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THE CALLER

Flesh of Our Flesh

A Joyous Noel from your Calvary Lutheran Staff

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"At the heart of the doctrine of the incarnation is the stunning claim that Jesus is what God looks like."

~Rachel Held Evans

*ADVENT

*ADVENT 2019: *Flesh of Our Flesh* Meditating on God's Incarnation

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019
"Flesh of My Flesh"
Genesis 2:18-23

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019
"This Flesh Awakens"
Luke 1:24-45

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019
9 am, Children's Program
11:15 am, "Bearing the Word"
Matthew 1:18-25

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019
9 am, Choir Cantata
11:15 am, Children's Program

HOLIDAY WORSHIP CHANGES

CALVARY LUTHERAN'S 2019 HOLIDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Dec. 15th—9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
with Children's Program
10:15 a.m.—Cookies and Cider Reception
11:15 a.m.—Deeper Life Worship

Dec. 22nd—9:00 a.m. *Invitation to a
Miracle* Choir Cantata
10:15 a.m.—Cookies, Cocoa & Schnapps
11:15 a.m.—Deeper Life Worship
with Children's Program

Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve Worship,
7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Dec. 25th—Christmas Day Worship,
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Dec. 29th—Lessons & Carols 9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary (no communion)

Jan. 5th—2nd Sunday of Christmas
Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS



Create your 2019 Advent Calendar
Puzzle at ...

Adventures in Advent

Sunday, Dec. 1st
10:15 a.m.
Social Hall

Purchase a Poinsettia

Sunday Dec. 1st & 8th
\$10 each

Complete a form and return with
offering or see the Church Office.



Calvary Grounds Work Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 9:00 a.m.

GOD WITH US

ISAIAH 7:14

Calvary Members are invited to attend...

Greater Than Any Earthly Power:
GOD'S PRESENCE WITH US IN THE MESSINESS OF LIFE
Advent Quiet Morning 2019

Saturday, December 7th 9:00 a.m.

Christ Episcopal Church (Trinity Chapel) 310 N. K St. Tacoma, 98403

Holy Eucharist followed by three short presentations on the theme,
punctuated with time for prayer, meditative walking, journal writing,
or simply resting in silence and solitude.

RSVP to Samuel@christchurchtacoma.org

CONTACT THE CALVARY CHURCH OFFICE IF INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING!



ALL AGES Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 15th

Meet in the Calvary parking lot at 1:00 P.M.

Lit Fast Food Formal



Sunday, December 1st

Meet in the Calvary
parking lot at 4:00 p.m.

Wear your extra on fleek threads

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS



CPR & First Aid Training Class

Tuesday, December 3rd

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Calvary Lutheran Social Hall
2415 S. 320th St. Federal Way

\$35 (need a minimum of 10)

Certificate will be issued same day.

Call 253-839-0344 or email
office.calvaryelca@comcast.net
to register.



SUN, DEC. 15TH DURING 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP
SUN, DEC. 22ND DURING 11:15 A.M. WORSHIP

Poinsettia Work Party

Friday, December 13th
10:00 a.m.

Help the Harris' unload, unwrap, test moisture and place the plants in the risers.



Lit Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 15th

Meet in the Calvary parking lot at 1:00 P.M.

INVITATION TO A Miracle

By Joseph M. Martin

CHOIR CANTATA

Sunday, December 22nd
9:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary

Grab your tag now from the tree in the Narthex!



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 Sunday, Dec. 22nd



DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Incarnation



With focus on the
"Flesh of Our Flesh"
Advent theme.

Sunday, December 8th

Adult Forum
Sundays in the Social Hall
10:15 a.m.

L.E.G.S.

LUTHERANS EXPLORING GREAT SITES

It's time to plan our travels for the next few years!

Sunday, Dec. 8th ~ 2:00 p.m. ~ LC #1

This meeting will be about trips big and small,
so bring your calendar, bucket list and ideas.

For questions, contact Neal Cook at 253-334-1823.



Cocoa & Schnapps

Sunday,
December
22nd

10:15 a.m.
Social Hall

Hosted by the
Calvary Council



DECEMBER
4TH, 11TH, 18TH
7:00 P.M.
GREAT ROOM

**WEDNESDAY
EVENING
ADVENT
WORSHIP**

"In Silence We Wait"
from Prayers Around
the Cross. Join us!



We wish you a
Merry
CHRISTMAS
and a
Happy
NEW YEAR

Calvary's Office will be closed Dec. 24th
& 25th & Jan. 1st in observation.



*Lessons
& Carols*

Sunday, December 29th * 9:30 a.m.
Calvary Sanctuary

RETURN YOUR

HOLIDAY BOXES OF HOPE

by **SUNDAY, December 1st**

**BRING BACK YOUR FULL, WRAPPED
BOX FOR DELIVERY**

*Thank you for bringing Christmas joy to
elementary school kids. Contact Carolyn Davis for Q's.*

*Red
Wagon*
Serving Our Community



"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 8th 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 provided breakfast beverages.

The following items are needed:

- ◆ Apple Juice—gallon size
- ◆ Orange Juice—gallon size (not refrigerated)
- ◆ Regular or larger-sized Cereal (suggested: Raisin Bran, Special K, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Mini-Wheat, Shredded Wheat)
- ◆ Hot Chocolate—individual packets
- ◆ Oatmeal—individual packets
- ◆ Chapstick
- ◆ Hand sanitizer—individual or small
- ◆ Rain Ponchos—one size fits all

Please consider a donation from the above.

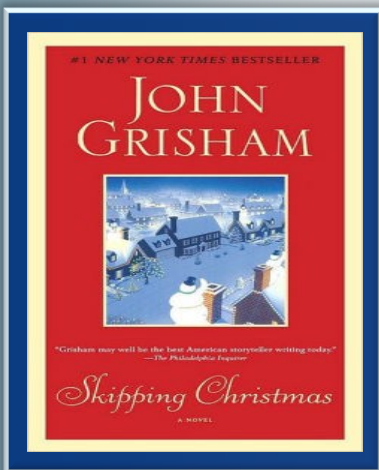
As always, monetary donations will be used to purchase additional items on the lists.

The Red Wagon will roll during both services!

*Red
Wagon*
Serving Our Community



MINISTRIES MEETING IN DECEMBER



Men's Book Group

Thursday, December 12th
at 1:30 P.M. (LC#1)

Book: [Skipping Christmas](#)
by John Grisham

January's Book:
[Dying of Whiteness](#)
by Jonathan Metzl

Contacts: Larry Bengtson
& Bill Johnson

There will be no meetings in December for these groups:

Book Group
Confirmation
Naomi Circle
YAM (Young Adults)
Learning In Motion
(except for Christmas Play Rehearsals)
Men's Bible Study (on Dec. 26th)

WIDOW'S SUPPORT GROUP

Widow's Group Salad Potluck

Friday, December 13th
at 12:00 P.M.

Corky Black's Home

Meet at the church parking lot at 11:30 A.M. to carpool.

These groups will meet on specific dates:

Deeper Life Band
Monday, Dec. 2nd, 9th, & 16th

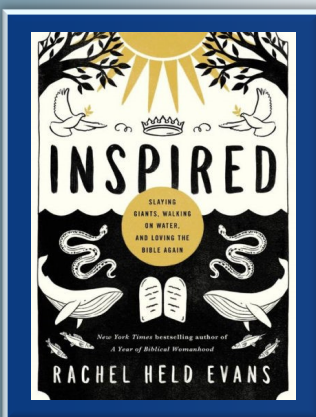
Tuesday Bible Study
Dec. 3rd, 10th, & 17th

Wednesday Bible Study
Dec. 4th, 11th, & 18th

Coffee with the Intern
Thursday, Dec. 5th

Choir & Bell Choir
Thursday, Dec. 5th, 12th, & 19th
*Choir warmup on Dec. 15th will be in the Great Room.

Adult Forum
Sunday, Dec. 8th



Fierce Women's Faith Study

Open to all women of Calvary.

Monday, December 16th
6:30 P.M.

Location TBD

Book: *Inspired*
by Rachel Held Evans.

Contact: Pastor Lori

Deadlines

Annual Reports
Monday, January 6th

January Caller
Monday, December 16th

SAVE THE DATE
2020 Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 2nd

LUNCH BUNCH



Lunch Bunch

Thursday, December 19th
at 11:30 A.M.

Twin Lakes Country Club

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Limited to 20 attendees

NOVEMBER MEMORIES



NARTHEX WELCOME WALL

Thank you to Marcly Curtis and the Narthex Task Force for welcoming our visitors with “Welcome” or “Hello” in 18 different languages! Can you guess these languages?

Answers: 1-Greek; 2-Vietnamese; 3-Chinese; 4-Korean; 5-Yiddish; 6-English; 7-Spanish; 8-Japanese; 9-Norwegian; 10-Ukrainian; 11-Ethiopian; 12-Arabic; 13-Cherokee; 14-Hebrew; 15-Samoan; 16-Hindi; 17-French; 18-Irish/Gaelic.



(left) the Youth went to an inter-congregational All Saints Worship to remember the effects of suicide.

(photo courtesy of Lori Cornell)

(right) Pastor Lori, Pastor Chelsea and Intern Pastor Melissa with Youth at the Sikh Community Open House.
(photo courtesy of Lori Cornell)



MEMBERS AND MILESTONES

| Prayers for Ongoing Health Issues | Baptismal Anniversaries | Birthdays |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Ardy Jobse | Neal Cook Betty Pingeon | 4 Joyce Criss |
| Carrie Ferguson | Phyllis Dirks Joey Russo | Chris Harris |
| Doris Rime | Morgan Fant John Tomko | 8 Kevin Kropp |
| Grace Schwartz | Ryan Hagen | 9 Dixie Baeth |
| Janet Freeman-Daily | Jim Higgins | 10 Deborah Fager |
| Jeanne Hotchkiss | Nevada Paris | Marsha Nicholson |
| Joann Jones | Patrick Paris | 14 Sandra Cook |
| John Moller | Sierra Paris | Isaac Winslow |
| Susan Hoppler | Suzannah Winslow | 16 Emily Kropp |
| Vivian Anderson | | Mary Sawyer |
| | | 20 Phyllis Dirks |
| | | Torie Peterson |
| | | 22 Claire Hansen |
| | | 24 Mel Bellerud |
| | | 27 Diana Paris |
| | | 29 Larry Bengtson |

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

UPDATE Reach Out Volunteers Needed

by Waverly Hagen

Calvary will be hosting the Reach Out program from Dec. 30th through March 1st. In Reach Out, up to 30 men are provided a hot meal and a warm, dry, safe place to sleep for the night. In addition to making our kitchen and social hall available each night, we are responsible to provide the following:

- (1) A host each evening (from 8:00-9:30 PM), whose duties are to let in the overnight supervisor and the team providing the evening's meal, make a pot of coffee and hot water, set out beverages and items needed to serve the dinner, and restock breakfast supplies.
- (2) Meal teams to make and serve dinners the week of February 16-23. Meals consist of a main dish, salad or vegetable, bread or rolls, and dessert.

This is Calvary's 12th year of participating in this program that is so vital to the homeless in our community. If you are willing to serve as a host or as part of a meal team, sign up on the sheets posted in the Narthex or contact Waverly Hagen at 253-939-9132 or awhagen@comast.net.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| 1 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship/Communion 10:15 AM Forum: Adventures in Advent/SH 11:15 AM Deeper Life/Communion/Great Room 11:15 AM Steel Lake Worship/Sanctuary 2:00 PM Charles Reintsma Memorial/Sanctuary & SH 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery 4:00 PM LIT Fast Food Formal 11:15 PM SLP Coffee Fellowship | 2 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 6:00 PM Reach Out Meeting/LC #1 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary 6:30 PM Internship Team Meeting/LC#1 | 3 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 1:00 PM CPR/First Aid Course 6:00 PM Management Team/WRm 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102) | 4 8:00 AM FWCF Prayer/GR 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Library 6:30 PM SLP Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary 7:00 PM Advent "In Silence We Wait" Service/GR 7:30 PM SLP Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary | 5 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Poverty Bay 10:00 AM Coffee w/the Intern (Poverty Bay) 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642) LC#1, 6-8 PM 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Loft 7:15 PM Calvary Choir/Sanctuary | 6 6:00 PM FWCF - LC1&2/Fireside/Nursery | 7 9:00 AM Grounds Work Party |
| 8 RED WAGON 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship/Communion 10:15 AM Adult Forum/Social Hall 10:15 AM Christmas Play Rehearsal 10:15 AM Faith 5/Library 11:15 AM Deeper Life/Communion/Great Room 11:15 AM Steel Lake Worship/Sanctuary 2:00 PM LEGS Meeting/LC #1 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery | 9 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 10:00 AM LWR Quilting Group/LC #1 6:00 PM Reach Out Meeting/LC #1 6:30 PM CYFM Team Mtg/Library 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary | 10 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 6:00 PM Church Council/LC #1 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102) | 11 8:00 AM FWCF Prayer/GR 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Library 6:30 PM SLP Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary 7:00 PM Advent "In Silence We Wait" Service/GR 7:30 PM SLP Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary | 12 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 1:30 PM Men's Book Group LC#1 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642) LC#1, 6-8 PM 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Loft 7:15 PM Calvary Choir/Sanctuary | 13 Poinsettia Set Up 12:00 PM Widow's Lunch-Curky Blacks 6:00 PM FWCF - LC1&2/Fireside/Nursery | 14 10:00 AM Christmas Play Rehearsal (TENT) |
| 15 8:15 AM Kids Warm Up in Sanctuary 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship & Christmas Play/Communion 10:15 AM Cookies/Cider Reception 11:15 AM Deeper Life/Communion/Great Room 11:15 AM Steel Lake Worship/Sanctuary 1:00 PM Christmas Caroling w/ Calvary & Christ Lutheran 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery 11:15 PM SLP Coffee Fellowship | 16 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 6:00 PM Reach Out Meeting/LC #1 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary 6:30 PM Fierce Woman's Faith Study/Pastor Lori's | 17 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Teams/LC #1 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102) | 18 8:00 AM FWCF Prayer/GR 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Library 1:00 PM Tyler w/ Insurance Tm/Workroom 7:00 PM Advent "In Silence We Wait" Service/GR 7:30 PM SLP Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary | 19 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch-Twin Lakes Golf & Country Club 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642) LC#1, 6-8 PM 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Loft 7:15 PM Calvary Choir/Sanctuary | 20 6:00 PM FWCF - LC1&2/Fireside/Nursery | 21 10:00 AM Cantata Rehearsal / Sanctuary |
| 22 9:00 AM INVITATION TO A MIRACLE Cantata/Sanctuary 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship/Communion 10:15 AM Schnapps Reception by Council 11:15 AM Deeper Life & Christmas Play/Communion/Great Room 11:15 AM Steel Lake Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery | 23 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room | 24 OFFICE CLOSED 3:00 PM SLP Christmas Eve Worship/Sanctuary 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service/Sanctuary 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102) | 25 CHRISTMAS - OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 AM FWCF Prayer/GR 10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship/Sanctuary | 26 5:00 PM Community Supper | 27 6:00 PM FWCF - LC1&2/Fireside/Nursery | 28 |
| 29 9:30 AM Lessons & Carols/Sanctuary 11:15 AM Steel Lake Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery | 30 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room | 31 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102) | 1 OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 AM FWCF Prayer/GR | 2 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Poverty Bay 10:00 AM Coffee w/the Intern (Poverty Bay) 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642) LC#1, 6-8 PM | 3 6:00 PM FWCF - LC1&2/Fireside/Nursery | 4 9:00 AM Grounds Work Party |

DECEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Look for the December 24th-29th schedule coming out soon!

| Dec 2019 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sanctuary | 9:00 | 9:00 | 9:00 | 9:00 |
| Altar Guild | Sue Thoreson | Sue Thoreson | Lynn/Holly Fisher | Dixie Baeth |
| | Denise Achman | Denise Achman | Cindy Wagner | Denise Achman |
| Hospitality | Waverly Hagen | Vicki Smith | Waverly Hagen | Sandy Cook |
| | Waverly Hagen | Jackie Russo | & CYFM | & the Council |
| Building Supervisor | Kelly Thoreson | Kelly Thoreson | Bill Johnson | Bill Johnson |
| Greeter | Joyce Criss | Betty Huff | Nellie Gordon | Dottie Corliss |
| | Diana Paris | Bill Huff | Barb Frost | Corky Black |
| Usher | Neal Cook | Bobbi McClain | Randy Baeth | Phil Sell |
| | Ben Johnson | Al Parke | Ben Johnson | Dan Achman |
| Acolyte | Morgan Fant | Isaac Winslow | Emily Kropp | x |
| | Logan Fant | Suzannah Winslow | Logan Fant | x |
| Assisting Minister | Craig Hoppler | Renate Cooper | Pat Roragen | Karin Johnson |
| Reader | Phil Sell | Roger Lundeen | Morgan Fant | Becky Riddle |
| | ~ Intinction ~ | ~ RAIL ~ | ~ Intinction ~ | ~ RAIL ~ |
| Communion | Gail Pierson | Dan Achman | Dottie Corliss | Diana Paris |
| Assistant | Al Parke | Marj Hause | Ken Corliss | Sherry Fleury |
| <i>serve juice or tray</i> | <i>Morgan Fant</i> | <i>Isaac Winslow</i> | <i>Emily Kropp</i> | <i>Melissa Anderson Trust</i> |
| | <i>Logan Fant</i> | <i>Suzannah Winslow</i> | <i>Logan Fant</i> | <i>Kyle Franklin</i> |
| Pew Communion | Marj Hause | Karin Johnson | Bobbi McClain | Gail Pierson |
| Sound Board | Glenn Sawyer | Glenn Sawyer | Glenn Sawyer | Glenn Sawyer |
| Deeper Life @ 11:15 | | | | |
| Greeter | Mary Sawyer | Marcy Curtis | Betty Pingeon | Waverly Hagen |
| Communion | Mike Ragan | Paula Fowler | Mary Sawyer | Paula Fowler |
| Assistant | James Nichols | Catherine Sannerud | Mike Ragan | James Nichols |
| Please find your own replacement, then notify the office. For future scheduling clcschedulefw@gmail.com | | | | |

A Report from Your Finance Team

| 2019 | October | Year to Date | Total Planned | YTD % of Plan* |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Income | \$24,827 | \$296,564 | \$464,158 | 63.9% |
| Expenses | \$34,943 | \$321,571 | \$464,158 | 69.3% |
| Net Ordinary Income | (\$10,116) | (\$25,007) | | |

* October is 83.3% of the year

2018 Data for Comparison

2018 Actual Results

| 2018 | October | Year to Date | 2018 Total (Actual) | YTD % of Actual Total |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Income | \$27,287 | \$307,364 | \$394,016 | 78.0% |
| Expenses | \$34,900 | \$321,535 | \$395,565 | 81.3% |
| Net Ordinary Income | (\$7,613) | (\$14,171) | | |

What's noteworthy?

- October's income was far below average and expenses a little above average, leading to an operating deficit of (\$10,116) for the month and increasing the year-to-date operating deficit to (\$25,007). *(Monthly expenses and income over the last 3 years have averaged \$32,700 to \$33,700).*
- The year-to-date deficit is significantly more than what it was in 2018 at this time.
- There are some large expenses still to come in before the end of the year: planned annual expenses of about \$10,300 (insurance premium, annual fire system inspection and backflow report) and \$6,900 in unplanned expenses (updates to fire alarm / suppression system, furnace repair, bi-fold door repair).