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The Caller

LOVE > FEAR

LOVE DRIVES OUT FEAR

Paul writes: *²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.* Galatians 5:22-25

My Mom was raised in the Southern Baptist Church here in Washington—a denomination deeply rooted in the Bible Belt, that has shaped the Christian landscape of the South for decades. She left that denomination, with relief, when she was a teenager, after being invited by a friend to join other teens at a local Lutheran League (youth group). In the Lutheran Church she began to hear about a gracious God, and she liked the God she met there. No doubt the kindness of her Lutheran friends made that transition even more attractive.



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Important Dates

Wednesday, July 6th

Movies with Morals

Saturday, July 9th

VBS Day at Farmer's Market

From the Pastor, continued...

Mom's decision to leave the SBC was confirmed for her in midlife, when her own mother—newly widowed—decided to return to church after my grandfather died. (My Granddad had been ill, so my grandmother had faded from weekly worship, while taking care of him.) When she returned to church, the elders of her local congregation questioned her fitness for membership, and pressed her to name the precise date on which she had been “saved.” My grandma was looking for welcome; instead she got scrutiny. My mother introduced her to our local congregation.

This past month the Southern Baptist Convention (at their national assembly), declared that the Confederate flag is a symbol of hatred and should not be flown in public spaces. And this past week a leader in the SBC declared that “soul freedom” was so integral to human dignity that Christians should not seek to restrict the rights of Muslim citizens to practice their faith.

This is mind-blowing stuff. A denomination known for its fundamentalist views, and prescriptive faith, is defending the rights of people of color and of different faith traditions. The church's words are prophetic.

I don't think it's an accident that we are hearing these surprising public declarations by the SBC in 2016. We live in a country and world that is feeling pretty unkind. The presumptive GOP presidential candidate wants to restrict Muslims from living in or emigrating to the U.S. The U.K. has voted to leave the European Union, and some Brits have taken this (marginal) vote as permission to express their racial and ethnic hatred. Isolationism abounds. (We humans want to feel safe, so we push away those we don't understand or know or look like.)

But notice what the notoriously closed Southern Baptist Convention is doing: Opening up. Becoming vulnerable. Practicing being the neighbor (like the Good Samaritan). They are risking reaching out to those who are not like them. Or, to use Paul's words, they are living by the Spirit. In Galatians 5 Paul calls the Church not to live by fear or self-interest, but to live open-hearted with “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” It's what I am amazed and overjoyed to see in these two actions of the Southern Baptist Church.

That open-heartedness—*in us*, at Calvary, in Federal Way, for the sake of the stranger—is also what will make the world a less hostile and more welcoming place.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Hate doesn't drive out hate. Love drives out hate.” So Jesus calls us to show our faith by bearing the fruit of the Spirit. And so I urge you, who are loved by Christ, to be a “little Christ” in our community: Love, be joyful-patient-kind-generous-faithful-gentle, and practice self-control. And in you, *in us*—Jesus' people here at Calvary—the people of Federal Way (Muslim, homeless, atheistic, skeptical, gay, black, brown, and gray) will see the Spirit's fruitfulness.

Your sister in faith,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lori Alcorn". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Pastor Lori

Outreach

Red Wagon Spotlight: Calvary's 2016 Vacation Bible School

The Red Wagon will roll on Sunday, July 10th for Calvary's 2016 Vacation Bible School, Power Patrol. We are collecting donations for creative snacks and super hero craft projects.

Requests—Food/Supplies:

- 6 gallons apple juice
- 4 gallons Hawaiian Punch
- 500 6oz paper juice cups
- 300 small paper plates
- 500 medium napkins
- 1 box medium latex gloves, no powder
- 1 box large latex gloves, no powder
- 60 ct package 6" bamboo skewers
- 1 large package straight stick pretzels
- 1 large box Ritz crackers
- 2 large jars Cheese Whiz
- 1 box Batman cereal
- 1 medium jar peanut butter
- 1 large box Rice Krispies
- 1 bag marshmallows

Requests—Craft Supplies:

- muslin fabric (1/2 yard per cape)
- puffy paint, fabric markers, craft foam
- beads, sequins, etc.
- velcro strips (for capes and wristbands)
- cardstock
- stencil material
- yarn
- safety pins
- gift cards to craft stores are also welcome

These donations will help make the POWER PATROL energized the whole week! Monetary donations will be used to purchase necessary supplies. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Blessings & Peace,
Marchy Curtis



Women's Ministries



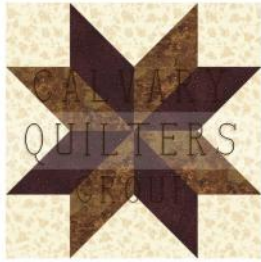
Naomi Circle

Tuesday, July 5th at 7:00 P.M.

Janet Vahala

36219 24th Place S, Federal Way, WA 98003

Contact: Madeline Yamada



LWR Quilters Group

Monday, July 11th at 10:00 A.M.

in Learning Center #1.

Contacts: Corky Black and Madeline Yamada



Lunch Bunch

Thursday, July 21st at 11:30 A.M.

[Huckleberry Square Restaurant](#)

[14423 Ambaum Blvd SW, Burien, WA 98166](#)

Contact: Mary Helen Amberson



**Thursday,
July 14th
7:00 P.M.
Poverty Bay
Café**

Women in their 30's thru 50's are invited to a discussion of Leah Remini's decision to leave Scientology.

Check out the article at:

www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/05/18/leah-remini-scientology_n_7293434.html

Bible Studies & Book Clubs

Forum, Tuesday Bible Study, and Midweek Bible Study
are on hiatus until the fall.

Men's Thursday Bible Study continues through the summer.

Men's Bible Study

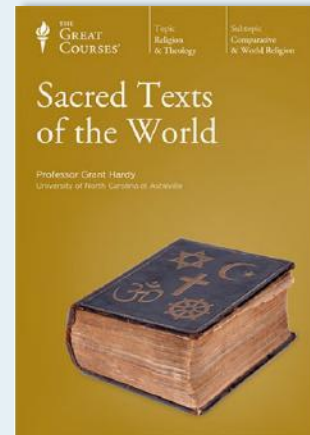
Thursdays at 8:00 A.M.

The current study is from the video series [*Sacred Texts of the World*](#), a series from The Great Courses.

On Thursday, July 7th, they meet at Poverty Bay Café,
1108 S. 322nd Place, Federal Way.

Thursdays, July 14th, 21st, and 28th, they will meet in
Calvary's LC #2.

Contact: Bill Johnson



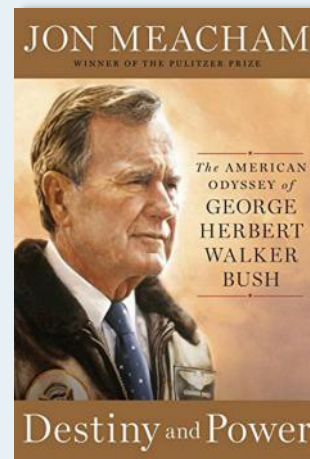
Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will meet on Thursday, July 14th at
1:30 P.M. in LC #1.

July Book: [*Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush*](#) by Jon Meacham

August Book: [*H.M.S. Surprise*](#) by Pat O'Brian

Contact: Larry Bengtson



Book Club

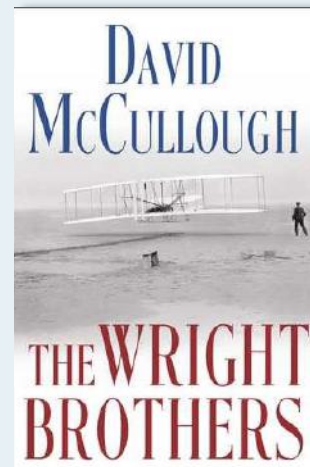
The Book Club is open to men and women interested in
exploring literature together. Visitors interested in discussing
a particular book or wanting to join are always welcome!

July Meeting: Monday, July 25th at 7:00 P.M. in the Library

July Book: [*Wright Brothers*](#) by David McCullough

August Book: [*The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto: A Novel*](#) by
Mitch Albom

Contact: Gail Pierson



Intergenerational Ministries




Pub Theology

April 22nd
May 27th
June 24th
July 22nd
August 26th

4th Friday/Month
6:30 P.M.

 Billy McHale's, 1320 S. 324th St., Federal Way 98003
21+ Welcome * Childcare Available at Calvary

August SLO Trip: Mt. St. Helens—Wednesday, August 10th



Senior Lutheran Outings presents

PowellsWood Garden Storytelling Festival

Saturday, July 23rd

Meet at Sacajawea Middle School at 9:00 A.M. for the shuttle.
Festival is from 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. \$20.00/person.
You can bring a picnic lunch or order lunch at the park (catered by Panera.)
Note: Snack Shack takes cash only.
Purchase tickets at the gate or at www.powellswoodfestival.org. Sign-up in the Narthex.

Movies with Morals *presents:*

Sweet Land



In the aftermath of World War I, Inge Altenberg, an orphan from Snasa, Norway, arrives in America to a very cold reception. The parents of immigrant farmer Olaf Torvik remain in Norway, where they met her. Dialogue reveals that the four of them have worked out an agreement that allowed her to emigrate to America for the purpose of marrying Olaf. The Minnesota farming village of Audubon, in which her intended husband lives, is horrified to learn that she is a German immigrant with no papers. To make matters worse, she has accidentally obtained membership papers for the American Socialist Party. Scandalized, both the town's Lutheran minister and the county clerk refuse to marry them.

Bring a snack, come watch the movie, and then stay for a light-hearted discussion of immigration, refugees, mixed marriages, and politics.

Wednesday, July 6th

1:00 P.M. in the Great Room

Door-to-door service to the accessibility entrance will be available.

Summer Camp—July 17th - 22nd



Thanks to your generosity at the Cookie Fundraiser on June 12th, we raised \$670 toward camp expenses!



Through the generosity of six individuals and the Men's Bible Study group, all additional financial needs for camp will have been met. You donated \$870! Thank you so much!

The third week of July, six students from Calvary and six students from Christ Lutheran will be traveling together to Idaho, where they will participate in camp activities and participate in community service.

All students—and their parents—are asked to have paperwork into Intern Pastor Carrie Smisek no later than Sunday, July 10th.

On Sunday, July 10th, there will be a brief pre-camp check in meeting at 12:30 P.M. in LC #1. All campers and their parents are required to attend.

On Sunday, July 17th, we will pray over our campers before they head off to Idaho.

Vacation Bible School—August 1st - 5th



FARMER'S MARKET

On Saturday, July 9th, Calvary's Vacation Bible School will have a booth at the Federal Way Farmer's Market.

You are invited to sign-up for a 2-hour shift at the Farmer's Market. We'll meet people and invite them to Vacation Bible School.

Sign up in the Narthex or outside the Great Room. Questions? See Intern Pastor Carrie Smisek.

VOLUNTEER FOR VBS

Volunteering for VBS is so much fun! There are lots of ways to help out—from team leads to snack helper to games, music, or crafts. Sign up in the Narthex or outside the Great Room. Questions? See Intern Pastor Carrie Smisek.

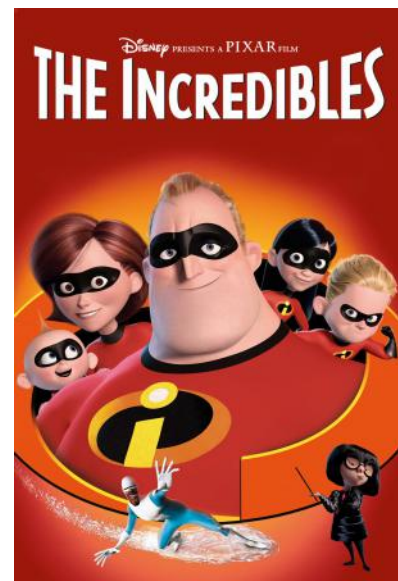
VOLUNTEER TRAINING

VBS Volunteer Training will be held on Sunday, July 31st at 12:30 P.M. Come enjoy lunch as we refresh our knowledge for the week to come.

INTERACTIVE MOVIE NIGHT

On Thursday, August 4th, Calvary will host an Interactive Movie: Disney's *The Incredibles*.

Held in conjunction with VBS, this event is free to the community. Invite your friends and family to join us for pizza and a fun movie!



Church Business

Update from Narthex Task Force

The Narthex Task Force met on June 12th and we wanted to inform you of our final decisions. Upon confirming our budget allowance with Building & Grounds, we felt we can proceed with the following:



1. Rather than paint the brick walls on the north & south side of the entryway of the narthex, sheetrock will be applied with leveling the surface prior. This will keep the brick intact should it want to be refurbished in the future. Electrical outlets will be added on these two walls & updated on the east wall as needed.
2. The entire narthex will be painted a soft beige tone to make the walls uniform in color. The ceilings will remain white until such time as new lighting is installed.
3. The education wing door will be refinished and the glass pane updated with clear glass.
4. A picture hanging system will be installed on the north & south walls for artwork/ bulletins for display.
5. The windowsills next to the sanctuary doors will be re-stained and most probably the wooden arches.
6. A small sofa and / or comfortable chairs with a small table will be purchased in a color that provides contrast for the walls.
7. A monitor (approx. 40") will be installed on the east wall for streaming the worship service and highlighting upcoming events for Calvary. The usher's cabinet will be painted a contrasting color to enhance the area.

As representatives of the congregation at large we felt these decisions were made in the best interest of creating a more inviting, brighter, open, and contemporary look to the narthex area. As you know the process has been long and maintaining our budget was paramount. Therefore we have faith all should be completed as noted.

Estimate start time will be the Fall of 2016. This gives Building & Grounds some "down time" and also allows for vacation during the summer months.

We are very honored to have Phil Sell (Building & Grounds member) guide us through this project along with all of the talented men and women who will give of their time as we proceed.

Members of the Task Force include: Grace Schwartz, Nancy McEleney, Phyllis Dirks, Randy Baeth, Kelley Thoreson, Lin Fant, Shari Winslow, Madeline Yamada, Marcly Curtis, and Paula Fowler (who has abstained from being a member during her terms as Council President)

Respectfully Reported,

Marcly Curtis

Narthex Task Force Chairman

Finance Team Report

2016	January - April	May	YTD	Total Planned	YTD % of Plan**
Income	\$117,967	\$38,319*	\$156,286	\$419,622	37.2%
Expenses	\$129,322	\$31,869	\$161,191	\$419,622	38.4%
Net Ordinary Income	(\$11,355)	\$6,450	(\$4,905)		

* Includes \$2029 Thrivent Choice dollars

** May is 42% of the year

2015 Data for Comparison

2015 Actual Results

2015	January - April	May	YTD	2015 Total (Actual)	YTD % of Actual Total
Income	\$134,946	\$33,237	\$168,183	\$414,036	40.6%
Expenses	\$150,541	\$31,684	\$182,226	\$411,906	44.2%
Net Ordinary Income	(\$15,595)	\$1,553	(\$14,042)		

WHAT'S NOTEWORTHY?

Thanks to above average income in May of \$38,319 (including a deposit of \$2029 in Thrivent Choice Dollars) and expenses of only \$31,869, May's income exceeded expenses by \$6,450. The result is that the 2016 year-to-date (YTD) deficit has been significantly reduced to -\$4,905. That is good news, but there is still progress to be made on reducing the deficit.

As the tables above reflect, 2016 income and expenses are both below 2015 levels but expenses are down more than income from 2015 leading to a lower YTD deficit than last year at this time.

If you are planning to be away this summer, consider developing a plan to keep your giving up to date to help avoid extreme month-to-month income deviations. Using online giving (www.calvaryfw.org/online-giving.html) is one method that can be used to help you keep your giving current when you are away. It's easy to make either a one-time donation or to set up a recurring donation. Thank you for your generous support to Calvary!

Did you know that the most recent, finalized Council minutes are posted in the office each month? To facilitate access, a document link will now also be provided in the monthly Caller e-mail.

Calvary Community



Roof Replacement

On Sunday, June 19, 2016, Calvary members voted to approve the roof replacement and associated bridge loan. Work has begun!

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to this important—and BIG—project.



I had to figure out how to fill this space. Usually, everything fits just right. But not this month. Anyway, I thought I would share some bulletin bloopers culled from around the country. Next time your fallible publications coordinator makes a mistake, remind yourself that it could be worse. Though it is possible that "There is No Easter or West" is about as bad as it gets.

~Sarah Nelson, Pub. Coord.

- If you choose to heave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.
- The preacher will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth With Joy."
- Thursday night: Potluck Supper—Prayer and medication to follow.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.
- Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.
- The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- Today's Sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? with hymns from a full choir.
- [minister had been ill]: GOD IS GOOD—Dr. Hargreaves is better.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I upped My Pledge — Up Yours."

Grounds Work Party

On Saturday, July 9th, you are invited to participate in a Grounds Work Party at 9:00 A.M. No sign-up necessary. Just show up ready to work!

Living Stones TV Raffle



The good news is that many individuals from many local churches participated in the TV raffle, raising about \$3,500 for Living Stones Prison Ministries. The bad news is that I did not win the TV. You didn't either. Frank Kinkela of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lacey won. We are mostly happy for Mr. Kinkela and very happy for Living Stones!

Dear Calvary Church Friends,



I want to express our gratitude for all the love and concern, never ending prayers, encouraging words and even tears shared over these past 8 months during our son Brendan's cancer journey. I sometimes wonder how we would have made it through such a difficult year had I not been a part of the Calvary staff and community. Your thoughtful expression of support really has made a difference in helping our family to heal and look toward a brighter future. I want to specifically thank the Prayer Shawl Group and Care Connection. Thank you all and God's Grace always!!

~ Rachel O'Reilly & Family

Prayers for Members with Ongoing Health Issues

Vivian Anderson
Marion Beck
Virginia Benson
Marsha Case
Yvonne Eagan
Carrie Ferguson

Janet Freeman-Daily
Jeanne Hotchkiss
Harold & Ardy Jobse
Joann Jones
Marlise Ross

MILESTONES

Birthdays

- 1 Marta Frost
- 2 Harold Jobse
- 5 Paula HeideIman
- 6 Carolyn Davis
- 6 John Schuh
- 10 Kari Frost
- 14 Avery Liening
- 16 Patti Smith
- 16 Donna Wendelburg
- 17 Sierra Paris
- 19 Stan Stenersen
- 20 Jackie Russo
- 22 Mike Fant
- 24 Susan Hoppler
- 28 Kathy Nathan
- 31 Charles Reintsma

Baptismal Anniversaries

Allen Hagen
Jean Nistad
Meghan Riddle

Worship Leaders Schedule

	3	10	17	24	31
Sanctuary @ 9:00					
Acolyte				Nevada Paris	Tina Hoppler
Assisting Minister	Craig Hoppler	Bobbi McClain	Marj Hause	Madeline Yamada	Karin Johnson
Pew Communion	Marj Hause	Gail Pierson	Karin Johnson	Pat Roragen	Madeline Yamada
Communion	Renate Cooper	Chris Harris	Pat Roragen	Sharon Stenersen	Marj Hause
Assistants	Roger Lundeen	Chuck Harris	Marlise Ross	Stan Stenersen	Vicki Smith
<i>serve juice or tray</i>	<i>Pat Roragen</i>	<i>Lynn Naumann</i>	<i>Gail Pierson</i>	<i>Mary Sawyer</i>	<i>Bill Johnson</i>
<i>alternate-serve juice or tray</i>	<i>Becky Riddle</i>	<i>Karin Johnson</i>	<i>Bobbi McClain</i>	<i>Holly Fisher</i>	
Greeters	Jean Warmbo	Ellen Gaebe	Vonne Fowler	Chris Harris	Corky Black
	Vern Warmbo	Doris Rime	Barb Frost	Chuck Harris	Lynn Fisher
Reader	Phil Sell	Marj Hause	Dixie Baeth	Doris Hauf	Vivian Anderson
Ushers	Betty Huff	Keith Klungness	Randy Baeth	Dan Achman	Holly Fisher
	Bill Huff	Kelly Thoreson	Bill Johnson	Denise Achman	Allen Parke
Sound Board	Glenn Sawyer	Allen Parke	Vern Warmbo	Glenn Sawyer	Craig Hoppler
Building Supervisor	Phil Sell	Keith Klungness	Allen Parke	John Tomko	Holly Fisher
Deeper Life @ 11:15					
Communion	Paula Fowler	Paula Fowler	Mike Ragan	Paula Fowler	Waverly Hagen
Assistants	Waverly Hagen	Jill Hill	Mary Sawyer	Jill Hill	IP Carrie Smisek
Greeter	IP Carrie Smisek	Jean Nistad	Waverly Hagen	Betty Pingeon	Mike Ragan
Altar Guild	Denise Achman	Fishers	Fishers	Gayle Miller	Gayle Miller
	Cindy Wagner	Ellen Campbell	Ellen Campbell	Kathy Nathan	Kathy Nathan
Hospitality	W. Hagen (both)	Diana Paris (9:00) Bonnie Nagode (11:15)	Corky Black (9:00) Mary Sawyer (11:15)	Fishers (both services)	Baeths (both services)

Please find your own replacement, then notify the office.
For future scheduling marj.calvaryelca@comcast.net

July 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 AM Worship/ Communion/Sanctuary 11:15 AM Deeper Life/ Communion/Great Room	27 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/ Work Room 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/ Great Room 7:00 PM Book Club/ Library	28 6:30 PM Finance Tm/LC #1	29	30 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2	1	2
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10 <i>Red Wagon Sunday</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Communion/Sanctuary 11:15 AM Deeper Life/ Communion/Great Room 12:30 PM Pre-Camp Meeting/ LC #1	11 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/ Work Room 10:00 AM LWR Quilting Group/ LC #1 6:30 PM CYFM Team Mtg/Library 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/ Great Room	12 7:00 PM Church Council/LC #1	13	14 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 1:00 PM Preschool Team/Library 1:30 PM Men's Book Club/LC #1 until 3:30 7:00 PM Women's Conversations Group/Poverty Bay Cafe	15	16
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INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 4TH

OFFICE CLOSED



2415 S. 320th Street
Federal Way, WA 98003

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE