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**Sundays:**  
9:20 a.m. Pre-Service  
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



# July 2023

It's going to take a little time to get to know one another, but allow me to kick things off by sharing a few things about myself.

I'm originally from Western Maryland and later the Baltimore suburbs. A graduate of Duke and later Princeton Seminary, I taught political science (international relations) at Ohio State for several years before seminary. I also did a Lutheran year of studies in Philadelphia.

When I was young, my family raised Douglas Firs as Christmas trees on a small farm near the presidential retreat, Camp David. We also took several trips "out West" including the Pacific Northwest, and one of my favorite computer games at the time was "The Oregon Trail." I was a theater geek in high school and have since embraced that I've pretty much always been a gigantic nerd.

I'm a third generation Lutheran pastor, and my sister is now lead pastor of a congregation previously led by our grandfather. I was deeply involved in Lutheran campus ministry at both Duke and Ohio State, and I spent many summers working at church camps in North Carolina and Ohio. By coincidence, an old friend is helping run Camp Lutherwood Oregon this summer.

I've lived in Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Southern Virginia, and Oklahoma. Along the way I've learned the difference between soda, pop and Coke, how to bless people's hearts, and appropriate uses of both "y'all" and "all y'all." I love playing the guitar, being outdoors and watching movies with my family. I dabble in wood carving and various other arts and crafts.

Sister Jennie and I met at Ohio State and have been married since 2008. By coincidence, our best man lives in nearby Medford, and Jennie has already shown me the parts of Portland where she lived when she was very young. We're very glad to be in Southern Oregon and looking forward to getting to know all y'all. And we know you'll help us continue to raise our children right.

Pastor Jon

# Serving the Lord...

## Altar Guild

**Communion Assistants**  
7/2 Pastor Jon / Gary Blom  
Crystal Zimmer & Carol Wilson

7/9 Pastor Jon/ Linda Johnson  
Travers & Jennifer Voris

7/16 Pastor Jon / Janine Nave  
Gary Blom & Diane Weaver

7/23 Pastor Jon / Crystal Zimmer  
David & Tanya Haight

7/30 Pastor Jon / Carol Wilson  
Travers & Jennifer Voris

7/2 Dolly Rodriguez / Sandy Hoadley  
7/9 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt / Teresa Schwerdt  
7/16 Anna Gorskaya / Bonnie Cordes  
7/23 Dolly Rodriguez / Dave & Tanya Haight  
7/30 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt / Sandy Hoadley

## Lectors

7/2 Joan Hathaway  
7/9 Mary Quick  
7/16 Jennifer Voris  
7/23 George Straka  
7/30 Marcia Lembcke

## Hostess Committee

Lynn Tosh  
Marcia Lawson  
Kjersti Wolter  
Charlene Jernigan  
Jackie Johnson  
Teresa Schwerdt

## Ushers

Monte Zeller, Captain  
Dick Cottrill  
Rich Acosta  
Ron Smith

## Council Members

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

## Video/Sound

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

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

7/2 Carmella Menke in Honor of Carmella and Bill's Anniversary  
7/9 Linda Hurd  
7/16 Bonnie & Charles Stucke's Anniversary  
7/23 Linda Welo in Memory of Parents  
7/30 Jaimie Glans in Honor of his Birthday





**07/07 Dave & Judi Bliss**  
**07/09 Mary Jane & John Ainsworth**  
**07/18 Teresa & Vic Connelly**  
**07/19 Bonnie & Charles Stucke**  
**07/24 Pat & Harold McClarnon**  
**07/24 Tom & Jan Brown**  
**07/29 Charlene & Ken Jernigan**  
**07/31 Deb & Scott Christopherson**

**Lee Mortensen 07/01**  
**Linda Hurd 07/02**  
**Bev Totten 07/03**  
**Gayl Bohey 07/04**  
**Ray Weidenbach 07/04**  
**Marla Vidrinskas 07/06**  
**Luke Boldon 07/09**  
**Jean Scherpf 07/09**  
**Jeff Wolf 07/09**  
**Pam Whatley 07/11**  
**Diane Hoover 07/12**  
**Linda B. Johnson 07/12**  
**Raymond Boyd 07/13**  
**John Ainsworth 07/14**  
**Michael Jaroslow 07/15**  
**Dean Schwerdt 07/16**  
**Lynn Tosh 07/19**  
**Barry McFarland 07/21**  
**Tom Brown 07/22**  
**Linda Hoback 07/25**  
**Janine Nave 07/26**  
**Jaimie Glans 07/30**



**From the Council:**

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart! – Psalm 32:11

We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for at Calvary Lutheran! Not only did we get to celebrate, honor and thank our Interim Ministry Team in June; but we also had the privilege to welcome Pastor Jon, Sister Jennie and their children to our church and community.

At our June 14 Church Council meeting Pastor Jon was able to attend and start familiarizing himself with the workings of our church body. On Sunday, June 18, we were able to welcome the Myers family and present them with the 'Welcome Wagon' that our Outreach Committee organized to help them get settled in to Grants Pass. Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to this!

The transition of our new ministry team will take time. The primary goals of both Pastor Jon and Sister Jennie is to meet and get to know all of you. Their desire is to begin building relationships with the members of Calvary so that we can all do ministry together. Over the next few months, I look forward to many conversations, dialogues, and activities to do just that; build relationships.

I have had the opportunity to meet with Pastor Jon to be able to share about the structure of our church and the expectations that our congregation and Church Council have. I was able to answer questions that he had and share some background information about Calvary, too.

Our Church Council Executive Team, comprised of Matt Eide, Karen Blom, Karen Mastel and I have already met with Sister Jennie to flesh out her job description. Her official title at Calvary is Director of Discipleship. Our desire is to define the areas and ministries in the church that she'll be overseeing and developing. It is important that we utilize her strengths and passions, as well as meet the ministry needs of our growing congregation. As this process and her role develops, she'll be meeting with those ministry team leaders and committee chairpersons to work alongside them.

I am excited to watch the Myers family get settled into our Grants Pass community and to watch their ministry unfold. They have boundless gifts that they're excited to share with us. I encourage all of you to reach out to them, get to know them, and pray about your role in serving and ministering alongside them.

Lisa Jaroslow  
Council President

**Calvary Financial Report as of May 31, 2023**



Income - General Offering:  
 Budget: \$ 147,275  
 Actual: \$ 127,703  
 Difference: (minus) \$ 19,572



Expenses:  
 Actual: \$ 140,836



### Lunch, fun, fellowship & maybe a new outfit!!



Ladies, mark your calendar for our 2nd annual Lunch and Swap.

**July 13th, Thursday at 11:30**

Bring your lunch (beverage will be provided) and 5-6 (please no more) items to swap (too big, don't like, too small?? etc.) Shoes, hats, jewelry are okay too. We will have a good time, hope to see you there!!



Our local fruit and veggies are beginning to ripen and be ready for processing. Please bring in any jars you have to be filled up again. And as you make your jams/jellies, pickles, salsa, etc. please save a jar or two for our Bake and Quilt sale coming in November.

Many thanks- Mary Quick

### To Calvary Lutheran,

Thank you all so much for the wonderful cards, notes and thoughts you have shared with us over the past few weeks. It has been an honor to serve this church community and we are truly humbled by the heart-felt sentiments we have received. We know that God is going to do amazing things at Calvary in the weeks, months and years ahead and we are all excited to see what He has planned.



Thank you again and God's Blessings on each of you.

Kirby, John and Keith



### "Living Lutheran"

The "Living Lutheran" magazine will cease being in print with the last issue being the November/December 2023 issue.

Cost like everything else has continued to rise and continuing with the magazine has become too expensive. Like many other organizations, the ELCA is turning to multimedia. Livinglutheran.org will now be their online platform.

The transition will include a more robust social media presence and more opportunities for user-generated content. Problems like how to reach readers who don't rely on the internet for information are still being worked out. More information will be forwarded as the transition progresses.



## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The responsibility of the Property Management Committee is to care for the church property, to make repairs when needed and make recommendations for needed improvements.

In order to do this, we have to put in time and effort. Sometimes when something breaks or needs fixing one or more of our members can repair it, however most times it requires that we hire it done. A good example was when we found that our water bill was triple what it should be. We checked the meter and discovered that it was continually running even though everything was shut down and nothing should have been flowing thru the meter. We dug up and replaced the old pipe that ran between the street and the church and replaced the "back-flow" valve. However, water continued to flow. It was finally determined that the "leak" was occurring in the water line that ran under the church to the "old" section where the kitchen and bathrooms were. We had to put in a new water line that went from the side of the church thru the ceiling and down the side of the nursery and then go under the building and drill thru the foundation and reconnect to the old water line that feed the kitchen and bathrooms. Thanks to proper budgeting in the past for emergency repairs we were able to pay the cost and keep up with our regular bills.

I am sure that in the past much of the upkeep of the church was done by volunteers, such as lawn service and janitorial services. However, today we contract for most of these services. It is the committee's job to ensure that those are performed well, and we do that thanks to the generous giving by of our congregation. Unfortunately, these costs continue to go up as well and we need to be ever watchful of our members dollars.

### Memories of Calvary Lutheran Church

Pastor John Maas recently asked me how long I have been a member of Calvary Lutheran Church and I said, "Well, Madeleine was a baby in her mother's arms".

I have so many memories of my time here: the uplifting services with beautiful, thought-provoking messages, Bible study, incredible music and choir, Sunday School, VBS, lefse-making, the Christmas Bazaar, quilt-making, and other StitchCrafters get-togethers and events.

When my dear husband Kent passed away, my church family couldn't have been more kind, caring and compassionate. The prayers and cards and calls just kept coming. I know God has been with me every step of the way, guiding and protecting and comforting me through the wonderful people at Calvary Lutheran Church in Grants Pass. I have truly been blessed and I am so very grateful.

Thank you, dear friends. As the song goes, We'll meet again some day.

Pat Brown

## What is a Lutheran “Sister?”

You may be asking yourself: “How is our new Director of Discipleship a ‘Sister?’” Or “I’ve never heard of a deaconess.” “What’s the difference between a deacon and a deaconess?” “How can you be a Lutheran sister? --sounds pretty Roman Catholic to me!” These are all great musings!

Did you know you already have two other deaconesses serving here in the Oregon Synod? They are called to very different kinds of ministry. Sister Cora is in Brookings serving and using her law degree to advocate for the homeless population in her area. Sister India is serving in Beaverton doing congregational ministry much like what my ministry at Calvary will be focused on. There are still more sisters in the neighboring California and Washington synods.

Traditionally Lutherans have been skeptical of monastic life, but this form of intentional community was revived in the early 1800s in Kaiserswerth, Germany. Early deaconesses studied together to become nurses and teachers. In 1884 John Lankenau invited seven sisters from Kaiserswerth to come to America. They helped found one of the largest hospitals in Philadelphia to this day, Lankenau Hospital. There are also hospitals in Omaha, Minneapolis, New York and elsewhere, all started by Lutheran deaconesses.

We are a community of Lutheran women who have been called to serve God professionally in the church and in the world in many varying ways. We live all over the US and Canada. Historically Deaconesses lived together in community in Motherhouses, including houses in Omaha, Baltimore, and Philadelphia, until 2001 when we sold the last Motherhouse in Philadelphia and moved our administrative operations to the ELCA’s Lutheran Center in Chicago.

Today deaconess sisters are spread throughout the continent serving in very different settings--parish ministry of various types, nurse practitioners in doctors’ offices and hospitals, schoolteachers, chaplains, assistants to synod bishops, social workers and more. Sister Cora and Sister India are perfect examples of the very distinct types of ministries deaconesses serve in. A deaconess used to dress in garb very similar to a stereotypical Roman Catholic nun--but in more recent decades, you might say, we got out of the habit! You can find us wearing attire appropriate to our work. But all deaconesses wear a cross-shaped pin with 2 Corinthians 5:14 inscribed on the cross, for we are “compelled by the love of Christ.”

The ELCA has long struggled with the place, shape and language around its Diaconate (formerly known as deaconesses, diaconal ministers and associates in ministry) on both theological and practical levels. So in 2016 the ELCA voted to simplify our language and create two ways to serve professionally: Ministers of Word and Sacrament with the title of “pastor” and Ministers of Word and Service with the title of “deacon”--unless one already had a title, as deaconesses did. Then in 2019 the ELCA voted that all deacons would join pastors in being ordained. So, I am an ordained ELCA deacon, but as my identity has long been as a sister of the Deaconess Community since 2008, I continue to introduce myself as “Sister Jennie.”

I am excited to be returning to the state of Oregon, as I was born and baptized in Milwaukie in 1981. We moved away when I was just one year old, and then we returned to another suburb of Portland, Lake Oswego, for my 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade school years, after which we moved East for good. I am so glad that God has carved a path to bring me back and to be able to explore a very different part of Oregon.

I would love to tell you more about sisters and deaconesses, so please feel free to ask questions as we get to know each other. As your new Director of Discipleship, I am excited to get to know each of you and what you love about Calvary. I look forward to jumping into the ministry already happening at Calvary, while also doing much listening and learning to see where I will have the most beneficial and meaningful impact for the life of Calvary and its mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in this part of Oregon.

In God’s Peace,  
Sister Jennie Myers, ELCA Deacon

## PARISH ED

June marks the time of sunshine and fun and rest for the Parish Ed staff. We had a great year and would like to share highlights of last year and our goals for the 2023/2024 Sunday School year.

As a group we agreed upon four goals, 1) connecting children and volunteers through engaging activities that allowed for interaction and living faith, 2) aligning the Bible lesson to the liturgical calendar that we follow each week at Calvary, 3) clean and update the the Sunday School meeting areas and supplies for the kids of all ages, 4) provide multi-generational opportunities with the whole church body and the Sunday School kids.

With prayers, a little ingenuity and lots of smiles the Parish Ed committee made the best of limited resources. Despite limited volunteers, a wide breadth of age groups and no curriculum the 22/23 Sunday School year was a success. Our flexible schedule helped us navigate the year and began the essential work of building relationships with our Calvary kids.

Lots of things worked. The schedule took the pressure off the limited staff with a whole group outing and meeting. The recent hiring of a Nursery Staff Attendant means the nursery is open once again and there is the opportunity to provide the pre-school group Bible-based curriculum separate from the elementary group, a win-win for each class. We made strides in updating the nursery and the Sunday School areas are clean and organized. Finally, this year we had two events that were multi-generational where all of us could have fun and fellowship as a whole church. As a team we have hopes and dreams for this next year and share them with you below. We ask you to partner with us in prayer as we look forward to the fast-approaching start date of Sunday School on Sunday, September 17.

1. Hiring Hope as the Nursery Attendant is a blessing, but unfortunately she is unable to cover every Sunday due to her college commitment. We are looking for eligible candidates to apply for the position of Nursery Attendant for the full year and Holy Holidays. The pay is \$18hr/hour. Candidates must be 16 years or older. Mothers with small children may also apply. Please get the word out! Ideally, 2-3 Nursery Attendants would allow for coverage and subs to cover the year. All interested parties should send their interest to calvarylutheranparished@gmail.com.
2. We are in need of a curriculum with ready resources so that multiple teachers can step in and teach a class at their level of interest.
3. Over the summer, work will continue in the nursery to repair the sound system (so mom’s can hear the service) and to patch/paint a wall that needs attention after previous work. There are plans to purchase supplies for both the youth room and nursery this summer and fall.
4. We are looking for more volunteers to teach Sunday School. Please pray about this. Additional volunteers allow teachers to spread the workload throughout the year and increase the impact we can have on students as more adults share their living faith with our Calvary kids and youth.
5. We are praying that the Calvary kids and youth will enjoy many multi-generational opportunities as we as a congregation look to the future of Calvary.

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 17th** for our multigenerational Sunday School Kick-Off Pizza and Ice Cream Party. We hope to see everyone there for food, games, and fellowship to mark the beginning of the 23/24 Sunday School Year.

As the Parish Ed Committee, we look forward to an exciting year. We are growing with our four newest Sunday School Meyer kiddos and hope that this is the beginning of a trend of expanding our program! We look forward to partnering with our new Pastor team and with you as we ask God to give us wisdom, discernment, and love in action for the kids and youth that God has and will entrust us with at Calvary Lutheran Church..

Thank you for your prayers and support. Have a blessed summer.  
Audra Myerchin

# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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<b>9:20 am Pre-Service</b> <b>9:30am Sunday Worship</b>	2	3	<b>HAPPY 4th of JULY</b> Church closed 	<b>4</b> <b>5</b> <b>6:00am Men's Breakfast</b> <b>9:30am Stitchcrafters</b> <b>10:00 am Music &amp; Worship Mtg</b> <b>3:30pm Praise Team</b>	6	<b>7</b> <b>Lunch with Friends</b> <b>12:00pm</b>	8
<b>9:20 am Pre-Service</b> <b>9:30am Sunday Worship</b> <i>Mission Minute (Or 2)</i>	9	10	11	<b>12</b> <b>6:00am Men's Breakfast</b> <b>9:30am Stitchcrafters</b> <b>3:30pm Praise Team</b>	13	14	15
<b>9:20 am Pre-Service</b> <b>9:30am Sunday Worship</b>	16	17	18	<b>19</b> <b>6:00am Men's Breakfast</b> <b>9:30am Stitchcrafters</b> <b>3:30pm Praise Team</b>	20	 <b>21</b> <b>9am-2pm</b>	22
<b>9:20 am Pre-Service</b> <b>9:30am Sunday Worship</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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