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# The Caller

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## Silent No More

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" -Mark 15:33-34

Ben and I just returned from a four-day conference in St. Louis entitled, "When God Is Silent." We meditated on the words of Jesus in his suffering, heard from scholars and pastors who asked us to consider the real, often palpable, silence in which people exist in life, and were invited to offer those we minister to real consolation in the crucified and risen Christ.

During these days we heard the heart-crushing story of young parents caring for their newborn daughter whose eight weeks outside the womb were lived in constant pain—weeks in which her

parents could not hold her for fear that it would only magnify her pain. We heard about members of our communities and church who feel pushed to the margins of life because they bear the wounds that come with being gay, or drug addicted, or mentally ill. We considered how the church (especially through ritual and sacraments) can provide a new way for our wounded world to encounter the living Christ. And we listened to the teachings



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of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, bidding us to love the world better than it loves itself.

This past year our congregation became a Reconciled in Christ congregation. You will find the statement that the congregation worked on for several months last winter and spring on the next page:

# Continued from Pastor Lori...

## CALVARY'S WELCOME STATEMENT

*As Christ's church we choose to be different together, embracing the diversity of God's creation. We celebrate the beauty of this creation by welcoming people of all:*

- Beliefs, questions, doubts
- Races, cultures, and ethnicities
- Sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions
- Economic status and living situations
- Physical and mental abilities and challenges
- Ages and appearances
- Marital status and family situation

Our Welcoming Team is inviting every member of our congregation to live into and embody this welcome in February and March by attending a Speaker Series we have entitled "Silent No More: Sex, Gender & Identity in the Church." This series is intended to give voice to the voiceless, and encourage us as people who (in Bonhoeffer's words) "love the world better than the world loves itself."

But the "Silent No More" Speaker Series is not just for us. We urge you to invite family, friends, neighbors, community members, and fellow Christians to be part of this conversation. The series will take place on three consecutive Sundays: February 17, 24, and March 3—all at 3pm.

One of the most important things we Christians

need to do in the 21<sup>st</sup> century to meet the community and the world in a Christ-like way is to listen to those on the margins. We do this, not because we are bleeding hearts, but because Christ sought out and loved those on the margins, and consequently found himself on the margins, and ultimately on the cross couched between two criminals. Jesus chose to be where people were hurt and alienated, so we as the Church go to those places too. But in order to do that we begin by listening to those who have been wounded and alienated by the Church.

In this series you will hear from a Southern Baptist pastor who led his conservative congregation into practicing welcome for gay and lesbian people. You will hear a scholar recall the atrocities

Hitler's state church committed against minorities—especially men who were suspected of being gay. And you will hear from yet another scholar about how the conservative church, in its desire to prevent premarital sex among its members, created an oppressive purity culture that has damaged young adults in their ability to experience healthy, intimate relationships as adults.

Empathy can only become a habit for us Christians if we first stop to listen to the cries of those who feel abandoned by the Church. Jesus own words of abandonment remind us not only that such abandonment is a real human experience; it also calls us to pay attention to those who experience that same kind of alienation in our time—because they too are loved by Christ.

Please join our Welcoming Team in making Calvary an empathetic and responsive church by attending these speaking engagements this month and in March. Your act of listening is an important act of faith.

Your sister in Christ,



Pastor Lori Cornell

# Upcoming Happenings

# I ♥ PT

## Pub Theology

Friday, Feb. 22nd ♥ 6:30 p.m. ♥ Billy McHale's

## IT'S TOOL TIME

### Calvary Grounds Work Party

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd 9:00 a.m.

Youth  
**LiT**  
LIVING  
in the  
CROSS

Calvary & Christ Lutheran

upcoming events

Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

4:00—7:00 p.m.

PLU Dinner &  
Worship

Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00—9:00 p.m.

LiT & Confirmation  
Serve Reach Out

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

4:00—6:00 p.m.

Dinner & Discussion  
at Pastor Lori's

*The Red Wagon rolls*

**SUNDAY, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**COLLECTING FOR FUSION**



**F.U.S.I.O.N** (Friends United to Shelter the Indigent, Oppressed and Needy). This Federal Way Organization supplies transitional housing and support services to homeless families in our community. Cash donations are always welcome, but they also appreciate household goods to help furnish the homes they support. These include gently used:

- ♦ Glassware
- ♦ Dishes
- ♦ Pots/pans
- ♦ Lamps
- ♦ Utensils
- ♦ Toasters
- ♦ Coffee pots
- ♦ Mixing bowls
- ♦ Towels and bed linens (not king sized)

**NO** clothing or electronics please.

Thank you again for supporting your community.

*The Red Wagon will roll during both services!*

*Red  
Wagon*  
Serving Our Community



# Adult Forum

**Sundays in the Social Hall**

**10:15 a.m.**

## February Forums: Praying the Seasons

**February 10<sup>th</sup>**— *brief Leadership Team  
Report and Prayer for our Mission*

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**— *Church Year: Epiphany*

**February 24<sup>th</sup>**— *Church Year: Lent*

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**— *Named in Baptism,  
Claiming it in Prayer*



# Ministries



## LWR Quilting Ministry

Monday, Feb. 11th  
10:00 A.M.  
Learning Center #1  
Contact: Corky Black



## Naomi Circle

Tuesday, February 19th  
2:00 P.M. - Charlotte Warner's Home

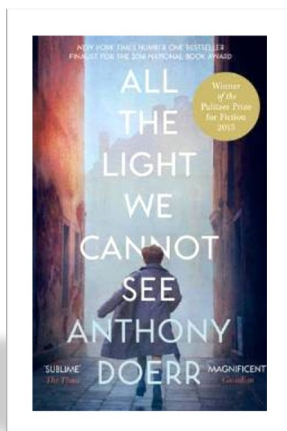
Contact:  
Madeline Tam-Yamada



Thursday, February 21st  
11:30 A.M.

The Ram (across from Calvary)  
Contact: Vicki Smith

# Book Studies



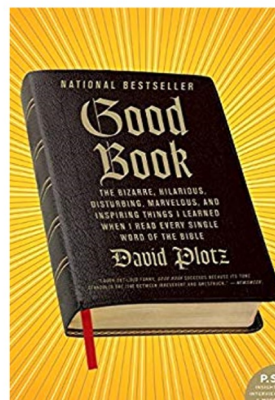
## Men's Book Club

**February's Meeting:**  
**Thursday, Feb. 14th**  
**1:30 P.M. — LC #1**

Book: *All the Light We Cannot See*  
by Anthony Doerr

March's Book:  
*TBD*

Contacts: Larry Bengtson,  
Bill Johnson



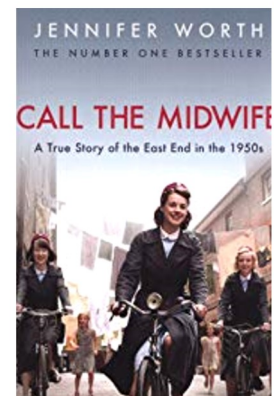
## Fierce Women's Faith Study

*Open to all women of Calvary.*

**February's Meeting:**  
**Monday, Feb. 18th**  
*Look for a possible date change*  
**6:30 P.M. — Fireside Room**

Book: *Good Book*  
by David Plotz

We will continue with the bizarre,  
hilarious, disturbing, marvelous,  
and inspiring things the author  
learned when reading every single  
word of the Bible.



## Calvary Book Club

*Open to men and women  
interested in exploring  
literature together.*

**Next Meeting: Thursday,**  
**Feb. 28th at 12:30 P.M.**  
**Calvary Library**

Book: *Call the Midwife*  
by Jennifer Worth

March's Book:  
*TBD*

Contact: Gail Pierson

# Bible Studies

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Thursdays at 8:00 A.M.*

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

*Feb. 14th*      *LC #2*

*Feb. 21st*      *LC #2*

*Feb. 28th*      *LC #2*

Facilitator: Bill Johnson

## Young Adult Ministry Bible Study

*Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.*  
in the home of  
Kyle Franklin

All members ages 19  
to 40-something are  
welcomed to join!

## Tuesday Bible Study

*Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M. in LC #2*

February's topic: Paul's Letters to the Corinthians

Facilitators: Pastor Lori Cornell, Intern Pastor Ben Williams

## Wednesday Bible Study

*Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M. in the Calvary Library*

A weekly discussion of the Scriptures used in the upcoming  
Sunday's preaching and how they apply to our daily lives.

Facilitators: Pastor Lori Cornell, Intern Pastor Ben Williams

# Upcoming Educational Opportunities

## *Congratulations Calvary Lutheran Church*



We are a  
**RECONCILING *in* CHRIST**  
Congregation

*from your Welcome Team*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for this public series celebrating  
diversity and an opportunity to listen.

### **SILENT NO MORE: Sex, Gender and Identity in the Church**

**Sunday, February 17, 2019 @  
3:00 PM in our Social Hall**

*Pastor Danny Cortez* will share  
his family and faith story,

#### **“Seeing Beauty”**

Danny is a Southern Baptist pastor from the Los Angeles area. He is involved with many LGBTQIA organizations. He founded and is the director of the non-profit, Estuary House.

**Sunday, February 24, 2019 @  
3:00 PM in our Social Hall**

*Dr. Samuel Torvend*  
will share

#### **“Hitler’s Pink Victims”**

A historical and powerful account of the persecution of LGBTQ persons in Germany during WWII.

Dr. Torvend is a senior historian in the Religion Dept. at PLU and the emeritus chair in Lutheran Studies.

**Sunday, March 3, 2019 @  
3:00 PM in our Social Hall**

*Dr. Tina Schermer Sellers*  
will focus on her book,

#### **“Sex, God and the Conservative Church”, Erasing Shame from Sexual Intimacy.**

Dr. Schermer Sellers is an Associate Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy: Director of Medical Family Therapy at Seattle Pacific University.

# Lutheran Community Services Event

## Real People. Real Solutions.

Join Us for Food, Philanthropy and Fun

**Make a difference for seniors, caregivers, refugees and immigrants at the**

Lutheran Community Services Northwest  
2019 South Puget Sound Fundraising Luncheon

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

Social Hour: 12:30 pm • Lunch & Program: 1:30 pm

STAR Center

3873 S. 66th St., Tacoma, WA



There is no cost to attend, but there will be an opportunity to help individuals and families in our community with a financial gift or pledge.

RSVP by Sunday, February 17, 2019, online at [lcsnw.org/event/sps-luncheon/](https://lcsnw.org/event/sps-luncheon/)

**Questions: Contact Julie Kissick Malloy • (253) 298-9170 • [jmalloy@lcsnw.org](mailto:jmalloy@lcsnw.org)**

**Seeking sponsors, volunteers and table hosts!**



# Worship Leaders—Every Day People Making Us Possible

Each month between 84 & 105 of our every-day members serve as worship leaders in our services.

In a month with Holy Week we assign about 180 worship leaders. You may see the same folks always leading, and there are some others who work behind the scene who are as dedicated in their leadership.

Would you like to take your turn in leadership? Do you see a place where you could serve once a month or once a quarter?

Here is how it works:

- We give you detailed instructions and walk-thru training.
- You have total control of when you serve. Each month you receive an email asking your availability for the following month.
- The schedule is available the last week of the prior month, in The Caller, on our website and emailed to all who are scheduled.
- If you are scheduled to serve and find

you are unavailable, it is your responsibility to trade with another leader. Our office staff does not make the schedules.

- If you try one of the leadership positions and it doesn't work for you just let us know.
- We especially need leaders serving as Building Supervisor- the designated person who unlocks the building, turns on the heat and lights and generally keeps a keen eye on any unusual activity during our services.
- We are ready to train some folks on our Sound Board. Our lead will be unavailable for nearly a month during a busy time this spring. Some of our Sound Board operators are also in choir, so we really need you! You might want to only step in when the need is great, that works.

Thanks to all who serve faithfully at each service. Please speak to a pastor or to Marj Hause if you would like to explore your turn in a leadership role.

[marjhause@gmail.com](mailto:marjhause@gmail.com)





# Members and Milestones

## Prayers for Members with Ongoing Health Issues

Ardy Jobse	John & Pat Corliss
Carrie Ferguson	John Moller
Doris Rime	Judy Nalley
Grace Schwartz	Marlise Ross
Janet Freeman-Daily	Nellie Gordon
Jeanne Hotchkiss	



Join "Calvary Lutheran Church, Federal Way, WA" for up to date events and photos!



## MILESTONES

### Birthdays

1	Marcy Curtis
6	Alex Nagode
7	Marion Beck
9	Barb Frost
9	Lynn Fisher
12	Doris Hauf
14	Bobbi McClain
15	Becky Riddle
16	Waverly Hagen
17	Marshall Warner
23	Nancy Conkle
24	Mike Ragan
26	Shari Winslow
27	Madeline Tam-Yamada

### Baptismal Anniversaries

Suzanne Bergstrom  
Nellie Gordon  
Ardy Jobse  
Dick Pierson  
Sue Thoreson



# February 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship/Communion 10:15 AM Adult FORUM - Finance Team presents the Annual Budget 10:15 AM Faith 5 - Confirmation 10:15 AM Learning in Motion/LC #2 11:15 AM Deeper Life/Communion/Great Room 11:15 AM Steel Lake Worship/Sanctuary 12:15 PM SLPC Annual Meeting 3:30 PM Chinese Fellowship/Dance rehearsal/Narthex 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/GreatRm	<b>29</b> 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	<b>30</b> 10:00 AM CANCELED Wednesday Bible Study/Library 6:30 PM Confirmation Class/Library 6:30 PM Steel Lake Bell Choir Practice 7:30 PM Steel Lake Chancel Choir Practice	<b>31</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 10:00 AM Coffee w/the Intern (Poverty Bay) 10:30 AM Rostered Women Leaders/Great Room 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642) LC#1, 6-8 PM 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Loft 6:30 PM YAM Bible Study @ Kyle Franklin's 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	<b>1</b> 6:30 PM Chinese Fellowship/Dance rehearsal/Outside GR	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Grounds Work Party 1:00 PM Mary Sawyer Japanese Orientation/Library
<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Coming Together Service /Communion/Sanctuary 10:30 AM Annual Meeting/Pot Luck 11:15 AM Steel Lake Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/GreatRm 6:30 PM Internship Team Meeting/LC#1	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 7:00 PM Management Team/WkRm 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Library 6:30 PM Confirmation Class/Library 6:30 PM Steel Lake Bell Choir Practice 7:30 PM Steel Lake Chancel Choir Practice	<b>7</b> Parking Lot Use for Catholic Advocacy Day 8:00 AM Men's Bible St/Poverty Bay Cafe 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 6:30 PM YAM Bible Study @ Kyle Franklin's 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Leadership Prayer Retreat with Discernment/GR
<b>10</b> RED WAGON 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship/Installation of Council 10:15 AM Adult FORUM/Social Hall -LT Report/Prayer Circle (Mission) 10:15 AM Faith 5 - Confirmation 10:15 AM Learning in Motion/LC #2 11:15 AM Deeper Life/Communion/Great Room 11:15 AM Steel Lake Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery 4:00 PM Lit Dinner/PLU	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM Japanese Students (Library) 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/GreatRm	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 7:00 PM Church Council/LC #1 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Library 6:30 PM Confirmation Class/Library 6:30 PM Steel Lake Bell Choir Practice 7:30 PM Steel Lake Chancel Choir Practice	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Coffee w/the Intern (Poverty Bay) 1:00 PM Japanese Students (Library) 1:30 PM Men's Book Club 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 6:30 PM YAM Bible Study	<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Japanese Students (Library)	<b>16</b> TENT Memorial for Gale Huffman
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# Leading in Worship Schedule

Feb 2019		3	10	17	24
Sanctuary		9:30	9:00	9:00	9:00
Altar Guild		Denise Achman	Dixie Baeth	Gayle Miller	Denise Achman
		Sue Thoreson	Sue Thoreson	Marshia Nicholson	Dixie Baeth
Hospitality		ANNUAL MEETING	Sandy Cook	Waverly Hagen	Corky Black
			Mary Sawyer	Waverly Hagen	OPEN
Building Supervisor		Bill Johnson	Randy Baeth	Keith Klungness	Vern Warmbo
Greeter		Ellen Gaebe	Barb Frost	Dottie Corliss	Betty Huff
		Vonne Fowler	Joyce Criss	Nellie Gordon	Bill Huff
Usher		Izzy Paxton	Ben Johnson	Kelly Thoreson	Isaac Winslow
		Keith Klungness	Neal Cook	Logan Fant	Bobbi McClain
Acolyte		Suzannah Winslow	Emily Kropp	Morgan Fant	Suzannah Winslow
		Emily Kropp	Morgan Fant	X	X
Assisting Minister		Marj Hause	Gail Pierson	Pat Roragen	Craig Hoppler
Reader		Becky Riddle	Kyle Franklin	Jan Barber	Roger Lundeen
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Communion		Neal Cook	Craig Hoppler	Vicki Smith	Kathleen Parks
Assistant		Sandra Cook	Diana Paris	Renate Cooper	Al Parke
<i>serve juice or tray</i>		<i>Suzannah Winslow</i>	<i>Emily Kropp</i>	<i>Morgan Fant</i>	<i>Marj Hause</i>
<i>serve juice or tray</i>		<i>Emily Kropp</i>	<i>Morgan Fant</i>	<i>Becky Riddle</i>	<i>Suzannah Winslow</i>
Pew Communion		Gail Pierson	Madeline Yamada	Craig Hoppler	Pat Roragen
Sound Board		Al Parke	Glenn Sawyer	Glenn Sawyer	Glenn Sawyer
Deeper Life @ 11:15					
Greeter			Waverly Hagen	Mary Sawyer	Mike Ragan
Communion			Paula Fowler	Mike Ragan	Waverly Hagen
Assistant			Cathy Sannerud	James Nichols	Mary Sawyer
Please find your own replacement, then notify the office. For future scheduling <a href="mailto:clcschedulefw@gmail.com">clcschedulefw@gmail.com</a>					



# Church Financials

## A Report from Your Finance Team

2018	December	Year to Date	Total Planned	YTD % of Plan*
Income	\$44,913	\$394,016	\$442,530	89.0%
Expenses	\$42,969	\$395,565	\$442,530	89.4%
Net Ordinary Income	\$1,944	(\$1,549)		

\* December is 100% of the year

### 2017 Data for Comparison

### 2017 Actual Results

2017	December	Year to Date	2017 Total (Actual)	YTD % of Actual Total
Income	\$42,069	\$404,735	\$404,735	100.0%
Expenses	\$40,573	\$381,190	\$381,190	100.0%
Net Ordinary Income	\$1,496	\$23,545		

### What's noteworthy?

- In the month of December 2018 income exceeded expenses which was similar to 2017.
- Year-to-date income in 2017, however, was much higher than in 2018, yielding a large surplus last year and a small deficit this year.
- Thank you for your support to Calvary and its missions in 2018!



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