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The Caller

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Is This Enough?

*"The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not over-
come it." ~ John 1:5 (NRSV)*

Happy New Year! Is it not
astounding that 2019 has
arrived?!?

While I must admit any time of
year is the proper time to think
about what God is
doing in our midst, I
feel a special pull on
my heart to slow
down and truly
wrestle with the
question as we fly,
head-first, into 2019.

So, what is God
doing in and around
Calvary Lutheran
Church in Federal
Way, WA? In many
ways I love this
question. It proclaims loudly that
God is active in our lives, here
and now! But, I also find myself



dreading to interact with such a
lofty, demanding, and potential-
ly disruptive question. And still,
God is doing something here.
The light, God's light, is indeed
shining in the darkness. I can
feel it. I can see it. So, we must
engage this difficult question,
because the darkness will not
overcome the
light.

The opening
chapter of the
Gospel of John
gives us a very
honest, but diffi-
cult, place to
begin wrestling
with this ques-
tion. ¹⁰He was in
the world, and
the world came
into being
through him; yet the world did
not know him. ¹¹He came to
what was his own, and his own

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people did not accept
him." (John 1:10-11, NRSV).
To honestly begin wrestling
with this question of God's
action, we must first realize
and admit that when God
does show up, we have a
tendency to not recognize
it. And further, we often will
work against God's action in
the world. This is incredibly

Continued from Intern Williams...

convicting. There is no doubt about that. I, too, am guilty of not recognizing when God shows up. I usually begin by seeing my own accomplishments and work. I try so hard to do good in God's church. But, the more I do this, the more I feel like some imposter. The darkness grows around me; asking questions like, "Am I doing enough?" Our problem with seeing God's action in the world is often that we are so turned inward, we only see our own struggle to do good ourselves. And we are left always wondering, "Is this enough?"

Even more troubling, as God's light begins to shine, it exposes the very darkness we are so keen to hide. Our doubts, concerns, and worries about our lives, our work, our faith, our church, and our world, laid out, exposed to the Ultimate Judge. And when we stand before God, completely and utterly exposed, we know that we have not done good enough. Like I said, John's Gospel: difficult, but honest.

This is where we are in need of some Good News. As we heard at Christmas, "¹⁴And the word became flesh and lived among us...

¹⁶From his fullness we have

all received, grace upon grace." (John 1:14a, 16, NRSV). God does not leave us exposed, in need, and desperate. God does the unthinkable, becomes one of us, a created being, lives among us, and enters our darkness. On the cross, Christ, the fullness of life and light, does not allow darkness to overcome him for us to have the fullness of life and light. This is truly grace upon grace.

Christ cures our darkened hearts by the Holy Spirit residing within us. Giving us the fullness of life and light that darkness cannot overcome. Further, Christ opens our eyes to see the creative work that God is doing, the redeeming work that Christ is doing, and the sustaining work of the Holy Spirit. When we see the work of the church as God's work in us, we are free to participate in the good work without worrying if it will be enough.

This freedom to participate in God's preferred and promised future of the church allows us to wonder and dream. We are freed to wonder and imagine what God might be up to boldly. Because God has promised that God is with us, we

know that God is up to something in and around Calvary Lutheran Church in Federal Way, WA. So, what is God up to in and around this place, this community?

To be honest, I don't have a concrete answer to that question. But I do have a pretty good imagination for what God could be up to. In this New Year, I invite you to imagine with me what God has in store. Maybe, together, we will discover something wonderful that God has already put into motion. But we will never know unless we wonder together.

Your brother in Christ,



Intern Pastor Ben Williams

Upcoming Happenings

Wed. January 23rd 6:30 p.m. ~ Billy McHale's



The word "lit" in a large, white, cursive font, with "LIVING in the cross" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it.

JANUARY EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH
4:30—7:00 p.m.
Epiphany Outing

Meet at Calvary at 4:30 p.m.
We'll join St. Columba Episcopal Church for their annual Epiphany bonfire & potluck! Please bring a dish to share. Pickup from Calvary at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20TH
4:00—6:00 p.m.
Pastor Lori's Home

ANNUAL meeting

Sunday, February 3rd

Following 10:00 A.M. Coming Together Service

Adult Forum

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

January 6th— *Congregations Reinventing Themselves*, presented by Pastor Lori and Intern Pastor Ben

January 13th— Steel Lake's Update on Mission, presented by the Session Leaders

January 20th— Kitchen Blessing

January 27th— *Into to 2019 Financial Plan*, presented by the Calvary Finance Team

February 3rd— *Annual Meeting* (following the Coming Together Service)

Ministries



Naomi Circle

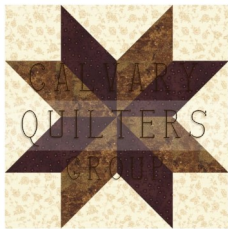
Wednesday, January 16th
2:00 P.M. - Kathleen Park's

Contact:
Madeline Tam-Yamada



Thursday, January 17th
11:30 A.M.

Mika Japanese Buffet - 1425 S. 324th
Contact: Vicki Smith



LWR Quilting Ministry

Monday, Jan. 14th
10:00 A.M.

Learning Center #1
Contact: Corky Black

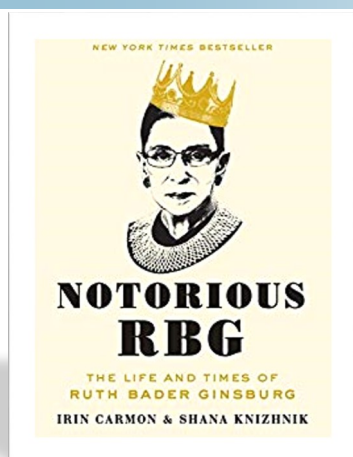


Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, Jan. 7th
10:00 A.M.

Learning Center #1
Contact: Deanna Kaasa

Book Studies



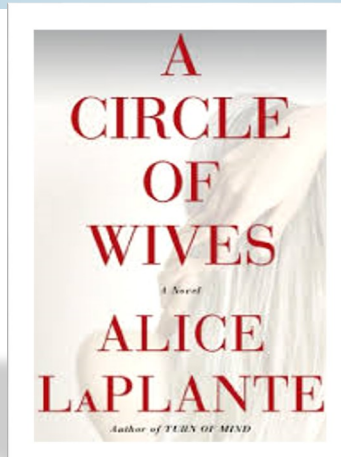
Men's Book Club

January's Meeting:
Thursday, Jan. 10th
1:30 P.M. — LC #1

Book: [Notorious RBG](#)
by Irin Canmon

February's Book:
[All the Light We Cannot See](#)
by Anthony Duerr

Contacts: Larry Bengtson,
Bill Johnson



Calvary Book Club

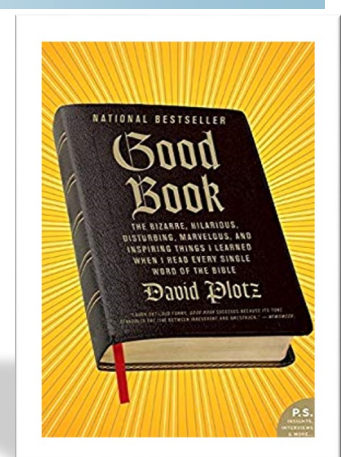
*Open to men and women
interested in exploring
literature together.*

Next Meeting: Monday,
Jan. 28th at 12:30 P.M.
Calvary Library

Book: [Circle of Wives](#)
by Alice Laplante

February's Book:
[Call the Midwife](#)
by Jennifer Worth

Contact: Gail Pierson



Fierce Women's Faith Study

Open to all women of Calvary.

January's Meeting:
Monday, Jan. 21st
6:30 P.M. — Fireside Room

Book: [Good Book](#) by David Plotz

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

Contact: Pastor Lori

Bible Studies

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 8:00 A.M.

January 3rd
Poverty Bay Café
1108 S. 322nd Pl, FW

Jan. 10th LC #2

Jan. 17th LC #2

Jan. 24th LC #2

Jan. 31st LC #2

Facilitator: Bill Johnson

Young Adult Ministry Bible Study

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

No Meeting Jan. 10th

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

Tuesday Bible Study

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

Resumes Tuesday, January 8th

January's topic: Paul's Letter to the Corinthians

Facilitators: Pastor Lori Cornell, Intern Pastor Ben Williams

Wednesday Bible Study

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

Resumes Wednesday, January 2nd

A weekly discussion of the Scriptures and Sermons used in
services and how they apply to our lives today.

Facilitators: Pastor Lori Cornell, Intern Pastor Ben Williams

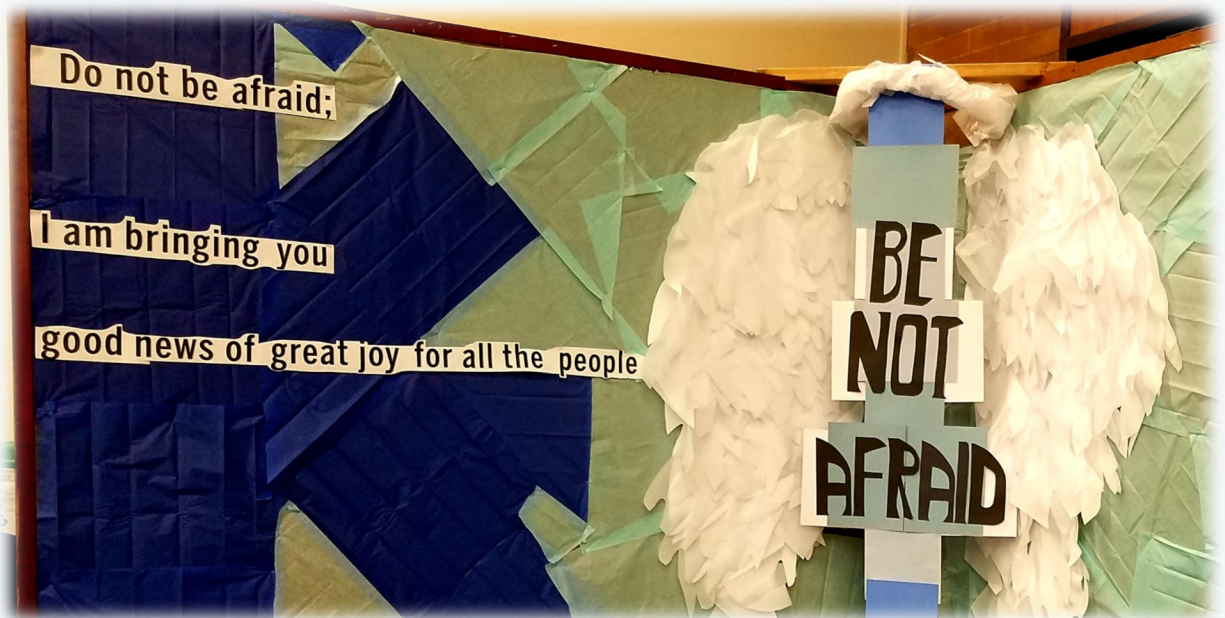
December Memories



(left) Soloist Morgan Fant & the Choir during the "Jesus! The Advent of the Messiah" Christmas Cantata on Dec. 23rd. (below) The Choir singing on Dec. 23rd (photos courtesy of Glenn Sawyer)



The Grounds Team is hard at work on the Calvary Kitchen. The project is expected to be completed in January 2019.



Thank you to Kathleen Park who created this beautiful display in the Social Hall to promote our Advent theme: "Be Not Afraid."

December Memories



The Cook Family Advent calendar
(photo courtesy of Neal Cook)



Rev. Lori Cornell and Assisting Minister
Denise Sawyer on Christmas Eve
(photo courtesy of Glenn Sawyer)



The children of Calvary put on
“The Risen Light: A Christmas Play” on
Sunday, December 16th at the 9 a.m.
Worship Service.
The cast included: Logan Fant, Morgan
Fant, Izzy Paxton, Isaac Winslow, and
Suzannah Winslow.
(photos courtesy of Glenn Sawyer)



Red Wagon Update



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



SUNDAY, Jan. 13th

Let's SOCK the
SOS TABLE at COMMUNITY SUPER!

Both men's and women's sizes are needed, this being a very difficult time for many of those people to keep their feet warm and dry. If you have sample sizes of lotion, soap and toothpaste, along with toothbrushes and chapstick, these items are also welcome.

~ Carolyn Davis

Red
Wagon
Serving Our Community



Members and Milestones

Prayers for Members with Ongoing Health Issues

Ardy Jobse	John & Pat Corliss	Nellie Gordon
Carrie Ferguson	John Moller	Paula HeideIman
Doris Rime	Judy Nalley	Suzanne Higgins
Grace Schwartz	Phyllis Dirks	
Janet Freeman-Daily	Marlise Ross	
Jeanne Hotchkiss	Marsha Case	

MILESTONES

Birthdays

3 Charlotte Warner
 3 Tony Willing
 6 Dave Frost
 7 Ellen Gaebe
 9 Martha Smith
 10 Trent Fernandez
 11 Sue Thoreson
 16 Nellie Gordon
 16 Curtis Hogenson
 16 Marjorie Lyman
 18 Janet Vahala
 20 Randy Baeth
 20 Roger Lundeen
 21 Jacob Thoreson
 24 Lin Fant
 27 Ardy Jobse
 30 Nancy Fallon



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



Baptismal Anniversaries

Denise Achman
 Anna Chamberlain
 Lin Fant
 Mike Fant
 Paula HeideIman
 Carolyn Hillis
 Ben Johnson
 Joshua Johnson
 Katherine Peterson
 Torie Peterson
 Emily Thoreson
 Desamu Thorpe



January 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00 AM Lessons & Carols Service 11:15 AM Steel/Lake Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery	31 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	1 NEW YEARS DAY OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	2 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Library 6:30 PM Steel/Lake Bell Choir Practice 7:30 PM Steel/Lake Chancel Choir Practice	3 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Poverty Bay Cafe 10:00 AM Coffee with the Intern (Poverty Bay) 5:00 PM Community Supper (TOPS WA #642) LC#1, 6-8 PM 6:30 PM YAM Bible Study @ Kyle Franklin's	4	5 9:00 AM Grounds Work Party
6 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship/Communion 10:15 AM Adult FORUM- Congregations Reinventing 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 Coffee Fellowship 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery 4:30 PM LIT	7 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Group 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/GreatRm 6:30 PM Internship Team Meeting/LC#1	8 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 6:00 PM Management Team/LC#1 7:00 PM Church Council/LC #1 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	9 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Library 6:30 PM Confirmation Class/LC#2 6:30 PM Steel/Lake Bell Choir Practice 7:30 PM Steel/Lake Chancel Choir Practice	10 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 10:00 AM Coffee with the Intern (Poverty Bay) 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 7:15 PM Calvary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	11	12
13 RED WAGON 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship/Communion 10:15 AM Adult FORUM- Steel Lake Update 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	14 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 10:00 AM LVR Quilting Group/LC #1 6:30 PM CYFM Team Mtg/Library 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/GreatRm	15 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 2:00 PM Naomi Circle hosted by Kathleen Parks 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Teams/LC #1 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	16 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Library 6:30 PM Confirmation Class/LC#2 6:30 PM Steel/Lake Bell Choir Practice 7:30 PM Steel/Lake Chancel Choir Practice	17 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 9:00 AM Insurance Inspection/Water Heaters (Poverty Bay) 10:00 AM Coffee with the Intern (Poverty Bay) 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch @ Milka 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	18	19
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27 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship/Communion 10:15 AM Adult FORUM - Finance Team presents the Annual Report 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	28 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 12:30 PM Book Club/Library 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/GreatRm	29 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	30 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Library 6:30 PM Confirmation Class/LC#2 6:30 PM Steel/Lake Bell Choir Practice 7:30 PM Steel/Lake Chancel Choir Practice	31 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 10:00 AM Coffee with 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	1	2 9:00 AM Grounds Work Party

Serving in Worship Schedule

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Sanctuary 9 AM

Altar Guild	Lynn Fisher, Holly Fisher Sue Thoreson	Lynn Fisher, Holly Fisher Sue Thoreson
Hospitality	Diana Paris Jackie Russo	Vicki Smith Bonnie Nagode
Building Supervisor	Randy Baeth	Keith Klungness
Greeter	Chuck Harris Chris Harris	Nellie Gordon Vonne Fowler
Usher	Randy Baeth Issac Winslow	Keith Klungness Kelly Thoreson
Acolyte	Morgan Fant Suzannah Winslow	Emily Kropp Morgan Fant
Assisting Minister	Kyle Franklin	Bobbi McClain
Reader	Ken Corliss	Gail Pierson
~ Intinction ~		
Communion	Vicki Smith	Marj Hause
Assistant	Kathleen Parks	Dan Achman
<i>serve juice or tray</i>	<i>Morgan Fant</i>	<i>Emily Kropp</i>
<i>serve juice or tray</i>	<i>Suzannah Winslow</i>	<i>Morgan Fant</i>
Pew Communion	Karin Johnson	Bill Johnson
Sound Board	Glenn Sawyer	Al Parke

Deeper Life @ 11:15

Greeter	Paula Fowler	Mary Sawyer
Communion	Mike Ragan	Paula Fowler
Assistant	Waverly Hagen	Cathy Sannerud

Please find your own replacement, then notify the office. For future scheduling clcschedulefw@gmail.com

Updated 12.31.18 10am

(January 20th and 27th are to be determined.)

Church Financials

A Report from Your Finance Team

2018	November	Year to Date	Total Planned	YTD % of Plan*
Income	\$41,740	\$349,103	\$442,530	78.9%
Expenses	\$31,062	\$352,596	\$442,530	79.7%
Net Ordinary Income	\$10,678	(\$3,493)		

* November is 91.7% of the year

2017 Data for Comparison

2017 Actual Results

2017	November	Year to Date	2017 Total (Actual)	YTD % of Actual Total
Income	\$35,803	\$362,666	\$404,735	89.6%
Expenses	\$33,260	\$340,617	\$381,190	89.3%
Net Ordinary Income	\$2,543	\$22,049		

What's noteworthy?

- In November 2018, income exceeded expenses by \$10,678, decreasing the year-to-date (YTD) operating fund deficit to (\$3,493). Income for the month was much higher than average, while expenses were average.
- YTD income in 2017 was much higher than in 2018 while YTD expenses in 2017 were much lower than in 2018, yielding a large surplus last year and a deficit this year.
- Thank you for your continued support to Calvary and its missions!



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