

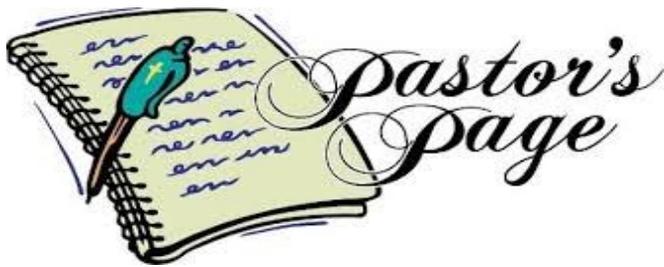


2023 CALLER



Blessings

May God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ give
you all of his blessings, and
great peace of heart and mind.



“Thanksgiving Every Day”

We recently introduced a new song—one of my favorites from way back—called “Messiah” by Larry Olson. I’ve been enjoying the music of Olson and his “Dakota Road” bandmates ever since they wrote and sang the theme song for the 1994 ELCA Youth Gathering in Atlanta, which I attended as a high schooler.

He’s one of the reasons I now play the guitar, and I have a whole collection of songs written by him and the rest of the Dakota Road crew. One song in particular always comes to mind every November for me, “Everyday is Thanksgiving.” Its simple chorus:

*Everyday is Thanksgiving
Everyday is worth living because I know
you care
Everyday is Thanksgiving when I
remember that you love me*

The short verses confess what stops us from expressing that gratitude confidently, constantly and generously: mostly fear and selfishness. But both verses end by describing how God’s love breaks through and reminds us that actually, everything we have been entrusted with has been a gift from God in the first place.

Or to put it in the language of Luther’s Small Catechism, left to our own devices, we fear, love and trust the wrong things. Yet we are freed from our misplaced priorities by the Holy Spirit, and we are enabled to love others precisely because God first loved us, as shown to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

So, what if Thanksgiving were more than just one Thursday at the end of each November, the closest thing we have to a kickoff of the twin seasons of Advent and Christmas? What if we’ve actually been freed to live into that kind of gratitude and generosity every single day?

The song ends by putting a twist on the last line of the chorus:

*Everyday is Thanksgiving
When I remember that you love me
When I remember who died for me*

Pastor Jon



Discipleship Thoughts

Community is Powerful

Small Group Ministries are like mini-communities, and you get to know each other in new and different ways, fast. Our Walkers and Hikers have each been out once. We're about to do another set of walks and hikes (it's not too late to come join!) over the next month. I've seen how people want to be known and, in new ways, ways that we don't often have the chance in the flow and rush of Sunday mornings. Being together out on the trail or the walking path creates the space to slow down—to notice things, to listen to each other, listen to God, to learn to trust, and even be vulnerable with one another.

Community creates the space for each other to be honest and real with each other and to know that it's safe. These communities of small groups know that on the walking path or the hiking trail if someone needs to slow down or gets hurt, we're not just going to keep moving. The group slows down or stops, along with that person, and says, "We're here for you." God is good!

But these are just two examples of small groups that people are trying out and that are available at Calvary. But it's not the only way to do small groups.

A book study during the winter would be a great idea, and a good way to get to know each other through the shared experience of reading a book together.

People of Calvary, how would you like to get to know people better? Or what would you like to see happening at Calvary that might help your faith grow deeper? These are big thoughts to chew on. Feel free to come talk to me more if you're curious, you have an idea, or you just want to connect more with others but don't know how.

—Sr. Jennie Myers



Family Invitation: Advent Candle Lighting

Did you know that during the season of Advent in the month of December, we add something new into our worship on Sunday morning? We bring out a big advent wreath with four advent candles. During the season of Advent, different Sunday school and youth families are invited to light a candle and read a short Scripture passage.

If your family would be interested in helping with candle lighting this Advent, please talk to Sister Jennie ASAP so we can get a schedule set up.

—Sr. Jennie Myers

FROM THE COUNCIL:

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s Will for you in Christ Jesus.”

The month of November is traditionally the month of the year where we are reminded to give thanks. We see the signs, wall decorations, and t-shirts everywhere as we move into this fall season. There are reminders to be grateful, thankful, and to remember that we are blessed. However, we should be thinking these things every month of the year and every day of the year.

I am often reminded of the above verse from the book of 1 Thessalonians that Paul wrote to encourage the church of Thessalonica over two thousand years ago. Like us today, the church was being persecuted, the people of the church were being persecuted, yet Paul tells them to continue to rejoice and to give thanks.

Regardless of our personal circumstances, we all truly have so much to be thankful for. I was reminded of this at our October Church Council meeting as I read the various committee reports and listened to Council members share about the activities, events, and opportunities at our church. I reflected on Pastor Jon and Sister Jennie’s leadership and how many people are involved in serving at our church each week, the spiritual growth opportunities that are available to everyone, and how blessed we are financially. Even though we live in a sin-filled world full of dysfunction and evil, we can be - and are - the light of Jesus to the world. I am thankful for Calvary Lutheran Church – the people of the church – who make a difference in our community and in the lives of many people.

We truly have much to give thanks for every day.

Lisa Jaroslow, President



Inter-Generational Ministry with Parish Ed Team

Thank you to everyone who is taking time to get to know our children and youth by being in relationship with them. Whether you're committed to being their teacher sometimes, or you're taking time to say hello on Sunday morning, or you've decided to come to a large group event sponsored by the Parish Education Team. It all matters and it's huge to them!

The **Pizza & Pumpkin Painting evening** was a wonderful gathering of parents, children and youth sponsored by the Parish Education Team. There was pizza and ice cream. There was paint and glue splattered all over pumpkins, and it was glorious, creative fun! Be sure to check out the bulletin board by my office so you can check out some more of the pictures and so you can see how creative our young people were. There's also some great pictures later in the newsletter.

I was very excited to see who showed up for our first **large group outing** of the year, which hopes to join together younger and older families the last Sunday of each month. I like to call this "inter-generational ministry" where we are purposely mixing all the different generations of ages together and encouraging relationships. This can take shape in so many different ways, both intentionally and naturally.

We gathered at **Cathedral Hills** on **Sunday, October 29**, offering shorter and longer trail options. Please stay tuned for what the November large group activity or outing will be planned!

Your Parish Education Team is also working hard to get a nursery attendant to be there for our youngest worshippers when they need to be kids, when they need to have time to play and be noisy. We are hopeful that we will have someone in place very soon. But I would say that it is always good for children of all ages to have opportunities to be in worship and to learn from the big people whom they look up to, about how to worship. This is "inter-generational ministry" at its best, because worship is the natural focus on Sunday morning! This is so important. Thank you for walking with kids when you're invited into that space with them.

—*Sr. Jennie Myers*



EARLY NOTICE:

The Congregational Meeting is on December 3rd. Mark your calendar!

ALL SAINTS' DAY IS NOVEMBER 5TH



Small Group Ministries at Calvary: Nov 4 & 25

Calvary's Walking Small Group Ministry

Walking along the Rogue River
Sat, Nov 25 @ 10am

Do you enjoy walking with others on paved paths? Join us in walking, talking & noticing God together.

Talk to Sr. Jennie about how to get connected with parking and carpool details
(meeting at the John F. Fleming Vet Memorial Park)

Let's Go For a Walk!

If you haven't gone on a walk or a hike yet and are curious, its not too late to reach out saying that you're interested in getting connected to one of these groups.

Let Sister Jennie know if you'd like more information!



Let's Go On a Hike!

Calvary's Hiking Small Group Ministry

In community we hike, we talk, we listen,
we notice God!

Waters Creek Interpretive Trail

Saturday, November 4 @ 10:00 am

Interested? Talk to Sister Jennie-- Carpooling available from Calvary Lutheran parking lot

You're Invited!

Christmas Gala

December 10th at 4:00 P.M.



Christmas dinner and entertainment.

Tickets are \$30 each and
go on sale November 12th.

More information coming soon!



Calvary High School Happenings

High School YOUTH HANGOUT

Fire pit with S'mores

Sunday, November 12 @ 2:30 p.m. at the
Myers backyard



S'mores provided!

Big Thoughts to
bring with!!



What are you
most thankful
for?

ABOUT THE EVENT

On November 12th, the Myers will be hosting a High School Youth Hangout event beginning at 2:30 p.m. in their backyard. There will be a fire pit with S'mores and, the best part, S'mores are provided!! So mark your calendar and join in the fun!! Please RSVP to Sister Jennie for an accurate S'mores count!

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Have you been worshipping with Calvary Lutheran for a time and thinking about becoming more involved or making your involvement “official?” You’re invited to the Myers’ home for an evening of food and conversation!

As far as we’re concerned, as your pastor and deaconess, anyone who shows up for Calvary events, including worship, is a “member” of the community, in the sense that you’re 100% fully invited to participate in whatever is going on in the moment at whatever level you may choose.

But Calvary’s constitution and bylaws have some simple guidelines for what it means to be an “active member” on the congregation’s rolls, how to become one, and how to stay one. It’s really quite simple. For anyone who wants to move forward, we promise to keep the official ceremony brief, on whatever Sunday is most convenient and appropriate. You won’t even have to come up front, unless you really want to!

Please contact the church office and tell us which of the following evenings would work best for you: Friday Nov 17th or Sat, Nov 18th. Please talk to Pastor Jon or Sister Jennie if neither date works, or if you have questions.

- Pastor Jon and Sister Jennie





ANNUAL QUILT & BAKE SALE

Our annual sale is upon us! Schedule as follows:

November 12th: Quilt Sunday – Blessing of the Quilts

November 16th/17th: Set up for sale from 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

November 16th: Handcrafts priced & brought in 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

November 17th: Baked goods priced & brought in 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

November 18th: *SALE* 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(Workers, please arrive at 8:00 a.m.)

Pie, muffins, coffee and cider, hand-crafts, quilts, baked goods, jams, jellies, etc. for purchase. The church will be filled with goodies for sale! We hope to have “Square” available for bank- and credit-card purchases.

Checks must be made to Calvary Lutheran StitchCrafters
(the bank has not accepted our new name)

November 19th: Remainders for sale in the Fellowship Hall, before & after service

November 20th: All remaining goods must be picked up or discarded.

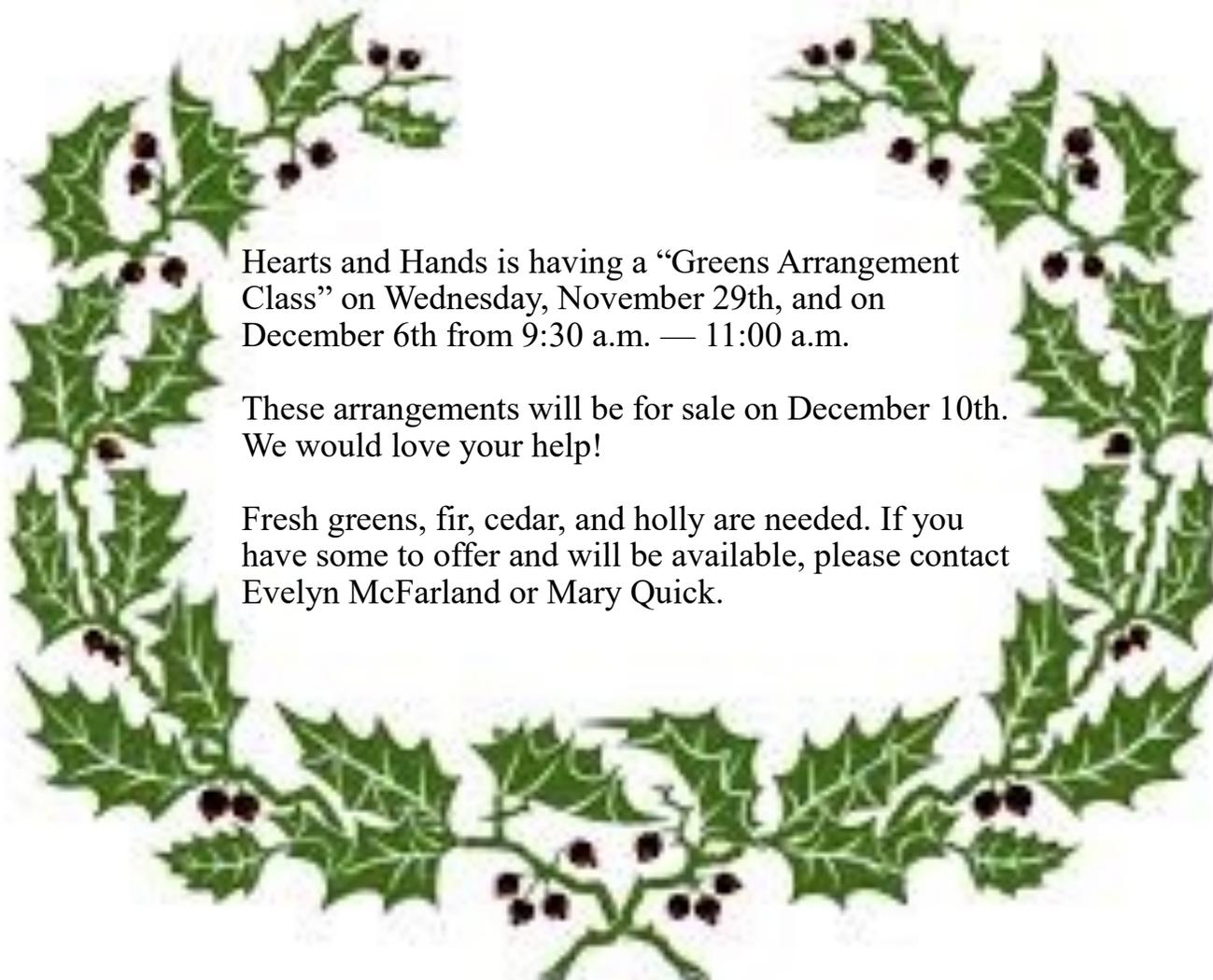
Price sheets are available on the table in the narthex with suggested amounts to charge. Please remember to bring in “box bottoms” for the sale. A sign-up sheet for helping hands will also be posted. Remember, this sale is not advertised in the paper, so please invite a friend or neighbor.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Mary or any member of Hearts & Hands (formerly StitchCrafters).

We appreciate your support!



Hearts & Hands Greens Arrangement Class Coming Soon!



Hearts and Hands is having a “Greens Arrangement Class” on Wednesday, November 29th, and on December 6th from 9:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

These arrangements will be for sale on December 10th. We would love your help!

Fresh greens, fir, cedar, and holly are needed. If you have some to offer and will be available, please contact Evelyn McFarland or Mary Quick.



GRANTS PASS HIGH SCHOOL (GPHS)

“BASIC NEEDS” BOX

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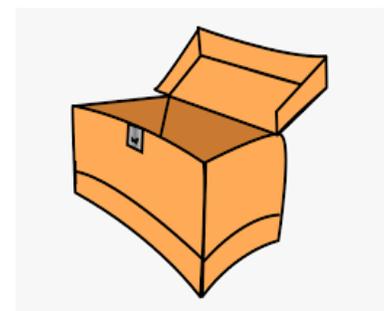
A big thank you to all who have so generously donated to the GPHS “Basic Needs” box. Catherine Deley will be our Mission Minute on November 12th, so you will hear first-hand how welcome your donations were and are.

The first box was picked up October 18th, as it was almost full, and Catherine was amazed that so many needed items had been collected for her “kiddos.”

Now that the weather is turning colder, she is asking for gloves, beanies, hand warmers, healthy snacks, quick, heat-and-eat meals (like mac and cheese cups, or cup ‘o noodles, etc.) A complete list of needed items is attached directly to the Needs Box itself in the narthex.

Catherine is grateful for our partnering with her and, as she put it, “God has a way of bringing people together for a purpose.” We both feel that is why we met and struck up a conversation...the rest was God’s plan.

Thank you again, Calvary Family, for your love, caring, and support.



Calvary's Children, Youth & Family Happenings

CALVARY'S PIZZA & PUMPKIN PAINTING EVENT

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our family pizza and pumpkin night. Another big thank you to everyone who helped out.

Please enjoy some pictures that show how creative our children and youth are if you give them a bit of paint, glue, and decorations!

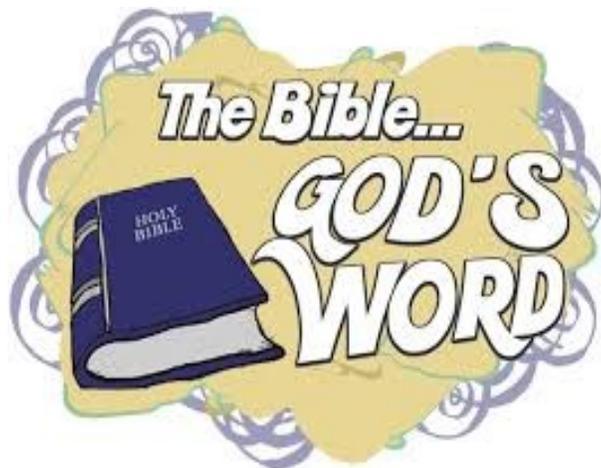


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEETING TIME FOR THE **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**.
OUTREACH NOW MEETS AT 1:00 P.M. ON THE 4TH
TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH!



FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN MEETS TWICE A MONTH, THE 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 1:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. PLEASE JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME! PLEASE CONTACT JO ANNE SMITH FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Quilts will be in the sanctuary in the pews on November 8th. Pastor will bless these quilts during service on November 12th.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS!

The Angel Tree for gifts for children in foster care will be in the narthex on November 26th. We would like to express our thanks to the congregation for their response. Questions? Please contact Melinda Eide.





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

NOVEMBER 4	FRANCIS & LYLE SPRAIN
NOVEMBER 19	JESSICA ALBERTSON & DAVID MATTHEWS
NOVEMBER 27	DAVID & WENDY ROSS
NOVEMBER 29	KATHRYN & RAY WEIDENBACK
NOVEMBER 29	WILLA & BILL BIANCHI

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 1	Eric Cordes
Nov 2	Logan Nelson
Nov 3	Sherry Damico
Nov 4	Pete Tommerup
Nov 5	Mary Jane Ainsworth
Nov 6	Teresa Schwerdt
Nov 7	Alexandra Myers
Nov 9	Kimberly Gindlesperger
Nov 12	John Henderson
Nov 13	Natalie Baertschiger
Nov 13	Nancy Lindall
Nov 15	Hugo Hunziker
Nov 16	David Grimes
Nov 19	Madeleine Angstadt
Nov 19	Debbie Kroeger-Vroman
Nov 19	Kathryn Weidenbach
Nov 20	David Ross
Nov 22	Jackie Matheny
Nov 22	Wendy Ross
Nov 22	Elaine Wolf
Nov 23	Herman Baertschiger
Nov 24	Jan Stutts
Nov 28	Brian Johnson
Nov 28	Mike Lawler
Nov 29	Judi Bliss
Nov 29	Matt Eide



Give Us Your Thoughts:

Do you notice the “Taking Faith Home” from Milestone Ministries, which we email out every week with the bulletin?



The Parish Ed Team is eager to know how these are (or are not) being used for your family’s faith formation. Please take a moment to fill out this quick survey:

Taking Faith Home Survey

Questions? Talk to Sister Jennie Myers.

BUDGET REPORT

as of

SEPT 30, 2023



Budget Income:	\$265,095
Actual Income:	\$248,832

Budget Expenses:	\$265,095
Actual Expenses:	\$255,355

Income:	\$248,832
Expenses:	\$255,355

Net:	Minus	\$	6,523
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Serving the Lord...

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

11/5 Pastor Jon/Sister Jennie
Crystal Zimmer & Melinda Eide

11/12 Pastor Jon/Sister Jennie
David & Tanya Haight

11/19 Pastor Jon/Sister Jennie
Gary Blom & Carol Wilson

11/26 Pastor Jon/Sister Jennie
Crystal Zimmer & Melinda Eide

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

USHERS

Ron Tosh
Mark Grinde

ACOLYTES

11/5 Kimberly
Gindlesperger
11/12 Kaydan
Gindlesperger
11/19 Allie Myers
11/26 CJ Myers

ALTAR GUILD

11/5 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt

11/12 Dolly Rodriguez

11/19 Anna Gorskaya

11/26 Evelyn McFarland

LECTORS

11/5 Marcia Cottrill

11/12 Linda Johnson

11/19 Crystal Zimmer

11/26 Mary Quick

VIDEO/SOUND

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

HOSTESS COMMITTEE

Dolly Rodriguez
Stephanie Rome
Holly Roundsaville
Jean Scherpf
Kerrie Bjorge
Judy Bliss

ALTAR FLOWERS PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:

11/5 Sandy Hoadley and Kimberly White

11/12 George Straka

11/19 April Marshall

11/26 Dave & Wendy Ross and Melinda Eide

NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<p>1 No Men's Breakfast today</p> <p>9:30 am Hearts & Hands</p> <p>10 am Worship & Music</p> <p>3:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>2 2:45 pm Parish Ed meeting</p> <p>3:00 pm Fellowship meeting</p>	<p>3 12:00 pm Lunch With Friends</p> <p>Deadline for Annual Reports to Kim</p>	<p>4 10:00 am Calvary Hiking Small Group—Waters Creek Interpretive Trail</p>
<p>5 All Saints' Day</p> <p>9:20 am Pre-Service</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Adult & Youth Sunday School</p> <p>Daylight Savings</p>	<p>6 10–11:45 am- Last CBS until Jan 8, 2024</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 No Men's Breakfast today</p> <p>9:30 am Hearts & Hands</p> <p>1:00 pm Friendship Bible Study</p> <p>3:30 pm Choir</p> <p>Quilts in pews</p>	<p>9 2:00 pm Countryside</p> <p>4:30 Council meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	
<p>12 9:20 am Pre-Service</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p> <p>Quilts Blessing</p> <p>10:30 am Adult & Youth Sunday School</p> <p>2:30 pm High School Youth Hangout @ Myers</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9:30 am Hearts & Hands</p> <p>3:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Prospective New Members @ Myers' house. Sign-up sheet in narthex</p>	<p>18 9:00 am—1:00 pm Hearts & Hands "Sale-Abration"</p> <p>Prospective New Member @ Myers' house</p>
<p>19 9:20 am Pre-Service</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Adult & Youth Sunday School</p> <p>"Sale-Abration" remainders for sale before and after service</p>	<p>20 Deadline to pick up all Quilt & Bake sale remainders</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9 am—2 pm Red Cross Blood Drive</p> <p>9:30 am Hearts & Hands</p> <p>1:00 pm Friendship Bible Study</p> <p>3:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>23 THANKSGIVING CHURCH IS CLOSED</p> 	<p>24 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</p>	<p>25 10:00 am Calvary Walking Small Group—Rogue River Walk</p>
<p>26 Christ the King</p> <p>9:20 am Pre-Service</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Adult & Youth Sunday School</p> <p>Angel Tree up</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 1:00 pm Outreach meeting</p>	<p>29 9:30—11:00 am Greens Crafting Class</p> <p>3:30 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>30</p>		