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**Sundays:**

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

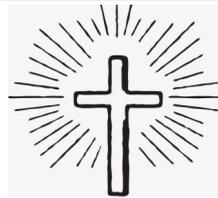
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

# Calvary Caller



# January 2023

# “Kirby’s Korner”



What will the New Year Bring?

A great question. On the one hand, I don’t know. I pray it will bring a pastor to our church. I hope it will bring more opportunity to celebrate life with Janine and our family. I am looking forward to more opportunities to serve this church and also the Red Cross. I know it will bring surprises—both positive and negative.

On the other hand, I am confident that it brings us time. Time for joy, time for sorrow, time to spend alone and time to spend with each other. Time to worship and give thanks. For most of us, our time will encompass the whole year and for some of us, our time will be cut short by our death.

What will the New Year bring? It will be a new adventure. But we will have that adventure in the presence of a loving God who will walk with us the entire journey.



**YOU ARE INVITED!**



*Calvary is hosting a wedding shower for Megan*

*Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the fellowship hall.*

*Come help celebrate Megan and her new life and adventure.*

*She and Michael McCarty will be married in February.*

*Please bring your favorite recipe on a 4x6 card to share*

*As Megan builds her cooking library.*

# Serving the Lord...

## Communion Assistants

*1/1 Pastor / Bonnie Cordes  
Jack & Joanne Nahmias*

*1/8 Pastor / Gary Blom  
Diane Weaver & Carol Wilson*

*1/15 Pastor / Crystal Zimmer  
David & Tanya Haight*

*1/22 Pastor / Janine Nave  
Travers & Jennifer Voris*

*1/29 Pastor/ Carol Wilson  
Jack & Joanne Nahmias*

## Video/Sound

*Gary Blom  
Larry Weaver  
Rich Acosta  
Monte Zeller  
Mike Lawler  
Jim Sweeney  
Janine Nave  
Dean Schwerdt*

## Greeters

*1/1 Jaimie & Loraine Glans  
1/8 Don & Carol Wilson  
1/29 Don & Carol Wilson*

## Altar Guild

*1/1 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt/ Bonnie Cordes  
1/8 Dolly Rodriguez/ Sandy Hoadley  
1/15 Evelyn McFarland/ Tanya & David Haight  
1/22 Dolly Rodriguez / Teresa Schwerdt  
1/29 Anna Gorskaya/ Sandy Hoadley*

## Lectors

*1/1 Joan Hathaway  
1/8 Mary Quick  
1/15 Marcia Cottrill  
1/22 George Straka  
1/29 Marica Lembcke*

## Hostess Committee

*Carol Wilson  
Diane Weitzel  
Suzanne Wicklin  
Crystal Zimmer  
Karen Adkins  
Mary Ainsworth*

## Ushers

*Monte Zeller , Captain  
Dick Cottrill  
Rich Acosta  
Ron Smith*

## Council Members

*Lisa Jaroslow  
John Maas  
Karen Blom  
Matt Eide  
Karen Mastel  
Gary Blom  
Judi Bliss  
Bill Bianchi  
Dave Leverenz  
Jackie Matheny  
Audra Myerchin  
Noel Hoback  
JoAnne Smith*



## ALTAR FLOWERS Presented to the glory of God by:

*1/22 In Honor of Gary Blom’s Birthday*



# JANUARY

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Richard Rice	01/01
Dan Rodriguez	01/01
Judy Gent	01/03
Jordan Grinde	01/06
Richard Marsh	01/07
Sharla Coon	01/08
Kathie Renfro	01/08
Edith Craig	01/09
Meredith Myerchin	01/09
Kjersti Wolter	01/09
Laura Acosta	01/11
Nadine Powers	01/12
Denise Nelson	01/13
Linda Wheeler	01/13
Jonathan Angstadt	01/15
Kay Hunziker	01/15
Judy Nacheff	01/15
Crystal Zimmer	01/15
Alex Angstadt	01/16
Jackie Johnson	01/18
Bill Bianchi	01/20
Jan Hiltbruner	01/21
Eric Grinde	01/23
Gary Blom	01/25
Terri Galarneaux	01/26
Marlo Zeller	01/26
Frank Damico	01/29
Sharon Emfinger	01/30

01/15 Marie & Dale Wachsmuth  
 01/19 Marlo & Monte Zeller  
 01/25 Ron & JoAnne Smith  
 01/31 Karen & Herman Baertschiger

# Happy New Year 2023

**From the Council:**

## Happy New Year!

During the Advent season we expectantly waited for Christmas Day and the celebration of Jesus' birth. The birth of the Messiah gives us hope in a flawed and sinful world. As we begin the New Year, I desire for all of us to cling to the hope that Jesus gives to us. Our common faith in Christ allows us to know that God has everything under control, we can rest in this faith and hope for our future.

As we begin 2023 at Calvary, we have many things to look forward to in the upcoming year and it is inspiring to hear at our monthly Church Council meetings from each of the committee chairpersons as they share about work that is being done. Our church is thriving, is strong, and we have many opportunities to serve. I am excited to know that our Interim Pastoral Team has their preaching calendar scheduled for the next quarter of the year and has upcoming Bible studies scheduled for the new year. I am thrilled with the progress our Call Committee is making as they begin to schedule their first face to face interview with a pastoral candidate. It is invigorating to hear of the plans our Parish Education Committee is making for our youth and children in the upcoming year. I am inspired by the many service opportunities both within our church and within our community. Both the Outreach Committee and the Stewardship Committees have been working diligently to share about organizations within our community that need support and assistance of our congregational members. Our church continues to be blessed financially so that we can continue to support others both globally, nationally, and locally.

I love seeing so many individuals stepping up and each playing a role in continuing to strengthen our church. All of us working together, trusting each other to play their part, allows us to have a positive and strong church community that can do great work! As our new year unfolds, I cling to this verse. It allows me to truly rest in peace because I know God has everything taken care of for us.

*'Now faith is the assurance of what we hope for and the certainty of what we do not see.'* Hebrews 11:1

Lisa Jaroslow  
 Council President

## Expectations

by Pastor John Maas -Interim Consultant Pastor

Matt 11:2-3: 2 Meanwhile John heard in prison about the works of Christ, and he sent his disciples 3 to ask Him, "Are You the One who was to come, or should we look for someone else?"

John the Baptist – the last of the Old Testament prophets. The 'opening act,' for Jesus. In our day and age we would call John a hell-fire and damnation preacher.

When was the last time you heard a sermon start "You offspring of snakes (brood of vipers)! Who warned you to flee the coming wrath?"

John was convinced that Jesus was the Guy. The Messiah. The specially anointed one of God, who would expel the dreaded Romans and reinstate the Jews as the dominant power in the world.

But then nothing that John expected from this Messiah happened. No regime changes. No 'chaff gathered and thrown into the fire.'

Even worse, John's reward for speaking truth to power was to be thrown in a dungeon.

As John languishes in the dungeon, he wonders about this new Messiah who is not what John expected. So, he asks Jesus the questions at the start of this article.

John is reassured when Jesus explains his ministry using Biblical quotes of what the Messiah does. It is John who must reassess his expectations in light of who Jesus was. Jesus was not about challenging the mighty, Jesus was about caring for the outcast and welcoming the unloved.

We are facing the exciting possibility of a new Pastor. Aren't you excited? I am!

Will we return to normal, consistent patterns? Will we reestablish long term stability? Will we have a dynamic, revitalized ministry? Will this Pastor be the one?

This is the time to ask the questions of the candidate that are in your heart. You get to be part of the final decision making if this Candidate family is the one from whom Pastoral leadership will come.

**BUT REMEMBER!**

There is only one Jesus. And our Pastors are not him. Yes, Pastors are set apart by God for ministry and congregations call them for a duration of time to be spiritual leaders of the flock.

But Pastors have as many broken parts as anyone else. Be as patient and forbearing with your new Pastoral family as you expect to receive from the Pastor.

I pray for a dynamic pastoral leader who will lead Calvary in life-giving ministry within and outside the Calvary boundaries. I pray that you will give your new Pastor the room to use the strengths this Pastor brings to ministry. I pray that you will be as patient with your Pastor's weaknesses as you expect that Pastor to be patient with yours.

Working together, forgiving and forgiven, leads to ministry that changes lives, vitalizes ministries and attracts people to hear the life-giving message of God's grace.

## Volunteer Fair January 29

So you might ask, "What is a Volunteer Fair?" The answer goes back to the theme of this year's Stewardship Drive at Calvary, which is "Time and Talents". Recent studies tell us that one of the defining characteristics of churches that are growing and thriving is that they have a strong, active, personal footprint outside their doors. These churches become known for their involvement in the community, draw people into the church, and set a Christian example for those who do not yet know Jesus Christ. Here are a couple of examples.

Dick Cottrill is an active volunteer at the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley, an organization that provides safe places and programs for youth, helping them to build self-esteem and develop the skills necessary to make positive choices. He's in his 11<sup>th</sup> year on the Board of Directors and sits on a number of committees. But you don't have to be a Board member or as involved as Dick to make a difference. The Club is in constant need of volunteers to work with the kids in areas like tutoring, games, crafts, mentoring, tech – and sometimes just listening. They also have a number of committees which can always use volunteer members. It takes very little to get Dick going on the subject. If you're interested, ask him.

Jo Anne Smith is the liaison to the Women's Crisis Support Team at Calvary. WCST is dedicated to ending the cycle of domestic violence and sexual assault and their stories are really, really amazing. In addition to their own programs, they also connect program participants to other services and resources in the community, including spiritual resources if a participant expresses those needs. WCST could not do what they do without volunteers, answering their 24/7 crisis line, assisting in child care, coordinating donations, providing transportation and working in the office. They can always use interpreters! If this sounds like something you would like to get involved with, then Jo Anne is the person to talk to.

Back to the Volunteer Fair. After the service on Sunday, January 29, members from Calvary who give of their time and talents in various community organizations will be posted in the narthex to answer questions about what they do and how you might get involved in the organizations they serve. You will be amazed at the number of opportunities available, so please stop by one of the tables and find out more.

Dave Leverenz

Stewardship Chair

### Worship Volunteers Still Needed

As you know only too well, our wonderful Pastors John, Kirby and Keith can lead us in our Sunday worship beautifully. It would be a little more challenging if they also had to do the ushering, set up for communion, serve communion by themselves, etc. If they did all that, we would probably have to give them raises! Fortunately, we have volunteers who serve the congregation in these additional roles.



But we need more volunteers for the new year. Just recently we have lost two ushers and an Altar Guild member. Please consider serving on the Altar Guild, Usher team, or as a Communion Server. Additional Lectors are also always welcome.

For ushering please check with Paul Hoadley. Lector and Communion Server volunteers can contact Sandy Hoadley and see Sandy or Dolly Rodriguez to join the Altar Guild. Expert training will be provided for any of these responsibilities. Thank you very much for giving this some consideration.

### Community Bible Series

Community Bible Series resumes January 2, 2023 with an eight week in depth study of Paul's letter to the Romans.

CBS, a non-denominational Bible Study group invites the Calvary ladies to join. A number of Calvary ladies are already in attendance.

Call Barbara Williams to join or for more information 541-955-4595.



### PARISH ED

Sunday school happens every week in January except the first. The first parish Ed committee meeting is January 6th at 1 PM at church.

We are looking for volunteers to be on the parish Ed committee.

Or if anyone in the congregation wants to be a volunteer Sunday school teacher

If interested please contact Audra at 701-240-0600 or [audramyerchin@yahoo.com](mailto:audramyerchin@yahoo.com)

## Where are we in the call process?

Here is a simplified step by step call process flow:

1. Bishop gives Call Committee a slate of candidates. **Complete**
2. Call Committee does remote interviews with candidates. **Complete**
3. Call Committee selects one or more candidates for face-to-face interviews, releases unselected candidates from Call. **We are at this step. We have selected one candidate team. The other candidate did not wish to continue pursuing the call with Calvary and was released.**
4. Call Committee conducts face-to-face interviews, shows candidates the church and area.
5. Call Committee recommends candidate to council OR releases candidate from call.
6. Council approves/rejects Call Committee recommendation and creates compensation package if approved.
7. Call Committee can invite the candidate back for a congregational meet and greet event if Council approves.
8. Congregation votes on candidate and compensation package.
9. Call is extended to candidate.
10. Candidate accepts or rejects the call.

At any time from step 2 on, the candidate, Call Committee, Council, or a Congregational vote can say NO. We then start over at step 1 and ask the bishop for a new slate of candidates.

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>9:30 am Sunday Worship</b> <i>Happy New Year</i>	2 Office Closed CBS 9am-11am	3	4 6:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 10:00 am Music & Worship Mtg 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	5 MoPs 6:30-7:30 pm	6 12:00 pm Lunch with Friends 1:00 pm Parish Ed Mtg	7
8 <b>9:30 am Sunday Worship</b> <b>10:30 am Sunday School</b>	9 CBS 9am-11am	10	11 6:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 10:00 am Outreach Mtg 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	12 2:00 pm Countryside 4:30 pm Council Mtg MoPs 6:30-7:30 pm	13	14 2:00 pm Megan's Bridal Shower 
15 <b>9:30 am Sunday Worship</b> <b>10:30 am Sunday School</b> <i>Temple Talk</i>	16 CBS 9am-11am	17	18 6:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	19	20	21
22 <b>9:30 am Sunday Worship</b> <b>10:30 am Sunday School</b>	23 CBS 9am-11am	24	25 6:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	26 MoPs 6:30-7:30 pm	27 Red Cross Blood drive 9am to 2pm	28
29 <b>9:30 am Sunday Worship</b> <b>10:30 am Sunday School</b> <i>Volunteer Fair</i>	30 CBS 9am-11am	31				