Burch and Gert Hyden spent many extra hours getting the bulletins out, keeping the office running and fielding the many additional tasks that emerge with the Stewardship Drive/Advent/church canceling snowstorm/December Christmas craziness season. Bob Darling and Rob Webster cleared snow over and over again alongside church cleaning responsibilities. Karen Saaristo chipped in, helping out wherever she was needed. Don Hardy spent extra time with end of the budget year book-

keeping and Susan Hardy worked very hard to keep up with end of the year Financial Secretary chores. Thank you, fellow workers. We couldn't do it without you.

Christmas at Mount Calvary wouldn't happen without a cadre of volunteers to make it so. Our choir and music ministry worked long hours to create the heavenly music by which we celebrated Christ's earthly arrival. Thank you Kelly Gallivan, Bob and Lois Meier and Gary Peterson for your extra efforts. Thanks also to the many instrumentalists and singers who gave extra time at a busy time. Music is perhaps the most visible volunteer effort, but by far not the only one. Kathy Lilly, Dave Thoma, Dick Costa, Gene Perko and others were collating bulletins on Christmas Eve afternoon. Dave Thoma also assisted Bob Darling with innumerable set-ups and take downs in the Fellowship Hall and conference room. Ruth Pierson coordinated church decorating, altar and communion preparation. Jane Darling helped husband Bob clean the church between and after the Christmas Eve services. And there is a host of others whose

efforts I haven't mentioned. Thank you, one and all. I believe your acts of service, sung or unsung, are a sweet offering of love to the One who sees and loves us all!

And now we are already ankle deep into 2010. God has exciting plans for us this year! He intends to deepen us in our faith in Christ, He plans to love the world through our lives, and He intends to walk with us through our days. How exciting it is to be part of God's family! I can hardly wait to see what our great God will do in us, to us and through us in the days to come!

Joyful in Christ,

Pastor Tim Knapp



The 2010 Church Directory's are Here!

Did you know the highly anticipated 2010 Mt Calvary phone book has been published? Please check your church mailbox to pick-up the most current and up-to-date

edition of the Church Directory. In addition, if you have any corrections or changes for the church directory, please email tyates@mtcalvaryacton.org or

note it on the front side of your Connection Card in Worship on Sunday and the change will be included with the next updated run of the directory

Pastor Dennis Perryman Retires

Mt. Calvary's former pastor, Pastor Dennis Perryman, is retiring. Pastor and Linda will be moving to the Chicago area to be closer to their children and grandchildren who all live

in the area. There will be a big celebration out in Blaine, MN on January 22-24.

If you would like to send a card or letter to Pastor Perryman his new home

please contact the Mt Calvary Church office.



Tuesday Morning Quilters

The Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9am-12 pm. Come anytime to visit or help in this sewing project. See all the finished quilts that were made this past year. Quilts go to Lutheran World Relief who distributes them to countries having experienced a recent disaster, such as those in Haiti or to other areas where there is a need.

Our greatest need at this time

is for sheets (new or clean used). These are used for the backings. There are many other things you can do to help either at church or in your homes. We make 4-6 quilts each week depending on the help.

Please pray for the people that will receive the quilts that they will be comforted and feel Jesus' love for them through the hands that lovely craft

these quilts each week. This simple act provides warmth and comfort for so many that are needy.

Please contact Tuesday Quilters Astrid Perko or Sandy Andexler for further information regarding this ministry.



Used Postage Stamps

Please save all used postage stamps both US and foreign, especially on greeting cards. Cut from the envelope leaving 1/4 inch around the stamp, or simply leave on the envelope

and we will cut. Stamps are sold to collectors or stamp dealers with the money received going to mission work. Stamps can be left in the blue mailbox near the members'

mail boxes in the hallway by the coat racks. For more information contact Sandy Andexler .

Church Calendar

Sun. 1/24	8:00 AM	“The Crossing” Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Kingdom Quest
	9:00 AM	Jr & Sr High Yth Bible Studies
	9:00 AM	“Jesus, the Life of the Messiah” Adult Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:00 AM	Coffee & Community
	10:30 AM	Worship w/Children’s Church
Mon. 1/25		
Tues. 1/26	9:00 AM	Quilters
Wed. 1/27	9:15 AM	MCCS Auction Mtg.
	4:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Youth Speaker from NAofMI
Thurs. 1/28	9:15 AM	MCCS Auction Mtg.
Fri. 1/29	3:45 PM	Webelos Den Mtg.
Sat. 1/30	TBA	Youth Sledding/Skiing outing
	5:30 PM	Jr & Sr High Yth Caroling
Sat. 12/19		
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	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:00 AM	Coffee & Community
	10:30 AM	Worship w/Children’s Church
	12:00 PM	Early Communion/Confirmation
	5:30 PM	Sr High Yth Small Group
	6:00 PM	“The Crossings” Leadership Study
Mon. 2/1	6:30 PM	KQ Helping Hands
Tues. 2/2	12:00 PM	Seniors Bible Study
	1:30 PM	Midweek Communion Worship
Wed. 2/3	4:00 PM	Women’s Bible Study
Thurs. 12/24	6:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal
Thurs. 2/4		

Cont. from below

Church Calendar

Fri. 2/5	6:15 AM	Men’s Bible Study
	3:45 PM	Webelos Den Mtg.
Sat. 2/6	6:00 PM	Marriage Booster

PSA’s (Public Service Announcements)

■ **THE IMAGO SCHOOL** of Maynard will be hosting an Open House on **Thursday, Jan. 28 from 9am-12pm and 6pm-8pm and also on Sunday, Jan. 31 from 2-4pm.** Now operating in their 29th year, Imago School offers Christian, classical education to grades K-8. Imago serves Christ’s church by seeking an exemplary educational institution that helps parents equip their children to be articulate, bold, compassionate and discerning in the work of reclaiming the world for the Glory of God. Please use these

opportunities to tour the facility, meet the Head of School and Academic Dean and review the curriculum, visit the classrooms while in session and see the student body in action. For more information contact the School office at 978-897-0549 or visit our website at www.imagoschool.org.

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Confidential Prayer Chain

From now until April 16 please contact Sharon Berg at with confidential prayer requests.

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Parish News Deadline

Due to the holidays, the next edition of the Parish News will be **February 7, 2010**. The **DEAD-LINE** to submit an article for the next edition is noon on **Wednesday, February 3.**

Please email all articles to parishnews@mtcalvaryacton.org. Issues of the Parish News are available on the website at www.mtcalvaryacton.org.

We Come to Serve...

"Serve the Lord with gladness..." Psalm 100:2

Assisting Ministers—Jan. 24		
	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elders:	Stan Reible	Alan DeHaan
Ushers:	*Ted Kirchner Art Rankis Bob Britton	*Jeff Jones Ryan Shoup Frank Inman Stan Reible
Lectors:	Drehman's	Ellen Perko
Acolytes:	Janice Moritz	Marina Scheid
Counters:	Joan Davis, John Reinstrom	
Security	Paul Rafuse	

Assisting Ministers—Jan 31		
	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elders:	Stan Reible	Alan DeHaan
Ushers:	*Ted Kirchner Art Rankis Bob Britton	*Jeff Jones Ryan Shoup Frank Inman Stan Reible
Lectors:	Joan Jones	Harald Scheid
Acolytes:	Janice Moritz	Matthew
Counters:	Jeff Jones, Bob Meier	
Security	Art Rankis	

Assisting Ministers—Feb. 7		
	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elders:	*Bob Meier Don Hardy	*Gary Dahl Rich McKay
Ushers:	*Mike Smutok Kevin Saaristo Dave Thoma Mike Tobia	*Paul Rafuse Jeff Jones Paul Rhinhart Steve Trentsch
Lectors:	Jack Brophy	Al Locker
Acolytes:	Janice Moritz	Grant Larson
Counters:	Ellen Perko, Frank Inman	
Security	Bill Schade	
Altar Care	Ruth Pierson	