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Sundays:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

Calvary Caller



September 2022

“Kirby’s Korner”

To the members of Calvary Lutheran Church:

Thank you for the cards, the shirt, the food and your prayers. I am praying for our call process; but in the meantime, I’m enjoying the ride. I am privileged to serve you and to work with John and Keith.



Needs:

Anna’s Mom Valentina needs to buy a car. She can be reached at 541-295-0793.



Heroes of the Bible

Beginning on Sept. 25 in the Fellowship Hall, after worship service, Pastor Keith Jaroslow will be looking in-depth at the lives of six people in the Bible and their impact on the overall story of God’s redemption of humanity. Additionally, we can look at the lessons that they learned in their own lives through their successes and their failures and how we can apply those lessons to our own lives. They are six stories of God using imperfect people for His perfect plan.

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| September 25: | Jacob | October 16: | Solomon |
| October 2: | Joshua | October 23: | Esther |
| October 9: | Samuel | October 30: | Paul |

Serving the Lord...

Communion Assistants

- 9/4 Pastor Kirby/ Janine Nave
Jack & Joanne Nahmias
- 9/11 Pastor Kirby/ Gary Blom
Tanya Haight & Diane Weaver
- 9/18 Pastor Kirby/ Janine Nave
Crystal Zimmer & Carol Wilson
- 9/25 Pastor Kirby/ Gary Blom
Bonnie Cordes & Diane Weaver

Altar Guild

- 9/4 Dolly Rodriguez/ Sandy Hoadley
- 9/11 Evelyn McFarland/ Sandy Hoadley
- 9/18 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt/ Colleen Michaelis
- 9/25 Anna Gorskaya/ Bonnie Cordes

Lectors

- 9/4 Crystal Zimmer
- 9/11 George Straka
- 9/18 Marcia Cottrill
- 9/25 Bev Kane

Video/Sound

- Gary Blom
- Larry Weaver
- Rich Acosta
- Dean Schwerdt
- Monte Zeller
- Janine Nave
- Mike Lawler

Greeters

- 9/11 Judy Nacheff
- 9/25 Don & Carol Wilson

Hostess Committee

- Nancy Lindall
- Marcia Lembcke
- Marj Mortensen
- Mindy Mortensen
- Lisa Jaroslow
- Lynna Monnot
- Claudia Canter
- Gayl Bohey

Ushers

- Scott Christopherson,
Captain
- Mark Grinde
- David Grimes



Council Members

- Lisa Jaroslow
- John Maas
- Karen Blom
- Matt Eide
- Karen Mastel
- Gary Blom
- Judi Bliss
- Bill Bianchi
- Marcia Cottrill
- Ken Jernigan
- Dave Leverenz
- Jennifer Voris
- Jackie Matheny

ALTAR FLOWERS Presented to the glory of God by:

- 9/4 Crystal Zimmer in Honor of Joe’s Birthday
- 9/11 Dick Rice in Memory of Audrey
- 9/18 Gary and Karen Blom in Honor of their 52nd Anniversary
- 9/18 Jaimie & Loraine Beckman Glans in Honor of their 1st Anniversary
- 9/25 Jennifer and Travers Voris in Memory of Logan Adams



Irene Evans	09/01
David Williams	09/03
Karen Baertschiger	09/04
Deb Christopherson	09/04
JoAnne Smith	09/05
Craig Chambers	09/06
Kyle Sinclair	09/06
Jim Fowler	09/09
Melissa Mendoza	09/09
Colleen Michaelis	09/09
Suzanne Wicklin	09/09
Michael Bjorge	09/10
Marcia Lawson	09/10
Kent Brown	09/13
Diane Weaver	09/13
Marie Wachsmuth	09/15
Sharon Kidwell	09/16
Dennis Sauro	09/16
Carmella Menke	09/17
James Baertschiger	09/18
Chuck Morrison	09/21
Jim Sweeney	09/21
Shirley Albertson	09/23
Willa Bianchi	09/25
Jack Nahmias	09/26
Amy Thompson	09/26
Jessica Albertson	09/27
Kevin Bixler	09/27
Dorie Holm	09/27
Dianne Weitzel	09/27
Denise Angstadt	09/28
Lance Hughes	09/28
Robert Moodie	09/28
Mary Quick	09/30
Debby Steinbrenner	09/30



09/14	Sandy & Paul Hoadley
09/16	Terry Jane & Chuck Morrison
09/16	Denise & Troy Nelson
09/18	Pat & Craig Chambers
09/20	Karen & Gary Blom



From the Council:

September always signals to me a time of new beginnings, new opportunities, and new schedules. Since I've worked in education for nearly thirty years, this is exemplified through the beginning of a new school year. I'm always excited to get back on track and back to a schedule, after a relaxing, vacation-filled summer full of long, warm days spent outside whether in the pool, at the river, or just sitting in the shade with a nice, cold drink in hand.

This year is no exception. Here at Calvary, we have many opportunities this fall for service, growth, and fellowship. In fact, I am so excited because, especially during our interim time period, we need people to step out of their comfort zones and step into service for our church. I see this already happening. I see new faces behind the sound board, I see new individuals worshipping on Sunday morning, and I see new faces singing with the choir. This fall, we will have even more opportunities for YOU to step up into service. Pastor Kirby and Pastor John are actively working to create opportunities for our children and youth. Yes, these will be opportunities for young people, but these are also opportunities for individuals in the congregation to step up and connect with our youth. I encourage you to seek out these opportunities because you will be blessed by giving of your time. It can be as simple as reading a book, singing songs, coloring a picture, or having a conversation with them. Kids have a way of making you laugh and of looking at things through a fresh lens.

This fall we are also implementing opportunities for growth. Beginning on Sunday, Sept. 25, Keith will begin leading a Sunday morning study titled 'Heroes of the Bible.' This will be a six-week study. Each week will focus on a different individual, which makes it easy to come every single week, or just the weeks when you're available. The study will offer an in-depth look at the lives of different heroes from the Bible. It is sure to allow for both historical and spiritual growth.

We also have numerous fellowship opportunities coming up this fall, too. From our Oct. 1st 'Back to the 60's' celebration to our monthly 'Lunch With Friends' held at noon on the first Friday of each month, I encourage you to reach out and get to know someone that you haven't spoken to before. It is always great to hear someone else's story and their perspectives.

As you begin to fill up your fall calendar, as you create a daily and weekly schedule, I encourage you to first budget out your time for God, for worship, for spiritual growth and for service. As Keith said during his sermon on July 31, make sure to put your rocks in the jar first, make sure that your schedule truly reflects what is most important in your life.

*Lisa Jaroslow
Council President*

One Root, Many Branches

By Pastor John Maas, Interim Process Consultant.

All Christian Churches believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God and the basis for all faith and life. (Our ELCA and Calvary Lutheran constitution says just that.) But out of that common root, there have been countless branches that have interpreted the Word of God in amazingly different ways.

All LUTHERAN Churches use Martin Luther’s Book of Concord and Smalcald Articles as a basis from which we form our unique, Lutheran theology.

But out of this common root, there are countless denominations of Lutheranism that have developed in the 500 years since those publications were published.

All the Lutheran denominations I know have two Sacraments – Baptism and Communion. But the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has a doctrine of ‘close communion.’ That means you cannot commune in an LCMS congregation unless you are a member.

The ELCA and our congregation have open communion. You are welcome at Christ’s table without a denominational barrier barring you.

Those denominational differences exist even though we have a common root.

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and the LCMS bar their Pastors from praying with other Christian churches unless every doctrine is in agreement. The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) cannot work with other churches unless the other church believes exactly the way WELS believes.

The ELCA (and every other Lutheran denomination I know of) prays with other Christians.

The NALC (North American Lutheran Church) believes that marriage can only be between a man and a woman. NALC clergy are not allowed to perform same gender marriage.

The ELCA believes in choice in this matter. We believe in ‘bound conscience.’ It is consistent with what Martin Luther said about being bound by conscience when the Roman church demanded he recant.

Bound Conscience came out of the ELCA conversations that led to allowing non-hetero marriage. If a congregation or Pastor is ‘bound by conscience’ to perform such a ceremony, that Pastor is allowed to do so within the ELCA. Conversely, if a Pastor or congregation is ‘bound by conscience’ not to perform such a marriage the Pastor and congregation is allowed not to do so.

This same ‘bound conscience’ applies in calling a Pastor. If a congregation is bound by conscience to accept a non-hetero Pastor as their Pastor, they are welcomed to do so.

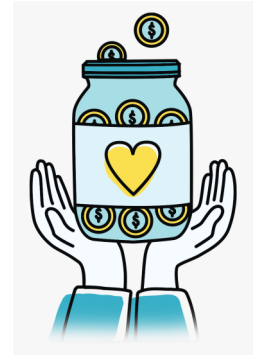
Conversely, if a congregation is ‘bound by conscience’ not to accept a non-hetero Pastor as their Pastor, they are also welcomed to do so.

It is one of the differences between the NALC denomination, the LCMC denomination, and the ELCA denomination.

Differing Lutheran denominations all have a process by which clergy who are non-members of their denomination can become eligible to be Pastors in that denomination. In this matter the NALC pathway is quite close to the pathway we have in the ELCA.

2022 Mid-Year Financial Report

Operating Account as of 01/01/2022	\$131,062
Operating Account as of 06/30/2022	\$140,783
Expected Budget Income as of 06/30/2022	\$178,178
Actual Budget Income as of 06/30/2022	\$163,335
Expected Budget Expense as of 06/30/2022	\$178,178
Actual Budget Expenses as of 06/30/2022	\$159,963
Restricted Funds as of 06/30/2022	\$35,435
Investment Funds as of 06/30/2022	\$220,000
Thrivent Choice Funds as of 06/30/2022	\$1,775



Restricted Funds Summary

Major Improvements	\$16,786
Non-Budgeted Benevolence	\$0
1% Benevolence – Outreach	\$2,137
Pastor Discretion	\$4,378
Memorials	\$81
Family/Youth Ministries	\$11,452
Endowment – Deposits	\$601

Savings & Investment Funds

Savings/Money Market	\$60,045
Mission Investment CD 906	\$3,993
Mission Investment CD 898	\$48,197
Mission Investment CD 980	\$107,765

Remember, “Simply Giving” is a great way to give to Calvary. Do you “Smile”? Don’t forget to sign up with “Amazon Smile” for purchases made via Amazon. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to Calvary. Check the church website for more information on these two programs.

2022 Benevolence Giving

Non-Local		
Oregon Synod		\$3,474
Missionaries		\$3,000
Eastern Europe Relief		\$5,000
Eastern US Disaster Relief		\$6,112
TOTAL		\$17,586
Local		
Gospel Rescue Mission		\$2,428
Every Child		\$3,243
Woman’s Crisis Support Team		\$3,345
Reach Our Community (ROC)		\$2,428
TOTAL		\$11,444
Benevolence Total		\$29,030



Reminder: The shopping cart in the church narthex is for your donations to ROC Food Pantry. Thank you. **564 Foundry Street, Grants Pass 97526 541-476-3344**

The ROC No longer Excepts books for donations.

Stitchcrafters Annual Bazaar

It's official! Calvary will be having its annual bazaar again this year! It will be scaled back a bit and open to Calvary members and their friends only, but you'll find baked goods, canned goods, crafts, quilts, a sloppy Joe lunch with homemade pie, and, of course, lefse! (Sorry, no jewelry, second hand items or Christmas decorations this year.)

So canners, bakers, jelly makers, and crafters gear up and be ready. We will need your help and your products. Also, save those boxes from Costco and the grocery store.

Put it on your calendar: November 19 from 9am to 1pm. Be there!



Congratulations to Mary Quick for her success at the County Fair!

She won Best of Show for her cardamon bread, Best Fair Theme for her berry pie, and two Blue Ribbons for her triple cheese bread and chocolate pie!
Way to go, Mary!



Six Little Stories with Lots of meanings

- 1.) Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That is faith.**
- 2.) When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **That is trust.**
- 3.) Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. **That is hope.**
- 4.) We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That is confidence.**
- 5.) We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. **That is love.**
- 6.) On an old man's shirt was written a sentence ' I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' **That is attitude.**

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember— Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

— Submitted by Terry Morrison

What is Community Bible Study??



Community Bible Series was started in Grants Pass in 1977 at First Baptist Church, now River Valley Church. For two years a group of women had been praying that God would provide a Bible Teacher for women in the community. Loraine Tillman, an experienced Bible Student, author and Retreat speaker had semi-retired to Grants Pass with her husband and was surprised when after two weeks of being here she was asked by two women who showed up on her doorstep to lead a Women's Bible Study. She initially said "no thank you" that she had other plans for her retirement, but after praying about it decided God wanted her to give it a try. She began with an eight-week trial pilot study on Ephesians and she was amazed when 100 women showed up. Loraine wanted to provide a basic, but in depth study of the books of the Bible and developed the eight-week sessions for women of all Christian denominations to attend. She modeled CBS on Bible College courses she had taken. It was so successful that she continued writing the eight-week studies and now there are 42 different series in all. Word spread and 30 other Community Bible Series classes sprang up across the Country and even at a military base overseas in Japan. Several Churches in Grants Pass have hosted CBS through the years, First Baptist, Bethany Presbyterian and Calvary Lutheran Church.

Calvary Lutheran has been the primary host in Grants Pass and has now welcomed Community Bible Series in their church for 25 years! In 2010, Pam Forster took over leadership of the study from Loraine. Pam has focused her energy on rewriting and updating the curriculum and additionally leads the Eugene/Springfield CBS group. Each weekly class begins with a gathering time with worship followed by a small group discussion of the homework that was done the prior week. Normally, we all meet together for a lecture that further clarifies our understanding of the passage studied.

Currently due to COVID, the lectures are being offered online to include our members who are participating in our Zoom Discussion group or who are studying at home independently. Now in our 46th year, we have about 70 participants from a dozen different churches. Because we are a diverse group, we steadfastly avoid controversial subjects and focus our discussions strictly on the Bible passage being studied. This year we will start with a study of God's Promises in the Fall (September 12th) followed by a two-part study in Romans in the Winter and Spring. We welcome experienced and new Bible students alike, as there are always wonderful new lessons for all to learn. The women grow close together and enjoy fellowship as they deepen their relationship with God through the studies.

If you would like to join us for any of these studies , please contact **Barbara Williams at 541-955-4595.**

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MoPs 6:30-7:30 pm	2	3
4 9:30 am Sunday Worship	5 CLOSED For Labor Day	6	7 6:00 am Men's Breakfast at Powderhorn Cafe 9:30 am Stitchcrafters Mtg 10:30 am Outreach Mtg 3:30 pm Praise Team	8 MoPs 6:30-7:30 pm	9	10 11:00 am Chuck Andrew Celebration of Life
11 9:30 am Sunday Worship Youth Ice Cream	12 9-11 am CBS	13	14 6:00 am Men's Breakfast at Powderhorn Cafe 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Praise Team	15	16	17
18 9:30 am Sunday Worship	19 9-11 am CBS	20	21 6:00 am Men's Breakfast at Powderhorn Cafe 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	22 MoPs 6:30-7:30 pm	23 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9am-2pm	24
25 9:30 am Sunday Worship Heroes Bible Study "Jacob"	26 9-11 am CBS	27	28 6:00 am Men's Breakfast at Powderhorn Cafe 9:30am Stitchcrafters 3:30pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm Praise Team	29	30	