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**Sundays:**

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

# Calvary Caller



## August 2022

## “Kirby’s Korner”

Janine and I read Father Richard Rohr’s meditation daily at our breakfast table. I think if I weren’t a Lutheran, I would be a Franciscan. The Franciscans are an order based on the life of Saint Francis. Here is a quote from their website about their founder: “Francis’s love of Jesus inspired him to public preaching, and to take on the concerns of others. He reached out to the leper, the poor, and the marginalized, recognizing Christ’s presence in them. He proclaimed God’s love and peace, actively fostering reconciliation between warring parties. In all of creation, he perceived God’s love and beauty.” I see many touch points between our Lutheran understanding of grace as the heart our life with God and the Franciscans who see Christ’s presence in all peoples as well as in all of creation. You are likely aware of the Prayer of St. Francis. When prayed it pulls us out of ourselves into the concern and care for others. It is worth memorizing:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;*

*Where there is injury, pardon;*

*Where there is doubt, faith;*

*Where there is despair, hope;*

*Where there is darkness, light;*

*Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,*

*Grant that I may not so much seek*

*To be consoled as to console;*

*To be understood as to understand;*

*To be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;*

*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;*

*And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

I found a Franciscan blessing that I would like to leave with you this August. It has the same goal of pulling us out of ourselves and calls us to action:

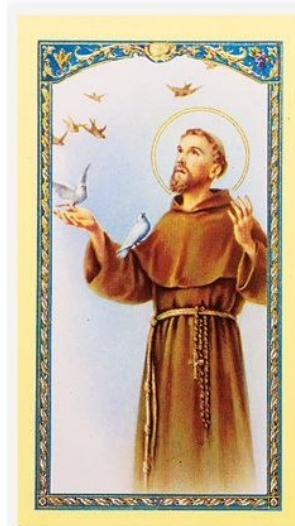
*May God bless you with **discomfort** at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.*

*May God bless you with **anger** at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*May God bless you with **tears** to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that you may reach out your hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.*

*And may God bless you with enough **foolishness** to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.*

Pastor Kirby



# Serving the Lord...

## Communion Assistants

8/7 Pastor John/ Crystal Zimmer  
Gary Blom & Carol Wilson

8/14 Pastor John/ Gary Blom  
Jack & Joanne Nahmias

8/21 Pastor Kirby/ Diane Weaver  
Travers & Jennifer Voris

8/28 Pastor Kirby/ Crystal Zimmer  
David & Tanya Haight

## Greeters

8/7 Laura Acosta

8/14 Jerry & Colleen Michaelis

8/21 Ron & JoAnne Smith

8/28 Don & Carol Wilson

## Ushers

Ryan Thompson, Captain

Matt Eide

Diane Weaver

John Mann

## Altar Guild

8/7 Dolly Rodriguez/ Sandy Hoadley

8/14 Evelyn McFarland/ Colleen Michaelis

8/21 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt/ Teresa Schwerdt

8/28 Anna Gorskaya/ Tanya Haight

## Lectors

8/7 Mary Quick

8/14 Marcia Lembcke

8/21 Jean Scherpf

8/28 Janet Capetty

## Hostess Committee

Jennifer Voris

Linda Welo

Karen Blom

Debbie Vorman

Karin Lanahan

Roberta Marsh

Jonnie Maurer

Linda Johnson

## Video/Sound

Gary Blom

Larry Weaver

Rich Acosta

Dean Schwerdt

Monte Zeller

Janine Nave

Mike Lawler

## 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

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

8/7 The Cottrills in Honor of their 54th Anniversary

8/14 Welos in Honor of their 57th Anniversary

8/14 Hurds in Honor of their 65th Anniversary

8/21 Marcia Lembcke





08/01 James & Tobie Baertschiger  
 08/08 Dennis & Debbie Vroman  
 08/10 Marcia & Dick Cottrill  
 08/10 Pete & Kelly Tommerup  
 08/11 Roger & Debby Steinbrenner  
 08/15 Linda & Verne Welo  
 08/16 Don & Linda Hurd  
 08/20 Dawn & Matthew Grinde  
 08/21 Dianne & Ed Weitzel  
 08/21 Mike & Bonnie Lawler  
 08/23 Holly & Clay Rounsaville  
 08/23 Tom & Nancy Higgins  
 08/26 Joan & Chuck Hathaway



Marcia Cottrill	08/01
Anna Gorskaya	08/01
Ken Jernigan	08/01
Kurt Wolter	08/02
Alette Butler	08/04
Kenneth Hoback	08/04
David Matthews	08/05
Nancy Breen	08/07
Shaun Hoback	08/08
Michael Oaks	08/11
Carolyn Pearson	08/13
Karen Blom	08/14
Bonnie Cordes	08/14
Herman Jr. Baetschiger	08/15
William Boldon	08/15
Cherie Hinshaw	08/17
Roy Fox	08/18
David Lindall	08/18
Julie Galloway	08/19
Bonnie Stucke	08/19
Shawna Stucke	08/19
Lillian Bixler	08/21
April Marshall	08/21
Rorie Hoback	08/23
John Mason	08/24
Ed Weitzel	08/24
Erik Hanberg	08/25
Deryk Matheny	08/25
Gene Totten	08/27
Darrell Erb	08/28
Jennifer Grinde	08/28
Larry Weaver	08/28
Tom Higgins	08/29
Dolly Rodriguez	08/30

## From the Council:

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought." 1 Corinthians 1:10

As many of us have been traveling over the summer months, I love being reminded about how many people across the globe all share our common faith. I love having the opportunity to wander into a beautiful, old Catholic church in Mexico, meander into a colonial Anglican church in Virginia, or maybe walk into a little, rural Lutheran church in Minnesota, and know that we are united by our common faith in Christ. It is reassuring that we at Calvary Lutheran in Grants Pass are a part of a large Christian community.

As Christians, our core beliefs are that God, the Father Almighty, is the Creator of Heaven and Earth, that Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, was crucified, died and was buried, rose again and is seated at the right hand of the Father. We also believe that we are ALL sinners, yet, through grace and forgiveness are redeemed by Jesus Christ so that we can have everlasting life. THIS is what unifies us. These are our beliefs and values. Our unity gives us strength.

As in any family, individuals are going to have different opinions and viewpoints on a variety of topics. This is okay. It is okay to disagree ... respectfully. It is good to have conversations and dialogues so we can better understand our Christian brothers and sisters.

I firmly believe that during our interim time at Calvary we must be open-minded, we must be willing to learn and be educated, we must seek guidance and wisdom from others, including others outside of our immediate church body. In fact, Proverbs 18:15 states, "Intelligent people are always ready to learn. Their ears are open for knowledge." I desire this quest for knowledge and information for everyone, including me. I desire everyone to seek out truth, facts, and to ask questions ... and to 'be still and listen.'

I am very grateful for Pastor Melissa Reed's visit to Calvary last month. I know that both the Outreach Committee and the Call Committee gained much insight through their conversations. I am also excited that she brought news of two potential candidates that will be shared with our Call Committee. Additionally, I'm thankful for her time spent answering questions and sharing with the congregation on Sunday morning. This was a valuable learning opportunity for our church.

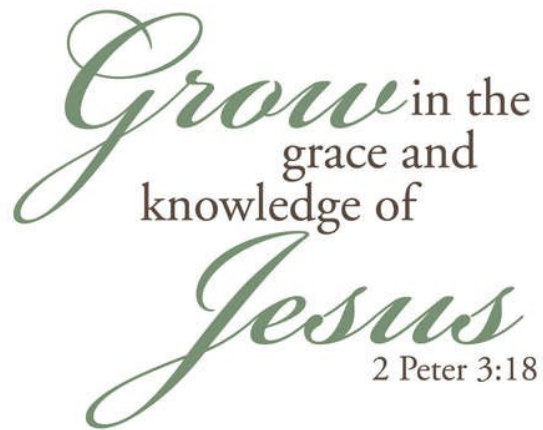
On Sunday, August 7, Pastor Jody Becker will be visiting Calvary to jointly lead the worship service with Keith Jaroslow. Pastor Jody interviewed with us here at Calvary for an Associate Pastoral position five years ago. Ultimately, she felt called to a position at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Salem, where she and her family are still happily serving. I have remained in connection with her, and she has volunteered to visit with us to share with us, to help us to think about who we are as a congregation, and to embrace who we are so that we are unified and prepared for the new pastor that God is preparing for us. Like Pastor Reed, Pastor Jody will be giving the sermon message and she will also spend time with the congregation after service.

Please plan to join us for our worship service Sunday, August 7 and for the Q & A session afterwards. Bring your questions and bring your concerns so that we can have the conversations. If you have any questions, please know that you can always email me directly at [thejaroslowfive@yahoo.com](mailto:thejaroslowfive@yahoo.com).

As Calvary Lutheran's Council President, I want you to know that I am diligently in prayer for our congregation, for God's guidance, discernment and direction. I also pray for us to stay focused on Christ who unifies us, and not to allow Satan to divide our church. Please join me in praying daily for our church, for our ongoing call process, and for the Pastor that God is preparing to lead Calvary Lutheran into our next phase of ministry.

*Lisa Jaroslow*





If you or someone you know is interested in  
membership here at

Calvary Lutheran Church,  
please contact Pastor Kirby Nave

By phone: 541-450-3808

Or by

By email: kirbynave@yahoo.com

**Families, if you have a middle school aged  
student and you are interested in  
confirmation classes this fall  
please call us at 541-479-2577 or  
email us at calvluth@calvarylutherangp.org**

#### NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Just a friendly reminder from your Fellowship Committee to please be sure to “save the dates” of October 1, 2022 and December 4, 2022. The Back to the ‘60’s Party will be held in October at the Jerome Prairie Hall and the Christmas Gala is scheduled for the Grants Pass Golf Club. Each of these events promises to be full of fellowship and fun.... please come join us. Thanks.

#### Waiting On God

By Pastor John Maas, Interim Process Consultant

Everyone I have spoken with at Calvary agrees that our process of calling the next Pastor must be a Holy Spirit led process. But many of us have grown impatient with an eight-month wait for a new Pastor.

It is usual for a congregation to become anxious during a Pastoral vacancy when there are not immediate resolutions.

“Why is it taking so long?”

“What happens if our interims leave us?”

“If there aren’t a lot of candidates, will we *ever* get a new Pastor?”

“I’m afraid things will fall apart without the Pastor in place.”

These are our anxieties and anxious people are inclined to jump to seemingly easy fixes. But easy, simple solutions to complex, frustrating situations are rarely the best decisions.

Here is a biblical example of what happens when we think we should ‘help’ God in a decision; when we feel compelled to go for the easy solution because we are not controlling the outcome.

Exodus 32 – The Golden Calf

God led the Hebrews out of slavery. He called Moses up Mt. Sinai to teach him how to form a nation.

But it was taking too long . . . according to the congregation.

The Hebrews got nervous. Things weren’t working the way they wanted. So gave up waiting for God. They made a new god and figured it was the best, easy, fast solution.

Their failure to wait for God DOUBLED the time it took for them to enter the promised land.

Here are a few Biblical examples of believers who had long waits until God fulfilled a promise.

Abraham was 100 years old before God’s promise of an heir was fulfilled.

Year after year Hannah went to the temple and begged God for a child. She got her child . . . in God’s time. And Israel got one of their best Judges, Samuel. God had a plan that took time to fulfill.

Psalms 46 tells us:

God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear . . .

And,

Be still, and know that I am God . . .

God has not abandoned us. Neither has the Bishop’s office. Things are developing . . . just not as fast as we want.

Be still and wait for the Lord to act. Overcome fear of our vacancy with faith that God has our Pastor in God’s mind . . . who will come to us in *GOD’S* time. That God is in control, even if we wish God (and the Bishop) would act faster.



The ROC No longer Excepts books for donations.

**Reminder:** The shopping cart in the church  
narthex is for your donations to ROC Food  
Pantry. Thank you. **564 Foundry Street,  
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### YES, CALVARY THERE WILL BE A BAZAAR!

The Stitchcrafters are planning a bazaar this November. At this time, we don't have a clear idea how it will look, or all that will be for sale. However, there will be:

Baked goods, breads, pies, cookies, rolls, Lefse, canned goods, jams, jellies, pickles, crafts, homemade things. Quilts and handsewn items.

When you can and preserve... Jams, Jellies, pickles, etc. Please save a jar or two for the Bazaar!

**So, the agenda will progress as follows (save the dates):**

**Stitchcrafter meeting** August 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30  
Come and help us plan the event!

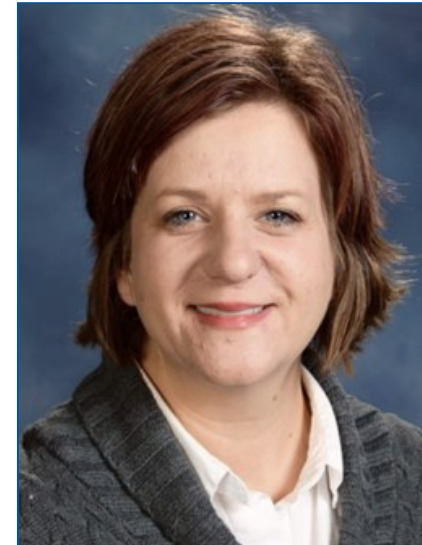
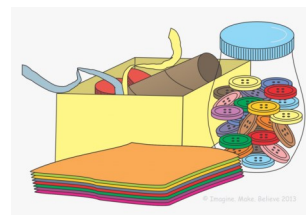
**Craft day** August 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00  
We will be making wreaths out of left over music – cost  
\$6.00

**Lefse Making** September???  
We will set the dates at our August planning meeting

**Sign ups for helping** October???  
Look for the sign up sheet – we need your help to make  
the day happen!

**BAZAAR** November 19<sup>th</sup>  
9 am until 2 pm.

Please look for announcements to be coming your way!!  
Mary



### Join us Sunday August 7th

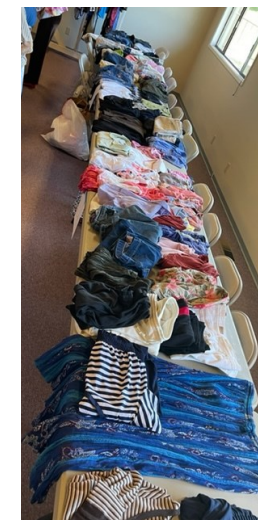
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Pastor Jody is an Associate Pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Salem with her ministry focusing on intentional discipleship formation. Prior to serving at Our Savior's, Pastor Jody served in Youth and Family Ministry, and a two-point rural congregation in northern Wisconsin. Many of you may remember Pastor Jody since she had interviewed with us five years ago for our Associate Pastor position. She spent time with many Calvary members, getting to know us and our community. She has volunteered to share with us, and to encourage us as we progress through the interim process.

### Calvary Clothing Swap and Lunch!!

Last Month Mary Quick put on Calvary's first Clothing Swap and Lunch!!  
They had an amazing turn out!!!

These lovely ladies brought in clothes they no longer wear and returned home with smiles and new outfits!! Anything left over was donated to the Salvation Army!  
Stay tuned for the next Clothing Swap and Lunch this winter!





# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:00 am Men's Breakfast at Powderhorn Cafe 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 10:00 am Outreach Mtg 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	4	5 <i>Lunch with Friends</i> <i>12:00 pm</i>	6
7 9:30 am Sunday Worship Meet and Greet with Pastor Jody Becker <i>Baptism:</i> <i>Connor Baldazo—Christopherson</i> <i>(Family only)</i>	8	9	10 6:00 am Men's Breakfast at Powderhorn Cafe 10:00am Worship & Music 9:30 am Stitchcrafters Mtg 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	11	12	13
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