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THE CALLER

Christmas Blessings from your Calvary Lutheran Staff

"Wherever there are sinners, the weak, the sorrowful, the poor in the world, that is where God goes. Here he lets himself be found by everyone and this message goes throughout the world, year and year anew. And it also comes once again to us this year."

*-Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
Christmas Sermons*



The Holy Family, Greg Olsen

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Some of my greatest memories at Pacific Lutheran University are of Tuesday nights in Tower Chapel, singing and praying through Holden Evening Prayer. The chapel was illuminated only by candles and the flickering of the light somehow added to the contemplative nature of worship. The depth of darkness and the importance of the light were always amplified in the winter. “Keep watch within me, God; deep in my heart may the spirit of love be burning bright.”

Holden Evening Prayer was especially important to me during Advent. Beyond the presence of darkness and light, the fact that we sang about Mary and the Annunciation helped to reinforce an air of expectation that otherwise felt absent for me. I was raised in a tradition that focused on Jesus coming to *save* the world. But, in the liturgical church, the season of Advent expresses a yearning and longing for Jesus to come and *change* the world!

We have all heard the stories of the poor Jewish boy who was born in a stable and laid in a manger. We have heard about the visit of the Magi and the shepherds. We have heard about the exile in Egypt. We have also heard

about Jesus teaching in the Temple and performing miracles and dining with people who were way below him in social status. We have heard the stories—but how often do we reflect on the way that Jesus truly *changed* the world?

The weekend prior to Thanksgiving, a small group from Calvary (Pastor Lori, Intern Pastor Megan, Bobbi McClane, Dave Fernandez, and myself) traveled to Seabrook Conference Center to meet with seven other congregations, Bishop Jaech, and the Synod Revitalization Team. We are participating in a program called **Imagine** that is intended to equip us to grow and become even more integral to Federal Way, both to those who already benefit from our ministries and to the greater community. Our guiding scripture:

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Ephesians 3:20-21

Over the next two years, this small team will regularly meet and study scripture. We will pray for each other, for the congregation, for Calvary, and for the greater Federal Way

community. And, in all reality, we will encourage you to love the Calvary that *is* and *has been* while challenging you to embrace the Calvary that *could be*. We know that change is sometimes uncomfortable, but we also know that the birth of Jesus *changed* the world! And, in Jesus’ name, we have the power to change the world, too!

As a first step, I ask you to pray. Pray for the Imagine team. Pray for Calvary and its ministries. And for yourself and your heart as a vital part of who and what Calvary *is* and *could be*.

May this season of waiting for Immanuel be filled with expectation and yearning for a world changed.



Kyle A. Franklin,
Council President

ADVENT

ADVENT FOCUS: Come, Lord Jesus

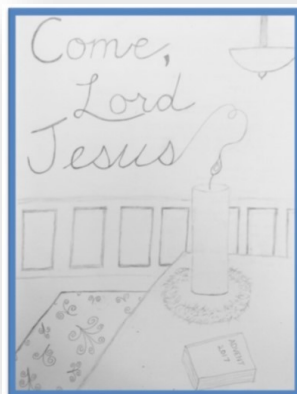
Sunday, December 3rd	Advent : Hope	Forum: What in the World is Advent? And what does Bonhoeffer have to do with it?"
Sunday, December 10th	Advent: Change	Forum: Cider, Cookies, & Reflections 9am service/children program
Sunday, December 17th	Advent: Power	Adult Forum: TBD
Sunday, December 24th	Advent: Peace	Christmas Eve Joint worship with Steel Lake at 10am
Wednesday December 6th, 13th, 20th	Advent Soup and Study Holden Evening Prayer	Noon in Social Hall 7pm, Great Room

All are welcome to join us for Noon and 7pm Advent Services: Noon includes lunch with soup and bread.

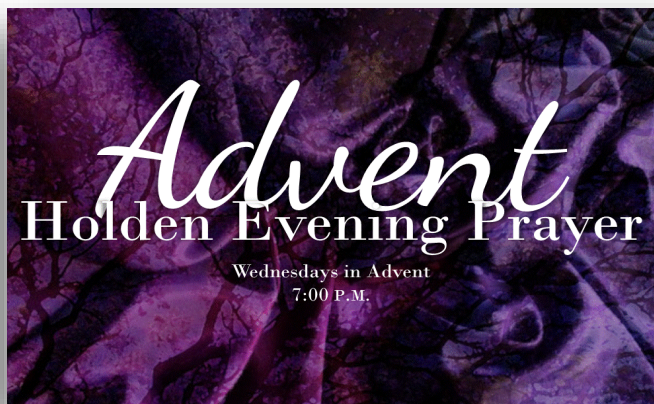


SIGN UP NOW TO BRING FOOD!

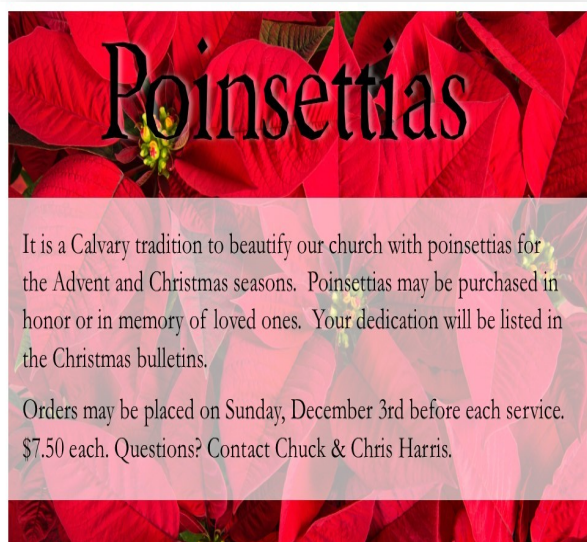
DECEMBER HAPPENINGS



Pick up your 2017 Advent Devotional in the Narthex. Or visit Calvary's facebook page to download a copy!



Bring a plate of your favorite cookies to share!



DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Bring your voice, your friend who doesn't have a church to sing Christmas songs in, and be ready to sing to amazing accordion accompaniment.

Featuring our friend, and guest artist, Erick Swenson.

(This replaces Pub Theology for December.)

Join us for



Beer & Carols

Sunday, December 17th
2:00 p.m.
Everyone 21+ welcome!

hosted by



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1000 Town Cir NE #100, Tacoma, WA 98422

many hands = light work

GROUNDS WORK PARTY

• CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY

Saturday, December 2nd 9:00a.m.

The Calvary's Church Office will be closed
on Mondays, December 25th & January 1st
in observance of the holidays

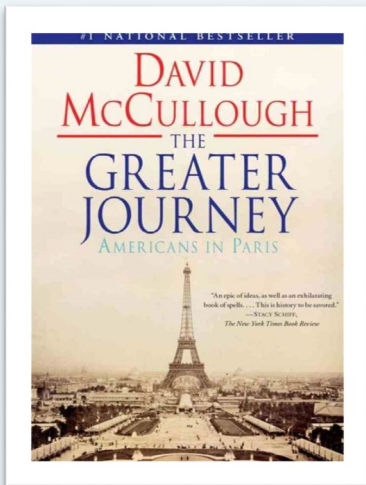
Merry Christmas
AND A VERY PROSPEROUS
New Year!



Christmas
Worship
SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve 5 pm, 7 pm service	Monday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day 10 am service	Sunday, Dec. 31st New Year's Eve 10 am Lessons & Carols
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MINISTRIES MEETING IN DECEMBER



Men's Book Club

**Next Meeting: Thursday,
December 14th, 2017
at 1:30 P.M. (LC#1)**

Book: [The Greater Journey](#)
by David McCullough

January's Book: [The Last Stand
of the Tin Can Sailors](#)
by James Hornfischer

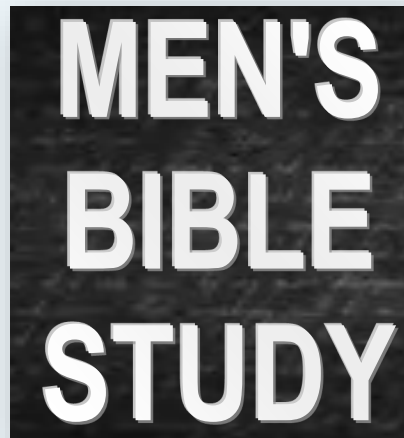
Contacts: Larry Bengtson and
Bill Johnson

Thursdays at 8:00 A.M.

December 7th
Poverty Bay Café,
1108 S. 322nd Pl. FW

December 14th LC #2
December 21st LC #2

Facilitator: Bill Johnson



Lunch Bunch

December 21st
at 11:30 A.M.
Twin Lakes Country Club

Contact:
Mary Helen Amberson



Widow's Group

Salad Potluck
December 14th
at 12:00 P.M.
Corky Black's home

Please contact the church
office for directions.

**There will be no
December gathering
for these groups:**

Book Club
LWR Quilters
Wednesday Bible Study
Naomi Circle
Prayer Shawl
YAM (Young Adults)

**These groups will not
meet on specific dates:**

[Sunday Forum](#)
Sunday, December 24th

[Deeper Life Band](#)
Monday, December 18th
Monday, December 25th
Monday, January 1st

[Tuesday Bible Study](#)
Tuesday, December 19th
Tuesday, December 26th
Tuesday, January 2nd

Deadlines

[Annual Reports](#)
Monday, January 8th

[January Caller](#)
Monday, December 18th

UPDATE Reach Out – Help Needed

by Suzanne Higgins

Reach Out shelters –for both men and women opened on October 1 and will run through March 31. We are anticipating that both shelters will be running at capacity. The Women's Shelter will be at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church all 6 months while the men's shelter will be hosted by St. Columba's (October & March), New Community (November), St. Vincent's (December) and here at Calvary (January & February). The program is run by donations and grants which pay for the staffing provided by Catholic Community Services and supplies. The balance of items needed are provided by volunteers (meals and host sites and things like socks).

The men will move to Calvary on Tuesday, December 26 and leave on Monday, February 26, 2018. When we are hosting the men Calvary needs to provide:

Need: host for each night – sign up for once a week or just part of the 9 weeks

1. a host each evening who will be responsible to let in the site manager provided by Catholic Community Services and the meal teams. Then help the meal teams set up their meal service.
2. meals for one week at Calvary – January 8-14, 2018 - a hot dinner for 25 hungry men (main dish, vegetable, salad, bread, dessert)

Need: 7 meals teams (4-5 each) plus one person to coordinate the week
Need: shopper to purchase items needed for our week of meals

With our current health issues, Jim & I will not be able to be as involved as in past years so we really need your help. Signup sheets are up now.

Questions? Ask me

Suzanne Higgins

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Volunteers prepping salad

UNtree

**Benefiting the
REACH OUT SHELTER PROGRAM**

1. Take a tag from the tree.
2. Purchase the item listed on the card (non-cotton preferred)
3. Bring unwrapped purchase to church by December 18th



RED WAGON UPDATE

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

SUNDAY December 10th

COLLECTING FOR REACH OUT

In this season of Advent, our mission for the Red Wagon will be Reach Out. During the winter months, food items are particularly needed as Calvary will host a homeless shelter for two months as part of the *Federal Way Community Caregiving Network*. Guests will be served home cooked meals and be provided with breakfast and snack items. The following items are needed to augment the meals:

- ♦ Apple Juice - gallon size
- ♦ Orange Juice - gallon size (not refrigerated)
- ♦ Cereal
- ♦ Hot Chocolate - individual packets
- ♦ Hot Apple cider - individual packets
- ♦ chap stick
- ♦ hand sanitizer - individual size or packets
- ♦ small hand lotions
- ♦ hand warmers
- ♦ coffee - regular
- ♦ coffee- decaf
- ♦ razors
- ♦ small size shave cream

*Red
Wagon*
Serving Our Community



Please consider a donation from the above. As always, monetary donations will be used to purchase additional items on the lists. *The Red Wagon will roll on December 10th during both services!*



**THANK YOU TO
THE MANY
MEMBERS OF
CALVARY AND
STEEL LAKE THAT
SUPPORTED THE
STUDENTS OF
SUNNYCREST AND
CAMELOT
THIS CHRISTMAS
SEASON!**

MEMBERS AND MILESTONES

Prayers for Members with Ongoing Health Issues

Ardy Jobse	Jeanne Hotchkiss	Martha Smith
Blaine Anderson	John & Pat Corliss	Paula HeideIman
Carrie Ferguson	John Moller	Virginia Benson
Grace Schwartz	Marlise Ross	Yvonne Eagan
Janet Freeman-Daily	Marion Beck	Jim Higgins
Phyllis Dirks	Elaine Lundeen	Suzanne Higgins
	Marsha Case	Loren Peterson



Join "Calvary Connections of Federal Way" for up to date events and photos!



"To the members that are so supportive. It has meant so much to me to get your cards and wishes for my health to improve. The prayers have also supported me. God bless all of you.

Merry Christmas."

-Marsha Case

Thank You!

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CALVARY PROPERTY NEED TO
FIRST BE APPROVED BY RACHEL,
OFFICE MANAGER, PRIOR TO
POSTING.**

CONTACT RACHEL AT
253-839-0344 OR
OFFICE.CALVARYELCA@COMCAST.NET

MILESTONES

Birthdays

- 4 Joyce Criss
- 4 Chris Harris
- 8 Kevin Kropp
- 9 Dixie Baeth
- 10 Deborah Fager
- 10 Marshia Nicholson
- 14 Sandra Cook
- 14 Isaac Winslow
- 16 Emily Kropp
- 16 Mary Sawyer
- 20 Phyllis Dirks
- 22 Claire Hansen
- 24 Lynn Naumann
- 25 Mel Bellerud
- 27 Diana Paris
- 29 Larry Bengtson
- 31 Marlise Ross

Baptismal Anniversaries

- Marion Beck
- Neal Cook
- Phyllis Dirks
- Morgan Fant
- Ryan Hagen
- Jim Higgins
- Elaine Lundeen
- Suz Marie Tousley
- Nevada Paris
- Patrick Paris
- Sierra Paris
- Betty Pingeon
- Joey Russo
- John Tomko
- Suzannah Winslow

SERVING IN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 2017	3	10	17	24	24	24	25	31
				10 AM	5 PM	7 PM	10 AM	10 AM
Sanctuary @ 9:00		Children's Program	Choir Cantata	Base of Stairs	Bells, Rail w/plastic	Choir, Rail w/plastic	Intinction	L & C, NO COM
Altar Guild	Dixie Baeth	Corky Black	Gayle Miller	Marsha Nicholson	Marsha Nicholson	Marsha Nicholson	Marsha Nicholson	NOT NEEDED
	Jackie Russo		Mary Ann Odne	Deb Nicholson	Marj Hause	Marj Hause		
Hospitality	Waverly Hagen	CYFM	Sandra Cook	Diana Paris	NOT NEEDED	NOT NEEDED	NOT NEEDED	TBD
	Bonnie Nagode	CYFM	Waverly Hagen					
Building Supervisor	Phil Sell	Vern Warmbo	Keith Klungness	Phil Sell	TBD	Bill Johnson	TBD	TBD
Acolyte	x	x	x	Emily Kropp	x	Morgan Fant	TBD	TBD
	x	x	x	Suzannah Winslow	x	Suzannah Winslow	TBD	TBD
Assisting Minister	Marj Hause	Megan Phillips	Bobbi McClain	Gail Pierson	Kyle Franklin	Pat Roragen	TBD	TBD
Pew Communion	Karin Johnson	Madeline Yamada	Gail Pierson	Craig Hoppier	Marj Hause	Karin Johnson	TBD	TBD
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Communion Assist	Neal Cook	Dottie Corliss	Diana Paris	SLPC	SLPC	Mary Sawyer	TBD	TBD
	Craig Hoppier	Ken Corliss	Al Parke	Vicki Smith	Craig	Mike Ragan	TBD	TBD
serve juice or tray	Sandra Cook	Pat Roragen	Becky Riddle	x	SLPC	x	TBD	TBD
serve juice or tray	x	Paula Fowler	x	x	x	x	TBD	TBD
Greeter	Vonne Fowler	Doris Rime	Randy Baeth	Mary Sawyer	James Nichols	Bill Huff	TBD	TBD
	Marsha Case	Joyce Criss	Dixie Baeth	SLPC	SLPC	Betty Huff	TBD	TBD
Reader	Larry Reintsma	Bobbi McClain	Kathleen Parks	Kyle	SLPC	Becky Riddle	TBD	TBD
Usher	Al Parke	Dan Achman	Mary Ann Odne	SLPC	SLPC	SLPC	TBD	TBD
				Ben Johnson	Kelly Thoreson	Bill Johnson	TBD	TBD
	Phil Sell	Denise Achman	Ray Holmes	Neal Cook	SLPC	SLPC	TBD	TBD
Sound Board	Glenn Sawyer	Al Parke	Glenn Sawyer	Glenn Sawyer	Vern Warmbo	Glenn Sawyer	TBD	TBD
Deeper Life @ 11:15							TBD	TBD
							TBD	TBD
Communion Assist	Mike Ragan	James Nichols	Paula Fowler				TBD	TBD
	Megan Phillips	Megan Phillips	Mike Ragan				TBD	TBD
Greeter	James Nichols	Waverly Hagen	Betty Pingeon				TBD	TBD
Updated: 11.30.17 2:44pm								
Please find your own replacement, then notify the office. For future scheduling: marj.caivaryca@comcast.net								

DECEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY RED WAGON, PART 2 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Communion/Sanctuary 10:15 AM Adventures in Advent/SH 11:15 AM Deeper Life/Communion/Great Room 11:45 AM Steel Lake Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery	27 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/GreatRm 7:00 PM Book Club/Library	28 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 3:00 PM Finance Trn/LC #1 6:30 PM (Nurse Grp/104) 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	29 8:30 AM (FW Chinese Fw/prayer mtg) GR until 10:30 am 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Pastor Lori's Office 7:30 PM SLPC Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	30 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642/LC#1, 6-9 PM) 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Loft 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	1 9:00 AM Grounds Work Party	2 9:00 AM Grounds Work Party
3 ADVENT 1 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Communion/Sanctuary 10:15 AM Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal 10:45 AM Forum: "What in the World is Advent?" 11:15 AM Deeper Life/Communion/Great Room 11:45 AM Steel Lake Worship/Sanctuary 12:30 PM Steel Lake Coffee Fellowship 12:30 PM Welcoming Team Meeting/Library 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery 4:00 PM LIT Christmas Party/Pastor Lori's House 4:00 PM SLPC Holiday Christmas Concert/Sanctuary & SH	4 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 6:00 PM Internship Team Meeting/Library 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/GreatRm	5 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 3:00 PM (Nurse Grp/104) 7:00 PM Management Team/WkRm 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	6 8:30 AM (FW Chinese Fw/prayer mtg) GR until 10:30 am 12:00 PM Advent Soup & Study/SH 5:30 PM Calvary Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary 7:00 PM Advent Holden Evening Prayer/Great Room 8:00 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	7 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Poverty Bay Cafe 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642/LC#1, 6-9 PM) 6:30 PM SLPC Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary 7:30 PM SLPC Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	8 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Poverty Bay Cafe 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642/LC#1, 6-9 PM) 6:30 PM SLPC Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary 7:30 PM SLPC Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	9 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Poverty Bay Cafe 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642/LC#1, 6-9 PM) 6:30 PM SLPC Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary 7:30 PM SLPC Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
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17 ADVENT 3 Staff Picures/Social Hall 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Cantata 10:15 AM Forum / TBD 10:45 AM Learning in Motion/LC #2 Holiday Party 11:15 AM Deeper Life/Communion/Great Room 11:45 AM Steel Lake Worship/Sanctuary 12:30 PM Steel Lake Coffee Fellowship 2:00 PM Brews & Carols @ North 47 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery 4:00 PM Youth Gathering/Social Hall & Narthex	18 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 6:15 PM Jet City Chorus/Marsha N. group/SH 6:30 PM CANCELED Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/GreatRm 6:30 PM Pierce Woman's Faith Study/Pastor Lori's Home	19 6:30 PM (Nurse Grp/104) 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Teams/LC #1 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	20 8:30 AM (FW Chinese Fw/prayer mtg) GR until 10:30 am 12:00 PM Advent Soup & Study/SH 6:30 PM SLPC Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary 7:00 PM Advent Holden Evening Prayer/Great Room 7:30 PM SLPC Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	21 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 10:00 AM Coffee with the Intern (Poverty Bay) 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch/Twin Lake CC 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642/LC#1, 6-9 PM) 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Loft 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	22 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 10:00 AM Coffee with the Intern (Poverty Bay) 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch/Twin Lake CC 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642/LC#1, 6-9 PM) 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Loft 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	23 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 10:00 AM Coffee with the Intern (Poverty Bay) 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch/Twin Lake CC 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642/LC#1, 6-9 PM) 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Loft 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
24 ADVENT 4 10:00 AM Joint Worship Service/CLC & SLPC 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery 5:00 PM Joint Worship Christmas Eve Service/Sanctuary 7:00 PM Joint Worship Christmas Eve Service/Sanctuary	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 10:00 AM Christmas Day Service/Sanctuary	26 Reach Out Overnight 3:00 PM Finance Trn/LC #1 6:30 PM (Nurse Grp/104) 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	27 Reach Out Overnight 8:30 AM (FW Chinese Fw/prayer mtg) GR until 10:30 am 6:30 PM SLPC Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary 7:30 PM SLPC Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	28 Reach Out Overnight 8:00 AM CANCELED Men's Bible Study/LC #2 10:00 AM Coffee with the Intern (Poverty Bay) 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642/LC#1, 6-9 PM) 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Loft 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	29 Reach Out Overnight	30 Reach Out Overnight
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A Report from Your Finance Team

2017	October	Year to Date	Total Planned	YTD % of Plan*
Income	\$35,969	\$326,863	\$413,636	79.0%
Expenses	\$33,808	\$307,357	\$413,636	74.3%
Net Ordinary Income	\$2,161	\$19,506		

* October is 83.3% of the year

2016 Data for Comparison

2016 Actual Results

2016	October	Year to Date	2016 Total (Actual)	YTD % of Actual Total
Income	\$35,236	\$320,074	\$415,012	77.1%
Expenses	\$35,871	\$325,530	\$400,870	81.2%
Net Ordinary Income	-\$645	-\$5,456		

What's noteworthy?

- In October, income exceeded expenses \$2,161, increasing the amount of surplus year to date (YTD) to \$19,506. In 2016, note that there was still a year to date deficit at the end of October.
- Income YTD at the end of October is higher than it was in 2016. Expenses YTD are lower than in 2016, partly due to building expense accounts being offset by building use fees.
- Thanks to all for your continued generous and faithful giving!

End-of-year contributions: If you want your contributions to be included in your official year-end tax statement from the congregation, please submit them no later than **Sunday, December 31st**.

Still seeking your pledges: Our stewardship drive ended in November, but if you forgot or were away, you can still submit your pledge. Pledging gives your congregational leaders important information for developing a responsible budget. Pledges can be mailed to the church office, or you can drop them by during office hours. Handling of all pledge information remains confidential no matter when the pledge is submitted.



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