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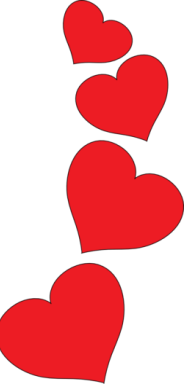
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Sundays:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Calvary Caller



February 2023

“Kirby’s Korner”



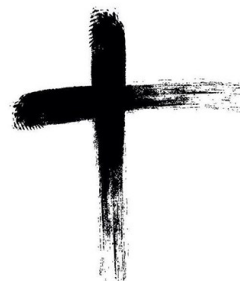
I invite you to join me on a 40-day journey in Lent starting February 22 with our Ash Wednesday service of ashes. Our foreheads are marked with ashes to remind us of our mortality. It reminds us that this life will end. Nonetheless, in that ending we live in the hope of life with God.

Our Lenten journey will then continue with an invitation to live simply and keep our focus on repentance and returning to God’s grace. There will be 6 Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. The colors on the altar during this season will be purple. This deep, rich color has come to represent somberness and solemnity, penitence, and prayer. On the 5 Sundays before Passion (Palm) Sunday the adult class will be focusing on a video series called “How Lutherans Interpret the Bible”. Pastor John and I will be facilitators.

Mid-week Lenten services will be held at 6:30 on Wednesday. We will use the “Joyous Light” as our worship setting. Each service will feature one of our members giving a brief address on “My favorite Bible verse.” Prior to the service a simple soup and bread supper will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 PM.

“Taking Faith Home”, which is available on-line and as handouts in the narthex, is a great resource for your daily Bible readings during this season.

May your Lent be full of simplicity and renewal this year!



Pastor Kirby



Amazon Smile Program to Terminate

Amazon has sent notice that they will be
terminating the Amazon Smile donation program on **February 20th**.

There is still time for anyone to make a purchase through this program and have Amazon give a percentage of the purchase to Calvary.

Serving the Lord...

Communion Assistants

*2/5 Pastor / Gary Blom
Dave & Tanya Haight*

*2/12 Pastor / Crystal Zimmer
Travers & Jennifer Voris*

*2/19 Pastor / Janine Nave
Bonnie Cordes & Carol Wilson*

*2/26 Pastor / Gary Blom
Crystal Zimmer & Tanya Haight*

Video/Sound

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

Greeters

2/5 Mark & Kim Grinde

Altar Guild

*2/5 Dolly Rodriguez / Dave & Tanya Haight
2/12 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt / Teresa Schwerdt
2/19 Anna Gorskaya / Bonnie Cordes
2/26 Evelyn McFarland / Sandy Hoadley*

Ushers

*Ryan Thompson, Captain
Matt Eide
Diane Weaver
John Mann*

Hostess Committee

*Barbra Woodburn
Karen Mastel
Elaine Trump
Glenda Bailey
Laura Bolden
Barbara Brown
Jennifer Voris*

Council Members

*Lisa Jaroslow
John Maas
Karen Blom
Matt Eide
Karen Mastel
Gary Blom
Judi Bliss
Bill Bianchi
Dave Leverenz
Jackie Matheny
Audra Myerchin
Noel Hoback
JoAnne Smith*

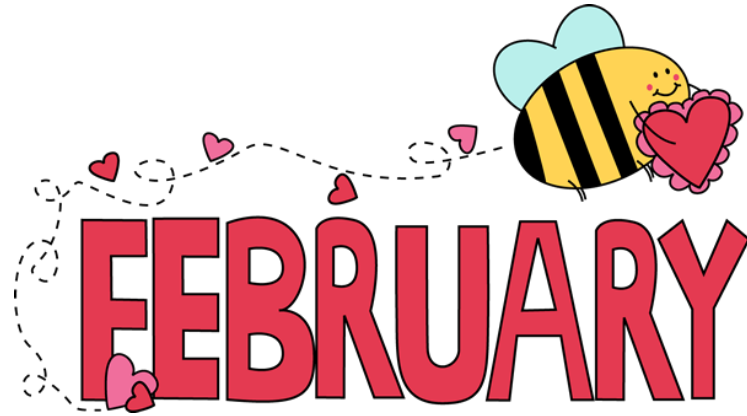
Lectors

*2/5 Crystal Zimmer
2/12 Jennifer Voris
2/19 Jean Scherpf
2/26 Janet Capetty*

ALTAR FLOWERS Presented to the glory of God by:

*2/5 In Honor of Larry & Diane Weaver’s 55th Anniversary
2/12 The Stutts Children in Honor of Ken Stutts 93rd Birthday
2/12 In Honor of Jack & Joanne Nahmias Anniversary
2/26 Joan & Chuck Hathaway in Memory of Joan’s Mother
2/26 George Straka in Honor of Elaine Byrum’s Birthday*





02/03	Diane & Larry Weaver
02/06	Shirley & Ben Albertson
02/11	Adele & Paul Tamosunas
02/12	Joanne & Jack Nahmias,
02/21	Jim Sweeney & Diane Hoover

Dave Bliss	02/01
Harold McClarnon	02/01
Pat McClarnon	02/01
Jonnie Maurer	02/02
Jeanne Workley	02/03
Glenda Bailey	02/06
Don Hurd	02/08
Joan Hathaway	02/09
Charlene Jernigan	02/10
Jan Brown	02/11
Jill Cook	02/12
Ken Stutts	02/13
Nancy Higgins	02/15
Marilyn Dierks	02/16
Frances Sprain	02/16
Ryan Tommerup	02/18
Peter Angstadt	02/21
Sher Widger	02/25
Elaine Byrum	02/27



From the Council:



We are one month into 2023 and Calvary Lutheran Church has some exciting and amazing opportunities ahead of us. It is so inspiring to watch as individuals step up and put God's plans in action for our church and our community.

Our interim pastoral team, Pastors John, Kirby, and Keith, have a worship plan in place through April. It has been great to watch these leaders work together, and side by side, helping our church navigate this interim period. Additionally, as we approach the Lenten season which begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22, Pastor John and Pastor Kirby, will be working together to lead these mid-week services. I'm also excited to announce that our weekly Lenten soup suppers are returning! The first soup supper will be hosted by the Outreach Committee on Wednesday, March 1 at 5:30.

I also remain hopefully in prayer as our Call Committee continues to move through the process of calling our next pastor of our church. As I write this article, I know that they're preparing their hearts and minds as they get ready to interview the prospective candidate. Please continue praying for these individuals who have given so much of their time and energy in helping our church move forward. Pray that God continues to work through them and that His will be done.

There is much anticipation surrounding our newly reorganized Parish Education Committee and all of their amazing plans. Their enthusiasm and excitement is certainly contagious. In addition to weekly Sunday School classes, they are planning activities for our youth and kids to participate in. They are also in the planning stages of cleaning out and updating our nursery and classrooms. Our chairperson, Audra Myerchin, has several individuals who may be interested in working as a nursery attendant on Sunday mornings. If you'd like to join this team, please reach out to Audra ... there are some exciting things coming up!

I am very grateful for our congregation, made up of uniquely gifted individuals, remembering that God made each of us with a purpose and a plan. Take a moment to pause, reflect on the special gifts that God has given to you, and how you can use those talents to serve His Kingdom.

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:12

Lisa Jaroslow
Council President

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN



I hope all of you have been enjoying your time meeting in your Food, Fellowship & Fun (FFF) group. Our group has met twice and it has been great getting to know one another.

Please take a picture of your group and send it to me. The photos will be shared in the Narthex. Please email your photo to jenvoris@gmail.com.

Our next FFF group sign-ups will begin mid April. There will be a two-week overlap while we have sign-ups. We hope to have the FFF group list disseminated by the first week of May when the 2022 groups will end. This will give FFF members to take advantage of the beautiful spring weather with our new groups.

PARISH ED



Parish Ed is now up and running. As a committee we have established a schedule to provide consistent and fun Sunday School activities each Sunday while working with a limited volunteer pool. The new Sunday School schedule will be run through Sunday, May 21st.

The first Sunday of each month all the Sunday School classes will meet as a whole group (pre-K through High School) for a Bible story and activity. The High School students have volunteered to run an accompanying activity for the younger kids in the program.

On the last Sunday of the month, the whole Sunday School class will embark on a group outing for a fun, team building activity. On February 26th we will be going on our third outing together. The students are encouraged to bring along friends.

For the Sundays in-between, classes will meet in three smaller groups with Pre-K/Elementary, Jr High and High School classes each meeting in separate groups.

It is the hope of the committee to find additional volunteers so that we can provide classes for the remainder of the year and eventually further break-up the Pre-K/Elementary group into more developmentally appropriate classes.

The next Parish Ed Committee meeting will be held at the church on Friday, February 24th. Please consider joining the Parish Ed Committee. All are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or ideas about Parish Ed, feel free to contact me at: audramyerchin@yahoo.com

February Sunday School Schedule

2/5 & 2/12

Individual Classes Meeting (Pre-K/Elem, Jr High, HS)

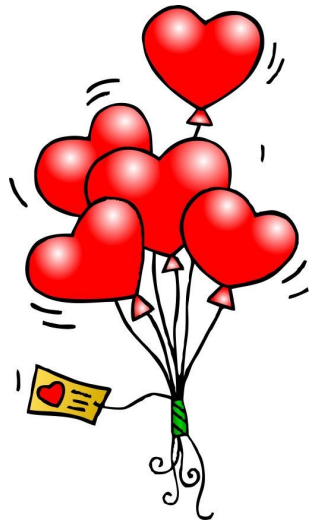
2/19

No Sunday School (School Holiday Weekend)

2/26

Group Outing: TBD

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**

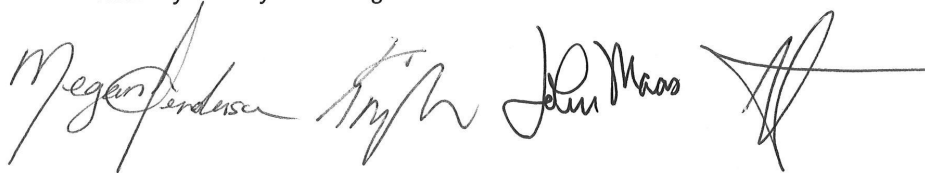


**Please join us for lunch on
February 3rd at Noon!**
We appreciate that everyone is attending so faithfully.
We love that we can all get together for a time of fellowship. So fun!

THANK YOU

Dear Members and Friends of Calvary,

Thank you for your kind gift to the four of us at Christmas.



Thank you to everyone who provided presents for Every Child. As a church, we were able to provide 79 children with Christmas gifts. Thank you for your generosity.
God's blessings to you in the new year.
Melinda Eide

In Between Time By Pastor John Maas

Christmas is past, with its bright lights and pretty wrapping paper, now torn and thrown out. The gifts hoped for were either received or not. Even the ones we wanted have taken on a regular spot in our lives, perhaps now on a shelf somewhere, already used goods.

The Ball fell in Times Square, to the blaring of cheap, Chinese paper horns and in our neighborhood, gunshots that began about 9 P.M. I guess they were going with East Coast times. At midnight, Dec 31, the new year, 2023 crept.

Now we slog through Winter, with lots of rain and snow, rock slides and blown down trees. In our neighborhood a number of fences now look like piles of firewood after the big windstorm.

Life goes on – the good and the bad. Mostly, it simply goes on, slipping by one day at a time that becomes a week, a month. And before you know it, some enthusiast will tell us how many days until Christmas. (I've already heard from one of them.)

Our lives are in the time being, the now. We may want to live in the past, but we are given the now. We may yearn for what is to come, but we are given now. We want a new Pastor. But God is with us now in the Word and in the Bread and Wine of Life. The congregation waits in expectation. The Pastors hope for a good match, soon. But until then, it is the time being, the time we have. There are people who need our attention now. The children of our church need to be seen now. Those who are sick and in recovery from surgeries need our healing touch now. The good news of God with us – Emman'u-EL- is now. The Eternal One holds us close now. I think one of the best things about the Incarnation . . . the Word that became flesh . . . Jesus, son of Mary and Son of God is eternally in between time.

God is with us in God's eternal NOW, our present moment.

The Divine Mystery who is beyond our knowing,
the God of all the 'thens,'

the One who is ever 'will be,' in Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, revealed in Mary's child is God's eternal 'NOW.'

Jesus, God in flesh is God like you and me. With us now. What has been has been.

What will be will be (a nod to Doris Day and Que Sara Sara).

We have now.

Jesus is here now.

Emman'u-El, God with us . . .

now.



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 10:00 am Music & Worship Mtg 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	2	3 12:00 pm Lunch with Friends	4
5 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	6 CBS 10am-12pm	7 Office Hours 9am-12pm 10:00 am Outreach Mtg 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Fellowship Mtg	8 6:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	9 2:00 pm Countryside 4:30 pm Council Mtg	10	11
12 9:30 am Sunday Worship (M.M or 2 CLC Endowment Fund) 10:30 am Sunday School	13 CBS 10am-12pm MoPs 6:30-7:30 pm	14 	15 6:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	16	17	18
19 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 9:30 am Sunday Worship	20  CBS 10am-12pm	21	22 6:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service	23 MoPs 6:30-7:30 pm	24 Red Cross Blood drive 9am to 2pm 2 pm Parish Ed Meeting	25
26 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 am Sunday Worship 1:00 pm Youth Outing	27 MoPs 6:30-7:30 pm	28				