

The Caller

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Songs of the Season

Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

Psalm 96:1-2

For the season of Epiphany, I got to pick out the hymns we are singing in church. Much like other times in the liturgical calendar, I was reminded of great songs that I love to sing. The Epiphany themes of light and discipleship are used throughout these musical pieces and I was again amazed at how profound the lyrics are. We are often tempted to sing without even listening to the words. But when we stop to pay attention, the words have an important message for us to hear.



One example is "We are Marching in the Light." This was the sending hymn and Bobbi McClain convinced me it was necessary to dance a little bit in the aisle as we walked down. As members were singing loudly, I listened to the words because I knew they had something to

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Love in a Time of Fear: Recognizing Muslims as our Neighbors Tuesday, February 28th

Intern Pastor Jake, continued...

teach me. What did it mean for me to march, dance, sing, and pray in God's light? For the other hymns, I also reflected on the fact that Jesus is our light and that he calls us to follow him.

In reality, a lot of these songs speak to the light that we have felt in our lives. This light is what continually calls us into discipleship as a response to the love and grace that we have received. Think of the classic hymn, "This Little Light of Mine." The lyrics say that Jesus gave me this light and I'm goin'a let it shine everywhere I go. It doesn't say anything about the special things that I have done or the failures of my life. No, it's all about what Jesus has done.

There was even a hymn that I put in twice on the calendar because it is so meaningful to me. When I was growing up in Salem, OR, my church repeated a lot of the same songs. There are a few that always make me think of that place. One of them is "Here I Am, Lord." It talks about the bigness of God but also God's faithfulness. The lyrics invite the singer to respond to Jesus.

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Again, though, if you look at the lyrics you will notice who does all of the heavy lifting. Jesus has "borne his people's pain," "wept for love of them" and "has set a feast for us." The words say that we will be given hearts of love to replace our hearts of stone.

Today our nation and world seems especially dark and divided. We have forged hearts of stone instead of opening up our hearts to one another. As we move from the time after Epiphany into Lent, let's pay attention to the songs of each season and what they have to teach us. To listen to the light that has come down for all people. Then, we can sing those great hymns while knowing that we are asked to respond to Christ present in our world today. Our response though is not a forced one, but rather we can just say, "Here I am, Lord." Here I am and help me to hold all your people in my heart.



"Here I Am, Lord" by Dan Schutt © OCP 1981 Used by permission. OneLicense #A-706774

Outreach

Red Wagon Spotlight: Federal Way Day Center

Our Red Wagon rolls on Sunday, February 12th. The Day Center serves the homeless in our community. Monday—Friday, 10:00—3:00 P.M., men and women can get hot food, a hot shower, and do their laundry. Catholic Community Services provides intake services for the Reach Out Shelters. And guests can receive referrals for other available services in our area.

Day Center Needs:

- Large black garbage bags
- Cup O Noodles
- Men's underwear
- Women's underwear
- Granola bars
- Instant oatmeal
- Backpacks
- Disposable ponchos
- Jackets
- Canned chili
- Cookies or muffins
- Coffee creamer







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Upcoming Outreach Events

Way of Companionship Workshop

Working Well with the Homeless

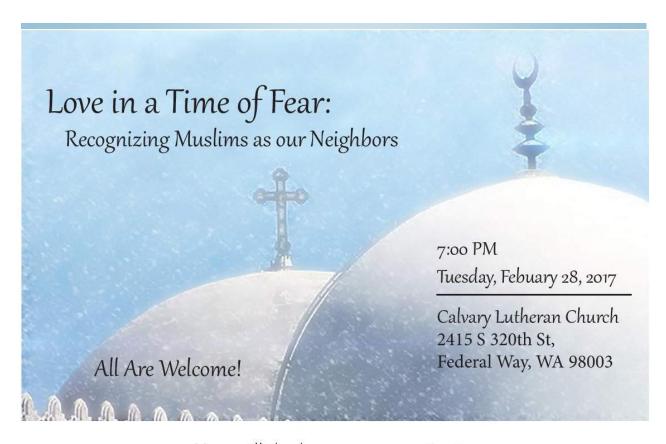


Sunday, February 12, 2017 1:00—4:00 p.m.

There is no cost to attend. Donations accepted.

Calvary Lutheran Church 2415 S. 320th Street Federal Way, WA 98003

Register by signing up in Calvary's Narthex, calling the office at 253.839.0344 or online at http://alturl.com/zeeze.



How will the human race navigate through the challenges that face us?

Our response is "love of neighbor".

Love of neighbor is the core teaching of Islam, Christianity and all great faith traditions. Love is not having positive feelings but rather the act of seeking the well-being of your neighbor.

Statement

We are people of faith, respecting our differences and celebrating our common humanity. We commit to:

- 1. Seek out neighborly relationships with people of other faith and/or non-faith traditions.
- 2. Resist in ourselves and society exclusionist ideologies that contribute to the dehumanization of and violence toward others.
- 3. Work in the public arena for the human rights of all people.

We will have time for Questions and Answers as a part of the event.

Sponsored by Calvary Lutheran Church, The Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA, and The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia.

Web: www.http://www.neighborsinfaith.org/
Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/neighborsinfaith/

Women's Ministries



Naomi Circle

Saturday, February 4th at 10:00 A.M. Madeline Yamada, Hostess

Contact: Madeline Yamada



LWR Quilting Ministry

Monday, February 13th at 10:00 A.M. Learning Center #1

Contacts: Corky Black or Madeline Yamada



Prayer Shawl Group

Ministry Monday, February 6th at 10:00 A.M.
Learning Center #1

Contacts: Deanna Kaasa



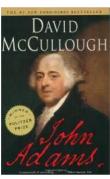
Lunch Bunch

Thursday, February 16th at 11:30 A.M.

Tokyo Japanese Steak House 1404 S. 320th Street Federal Way, WA 98003

Contact: Mary Helen Amberson

Book Clubs



Men's Book Club

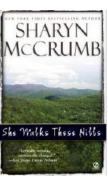
February Meeting: Thursday, February 9th at 1:30 P.M. in the Library February Book: *John Adams* by David McCullough

March Meeting: Thursday, March 9th, 2017

March Book: Being Mortal: Illness, Medicine, and What Happens in the End by

Atul Gawande

Contact: Larry Bengtson, Bill Johnson



Book Club

Open to men and women interested in exploring literature together.

February Meeting: Monday, February 27th at 7:00 P.M. in the Library

February Book: She Walks These Hills by Sheryl McCrumb

March Meeting: Monday, March 27, 2017

March Book: To Be Announced

Contact: Gail Pierson

Bible Studies

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M. in LC #1

This weekly Bible Study continues a study of the Gospel of Matthew

February meeting dates: 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

Facilitators: Pastor Lori Cornell, Intern Pastor Jake Schumacher

Midweek Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M. in Pastor's Office

A weekly discussion of the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and how they apply to our lives today.

February meeting dates: 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

Note: There will be no Midweek Bible Study on Ash Wednesday,

March 1st.

Facilitators: Pastor Lori Cornell, Intern Pastor Jake Schumacher

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in LC #1

Lutheran Basics 2.0: Tools for Reading Scripture & Thinking the Faith

February meeting dates: 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

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March 1st.

Facilitator: Pastor Lori Cornell

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays at 8:00 A.M.

The men are in the midst of study from The Great Courses, *Apocalypse: Controversies and Meaning Western History*.

February 2nd Poverty Bay Café, 1108 S. 322nd Place,

Federal Way 98003

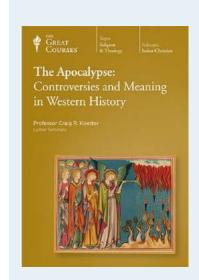
February 9th LC #2
February 16th LC #2
February 23rd LC #2

Facilitator: Bill Johnson









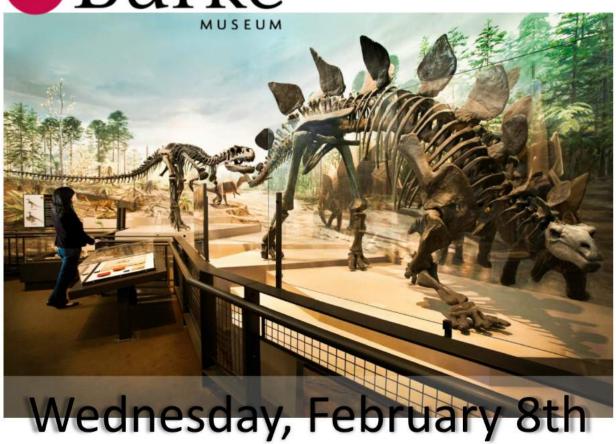
Intergenerational Ministries





Young Adults' February activity to be announced.

Burke



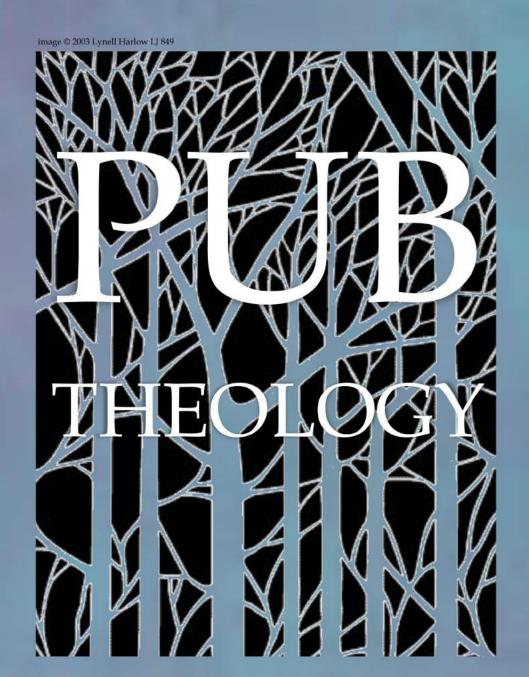
Senior Lutheran Outings (SLO) presents a trip to Burke Museum in Seattle, WA on Wednesday, February 8th. City of Federal Way Van leaves from Calvary at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 3:30 p.m.

Price:

\$30 for transportation (payable to Calvary Lutheran, "SLO-Burke" in check memo line) \$8 for museum entrance (payable at the door)

Sign up in Church Lobbies.

The Burke is Washington State's Museum of Natural History and Culture. For more information, visit www.burkemuseum.org.



February 24th

4th Friday of the Month at 6:30 PM Billy McHale's Restaurant (Federal Way)

Recommended Reading

As a follow-up to his January 15th Forum, "Sanctuary," here are books recommended by Kyle Franklin:

The Bible, Christianity, & Homosexuality

by Justin Cannon

This is a really easy read--about 50 pages. Justin gives a concise overview of the scriptures related to homosexuality. While it is true that he writes with a bias, it is still very academic and rooted in the pursuit of truth.

Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays-vs-Christians Debate

by Justin Lee

Justin Lee and I are pretty similar. We were both raised Southern Baptist and did much to change our orientations. While I never went through conversion therapy, I probably would have had I known about it. The book is an insider's look at the struggle of a young gay Christian. My favorite line from the book is "We can say God is loving and merciful, but if the church isn't loving and merciful, why would we be in any position to know that God is?"

A Letter to My Congregation

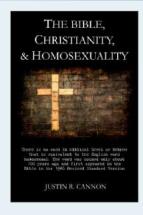
by Ken Wilson

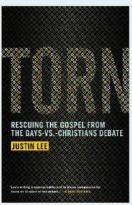
This book chronicles Ken's journey from opposition to inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons in his own (fairly conservative) congregation. He, too, references Scripture and has done a lot of research into the cultural context in which scriptures were written.

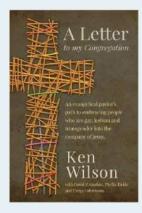
Walking the Bridgeless Canyon: Repairing the Breach Between the Church and the LGBT Community

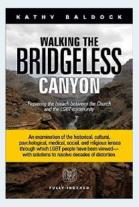
by Kathy Baldock

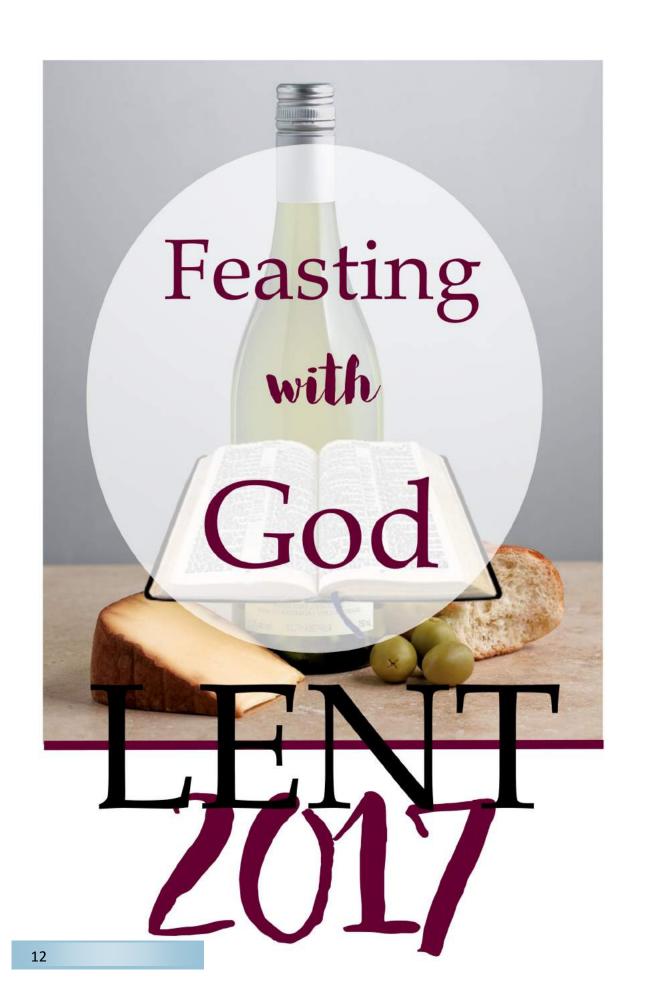
This is a pretty thick book but it is PACKED with good information. Kathy writes from a place of absolute humility and genuineness. She was in the perfect Christian family (and was brutally judgmental toward the LGBTQIA+ Community). Then her husband had an affair and they began the divorce process. All of a sudden, she was knocked off of her pedestal (because she believed that a righteous person could not be divorced) and she began meeting lesbian and gay people. Her own curiosity prompted her to do research on the topic of homosexuality and society's response to it. The result is her book.











Looking Ahead to Lent

Lent 2017: Feasting with God

February 26, 10:15: All-Age Brunch and Lenten Calendar Creation Extravaganza

February 28, Noon, to March 1, Noon: **Fasting with God** (Those who are able will forego food for 24 hours, as we empty our stomachs and open our hearts to the Spirit. We will also give the money we would have spent on meals to Lutheran World.

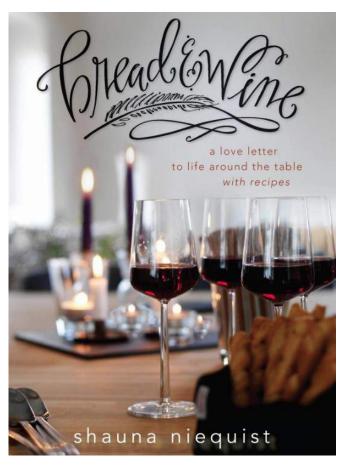
to the Spirit. We will also give the money we would have spent on meals to Lutheran World Hunger.)

March 1, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. This year we study Holy Communion in Luther's Small Catechism, and talk about "Feasting with God."

Activities for Feasting with God

We encourage you to participate in any and all of the following:

- Weekly Sunday Morning Worship: We explore what makes Holy Communion so important for us.
- Meal Groups: Hosted in members' homes at least two times in the Lenten season. Sign up to host if you are able to host one or more times.
- Lenten Book Reading: Bread and Wine: A Love Letter to Life around the Table with Recipes by Shauna Niequist (for those participating in Wednesday activities and Meal Groups)
- Wednesday, Noon Soup &
 Study: Feasting with God (God, Food, & Faith)
- Movies with a Moral: Chocolat and Babette's Feast (dates and times to be announced)
- ◆ **Seder Celebration** for the whole congregation in Holy Week



Church Business

A Report from Your Finance Team

2016	January - December	December	Year to Date	Total Planned	YTD % of Plan**
Income	\$415,012	\$47,897	\$415,012	\$419,622	98.9%
Expenses	\$400,870	\$43,738	\$400,870	\$419,622	95.7%
Net Ordinary Income	\$4,159	\$4,159	\$14,142		

2015 Data for Comparison

2015 Actual Results

2015	January - December	December	Year to Date	2015 Total (Actual)	YTD % of Actual Total
Income	\$414,036	\$40,647	\$414,036	\$414,036	100%
Expenses	\$411,906	\$40,476	\$411,906	\$411,906	100%
Net Ordinary Income	\$2130	\$171	\$2130		

What's noteworthy?

Due to the generous giving of congregation members in November and December, the income to expenses <u>deficit of \$5,456</u> that existed at the end of October was overcome and the year ended with an operating plan <u>surplus of \$14,142</u>! Thanks for your generous support to Calvary in 2016. Please continue in 2017!

Online Giving

Using online giving (www.calvaryfw.org/online-giving.html) is one method that can be used to help you keep your giving current, even when you are away. It's easy to make either a one-time donation or to set up a recurring donation. If you would like more information or help getting it set up, contact Suzanne Higgins (email: suzanne.calvaryelca@comcast.net)

You Shop, Companies Give

AMAZON SMILE: If you already shop on Amazon, you can set up your account so 0.5% of your purchases go to Calvary. When you shop, You shop. Amazon gives. go to www.smile.amazon.com, and type in "Calvary Lutheran Federal Way" for the charity of choice. When you have successfully selected Calvary, a line under the Amazon search bar will say: "Supporting: Calvary Lutheran Church." A resource for step-by-step instructions is www.worldofchildren.org/how-to-use-amazon-smile/. (Just be sure to select Calvary when you shop.)



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Calvary Family & Milestones

Prayers for Members with Ongoing Health Issues

Blaine Anderson Janet Freeman-Daily
Marion Beck Paula Heidelman
Virginia Benson Jeanne Hotchkiss
Marsha Case Harold & Ardy Jobse

John & Pat Corliss Joann Jones
Yvonne Eagan Marlise Ross
Carrie Ferguson Grace Schwartz

Baptismal Anniversaries

Suzanne Bergstrom Holly Fisher Nellie Gordon Ardy Jobse Dick Pierson Sue Thoreson

Birthdays

- 1 Marcly Curtis
- 6 Alex Nagode
- 7 Marion Beck
- 9 Lynn Fisher
- 10 Barb Frost
- 12 Doris Hauf
- 14 Bobbi McClain
- 15 Becky Riddle
- 16 Rose Baker
- 16 Kelly Baughman
- 16 Waverly Hagen
- 17 Don Smith
- 17 Marshall Warner
- 23 Nancy Conkle
- 26 Shari Winslow
- 27 Madeline Tam-Yamada



Harold & Ardy Jobse at the piano at home (photo credit: Sharon Stenersen)

Serving in Worship Schedule

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Sanctuary @ 9:00					noon	7:00 p.m.
Assisting Minister	Phil Sell	Jake Schumacher	Gail Pierson	Bobbie McClain	Jake Schmacher	Craig Hoppler
Pew Communion	Marj Hause	Bobbie McClain	Pat Roragen	Phil Sell	Karin Johnson	Madeline Yamada
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Communion Assist	Gail Pierson	Neal Cook	Kathleen Parks	Dottie Corliss	Renate Cooper	Mike Ragan
	Donna Wendel- burg	Sandra Cook	Becky Riddle	Ken Corliss	Vicki Smith	Pat Roragen
serve juice or tray	Al Parke	Craig Hoppler	Jake Schumacher	Lynn Naumann	Diana Paris	Marj Hause
serve juice or tray	Jake Schumacher	Pat Roragen	Sherry Fleury	Jake Schumacher	Corky Black	Jake Schumacher
Greeter	Neal Cook	Nellie Gordon	Dixie Baeth	Barb Frost	Marsha Case	Holly Fisher
	Sandra Cook	Diana Paris	Corky Black	Ellen Gaebe	Vonne Fowler	Lynn Fisher
Reader	Kathleen Parks	Larry Reintsma	Marj Hause	Dixie Baeth	Kathleen Parks	Donna Wendelburg
Usher	Randy Baeth	Betty Huff	Ray Holmes	Keith Klungness	Bill Johnson	Randy Baeth
	Keith Klungness	Bill Huff	Al Parke	Kelly Thoreson	Mary Sawyer	Ray Holmes
Sound Board	Glenn Sawyer	Al Parke	Glenn Sawyer	Vern Warmbo	Glenn Sawyer	Al Parke
Building Supervisor Keith Klungness	Keith Klungness	Bill Johnson	Vern Warmbo	Randy Baeth	Bill Johnson	Randy Baeth
Deeper Life @	11:15					
Communion Assis-						
tant	Paula Fowler	Jıll Hıll	Waverly Hagen	Paula Howler		
	Mike Ragan	Jake Schumacher	Mike Ragan	James Nichols		
Greeter	Waverly Hagen	James Nichols	Betty Pingeon	Jean Nistad		
Altar Guild	Kathy Nathan	Kathy Nathan	Gayle Miller	Gayle Miller	tba	tba
	Marlise Ross	Marlise Ross	Cindy Wagner	Cindy Wagner		
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Please find your own replacement, then notify the office. For future scheduling marj.calvaryelca@comcast.net

February 2017 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00 AM Coming Together Worship/Sanctuary 11:30 AM Constitutional Meeting/Social Hall 12:00 PM Annual Meeting & Potluck/Social Hall	30 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/ Work Room 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/ Great Room	31 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#1	1 10:00 AM Midweek Bible Study/Pastor's Office 7:00 PM Bible Study/LC #1	2 8:00 AM Men's Bible St/Poverty Bay Cafe 10:00 AM Coffee with Intern/Poverty Bay Cafe 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Loft 6:30 PM Confirmati on/Library 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary	3	4 9:00 AM Grounds Work Party 10:00 AM Naomi Circle/M. Tam- Yamada Home
5 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/ Communion/Sanctuary 10:15 AM Faith Education 11:15 AM Deeper Life/ Communion/Great Room 12:45 PM LEGS Group/LC #1	6 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/ Work Room 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Group/LC #1 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/ GreatRm 7:00 PM Peer-to- Peer Mental Health Support Group/ Fireside Rm	7 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#1 7:00 PM Manageme nt Team/WkRm	8 9:30 AM SLO/ Burke Museum 10:00 AM Midweek Bible Study/Pastor's Office 7:00 PM Bible Study/LC #1	9 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 10:00 AM Coffee with Intern/Poverty Bay Cafe 1:30 PM Men's Book Club/LC #1 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Loft 6:30 PM Confirmati on/Library 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary	10	11 1:00 PM Byrd Ordination 4:00 PM Living Stones Worship Service/Shelton, WA
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Sunday Forum

Sundays at 10:15 A.M. in the Social Hall



February 5th Personal & Home Protection

with Kent Police Commander Mike O'Reilly

February 12th Reconciliation & Sanctuary

with Rev. Rick Pribbernow

February 19th Finding Everything You Need on Calvary's Website

with Sarah Nelson

February 26th All Congregation Lenten Devotional Activity

Thanks to Reach Out Dinner Teams



(photo credit: Marj Hause)

A huge round of thanks to the meal teams who served our Reach Out guys this year. The men expressed their appreciation for the wonderful meals. They were treated to many favorites, including pork roast, chicken rice casserole, fish sticks, turkey breast, meat loaf and gourmet mac & cheese. We served 25 meals each night for two weeks. It's a big group effort, many thanks to all of you who stepped up to contribute to the success of this program.



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