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Connections

Hello and welcome to the July issue of Connections! A quick reminder: be sure to click OPEN when your email provider delivers your newsletter so you don't miss any content.

While you are reading this month's newsletter: if you see a word or phrase in **bold** and **dark blue** like **THIS**, or if you see the word **HERE** click on it! These are links that will automatically open a website or document. Happy Independence Day!

The Cross

Did you notice the large wooden cross that appeared in the chancel of our church? Do you know why it suddenly appeared there? Did you pay attention to its transformation over the weeks it was there?

Calvary's annual tradition is for the 6-foot

tall cross to be placed there at the beginning of the Lenten season – Ash Wednesday. For the forty days of Lent, it is draped with a purple cloth to remind us of Christ's preparation for suffering and crucifixion. At the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday worship service commemorating the Last Supper, the drape is solemnly removed from the cross, along with the cloth adorning the pulpit. In churches that have a Good Friday service, the cross is then draped in black.

Worshippers arriving on Easter Sunday found the cross draped in radiant white – the symbol of Christ's Resurrection. For the seven Sundays in the Easter season, the pulpit cloth and stoles on the choir members' robes were also white.



This year Calvary added something new to our tradition. Our cross remained at the front of the church until the last Sunday in June – June 25. At that time, we retired the cross until next year with a joyful celebration of life, by adorning the cross with fresh flowers from our gardens.

On June 25, worshippers brought handfuls of fresh flowers from our garden, or from the store, to our 10:00 worship service. As the service began we gathered at the cross to tuck the flowers into ribbons wrapped around it. The result was a living cross – a powerful symbol of our faith.

[Dorothy Talavera](#)

Don't be a Stranger. Be Social!

Links to Facebook pages, Live streaming services, YouTube and the Church Website all in one place. Just click on the buttons and stay connected!



Don't miss out on staying connected to your church family. Use the links below to worship with live streaming services on Facebook. Our YouTube channel is a repository for past services.

You can access videos, websites and streaming services right from this email! Just click on the buttons for a direct link!

[Visit the Calvary Facebook Page](#)

[Visit the YouTube Channel](#)

[Visit Calvary Website](#)

July Worship Schedule

July 2 Rev. Pam Foxx
July 9 Rev. Seth Kajang
July 16 Nedra Cawley
July 23 Rev. Frank Zeidler
July 30 Rev. Patty Epprecht

What do you LOVE about Your Church?

We KNOW you love your church! Want to tell the

world? We are looking for short video clips - 30 seconds - of members from Calvary expressing what they love about their church! We will be sharing these on our Facebook page, YouTube or even in upcoming emails.

I ❤️ MY
CHURCH!

Love the music? The people? The bells? Whatever it is that makes you call your church your home. Just preface the clip with "I love my church because _____" and fill in the blank! Let's tell our community what makes our church special! Contact **Carol McCarthy** with questions.

Missions & Community Engagement

We bought chickens a while back; now we're aiming closer to home!

Missions and Community Engagement are planning a school supply drive. We are collecting the following school supplies for families in the Triboro area who could use a little help: highlighters, Ticonderoga



pencils, pink or red block erasers, 2-pocket folders, wide ruled composition books, rulers, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, boxes of tissues, zippered soft pencil cases, kids' scissors, new or gently used backpacks, cash or checks made out to Calvary with the memo line "school supplies."

There are a plastic bin in the narthex for supplies and a container for cash and checks. We will conclude the collection on September 3rd, before the kids go back to school.

The following Saturday, September 9th, we will go back to church activities with a game night in the Assembly Room. It will be from 4-8, with food and fun! Mark your calendar and watch for more information!

Lyn Wargny

Calvary Thrift Shop News



THANK YOU to all of our volunteers! We appreciate the efforts of everyone that helped at the Thrift Shop this past year. We are closed for summer but will re-open in September. We look forward to a new season then!

Bobbie Beck

Our Church Family



Happy July Birthday to you!

Abdel Jaghabreh 1
Steve Gilbert 1
Danielle Kelley 3
Chelsea Edwards 7
Nedra Cawley 9
Joseph Proietti 12
Sue Frazier 13
Jennifer Mannon 14
Alissa Ferroni 15
Louie Fala 5th 19
Cole Walker Emens 20
Hanalei Cabrera 20
Georgetta Ackers 21
Ron Blackeby 21
Emily Blackman 21
Olivia White 21
Brittnie Breece 27
Anna Cecchini 27
Melissa Hessler 27
Ava Lucykanish 28
Jana Horton Cox 30

July Music at Calvary

July Music

July 2 - Join us for a Hymn-sing, the congregation chooses their favorites. Also "Revival" presents a gospel rendition of

"America the Beautiful" and Dave McGrath sings a prayerful "God Bless America".



July 9 - Scott Hemphill on guitar, accompanied by Dorothy Talavera on flute, play two favorite hymns "He Lives" and "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

July 16 - Valaree Bower-Gilbert, soprano, will sing a beautiful arrangement TBD.

July 23 - "Here Comes Treble", our Ladies' Ensemble, will present a rousing medley TBD

July 30 - Dave McGrath, tenor, will sing an inspirational arrangement TBD.

Riverton 4th of July Parade

Calvary will have a float in this year's Riverton 4th of July Parade! The float will feature, Revival, our contemporary worship band. Come cheer us on. Plus, church members will be selling bottles of ice-cold water and pretzels in front of the Thrift Shop.



Vacation Bible School: July 31st, at Calvary

CALVARY VBS 2023

JULY 31 - AUGUST 4TH

9:00AM-11:30AM

AGES: 3-11



GAMES ♦ CRAFTS ♦ MUSIC ♦ SNACKS

JOIN US JULY 31 - AUGUST 4TH, 9-11:30AM FOR OUR **KNIGHTS OF THE NORTH CASTLE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**. AGES: 3-11 (PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 3 & 4 HAVE THE OPTION TO STAY OR DROP OFF).

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5

REGISTRATION ONLINE OR REGISTER AT DOOR ON JULY 31ST

VISIT [CALVARYRIVERTON.ORG](https://calvaryriverton.org) OR EMAIL:
[CHURCHOFFICE@CALVARYRIVERTON.ORG](mailto:churchoffice@calvaryriverton.org)

REGISTRATION LINK: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/EKFz4W8kATJMPD8ZA](https://forms.gle/EKFz4W8kATJMPD8ZA)

Sign up for Calvary Church, Riverton **Knights of the North Castle Vacation Bible School!** July 31 through August 4, from 9am-11:30am. Games, music, crafts, Bible story and snacks! Ages 3-11. (Parents of children 3 & 4 may have the option or stay or drop-off). Register at the door, July 31, 8:45am or pre-register **HERE** to link to the registration page. Tell your friends and family!

Fun & Games!

Kids Korner Activity



Which firecracker will set off the fireworks?

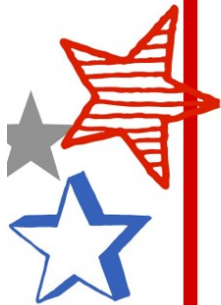


Adult Diversions

July 4th word search



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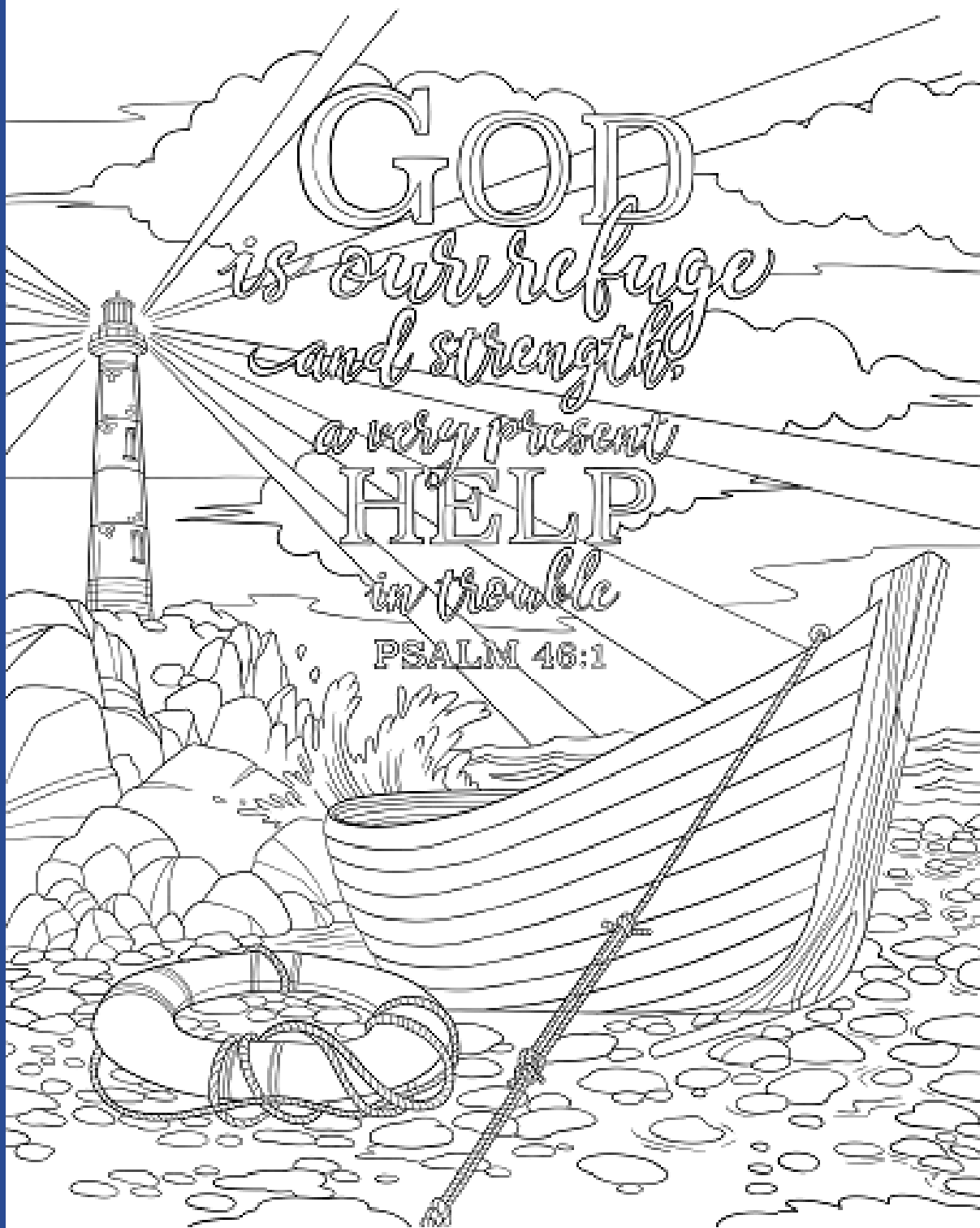


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Faithfully Funny...



Can we get an **AMEN**?!





Happy
4TH

OF JULY!

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