

The Caller

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Ordinary Things

With the festivities of Easter and Pentecost behind us, we now enter the part of the church year we call "Time after Pentecost." The color for this season? Green. Yes, green: the color that symbolizes growth, harmony, and freshness. A color that indicates safety and free passage in traffic.

Connected strongly with nature, green is the color that embodies creation. Green is a safe color; a comfortable color; a color that will clothe our pulpit and many altars in churches everywhere until late October. To me (and, perhaps many of us), this time of year in church and this color fit the traditional name for the season: Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time is part of the church calendar that falls outside of the special seasons of Advent, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter. And, to be honest, Ordinary Time can feel rather ordinary. It seems as though nothing really special happens. The color stays the same. The worship service might not change. Week after week, we simply, and slowly, march our way to the beginning of a new church year. Frankly, it can be a bit boring.

But, there is something lovely about ordinary things. And if you look closely, ordinary things, may be a bit more than they appear.





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continued from Intern Pastor Ben...

Curiosity unveils an elaborate world of wonder in the commonplace artifacts of daily living. Consider this poem by Pat Schneider:

It is a kind of love, is it not? How the cup holds the tea, How the chair stands sturdy and foursquare, How the floor receives the bottoms of shoes Or toes. How soles of feet know where they're supposed to be. I've been thinking about the patience Of ordinary things, how clothes Wait respectfully in closets And soap dries quietly in the dish, And towels drink the wet From the skin of the back. And the lovely repetition of stairs. And what is more generous

What happens when we slow down and notice the ordinary?

than a window?

Where does the mind wander as it is allowed to linger in the common? What might we find waiting for us if we simply asked the obvious? Perhaps, we would find beauty, intention, love. Perhaps, we would see the work of God's fingers forming and reforming an already good creation. Perhaps, we would stumble upon the extraordinary.

It is easy to wonder at God's majesty when we consider the moon and the stars as Psalm 8 proclaims. But, what of the ordinary? The simple? The mundane? Would we find God's majesty there, if only we looked? Indeed, God, who has formed us from dust, most certainly has left fingerprints in the common everyday experiences. In all truth, our ordinary, everyday experiences are not all that ordinary. God's miraculous hand stirs us awake as the sun rises

in the east; throughout the day, God provides for us in our work and in our play; and as the sun sets, God's hand keeps us close as we sleep. Day in and day out, God creates, redeems, and sustains the ordinary; which is ultimately extraordinary.

As we enter this Ordinary Time of the church year, how might we notice the ordinary for what it is: the gracious gift of God? How might we see the simple color green as a promise of new life all around us? In this long "Time after Pentecost," I hope to learn the patience ordinary things have so that I might notice the extraordinary grace and love God has for all of God's creation.

In Christ,

Intern Pastor Ben Williams

Benjamin Williams



Join Intern Pastor Ben Williams for his last two on Thurs. July 18th & Thurs. August 1st 10:00 a.m. Poverty Bay Café 1108 S. 322nd Place Ste A, FW

July Happenings





GROW OUR 2019 VBS

SUNDAY, July 14th

9:30 a.m.— During the Summer Worship

Help nourish our God's Gardeners by purchasing....

- Yellow glowsticks, 4-6" (60)
- New 16.9 fl. oz. plastic bottled water
- 6 oz. box Chocolate pudding mix (4)
- 6 oz. box Vanilla pudding mix (4)
- Large bag-Pumpkin seeds, shelled w/light salt (1)
- Gallon Hawaiian Punch (4)
- Gallon apple juice (6)
- Medium napkins (500 ct.)
- Small plates (300 ct.)
- 6 oz. juice cups (500 ct.)
- 6 oz. box blue Jell-0 (4)
- Large jar of Cheese Wiz (2)

- Large bag of pretzels (1)
- Large box of Ritz Crackers (1)
- Large bag of Gummy worms (2)
- Large pkg. of Oreos, standard chocolate (2)
- Medium, powderless, rubber gloves (1 box)
- Large, powderless, rubber gloves (1 box)



July Happenings Continued...





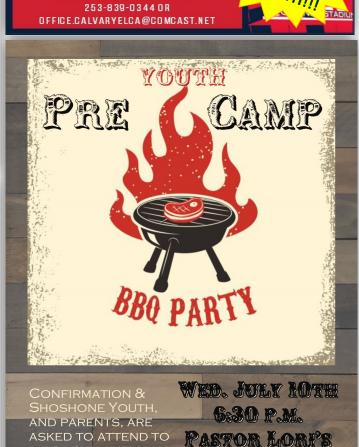




CONTACT RACHEL O'REILLY

DISCUSS EVERYTHING

ABOUT CAMP.



HOMESTEAD

VBS & Red Wagon Thanks





We need volunteers to make VBS happen! Could you help?

- Leader & Assistant for Groups (K/1, 2/3, 4/5) Bible Study Crafts Games Music
 - Snacks Registration
- PuppeteersSite Coordinator
- Photographer

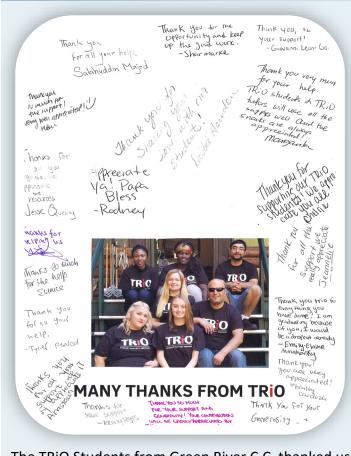
CONTACT INTERN PASTOR BEN intern.calvaryelca@comcast.net or call 253-839-0344

Farmer's Market Volunteers Needed to Promote VBS!

Saturday, July 27th 9am-11am 11am-1pm 1pm-3pm

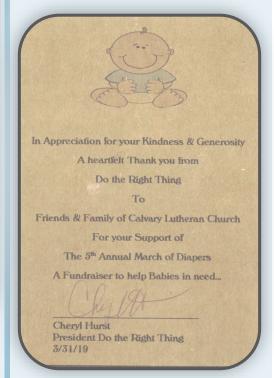
Sign-up sheet in the Narthex

Volunteer Training & Decorating Sun. Aug. 4th after Worship.



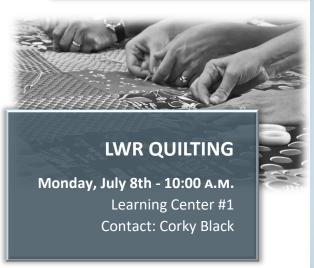
The TRiO Students from Green River C.C. thanked us for the school supplies from March's Red Wagon!

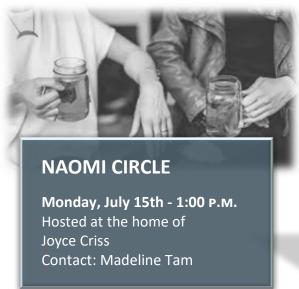
The Congregation was presented a plaque of thanks for April's "March of Diapers" Red Wagon collection!



Book Groups & Ministries







Calvary Book Group

Open to men and women interested in exploring literature together.

Thursday, July 25th at 12:30 р.м. Calvary Library



Book: *Time is a River* by Mary Alice Monroe

August's Book:

Dorothy Stimson Bullitt:
An Uncommon Life
by Delphine Haley

Contact: Gail Pierson

Fierce Women's Faith Study

Open to all women of Calvary.

Monday, July 8th 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lori's Home

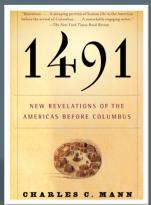
Book: *One Coin Found* by Emmy Kegler

A story about struggling with mental illness, wrestling with faith, and rejecting human rejection in favor of God's infuriating grace.

Contact: Pastor Lori



Men's Book Group



Thursday, July 11th 1:30 p.m. — LC #1

Book: *1491* by Charles C. Mann

August's Book: *Keep Moving* Dick Van Dyke

Contacts: Larry Bengtson, Bill Johnson

Bible Studies & Media News

Tuesday Bible Study

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

Through July 9th, the Tuesday Bible Study group is exploring Ephesians. Please join us for this study. The Study will take a break for the rest of July & August.

Facilitators: Pastor Lori Cornell, Intern Pastor Ben Williams

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays at 8:00 A.M.

July 4th Poverty Bay Café

1108 S. 322nd Pl, FW

July 11th LC #2

July 18th LC #2

July 25th 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 - 40-something are welcomed to join!

Wednesday Bible Study

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

A weekly conversation based on the current scriptures from Sunday's Worship. Facilitators: Pastor Lori Cornell, Intern Pastor Ben Williams

Summer 2019 Coloring Book

All ages are welcome to color in these lines.
Or let the Spirit inspire you to make your unique design in the back blank pages.

Tear out your creation and take it with you.

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A Summer Coloring Book has been created for all ages to use during Worship. Grab yours with a pouch of coloring pencils, and enjoy during the Summer Worship!

AUGUST 2019 CALLER INFORMATION
DEADLINE IS Monday, July 22nd!
Please send your pics and articles to
media.calvaryelca@comcast.net

Member Communications

SIGNS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN CHRIST – by Bill Johnson

I want to share some thoughts about coming changes to our property signage.

As you know we share our building with two other Christian Communities – Steel Lake Presbyterian Church and the Federal Way Chinese Fellowship.

About 3 weeks ago Steel Lake PC celebrated their 2nd. anniversary of being in this place with us. They have also committed to using our facility for at least one additional year. It was also brought to our attention that we have no property signage telling the larger community of Federal Way that

they are here. We felt that this was a bit of an oversight and we needed to make some changes. During our discussions we were reminded that the Chinese Fellowship has been housed here at Calvary for 9 years and we do not have signage for them either. In retrospect this is a gross oversight.

We have had several meetings with Steel Lake and the Chinese Fellowship and have agreed on a plan to rectify this omission. We are acquiring materials for the construction of a new sign, to be located at the 320th. St. entry to our parking lot - where there is presently a

red steel sign which
"Calvary Lutheran Church
Welcome You" – Parking à.

The new sign design will include 3 horizontal boards supported between wood posts with each congregations name applied to one of the boards. The structure will be designed and painted to match the current steel posts/panel signage around the property. The boards will be removable to accommodate future changes as they may occur.

Bill Johnson Property Committee

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATEby Margaret Peterson



Though the Congregation and times have changed drastically in 50 years; the Sanctuary remains almost completely the same as the day it was completed on June 4, 1967.

Recently the CLC council voted to seek the services of architect Steve Hammer (the creative force behind our last major addition) to explore potential options for our sanctuary space to meet our current needs.

The Council wants to expand our thinking about what is possible and start the "dreaming" process.

(This "dreaming" does not mean that there will neces-

sarily be changes.) Our next step is a meeting between Mr. Hammer, Council leadership, Pastor Lori and some of our key ministry leaders to discuss needs. Be assured that no decisions will be made without further input from the congregation.

In His Name, Margaret Peterson Council President

Lay Opportunity

PSALM is Recruiting For its Second Year

A letter by Pastor Kim Latterell written June 26, 2019



Congregations and Rostered Leaders in SWWA Synod: PSALM (Program for Strengthening Active Lay Ministry) is beginning its second year with the current class of 17 participants and 12 mentor pastors and now the Synod is looking to start a second group to join them this Fall prior to the October 11-12 PSALM Retreat at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Olympia. The Synod covers all retreat costs of presenters, housing, meals and text books. There is an annual fee for student participation.

Attached you will find the updated Handbook and application forms (for applicant, pastor, and church council.) Once those forms are completed and submitted to the Synod Office, the Bishop will add his signature as well.

Again, it's a two-year course of study, including 2 retreats per year and congregational

projects that seek to broaden and deepen skills for active lay members in their service with their home congregation and community. Some participants may then be asked by the Bishop to take on the role of a SAM (Synod Authorized Lay Ministry) if a challenged congregation needs leadership.

The PSALM program asks that you please publicize and promote this ministry program within your congregation starting this month. New registrations will be accepted until September 6th only.

Response to the program by current participants and mentor pastors has been very encouraging.

New participants will join with the current group in the (4) retreats scheduled, but will begin their course of study in the regular order of Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Lutheran Confessions using

DVD's and textbooks.
The applicants' mentor are expected to meet with Bishop Jaech as a group at least once per year (usually at the Fall retreats), and on a monthly basis with their student.

Please contact the Synod Office or the Bishop's Associate with any questions. Encourage all newly interested folks to do the same.

THANKS.

Pastor Kim Latterell, Bishop's Associate

June Memories



During the Deeper Life service, Noah Kropp was honored for his high school graduation and departure to PLU. (photo courtesy of Glenn Sawyer)

Dixie & Randy Baeth visited former Intern Pastor Jake Schumacher (pictured with his wife Mandy, and son Henry in their home) along with his new congregation in Absarokee, Montana. (photo courtesy of Randy Baeth)





Tony Willing was given special recognition for his 14 years with us during Music Appreciation Sunday. He was presented with the "Tony Award" created by Kathleen Parks, and a piano cake, with Kit-Kat keys, made by Duane Sawyer.

(photo courtesy of Marj Hause)







The Youth of Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches enjoy a BBQ and fellowship at the end of the year celebration at Pastor Lori's. (photos courtesy of Christ Lutheran)

Members and Milestones

Prayers for Members with Ongoing Health Issues

Ardy Jobse
Carrie Ferguson
Doris Rime
Grace Schwartz
Janet Freeman-Daily

Jeanne Hotchkiss

Joann Jones
John Moller
Susan Hoppler
Vivian Anderson

Baptismal Anniversaries

Allen Hagen Jean Nistad Meghan Riddle

Birthdays

01 Marta Frost

05 Paula Heidelman Carolyn Davis

06 John Schuh

10 Kari Frost

14 Avery Liening

16 Donna Wendelburg

17 Sierra Paris

20 Jackie Russo

22 Mike Fant

24 Susan Hoppler

31 Charles Reintsma

New Leadership Needed for the Reach Out Men's Shelter

by Suzanne Higgins

As announced last Spring I am retiring from leadership of the Reach Out men's shelter program. The 2019-20 season will be the 11th year the men have been sheltered at Calvary during the months of January and February.

During these cold months they are very grateful for a warm, dry place where to sleep after receiving a hot meal.

WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 3 PEOPLE TO FILL THESE LEADERSHIP ROLES!

- 1. Main Calvary Contact who:
- Set up the room before the shelter moves to Calvary.
- Recruit & schedule hosts for each night during the shelter. These volunteers let other volunteers and Catholic Community Services into the building.
- Attend monthly Reach Out advisory meetings.
- 2. Meal Team Contact for



Calvary's one week of meals

- Arrange for a meal team of 4-6 people to provide a hot meal each night during Calvary's week of meals (Mon. – Sun.)
- Shop for hot & cold cereal plus juice and milk for that week.
- 3. Coordinator for Volunteer Items. This includes the December Red Wagon and Giving Tree items. You would update the past requested items list and give it to Donna and Carolyn Davis. After collection, the items are stored upstairs until needed

I have more detailed notes available on each of these areas and would love to meet with anyone interested in any of these areas.

Please- this is an important ministry and it is in need of leadership at Calvary.

Suzanne Higgins 253-395-8722 higginsjs@comcast.net

July's Leading in Worship Schedule

July 2019	7	14	21	28
Sanctuary	9:30	08:6	9:30	9:30
Altar Guild	Dixie Baeth	Dixie Baeth	Cindy Wagner	Cindy Wagner
	Denise Achman	Denise Achman	Dixie Baeth	Dixie Baeth
Hospitality	Corky Black	Mary Sawyer	Holly Fisher, Lynn Fisher	Dixie Baeth, Randy Baeth
Building Supervisor	Bill Johnson	Neal Cook	Phil Sell	Randy Baeth
Greeter	Betty Huff	Pat Roragen	Chuck Harris	Mike Ragan
	Bill Huff	Madeline Tam	Chris Harris	Corky Black
Usher	Logan Fant	Isaac Winslow	Ben Johnson	Dan Achman
	Bobbi McClain	Al Parke	Neal Cook	Denise Achman
Acolyte	Morgan Fant	Suzannah Winslow	Emily Kropp	Emily Kropp
Assisting Minister	Karin Johnson	Bobbi McClain	Craig Hoppler	Pat Roragen
Reader	Duane Sawyer	Marj Hause	Larry Reintsma	Craig Hoppler
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Communion	Dan Achman	Chris Harris	Mike Ragan	Cathy Sannerud
Assistant	Renate Cooper	Chuck Harris	Waverly Hagen	Karin Johnson
serve juice or tray	Morgan Fant	Suzannah Winslow	Emily Kropp	Emily Kropp
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Pew Communion	Marj Hause	Karin Johnson	Renate Cooper	Bill Johnson
Sound Board	Glenn Sawyer	Glenn Sawyer	Glenn Sawyer	Glenn Sawyer
Please find your own replacement, then		office. For future sched	notify the office. For future scheduling clcschedulefw@gmail.com updated 7.01.19	m updated 7.01.19

July's Calendar

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Saturday	6 Kitchen sink/cabinet demo ALL WEEK 9:00 AM Grounds Work Party	1.3 1:00 PM Lisa's Tea - K. Parks/Social Hall	20	8:00 AM Day at FW Farmers Market/VBS promotion	3 9:00 AM Grounds Work Party
Friday	S Kitchen sink/cabinet demo ALL WEEK	12	19	26 Calvany Youth/Idaho Servant Adventures @ Shoshone	2 6:30 PM Pub Theology/Location TBD
Thursday	4 HTH of JULY HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED Kitchen sink/cabinet demo ALL WEEK	111 8:00 AM Men's Bible 8:00 AM Men's Bible 8:utdy/LC#2 1:30 PM Men's Book Club LC#1 5:00 PM Community Supper LC#1-6-8 PM LC#1-6-8 PM 6:30 PM YAM Bible Study	138 8:00 AM Men's Bible 8:00 AM Men's Bible 8:00 AM Coffee withe 10:00 AM Coffee withe Inten (Poverty Bay) 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch- Biscuti Cafe 6:00 PM Community Supper CC#16-8 PIM CC#16-8 PIM 6:30 PM YAM Bible Study @ Kyle Franklin's	25 Calvary Youth/Idaho Sarvart Adventures @ Shoshone Stoobone Stoop AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 Calvary Book Group/Library 5:00 PM Community Supper LC#1 6-8 PM LC#1 6-8 PM EG:00 PM YAM Bible Study @ Kyle Franklin's	1 10:00 AM Coffee withe 10:00 PM Community 5:00 PM Community Supper C:00 PM (TOPS WA #642) CC#f-6-8 PM 6:30 PM YAM Bible Study @ Kyle Franklin's
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Tuesday	2 ALL WEEK ALL WEEK ALL WEEK 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible StudyI.C#2 6:00 PM Management TeamWkRm 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	9 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 Study/LC#2 Sio PM Church Council/LC #1 8:00 PM (A4 Group/Rm 102)	16 6:00 PM Faith Action Network/Candidates Forum: SH 6:30 PM Building & Grounds Teams/LC#1 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	Calvary Youth/Idaho Calvary Youth/Idaho Servant Adventures @ Shoshone 3:00 PM Finance Tm/Workroom 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	30 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)
Monday	1 Kitchen sink/cabinet demo ALL WEEK 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room G:00 PM Internship Team Meeting/LAM 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/GreatRm	8 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 10:00 AM LWR Quitting Group/LC #1 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/GreatRm 6:30 PM Fierce Woman's Faith Study/Pastor Lori's	15 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 1:00 PM Naomi Circle - Joyce Chis 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/GreatRm	22 Calvary Youth/Idaho Servant Adventures @ Shoshone Shoon Staff Mtg/Work Room 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/GreatRm	29 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Nork 8:00 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/GreatRm
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Church Financials

A Report from Your Finance Team

2019	May	Year to Date	Total Planned	YTD % of Plan*
Income	\$21,897	\$144,126	\$464,158	31.0%
Expenses	\$30,017	\$163,679	\$464,158	35.3%
Net Ordinary Income	(\$8,120)	(\$19,553)		

^{*} May is 41.6% of the year

2018 Data for Comparison

2018 Actual Results

2018	May	Year to Date	2018 Total (Actual)	YTD % of Actual Total
Income	\$23,149	\$149,474	\$394,016	37.9%
Expenses	\$38,070	\$163,020	\$395,565	41.2%
Net Ordinary	(\$14,921)	(\$13,546)		

What's noteworthy?

- May's income was much lower than expenses, yielding an operating deficit of (\$8,120) for the month and increasing the year-to-date operating deficit to (\$19,553).
 (Monthly expenses and income over the last 3 years have averaged \$32,700 to \$33,700).
- In 2018, there was a similar deficit at this time of the year.
- During these summer months, if you are planning to be away, consider developing a
 plan to keep your giving up to date. Using online giving
 (http://www.calvaryfw.org/online-giving.html) is one method that can be used to help
 you keep your giving current when you are away. It's easy to make either a one-time
 donation or to set up a recurring donation.
- Thank you for your support to Calvary and its missions in 2019!



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