

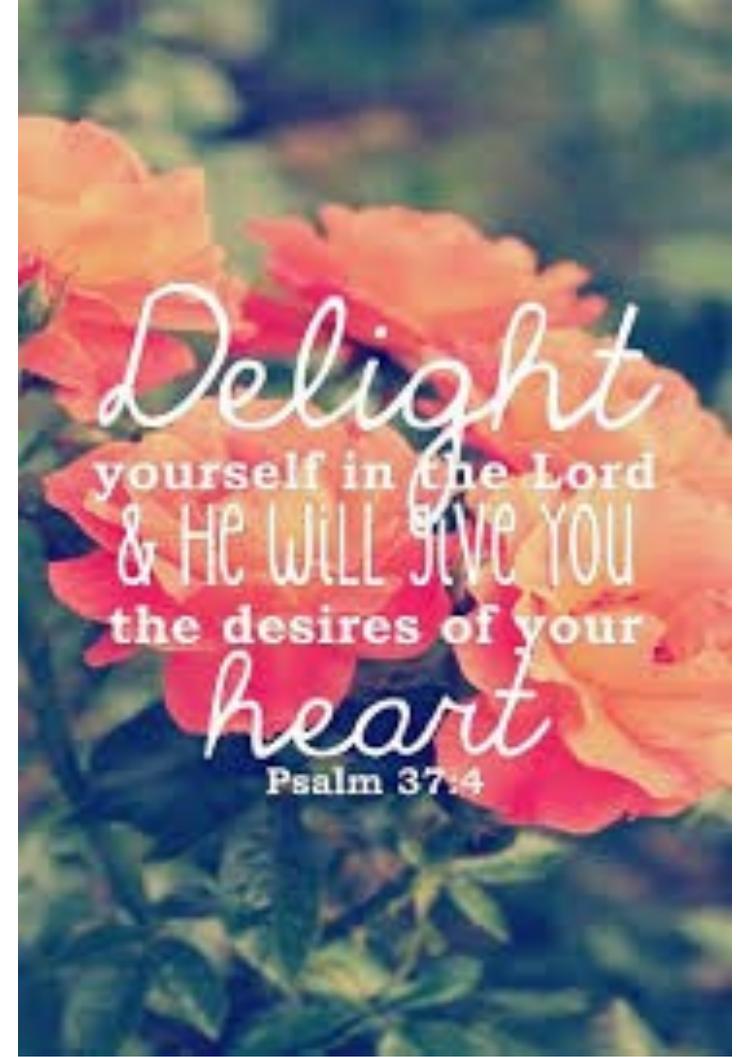


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9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

Calvary Caller



July 2022

“Kirby’s Korner”



Kirby’s Korner

By the time you read this summer will be in full swing. School will be out, vacations will be taken, and Bar-B-Ques will be planned. By the time you read this, I will have returned from 5 days at Lassen National Park. We are planning an August trip to Yellowstone to see our sons and their families and to eastern Idaho to see our daughter. Will you be travelling this summer? Or will you be staying closer to home because of gas prices? Or is summer just another season and a good time to stay near the air conditioning?

Whether you are travelling or staying put, I offer you Psalm 121 as your summer blessing. It starts with “I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?” The psalmist is likely referencing temples that were often set high up on the mountains and required a journey to reach and questioning “Is that where I have to go for help?” When I hear this verse, I visualize a stranded motorist on a mountain pass looking for aid and wondering “Where will I get help?” His or her immediate help might be AAA. But help for life’s journey? The rest of the Psalm contains the answer to that question:

“Your help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.”

Wherever your journey takes you this summer, your God is your travelling companion and will keep you safe in his love.

Serving the Lord...

Communion Assistants

7/3 Pastor Kirby/ Janine Nave
Gary Blom & Diane Weaver

7/10 Pastor Kirby/ Carol Wilson
Jennifer & Travers Voris

7/17 Pastor Kirby/ Janine Nave
Bonnie Cordes & Crystal Zimmer

7/24 Pastor Kirby/ Gary Blom
Diane Weaver & Crystal Zimmer

7/31 Pastor Kirby/ Carol Wilson
Tanya & David Haight

Greeters

7/3 Marica Lawson
7/31 Don & Carol Wilson

Ushers

Monte Zeller, Captain
Dick Cottrill
Rich Acosta
Ron Smith

Altar Guild

7/3 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt/ Teresa Schwerdt

7/10 Dolly Rodriguez/ Tanya Haight

7/17 Evelyn McFarland/ Colleen Michaelis

7/24 Anna Gorskaya/ Sandy Hoadley

7/31 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt/ Bonnie Cordes

Lectors

7/3 George Straka

7/10 Jennifer Voris

7/17 Marcia Cottrill

7/24 Bev Kane

7/31 Joan Hathaway

Hostess Committee

Lynn Tosh

Marcia Lawson

Kjersti Wolter

Geneva Hughes

Charlene Jernigan

Jackie Johnson

Teresa Schwerdt

Video/Sound

Gary Blom

Larry Weaver

Rich Acosta

Jim Sweeney

Dean Schwerdt

Monte Zeller

ALTAR FLOWERS Presented to the glory of God by:

7/3 Joan & Chuck Hathaway In Memory of Ed Nissen

7/3 In Honor of Dave & Judi Bliss’s 60th Anniversary

7/10 Renate Diehl In Memory of her Sister Gila

7/17 The Woodburn’s, thankful for their son Whitney

7/17 By Linda Welo in memory of her Mom.

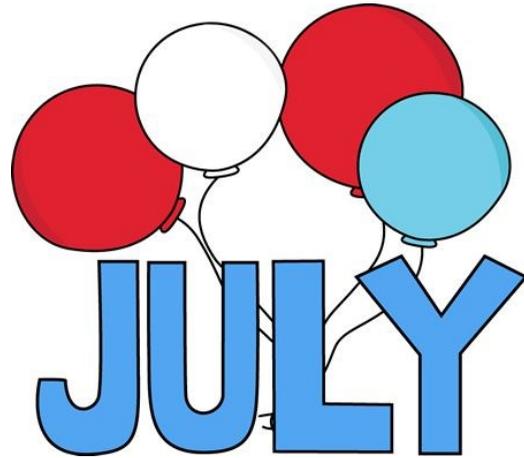
7/24 Mary Quick in Honor of her Husband’s Birthday

7/31 By Jaimie Glans & Loraine Beckman Glans





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
Mabel Wernecke	07/10
Pam Whatley	07/11
Diane Hoover	07/12
Linda B. Johnson	07/12
John Ainsworth	07/14
Ryan Mendoza	07/14
Michael Jaroslow	07/15
Dean Schwerdt	07/16
Danielle Grimsby	07/17
Colleen Grinde	07/17
Lynn Tosh	07/19
Tom Brown	07/22
Troy Nelson	07/24
Linda Hoback	07/25
Janine Nave	07/26
Ryan Rodriguez	07/27
Megan Spang	07/28
Sandie Damiano	07/30
Jaimie Glans	07/30



07/07	Melissa & Al Mendoza
07/07	Dave & Judi Bliss
07/09	Langley & Terri Galarneau
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

From the Council:

Casting A Wider Net

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1

As we move into the eighth month of our church in this interim period, the time in between permanent pastors, I remain absolutely confident that God has provided for us, is currently providing for us and will provide for us. I have faith that what I hope for, what we as a congregation hope for, will assuredly come to fruition. I have faith that God will provide an amazing pastor for our church. This pastor will be a perfect fit for our community and congregation and we will be a perfect fit for this pastor. I know this to be true.

However, we must continue to do our part. We can't just sit and wait upon God to act. Just as God told David to act as he fought Goliath, and told Noah to build an ark in preparation of the flood, God asks us to be proactive, to work, to seek, and to do our part. As of now, we have not received any potential candidates to interview and it doesn't appear that there are any that would be a fit for our congregation, on the horizon. Therefore, it is at this time that we are called to cast a wider net, to look for candidates in other areas, that would be willing to join our ELCA Synod. The church council is advising our call committee to reach out to Lutheran pastors outside of the ELCA, pastors who share our Lutheran theological beliefs, doctrines, and values. I am so very excited to see the candidates that God provides for us to interview. It is truly amazing to anticipate how God is going to work!

This summer we have two guests joining us on two separate weekends. Pastor Melissa Reed from the ELCA (elca.org) will be preaching, sharing, and answering questions after service on July 10. On August 7, Pastor Jody Becker from the NALC and LCMC (thenalc.org and lcmc.net) will be doing the same. I encourage EVERYONE to attend both Sundays and take the opportunity to ask questions about our Lutheran theology, potential candidates and the direction of the Lutheran church. Please take the time to read through their respective websites ahead of time so that you can prepare questions to ask them both. I believe it is vital that we are all educated and informed about the doctrine and beliefs of our church.

I continue to diligently pray for direction from God on a daily basis. I know that the Holy Spirit is active amongst us. Through this process we must remain united first as Christians, bound together through Jesus' Blood – that must remain first and foremost. I am excited because I have faith in our God. I absolutely believe He will provide in His time. While we wait, we do our part, we cast a wider net to find candidates to interview, and we continue to pray!

*Lisa Jaroslow
Council President*

Calvary Directory

The Outreach Committee is updating Calvary's directory and we want you to be included in our family phone book. This new directory will be a printed publication which will include your current contact information. **You do not have to be a member to be included. We love everyone who worships with us, in-person or on-line.** Please include the following information: names (of course) physical address, mailing address or email addresses, phone numbers (cell and/or home) and which phone number you prefer.

If you have already updated your information on the card from your mailbox in the narthex, thank you! If not, please give your contact information to Megan by emailing (calvluth@calvarylutherangp.org) or by leaving a note in her church mailbox. Megan's mailbox is located in the far left column, nearest the coat rack (Meg Henderson).

If you don't have a mailbox and would like one, please let her know. Soon we will be rearranging the mailboxes and we would like yours to be in alphabetical order with the rest of ours.

We will need this information by July 17th in order to publish our directory as soon as possible. Many thanks for your cooperation to help us connect with one another.

Prayer requests

Starting in the Month of July our Sunday bulletin prayer request section will start fresh each month. Prayers will remain in the Sunday Bulletin for 30 days and then be removed the next month.



If you have a prayer request, prayer update or praise report please either fill out a prayer request card located on the round table in the Narthex, email the church at calvluth@calvarylutherangp.org or call the church at 541-479-2577.

In addition to the Sunday bulletin we will be adding a section to the Caller starting in August that shows the detail of the prayer and any updates. This will be so that we know who and why we are praying along with praises to report.

If you do not want your prayer request to be listed in the Caller there will be a box to check that states "Confidential".

We look forward to praying and praising the Lord with you!

Would You Join This Church? by Pastor John Maas

What do you look for in a church? What is your 'litmus test?' Sound bible based doctrine? Bible as the authority for preaching and decision making? What about a church that professes the following?

This congregation confesses the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
This congregation confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.

- a. Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate, through whom everything was made and through whose life, death, and resurrection God fashions a new creation.
- b. The proclamation of God's message to us as both Law and Gospel is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy through word and deed, beginning with the Word in creation, continuing in the history of Israel, and centering in all its fullness in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- c. The canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God. Inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them God's Spirit speaks to us to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world.

What should your perspective congregation expect of it's members? Something like this?
The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world. To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall:

- a. Worship God in proclamation of the Word and administration of the sacraments and through lives of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, witness, and service.
- b. Proclaim God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, according to the apostolic witness in the Holy Scripture, preserving and transmitting the Gospel faithfully to future generations.
- c. Carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ and by doing all ministry with a global awareness consistent with the understanding of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.
- d. Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, standing with the poor and powerless, and committing itself to their needs.
- e. Nurture its members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love, to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of their Christian calling, and to use the gifts of the Spirit for their life together and for their calling in the world.
- f. Manifest the unity given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ and by joining with other Christians in prayer and action to express and preserve the unity which the Spirit gives.

That's what Calvary Lutheran says about itself in our constitution. That's what the ELCA says about itself in the National Church's constitution. Whatever our political or social choices, these are the places where we are one. These are the places that call us to unity in God. It's the reason I'm still in the church.



The ROC No longer Expects books for donations.

Reminder: The shopping cart in the church narthex is for your donations to ROC Food Pantry. Thank you. **564 Foundry Street, Grants Pass 97526 541-476-3344**

Save the Dates!!!

July 10th– Pastor Melissa Reed

Pastor Reed serves as the Bishop’s Associate in the Oregon Synod office and will be meeting with our Call Committee, Outreach Committee, and Church Council during her visit with us. She will be giving the sermon message on July 10 and will be sharing about the direction of the church after service in a question and answer style format in the sanctuary.

You are encouraged to visit the ELCA website before her visit, www.elca.org, in order to learn more and prepare questions to ask of her during this time.



July 31st– Pastor Appreciation

Join us for a light brunch after church Sunday July 31st to fellowship with and thank our amazing three pastors who continue to serve and lead us as we search for our new pastor.

August 7th– Pastor Jody Becker

Pastor Jody is from Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Salem and will be visiting Calvary Lutheran Church to do a Q and A as well as giving the sermon message.

October 20-23 – VIA DE CRISTO

The dates for the fall Oregon Via de Cristo weekend have been announced. The retreat will be held here at Calvary on October 20-23. Via de Cristo is a national Lutheran movement which focuses on three days of Bible study, talks by both lay people and pastors, unique worship opportunities, spiritual renewal – and food, singing and laughter. About two dozen members of Calvary Lutheran Church have experienced a weekend, many of whom have said it made a profound difference in their lives. There is no cost to attend. If you have questions or are considering attending, please see Dave Leverenz or Linda Johnson.

Bishop’s Associate Coming to Calvary

Rev. Melissa O’Keefe Reed, the Bishop’s Associate for Vital Leadership and Sacramental Organizing will be visiting Calvary on July 9-10. Except for a brief visit from the Bishop herself upon Pastor Dave’s retirement, this will be the first significant visit from the Synod Office in several years.



“Pastor Melissa” served her internship and then as a called mission developer-pastor with Redeemer Lutheran in Portland, a congregation that faced aging membership and decline. She led them through transformation and rebirth into Salt & Light Lutheran Church and Leaven Community from 2008-2019.

In that sense, she “gets” what can happen when churches don’t respond well to change and what is possible when we take seriously Jesus’ call to love our neighbors.

While here, she will be meeting with the Outreach Committee, the Call Committee and Council. The next day, Sunday, she will preach, then hang around after the service to talk with members about their vision for the future.

Synod staff is often stretched thin these days. To some degree this is the result of reduced Mission support – a difficult reality in these difficult times. But we know that the Synod has not forgotten Calvary. The Bishop has been personally involved in our search for a new pastor and now we will be blessed with Pastor Melissa’s visit. Plan to be at Worship on July 10 and come prepared to have a meaningful discussion with her about what lies ahead.

Free for All Game Day!!!



**Thursday
July 28th
1 -4 p.m.**



JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Lunch with Friends</i> 12:00 pm	2
3 9:30 am Sunday Worship	4 4th of July Office Closed	5	6 6:00 am Men's Breakfast at Powderhorn Cafe 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	7	8	9 2:00 pm O.R. Committee With Pastor Melissa Reid 3:30 pm Call Committee With Pastor Melissa Reid
10 9:30 am Sunday Worship Meet and Greet with Pastor Melissa Reid	11	12 4:00 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting	13 6:00 am Men's Breakfast At Powderhorn Cafe 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	14	15	16
17 9:30 am Sunday Worship	18	19	20 6:00 am Men's Breakfast at Powderhorn Cafe 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	21 Council Meeting 5:15 pm	22 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9am-2pm	23 Whitmore Celebration of Life
24 9:30 am Sunday Worship	25	26	27 6:00 am Men's Breakfast at Powderhorn Cafe 9:30am Stitchcrafters 10:00am Worship & Music 3:30pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm Praise Team	28 Free For All Game Day 1-4 pm	29	30
31 9:30 am Sunday Worship Pastor Appreciation Brunch						