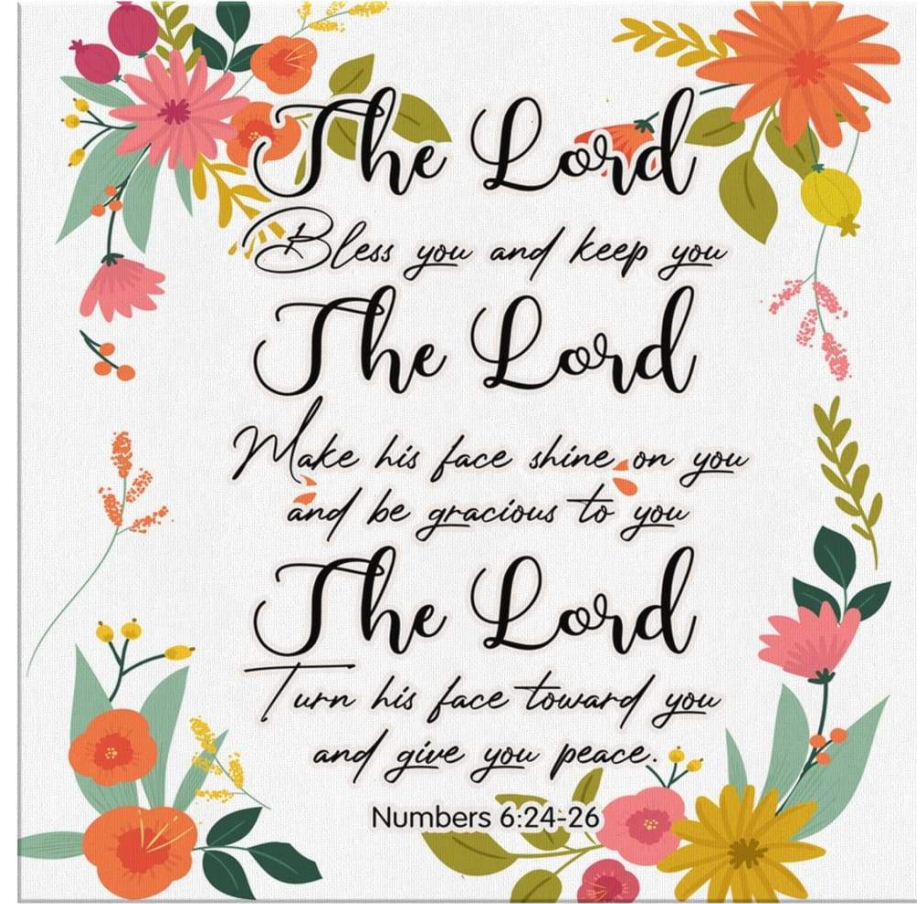


# Calvary Caller



May 2023



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**Kirby Nave, John Maas, Keith Jaroslow, Interim Pastoral Team**  
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**Jeannine Reddell, Pianist**  
**Megan McCarty, Administrative Assistant**  
**Sundays:**

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

# “Kirby’s Korner”



We are in the midst of Easter! This is a time of hope, of resurrections, of new life!

We at Calvary are at the threshold of a new chapter in our history. Sometime in the next few months, the Myers family will be joining us. We will be led in ministry and growth by Pastor Jon and Sister Jennie!

It is my prayer that we be generous in our hospitality in helping this new family make their home here. We assist them with getting to know our congregation, our programs, our members and also the greater Grants Pass community.

Offering such hospitality should not be foreign to us. We are called and expected to show hospitality wherever we go: to our fellow Christians, to our family members, and to the stranger. Because Christ is Risen, we are called and expected to be “little Christs” to our community and our world. “Little Christs” is a phrase Luther used to describe the life of Christians in the world. Let us be “little Christs” to Pastor Jon and his family, to one another, and to our congregation.

Pastor Kirby



## A Quick Look at Kairos Torch

Kairos Torch Evidenced based behavioral program provides a 2½ day Christ-centered experience. Kairos Torch is for youthful offenders, and is for those institutions classified as Youthful Offender Facilities, housing youths age 13-19. Kairos Torch is ecumenical in nature, striving for denominational balance among the team. Kairos Torch is financially self-supporting as are all Kairos programs. Team members are recruited from among those who have a heart for working with the youth and commitment to mentor weekly for 6 months. Team members come from church communities and their well-balanced lives will reflect their Christian values. Every team includes a clergy, who acts as spiritual leader. A Torch weekend is designed to minister to 18 to 30 participants, however has had 7 to 10 participants. The Torch team is made up of 20 to 30 volunteers who volunteer inside the facility and as support team outside the facility, depending on the number of residents who attend.

Please contact Sher Widger if God has placed it on your heart to bring God's light & love to our youth. Christ is counting on you!

# Serving the Lord...

## Communion Assistants

5/7 Pastor Kirby / Pastor John  
Diane Weaver & Linda Jonson

5/14 Pastor Kirby/ Pastor John  
Travers & Jennifer Voris

5/21 Pastor Kirby / Pastor John  
Crystal Zimmer & Carol Wilson

5/28 Pastor Kirby / Pastor John  
David & Tanya Haight

## Hostess Committee

Karen Mastel  
Bonnie Cordes  
Sharon Matson  
Sharon Emfingler  
Diane Hoover  
JoAnne Smith

## Ushers

Vic Connelly, Captain  
Ron Tosh

## Altar Guild

5/7 Dolly Rodriguez / Sandy Hoadley

5/14 Evelyn McFarland/ / Bonnie Cordes

5/21 Anna Gorskaya / Sandy Hoadley

5/28 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt/ Dave & Tanya Haight

## Lectors

5/7 Joan Hathaway  
5/14 Janet Capetty  
5/21 Marica Cottrill  
5/28 George Straka

## Video/Sound

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

## Council Members

Lisa Jaroslow  
John Maas  
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:

5/7 Crystal Zimmer in Honor of Gordon Hoefers 97th Birthday  
5/7 Candy & John Rentz in Honor of Chet Speziale (Candy's Father)  
5/14 Peter & Denise Angstadt in Memory of Catherine  
5/21 Marcia Lembcke  
5/21 Loraine Beckman-Glans Birthday  
5/28 The Stutts Children in Honor of Ann Stutts 93rd Birthday








**05/01 Sharon & Noel Hoback**  
**05/06 Nancy & David Lindall**  
**05/06 Lisa & Keith Jaroslow**  
**05/07 Janine & Kirby Nave**  
**05/19 Dean & Teresa Schwerdt**  
**05/29 Audra & Brad Myerchin**  
**05/30 George & Nancy Breen**  
**05/30 Dr. Don & Karin Lanahan**

<b>Nadine Fowler</b>	<b>05/01</b>
<b>Roberta Marsh</b>	<b>05/05</b>
<b>Gordon Hoefer</b>	<b>05/07</b>
<b>Freya Matthews</b>	<b>05/07</b>
<b>Ryan Thompson</b>	<b>05/07</b>
<b>Dennis Hinders</b>	<b>05/08</b>
<b>Madison Rounsaville</b>	<b>05/08</b>
<b>Tannon Rounsaville</b>	<b>05/08</b>
<b>Marie Hill</b>	<b>05/10</b>
<b>Dale Wachsmuth</b>	<b>05/13</b>
<b>Don Wilson</b>	<b>05/14</b>
<b>Ben Albertson</b>	<b>05/16</b>
<b>Pat Chambers</b>	<b>05/16</b>
<b>Carol Smith</b>	<b>05/16</b>
<b>Morgan Gravelle</b>	<b>05/20</b>
<b>Morgan Thompson</b>	<b>05/20</b>
<b>Marcia Lembcke</b>	<b>05/23</b>
<b>Natalie Bjorge</b>	<b>05/24</b>
<b>Carol Dallas</b>	<b>05/25</b>
<b>Ann Stutts</b>	<b>05/25</b>
<b>Sharon Hoback</b>	<b>05/26</b>
<b>Sean Connelly</b>	<b>05/27</b>
<b>Larry Bailey</b>	<b>05/28</b>
<b>Karlee Albertson</b>	<b>05/29</b>
<b>Linda Mann</b>	<b>05/30</b>
<b>Bonnie Lawler</b>	<b>05/31</b>

And now these three remain:  
 faith, hope and love. But the  
 greatest of these is love.  
 1 Corinthians 13:13

**From the Council:**

I am so excited to have the opportunity to be a part of Calvary Lutheran Church moving into the next chapter of their ministry. On Sunday, April 16 our congregation voted to call Pastor Jon Myers as our new Pastor, and his wife, Sister Jennie Myers as our Deacon. They excitedly have accepted the call and are currently in the process of working to sell their home in Oklahoma, pack their belongings, and find a home here in Grants Pass. They are very eager to begin the next phase in their lives and ministry with us!

Pastor Jon officially gave his notice with his current church on Tuesday, April 18 and his last Sunday at his church will be May 21. As you can imagine, in any transition, there are a lot of emotions: excitement, nervousness, sadness, happiness. Please continue to pray for the Myers family and their children through these changes. They will have a few weeks to move and settle into Grants Pass before they officially begin their ministry with us.

At this time, they plan to begin with us on Sunday, June 18.

I would like to again thank the Call Committee for their diligent and prayerful work over the past year and a half.

Thank you, Scott Christopherson, Laura Boldon, Melinda Eide, Monte Zeller, Ron Smith, and Jan Stutts. We appreciate all that you've done for our church! Thank you also to Pastor John Maas who worked closely with the Call Committee, giving guidance and perspective.

As with any new chapter, in any book, this next chapter may be a bit different. Things may not be done how 'they've always been done' and that's ok. I pray for all of us to be open to new ideas, new ministries, and new perspectives. We have great opportunities in front of us and I can't wait to see how God continues to bless our church!

Lisa Jaroslow







## YOU ARE INVITED!!

Hot dog Lunch!

**Sunday May 21st** (After Worship)

In the Fellowship Hall!

May is our last official Sunday School education month.

To celebrate a successful year, we will be hosting a fun-filled old fashioned "hot dog lunch" on Sunday May 21st and everyone is invited to attend!

We will be meeting directly after the service in the fellowship hall to enjoy a hot dog lunch complete with, chips, lemonade, ice cream bars and lots of smiles.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex on May 7th. This will give us a good idea on how many lunches to plan for.

We hope to see you all there!



## PARISH ED

April was a busy month for Parish Ed. On Easter Sunday we held our annual Calvary Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to all who helped us make this day memorable for our kids. Thank you to our middle school and high school students who stuffed all the eggs we used in the hunt; and a **big thank you** to those who so generously donated all the goodies that made the event so sweet and fun for Calvary kiddos!

This year has been first and foremost about building relationships with our kids and youth so we purposely scheduled off-campus outings as part of our Sunday School program. Kelly Tommerup has done an amazing job arranging, chaperoning and organizing these field trips. Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend these events for the kids and youth who are the future of Calvary. So far, we have been bowling, hiking and ice skating. By the time you read this newsletter, our kids will have climbed the walls, literally, at the Rogue Rock Gym. Despite winding up for the year, Parish Ed hopes to continue meeting for a few outings over the summer. We will keep you posted and would love to have you join in the fun!

Lots of activity has been going on behind the scenes in Parish Ed. Denise Angstadt has made a huge dent with the goal of organizing all the Sunday School classrooms. Having classroom space meets an important goal for our program. Specifically, Denise has cleaned, organized and stocked our classroom spaces so that each developmental level of our kids can get the most out of their spiritual education. You can help us by keep each Sunday School room ready for Sunday School activities by keeping non-Sunday School materials out of the classrooms. If you need a place to store non-Sunday School materials please check in with Larry Weaver or Bill Bianchi and they can assist you figure out additional storage options.

We have exciting news in Parish Ed! We would like to welcome Hope, the newest member of the Parish Ed team. Hope will be working part-time in the position as Calvary's Nursery Attendant. As the Nursery Attendant she will be supervising 0-5 kids during the Sunday church service. Additionally, Hope will provide a Sunday School lessons for our pre-school kiddos during the Sunday School hour. Please stop by the nursery and give her a warm Calvary welcome.

Our team would like to give a special shout-out to Dick Cottrill for all his hard work on creating the job description and for publishing the Nursery Attendant job. **We are still on the look-out for additional Nursery Attendants so that we have staff coverage for this position year-round. If you know of any qualified persons, the position pays \$18. Moms with young children are welcome to apply. Any interested parties can contact [audramyerchin@yahoo.com](mailto:audramyerchin@yahoo.com)**

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It has been an honor to have served our youth this year. As we enter a new phase for Parish Ed next year, we ask you to continue in prayer for our youth and for the future of Calvary's Sunday School program and the Parish Ed program. It will be exciting to see where God will take us next



## Calvary Financial Summary - March 31st



### Income - General Offering:

Budget: \$88,365

Actual: \$74,095

### Expenses:

Actual: \$81,697



### Lutheran Disaster Relief

Fires, floods, tornados, and hurricanes continually sweep across the country. This year the council added Lutheran Disaster Relief to our benevolence budget to provide aid to the victims of these disasters. 4% of our general receipts collected each week and distributed quarterly. For the quarter ending March 31, \$2,661 was forwarded to the agency.

If any member would like to make individual contributions to this program, it has been set up in Simply Giving (Lutheran Disaster Relief) to make your contribution or you can use your individual offering envelope or a contribution envelope from the pews to have your gift added. If using either your personal envelop or one out of the pews, please be sure to clearly mark it for this program.



**Easter 2023**

Anna G. and Marcia Lembcke



## Lunch with Friends

Join us for lunch next  
Friday **May 5th** at **Noon!**



**Thank you to Rich and Laura Acosta** for volunteering to attend our Oregon ELCA Synod Assembly virtually on May 20!

We forward to hearing what you learn!



Calvary Lutheran Church had 216 people in person and 94 tuned in online! In total we had **310** Worshiping with us!

Thank you everyone who volunteered their time and efforts during the Lenten Soup Suppers, Seder, Holy Week and Easter!

We couldn't of done it without you!

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Parish Ed 1:00pm  MoPs 6:30-7:30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Stitchcrafters 10:00am Music & Worship Mtg 3:30pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm Praise Team	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Lunch with Friends 12:00pm	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Sunday School	<b>8</b> MoPs 6:30-7:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Stitchcrafters 1:00pm Ladies Bible Study 3:30pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm Praise Team	<b>11</b> 2:00pm Countryside 4:30pm Council Mtg	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <i>Happy Mothers Day</i> 9:30am Sunday Worship Mission Minute (Or 2)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Stitchcrafters 3:30pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm Praise Team	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30am Sunday Worship End-of-the-year Sunday School Celebration (Fellowship Hall)	<b>22</b> MoPs 6:30-7:30pm	<b>23</b> 10:00am Outreach Mtg	<b>24</b> 6:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Stitchcrafters 1:00pm Ladies Bible Study 3:30pm Praise Team	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Red Cross Blood drive 9am to 2pm	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Day of Pentecost 9:30am Sunday Worship	<b>29</b> Office Closed  Memorial Day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Stitchcrafters 3:30pm Praise Team			