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**Sundays:**

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

**Church Office Hours:**

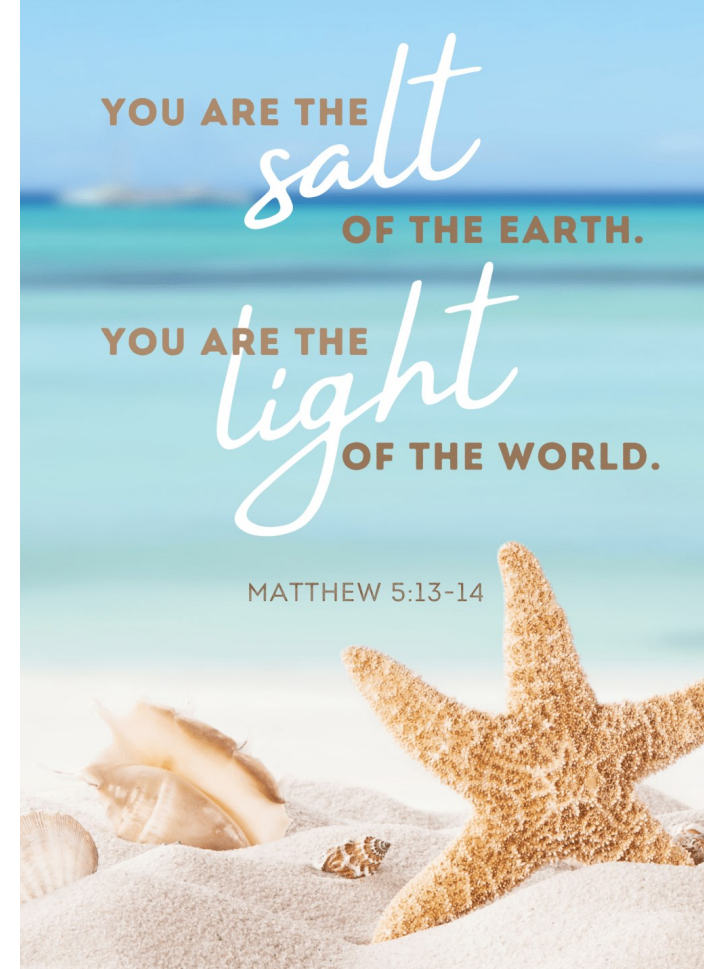
Closed Mondays

Tuesday-Friday

9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

Closed 12-1p.m.

# Calvary Caller



# June 2023

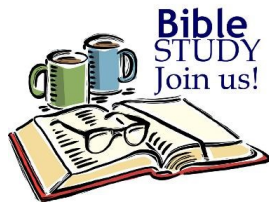
## “Kirby’s Korner”

One of the books in my library is a small booklet entitled Our Calling by a Swedish theologian name Einar Billing. He maintains that our vocation, just like everything else that sustains us, is a gift of grace. I have been gifted by the reprise of being your pastor during this time—what a gift of grace! However, the time has come. This is my farewell Kirby’s Korner. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for having this opportunity to serve you in this role.

I am grateful to: Pastor John who advocated for me to be able to provide Word and Sacrament ministry during this time and Bishop Laurie who made it happen. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with a great staff: Megan, Wendy, Pastor John to name a few. I am grateful to all who serve Calvary Lutheran Church and make it a vital loving presence in Grants Pass.

My prayer is that the love you have showered on me will be transferred to sustain and support Pastor Jon and Sister Jennie as they join us in ministry.

Pastor Kirby



### Men’s Bible Study

We meet at the Powderhorn Café, 321 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Grants Pass, every Wednesday 6am-7am. We are just starting a new bible study on “Why the old testament matters”. We are a friendly bunch, and the conversations are great.

### Calvary’s Endowment Fund: Investing in the Future

During the past year, our congregation learned of the need for church leaders who are equipped for mission and ministry.

Calvary’s Endowment Fund Committee felt called to address this issue and recently gifted \$2,000 to the ELCA Fund for Leaders, an endowed scholarship program that was created 25 years ago to support students attending seminary.

The average annual tuition at an ELCA seminary is now \$16,000 and that does not include living expenses ranging from \$20,000 to \$30,000. That brings the cumulative cost of attending seminary (three academic years) to a range of \$80,000-\$117,000. Students make tremendous sacrifices to answer God’s call and over 80% must take out loans. Many pastors who feel called to serve smaller or struggling congregations simply cannot accept such calls because the salary would not allow them to meet their loan commitments.

This past year 375 seminary students received nearly \$3.5 million in scholarships from the ELCA fund. We are pleased that Calvary will now have a part in the ultimate goal of helping every seminary candidate graduate without the burden of financial debt.

# Serving the Lord...

### Communion Assistants

6/4 Pastor Kirby / Pastor John  
Janine Nave & Linda Jonson

6/11 Pastor Kirby/ Pastor John  
Gary Blom & Diane Weaver

6/18 Pastor Jon / Linda Johnson  
Jennifer Voris & Carol Wilson

6/25 Pastor Jon / Diane Weaver  
David & Tanya Haight

### Hostess Committee

Sharla Coon  
Denise Angstadt  
Dawn Grinde  
Tanya Haight  
Joan Hathaway  
Mary Ann Stevenson

### Ushers

Paul Hoadley, Captain  
David Williams

### Altar Guild

6/4 Dolly Rodriguez / Sandy Hoadley

6/11 Evelyn McFarland// Teresa Schwerdt

6/18 Anna Gorskaya / Bonnie Cordes

6/25 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt/ Dave & Tanya Haight

### Lectors

6/4 Marcia Lembcke

6/11 Mary Quick

6/18 Linda Johnson

6/25 Crystal Zimmer

### Video/Sound

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

### Council Members

Lisa Jaroslow  
Karen Blom  
Matt Eide  
Karen Mastel  
Gary Blom  
Judi Bliss  
Bill Bianchi  
Rich Acosta  
Jackie Matheny  
Audra Myerchin  
Noel Hoback  
JoAnne Smith

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

6/4 Gordon Hoefler & Crystal Zimmer in Memory of Erne Hoefler

6/4 Kathie Renfro in Memory of Ron Renfro’s Birthday

6/11 Mary Quick in Honor of her Mom & Aunt’s Birthday

6/18 Marcia Lembcke in Memory of her Parents

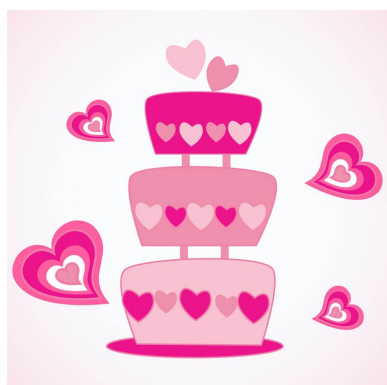
6/18 Sharon Matson in Honor of her 86th Birthday! (June 9th)

6/25 Matt & Isaiah Eide in Honor of Melinda Eide’s Birthday





Kathy Mason	06/04
Bev Kane	06/07
Sharon Matson	06/09
Monte Zeller	06/10
Jennifer Voris	06/11
Ron Tosh	06/12
Kelly Tommerup	06/15
Geneva Hughes	06/17
Marty Porter	06/17
Bryce Christopherson	06/19
Lisa Jaroslow	06/21
Bill Boldon	06/24
Timothy Sullivan	06/24
Elaine Trump	06/24
Travers Voris	06/24
Dona Butler	06/25
David Haight	06/25
Charles Stucke	06/27
Verne Welo	06/27
Melinda Eide	06/28
Claudia Canter	06/30
Jill Wachsmuth	06/30



06/10	Roy & Gloria Fox
06/12	Tanya & David Haight
06/17	Kathy & John Mason
06/20	Jackie & David Matheny
06/22	Lynn & Ron Tosh
06/25	Paul & Gayl Bohey
06/26	Linda & John Mann
	Vicki Boyer & Justin Gindesperger
06/27	
06/30	Rudy & Marilyn Dierks
06/30	Bill & Laura Boldon

*Happy  
Father's  
Day!*

**From the Council:**

June is such an exciting time of year! The sun is shining, school is almost out for the summer, graduations are being planned, and many of us are anticipating summer vacations! Calvary also has much excitement in the air and so much to look forward to during this season, too!

June 11 will be Pastor John, Pastor Kirby, and Pastor Keith's last Sunday leading worship with us. This Sunday will be special since all three of them will be leading worship together and we will plan to celebrate them after service with a continental breakfast! Goodies will be provided for the congregation after worship service and Council will be presenting each of them with a token of our congregation's thanks, as well. Please make sure to join us that Sunday!

Additionally, the next Sunday, which happens to be Father's Day, is Pastor Jon and Sister Jennie Myers first Sunday with us! We are so eager to welcome them to Grants Pass and Calvary. Our Outreach Committee is coordinating a welcome wagon full of gift cards and house warming gifts for the family. If you'd like to contribute to this you can find the wagon in the narthex. On June 18 we will be welcoming them with some goodies after service. I invite everyone to stay around after service and introduce yourself to the family! This is the latest message I've received from Pastor Jon.

We have much to be excited about and thankful for as we enter the summer season!  
Lisa Jaroslow



***The Myers are arriving soon!***

*Their house in Tulsa is about to go on the market, a house is already under contract for them about a half mile east of Calvary, and the moving van pulls up to move them out on June 5th. There's no telling when their stuff will arrive in Oregon, but they'll certainly be out here before their official start on Sunday, June 18th. They're looking forward to getting to know everyone as soon as possible!*

## “BUSY STITCHIES”



Our StitchCrafters meeting of April 26th was a time to set our calendar for the rest of the year. We have activities planned as follows:

### June 14th (Wednesday) Lunch at Schmidt Winery

*Our group will gather at church@ 11:30am to carpool to the winery for: Lovely setting, good food & great fellowship. A sign up will be available closer to the date.*

### July 13th (Thursday) Swap and Lunch

*11:30am in the fellowship hall. Bring 5-6 (please no more) items Of clothing to swap. Bring your lunch and we'll have some gal Time/laughs and maybe go home with a new outfit (or 2)!*

### September 6th (Wednesday) Lefse making

*9 to 9:30am in the fellowship hall. Sign up will be available*

### November 18th (Saturday) Bake and Quilt sale

*9:00am to 1:00pm Pie & coffee for sale. Lots of baked goods, lefse Quilts and crafts, canned goods.*

### November 29th & December 6th (Wednesdays) Greens crafting

*Making table arrangements to sell on December 10th.*

### December 10th (Sunday) Table arrangements for sale after service.

We continue to meet and work on quilts every Wednesday. We welcome all To come and help. In the past 6 months 14 quilts have been donated to Spears Cancer center, 20 quilts & baby blankets donated to Every Child and 10 pet Mats have been donated to the Humane Society. We strive to make a difference In our community, sharing God's love.

Please give me a call if you need more info on any of these items!

Mary Quick

## Welcome Wagon

Our new Pastoral team Pastor Jon Myers, Sister Jennie Myers, and their family will be joining us soon. Help up fill the "Welcome Wagon" honoring their arrival and joining our Calvary family.

The wagon will be in the Narthex until Sunday, June 18, at which time the presentation to the Myers will take place. Should you wish to be a part of our welcome, I have listed information regarding the family and some suggestions which may be of help.

The Meyers have purchased a home in Grants Pass.

We would like to include gifts for the children so they will feel welcome and "special" also.

CJ, son, 11 years old, Allie, daughter, 8 years old, Addie & Katie, twin daughters, 4 years old.

Gift certificates - grocery stores, movie theatre, restaurants, home & garden stores, local plant & nursery businesses, Hellgate Jet Boats, Coffee vendors, downtown shops

\*Perhaps you might ask one or two families to join you in purchasing a larger, more costly item.

Lawn games such as a badminton set, corn hole, croquet set, checkers.

Educational games and toys

Greeting cards welcoming the Meyers

Cash

If you have a business card offering a service helpful to the moving/relocating experience, just drop it in the bucket.

A need for a particular service is almost inevitable when one relocates.





## Lost & Found

If you left something at church, you can now find it in the Lost and Found bin. It is located in our library under the corner table. All left behind items will be marked with the date and placed in the bin. All unclaimed items will be donated to the ROC after 30 days. Thank you

### Calvary Financial Summary - April 30th

Income - General Offering:

Budget: \$117,820

Actual: \$99,051

Difference: (minus) \$18,769

Expenses:

Actual: \$103,148



### JUNE 11th (After Worship)

We will celebrate and thank Pastor John, Pastor Kirby, and Pastor Keith for serving our congregation during our Interim Ministry.

Join us after service for light refreshments and a thank you presentation.



### JUNE 18th (After Worship)

Pastor Jon and Sister Jennie's first Sunday with us!

Join us in the narthex after service for goodies and conversation!



### What Does It Mean To Be Present?

Pastor John Maas

This is the first draft of the story I told in May 5th's sermon.

The family at the other table were believers. They demonstrated two things for me: Joy in sadness at the release of a loved one to God's arms, at the end of a horrible disease. The importance of being in the present moment so that we do not miss out on a God moment. Three couples who have known each other since Seminary days (40+ years), met in Waldport for a reunion. My wife Judy and I were one of the couples.

A good time was had by all. Lots of catching up. Lots of 'remember when...'. Fun times finding good seafood dinners.

The last night was a fun dinner in Yachats.

I was trying to hold my iPhone just right to get all 6 of us in a picture - attached if I can manage it. A young woman in another large party came over and offered to take the picture for us. We thanked her and I reciprocated by going over to their party of 8 or 9 and taking their picture.

Dad, head of the family, turned out to be a joker like me. He gave me a hearty handshake and we exchanged pleasantries; me about who we were and what we were doing. Dad joked about being careful of the daughter who took our picture, as she fell in the ocean with her phone. (Not true.) Like I said, dad and I were a couple of jokers.)

When we got done eating and five of the six of us were out the door, I went back to see my new buddy. We shook hands again and said we would call each other next time we were in town. (No phone numbers were exchanged.)

I asked, "What brings the family to Waldport?" The conversation took a hard right.

"Our mom went to heaven last night," the one daughter said.

I looked at my new friend. "She died?"

He nodded.

"Last night?" I was stunned. Eight or nine of them in this restaurant, eating, laughing and joking.

"Yup," he said. "She died at 3:16 this morning.

What would YOU say?

I looked at this gathered family. They maintained their smiles - not pasted on, genuine. A family celebrating the life of their wife and mother, released from some dread disease.

I looked at each of them. "I'm so sorry," I said.

"I'm all cried out," our photographer said. "Don't get me started again."

I shook dad's hand again, holding onto his hand. He had a great grasp.

I looked slowly around the table.

"We're taking her down to Brookings and were putting her ashes in a waterfall. She wanted to end up in the ocean."

I looked at dad - her husband - and his family, gathered together.

"Peace to her memory," I said, "and the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

Dad's expression softened. "Thank you," he said, as did some of the family.

We spent a moment more, silent, and I turned and joined Judy, who had come back into the restaurant, wondering where the heck I had gone, and we left.

I left, stunned at the story this family invited me to be a part of. Shared in the joyous remembrance of their wife and mother.

Honored to bless her in Christ's name.

# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Lunch with Friends 12:00pm 2:00pm Parish Ed Mtg	3
4 <b>The Holy Trinity</b> 9:30am Sunday Worship	5	6 Staff Lunch Church closed 12-1pm	7 6:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Stitchcrafters 10:00 am Music & Worship Mtg 1:00pm Women's Bible Study 3:30pm Praise Team	8 2:00pm Countryside	9	10
11 9:30am Sunday Worship <i>Mission Minute (Or 2)</i> Thank you Pastor John, Kirby & Keith! Light Refreshments (After Worship)	12	13	14 6:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Stitchcrafters 11:30am Stichcrafters Lunch (Schmidt Family Vineyards) 3:30pm Praise Team 4:30pm Council Meeting	15	16	17
18 <b>Happy Father's Day</b> 9:30am Sunday Worship  Welcome Myers Family! Cupcakes (After Worship)	19	20	21 6:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Stitchcrafters 3:30pm Praise Team	22	23 Red Cross Blood drive 9am to 2pm	24
25 9:30am Sunday Worship Youth Outing: Caveman Pool	26	27 10:00am Outreach Mtg	28 6:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Stitchcrafters 3:30pm Praise Team	29	30	