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**Sundays:**

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

# Calvary Caller

The grass withers and  
the flowers fall, but  
the word of our God  
endures forever.

Isaiah 40:8

forever

# October 2022

## “Kirby’s Korner”



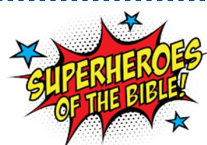
In the year 1517 a 34-year-old priest and a faculty member at the University of Wittenberg nailed a list of debate topics onto the church door. I think Professor Luther was expecting a civil academic debate on the value of indulgences. Albrecht Von Brandenburg, archbishop of Mainz, was deeply in debt and had to come up with a huge sum of money (ten thousand ducats) to be paid for the rebuilding of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. His fund-raising plan: sell notes (indulgences) that promised forgiveness of sins. These could be used to free deceased loved ones from purgatory.

Luther's stance was that sin could only be forgiven by God and that was God's free gift.

As we well know, his request to debate some ideas resulted in the Protestant Reformation and, as a result, changed the Western world. October 25 is the 505<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the nailing of these 95 theses on the church door. Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the day that Calvary acknowledges that event. We remember Luther, his remarkable life and work. But, even more, we remember that he has redirected us back to the heart of our faith: that in Christ, we are forgiven and made whole, not by our works, but by God's free gift of love. Amen to that!

**Needs:** Do you or someone you know have a need and would to ask in the Caller??? Let us know!!

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## Heroes of the Bible

Beginning on Sept. 25 in the Sanctuary, after worship service, Pastor Keith Jaroslow will be looking in-depth at the lives of six people in the Bible and their impact on the overall story of God's redemption of humanity. Additionally, we can look at the lessons that they learned in their own lives through their successes and their failures and how we can apply those lessons to our own lives. They are six stories of God using imperfect people for His perfect plan.

September 25: Jacob  
October 2: Joshua  
October 9: Samuel

October 16: Solomon  
October 23: Esther  
October 30: Paul

## Serving the Lord...

### Altar Guild

10/2 Evelyn McFarland/ Sandy Hoadley  
10/9 Dolly Rodriguez/ Tanya Haight  
10/16 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt/ Colleen Michaelis  
10/23 Anna Gorskaya/ Bonnie Cordes  
10/30 Denise & Madeleine Angstadt/ Teresa Schwerdt

### Communion Assistants

10/2 Pastor / Janine Nave  
Jack & Joanne Nahmias

10/9 Pastor / Crystal Zimmer  
David & Tanya Haight

10/16 Pastor / Janine Nave  
Diane Weaver & Gary Blom

10/23 Pastor / Carol Wilson  
Bonnie Cordes & Crystal Zimmer

10/30 Pastor / Janine Nave  
Jack & Joanne Nahmias

### Lectors

10/2 Janet Capetty  
10/9 Joan Hathaway  
10/16 George Straka  
10/23 Marica Lembcke  
10/30 Mary Quick

### Hostess Committee

Karen Baertschiger  
Linda Welo  
Sandy Hoadley  
Terry Morrison  
Janine Nave  
Denise Nelson  
Marty Porter

### Greeters

10/30 Don & Carol Wilson

### Ushers

Ken Jernigan, Captain  
Jerry Michaelis

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

10/2 George Straka & Elaine Byrum in Celebration of Life  
10/9 Marica Cottrill in Celebration of Dick's Birthday  
10/23 Larry and Glenda Bailey in Honor of their 66th Anniversary



### Video/Sound

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

### Council Members

Lisa Jaroslow  
John Maas  
Karen Blom  
Matt Eide  
Karen Mastel  
Gary Blom  
Judi Bliss  
Bill Bianchi  
Marcia Cottrill  
Ken Jernigan  
Dave Leverenz  
Jennifer Voris  
Jackie Matheny



### From the Council:

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

At last month’s church council meeting Pastor John shared that he is grateful for the challenges and struggles that our church has gone through over the past year. He went on the elaborate, that it is through challenges and difficulties that we are able to grow. As a council, and as a congregation, we’ve been able to dialogue, listen to one another, and we are able to grow in our understanding and appreciation of differing points of view. Sometimes this is not easy. I’m excited about the call committee small groups that are forming for this purpose. I love this anonymous quote, “The pain you feel today is the strength you feel tomorrow. For every challenge encountered there is opportunity for growth.” I know that as we experience growing pains as a congregation, continuing to seek the pastor that God has planned for us, He is with us every step of the way. As we continue in our pastoral interim period, there is no need to be frightened or to worry. As Joshua states, “the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” God is with us as a congregation, He is with you, and He is with me. How reassuring and peaceful is that?

Our congregation continues to move forward in such a positive way! I’m excited about the new classes, events, and places to serve here at Calvary. I see opportunities to grow in my faith and grow closer to God. As we approach the end of the calendar year, the church council has begun preparing for our annual congregational meeting to be held on November 13 after worship service. We have several council members whose terms are up at the end of this year. Marcia Cottrill, head of the outreach committee, and Jennifer Voris, head of publicity, will both be stepping off of council since their terms are up. Ken Jernigan, head of parish education, will also be stepping off of council. The following members have graciously agreed to continue to serve; Karen Blom as vice-president, Karen Mastel as secretary, and Dave Leverenz as head of stewardship. At council, we formed a nominating committee composed of Marcia Cottrill, Karen Blom, Karen Mastel, Pastor Kirby, and three congregational members. This committee will be working together to prayerfully seek two individuals to fill these vacant council seats. This is yet another opportunity to serve our church.

I continue to be reassured of God’s presence within our church and within the body of our congregation. We truly are blessed as we walk through this interim period, continuing to seek, grow, and to understand God’s Will for us as Calvary Lutheran Church.

Lisa Jaroslow – Council President



Keith Jaroslow	10/02
Audrey Myerchin	10/02
Dennis Vroman	10/03
Sophia Thompson	10/04
George Breen	10/06
Dick Cottrill	10/08
Brad Myerchin	10/08
Tanya Haight	10/09
Dennis Schallock	10/13
Emma Thompson	10/15
Lori Elrod	10/19
Rudy Dierks	10/21
Alan Cordes	10/22
Bill Powers	10/22
John Mann	10/23
Gabryel Merritt	10/24
Ernie Mortensen	10/24
Jax Rodriguez	10/25
Eleanor Myerchin	10/26
Robert Moat	10/30



10/01	Barbara & Buck Woodburn
10/06	Whitney & Kevin Bixler
10/12	Denise & Peter Angstadt
10/23	Travers & Jennifer Voris



## PRAYER

Pastor John Maas, Interim Pastoral Team Member

*When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't, they don't.*  
William Temple

Prayer is a relational conversation between the one(s) praying and God.

Again and again, the Bible is full of God's promises to hear the prayers of God's people and promises that God will respond.

We are promised that God hears us and that God will respond to our prayers. We are *not* promised that God will do what we ask God to do in the way we want God to do it. We are promised that God does what is best . . . as God defines 'best.'

My mother was a convert to Christianity. She was regular in prayer. She told me that one night as she prayed, she said, with some satisfaction, [sic] "And thank you Lord for my strong faith. Thank you that you grant my prayers and requests." Mom said it was a moment in which God spoke clearly to her. "Lynne, I don't give you what you ask for because you have a **strong** faith." She told me it was a humbling moment, but it was also a moment when she better understood the petition in the Lord's Prayer, 'thy will be done.'

When we pray, we invite God into our lives, to do in our lives what God knows is best, when God knows the time is right.

Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened to you." (Mt 7:7)

Praying is the asking part. But having prayed, Jesus encourages us to **seek**. We asked? Now look around. Where can we find an answer from God. The simple answers are in Scripture, in Bible study, in Worship. But what about thoughts and ideas that come to us? What about a conversation in which, suddenly, something becomes clear to us? I find that 3 a.m. awakenings are a great time to muse and listen for God to move my mind. How will we know how God answers us if we do not seek the answer?

Praying is the asking part. Knocking on doors is actively seeking others who can provide answers. Who are giants of faith in your life? What books, videos, movies are there in which wisdom is found? Who are the people that we never expected to be a resource that we discover had just the right answer we were looking for – unexpected grace! Why not knock on some unusual doors!

Heck, I would be remiss as a Pastor if I did not tell you to knock on your congregation's door! Weekly worship is steeped in Scripture and consideration of how God speaks through Word and Sacrament.

**Ask. Seek. Knock.** When we pray, we invite God into our lives. When we open ourselves to God, WE are changed. And God's will is done among us.



## MOPS is at Calvary!



Calvary has welcomed a local chapter of MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)! This is a national organization that encourages moms to come together and lean on one another through the adventure of parenting, helping each other grow in Christ as mothers, partners, and women. While MOPS is aimed at mothers with young children, all moms are welcome (especially veteran moms who have been through the journey and can provide guidance!).

Jessica Albertson (mother of Freya and Oliver) is one of the group leaders.

You may contact her or email [mymopsgp@gmail.com](mailto:mymopsgp@gmail.com) for more information.



**October 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**

Come join us for a mini communion service at Countryside Village where you are guaranteed to get a blessing and be a blessing. The mini communion service is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and led by Pastor Kirby. It is an excellent opportunity to connect with our Calvary friends, several who are no longer able to attend our Calvary Sunday services.

The next service is October 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Sign in at the front desk in the main building and the staff will direct you to the chapel on the second floor. Elevators are available. The address 1700 Kellenbeck Ave, Grants Pass. We hope to see you there!

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite everyone to a Christmas buffet Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Grants Pass Golf Course. Details will be in the bulletin soon.





*The ROC No longer Excepts 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**

Next Outreach Committee Meeting October 5, 2022 at 10:00 am.

We would love to receive more participation from our congregation.

We have many needs within Grants Pass CLC members can donate to ....or volunteer.

The ROC.....Judy Nacheff is the CLC contact.

ROC is in need for boxed and nonperishable items such as: Stove Top Stuffing, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Rice, Oatmeal. ROC can also use volunteers, please talk to Judy for information.

EveryChild.....Debbie Christopherson is the CLC contact. Debbie will be posting specific needs. EveryChild is requesting for Diaper Bags items soon.

Woman's Crisis Center.....JoAnne Smith is the CLC contact.

Gospel Rescue Mission.....

Boys & Girls Club.....

**\*\*Marcia Cottrill and Pastor Kirby have almost finalized the updated Phone Listing for members & friends.**

Jerry & Colleen Michaelis have been critical in helping with identifying the aged data, sending letters etc to help update our congregation's list.

**\*\*Outreach also manages Home Communion by Pastor Kirby when requested.**

**\*\*The CLC members receive visits from Pastor Kirby for those who can no longer attend services in the chapel.**

**\*\*We keep an active list of members at CountrySide, Cascade and other home bound individuals.**

**\*\*Mary Stevenson handles mailing of cards to homebound and others as requested.**

Thank you again for signing the "Friendship Pads" on Sundays.



## Calvary Lutheran Annual Meeting Sunday, November 13th

Meeting will be directly after the service.

Save the date for our annual

Calvary Lutheran Church Membership Meeting.

All are welcome to attend but, you must be  
a Calvary Lutheran Church member  
in order to vote.

### LEARNING AND GROWING AT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We have an adult class, Heroes of the Bible, led by Keith Jaroslav after church. We would like to explore the best way to help our younger members learn and grow in the faith. We recognize that we might not have enough participants to have a traditional Sunday School program; however, we do believe that there are other effective learning strategies such as an intergenerational study after worship.

We would like to meet with children, parents, grandparents, god-parents, and any interested adult for a brainstorming session following worship in the **Sanctuary on October 2**. You bring ideas, we will provide some refreshments.



# OCTOBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>9:30 am Sunday Worship</b> 2 Heroes Bible Study “Joshua”  Parent Pastor Planning Meeting (After Worship)	3  9-11 am CBS	4  4:30 pm CLC nominating Mtg	5  6:00 am Men’s Breakfast 9:00 am Lefse making 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 10:30 am Outreach Mtg 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	6  MoPs 6:30-7:30 pm	7  12:00 pm Lunch with Friends	8
<b>9:30 am Sunday Worship</b> 9 <i>Mission Minute (or Two) WCST</i> Heroes Bible Study “Samuel”  Tech Tutors (Narthex)	10  9-11 am CBS	11  9:30 am Stitchcrafters Mtg	12  6:00 am Men’s Breakfast 9:00 am Lefse Making 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 10:00 am Music & Worship Mtg 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	13  MoPs 6:30-7:30 pm	14  2:00 pm Countryside	15
16  <b>9:30 am Sunday Worship</b> Heroes Bible Study “Solomon”	17  9-11 am CBS	18	19  6:00 am Men’s Breakfast 9:00 am Lefse Making 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	20	21  RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9am-2pm	22
<b>9:30 am Sunday Worship</b> 23 Heroes Bible Study “Esther”	24  9-11 am CBS	25	26  6:00 am Men’s Breakfast 9:00 am Lefse Making 9:30 am Stitchcrafters 3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Praise Team	27  MoPs 6:30-7:30 pm	28	29
<b>9:30 am Sunday Worship</b> 30 Heroes Bible Study “Paul” <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	31 9-11 am CBS					