

The Caller

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A New Creation

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"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" — 2nd Corinthians 5:17

Luther wrote in the Heidelberg Disputation, "A theologian of the cross calls the thing what it actually is." This is to say a Christian is to speak plainly and honestly. So, new things are scary. With all the newness that surrounds us, it can be daunting to think about "everything old passing away... everything becoming new." I find myself wanting some sort of stability — a platform to stand on — when encountering all of the newness. As we are getting closer and closer

to a new year, with all of the new opportunities and challenges, I feel it is important to take a moment and think about what God is doing in the newness.

The image that accompanies our stewardship campaign this season is a cross that is formed by a growing tree; a symbol of



the new life that grows from the cross of Christ. There are so many images and symbols that represent new life: a caterpillar being transformed into a butterfly, an egg hatching, a budding flower, a phoenix rising from the ashes. With all these symbols, the image that breaks into our imagination while reading the 2nd Corinthians verse is a cross producing life. This image is complex and rich. Think about what Luther wrote, "A theologian of the cross calls a thing what it actually is." The cross yields death; it is an ancient execution tool. It is easy to put roses on the cross, to make

Confessions Continued...

the cross prettier than it is. We often try to explain away the suffering of the cross. We like to look through the cross and not at it. We rush from Good Friday straight to Easter, from death straight to resurrection. Yet, Christ on the cross, brings about a new life.

So, let us not put roses on the cross, let us call a thing what it actually is. New is scary. Change is difficult. Having everything old passing away is not an easy or comfortable thing. Yet, we are Easter people. We know that, in Christ, resurrection follows death. How confusing is this! We are caught somewhere between life and death, new and old. We long for stability and change. We look forward to

the new missional era God is bringing about while we grieve for the good old days.

So, following the tradition of our church by calling a thing what it is, I must admit that the transformation that we are experiencing is God's work. It is difficult and exciting. It is full of grief and full of hope. But, at the center of it all is Christ's promise for us. Let us cling to the promise of Christ on the cross. In this stewardship season, we recognize that new is difficult and challenging. Yet, we also recognize what God is up to in our midst: forming, reforming, and transforming our community into the new creation. We participate in God's

new creation by exploring the depths of the new creation God is forming within each one of us. We participate in God's work by taking seriously the gifts and resources God has given us.

I invite you into imagining God's preferred and promised future, a future that grows to new life from the cross of Christ. How might you participate in God's mission? What gifts and resources has God given you? I hope you join me in praying, "Come, O Christ, create us to be a new creation. Amen."

In Christ,

Intern Pastor Ben Williams

Benjamin Williams

New Hymn: O God, This Day We Grieve **Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette**

Tune: The God of Abraham Praise (ELW 831)

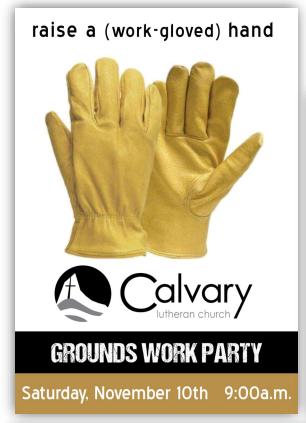
O God, this day we grieve/your children who were lost And we, as one, are horrified/by hatred's cost For people loved by you/your children called and blest Were murdered on their Sabbath Day/of prayer and rest.

We grieve for those who died/ for families left behind For those who wonder if this world/can still be king So many lives were changed/so many dreams were crushed There's so much hatred God/what has become of us.

God teach us all to love/and may we understand That hatred cannot have a place/in the good land. And guns cannot secure/the peace we pray will be May we together build/a true community.

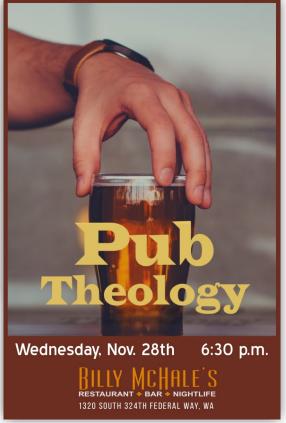
O God unit us all/no matter how we pray And may we work together/for a better day Where all may safely live/and have no cause for dear May we together seek your peace/and justice here.

November Happenings

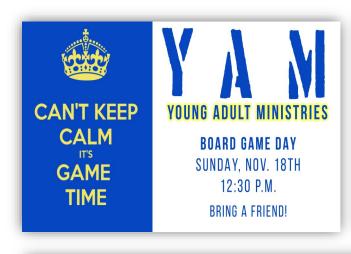








November Happenings





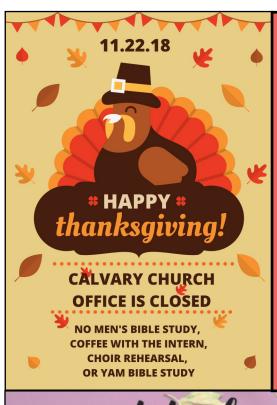
Adult Forum



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

- · November 4: "Dwelling in the Word for the Sake of Mission."
- · November 11: Report from the Leadership Prayer Retreat
- · November 18: Ministry Fair and Fellowship
- November 25: No Adult Forum

Thanksgiving News



WANTED

The Community Supper is in need of Cooks for Thanksgiving dinner.

To volunteer please call Betty Huff at 253-838-9877

Thank you, Betty Huff



Red Wagon

Friends and Family of Calvary Lutheran,

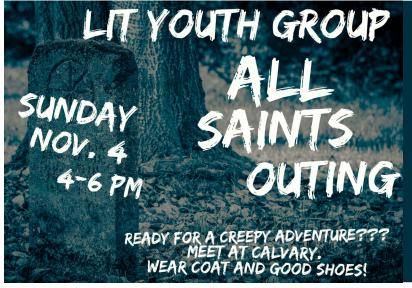
The Family Liaison staff at both Sunnycrest & Camelot were excited to be chosen again with Christmas Shoeboxes for their most needy students. They reported that the children were thrilled to get them last year.

Bring any extra shoe boxes you have to the office or red wagon now, for the use of members who may need one. They will be on display for pickup with tags on Sunday, Nov. 11th., in the narthex. Use the tags to decide what items are appropriate to the age and gender of child listed on them.

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer fall with pump, or stuffed animal. Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and maybe a little candy. Wrap beautifully. Please do not include any religious notes, but pray earnestly for the child who will receive your gift. Dec. 2nd is the deadline to return the boxes, so I can get them to the schools before "Winter Break". Happy shopping!!



Youth Happenings



LIT Youth &
Confirmation
will embark upon
a spooky
All Saint's Outing!

Meet a Calvary
Dress for the weather
(NO DINNER)



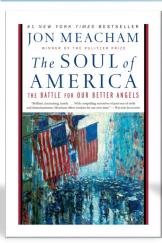


11/14 Psalms

11/21 No Meeting 11/28 No Meeting

> 12/2 Advent Party Pastor Lori's @ 4 p.m.

Book Clubs



Men's Book Club

November's Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 8th 1:30 p.m. — LC #1

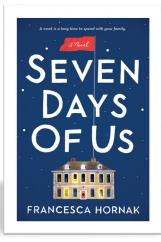
Book: The Soul of America

by Jon Meacham

December's Book: Factfulness by Hans Rosling

Contacts: Larry Bengtson,

Bill Johnson



Calvary Book Club

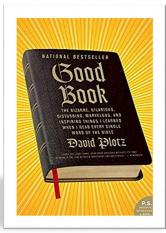
Open to men and women interested in exploring literature together.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 26th at 12:30 P.M. Calvary Library

Book: *Seven Days of Us* by Francesca Hornak

No December Meeting

Contact: Gail Pierson



Fierce Women's Faith Study

Open to all women of Calvary.

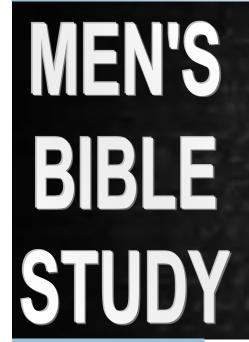
November's Meeting: Monday, Nov. 19th 6:30 p.m. — Fireside Room

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



Thursdays at 8:00 A.M.

November 1st Poverty Bay Café 1108 S. 322nd Pl, FW

Nov. 8th LC #2
Nov. 15th LC #2
Nov. 29th 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!

Fall Ministries



Naomi Circle

Tuesday, November 20th 2:00 P.M. - Learning Center #1

Host & Contact: Janet Vahala



TBD

Contact: Deanna Kaasa



LWR Quilting Ministry

Monday, Nov. 12th 10:00 A.M. Learning Center #1

Contact: Corky Black



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, Nov. 5th 10:00 A.M.

Learning Center #1
Contact: Deanna Kaasa



8TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

November 8, 2018

Christian Faith Center 33645 20th Ave South, Federal Way Doors open at 6:30am Breakfast provided by Café Pacific Program begins at 7:30am

Please Join us as we celebrate another season of serving our unsheltered neighbors in the Federal Way Community.

Meet our Pay It Forward Honorees

Drew Campbell

Linda Butcher

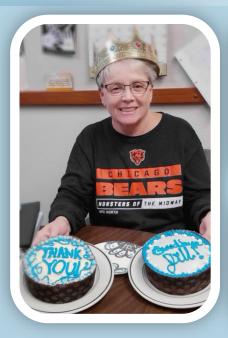
Register today:

https://ccsww.ejoinme.org/reachoutfw

\$25 per person—\$200 for a table of 8



October in Review







In early October we said goodbye to Terry and Jill Hill. We wish them the best in Illinois.







The Youth of Christ and Calvary Lutheran had a retreat at Mason Lake.

Coffee House

The Masquerade Coffee House was a hit!

13 performances, from the young to the young at heart, rang through the Great Room amongst beverages and candy treats.

















Making Calvary Great





Left: Bill Johnson begins the remodeling of the Calvary kitchen. Above: Members show off the quilt they created and donated for auction to Reach Out.





Above: The Stewardship Campaign was brought to life by Kathleen Parks in the Social Hall. Left & Below: The LWR Quilting Group has been hard at work all year making quilts. They were blessed before being shipped overseas.





Members and Milestones

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DECEMBER CALLER DEADLINE

Submit your Nov. pictures and Dec. information by Nov. 26th to media.calvaryelca@comcast.net



Synod News



God's work. Our hands.
The Rev. Richard E. Jaech, Bishop

29 October 2018

"A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children" Jeremiah 31:15

Once again we are horrified and in anguish following a mass killing in a house of worship. Last Saturday morning an intruder burst into the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA, killing eleven worshippers and wounding six others, including four police officers. The killer made his motives very clear. "I just want to kill Jews!"

This was the deadliest act of violence against Jewish people within the United States in our nation's history. It is not, however, an isolated event. Violence and abuse against Jewish citizens rose 57% last year and continues to rise again this year. This is accompanied by a rising level of assault and violence against US Muslims and all people of color.

The killer also targeted Tree of Life Synagogue because the congregation members actively support the work of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS). HIAS does the same ministry as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, helping hundreds of deserving Jewish and non-Jewish immigrants enter the country. The killer believes that any effort to bring in immigrants endangered the "purity" of America and so he decided to kill the people who did so.

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Southwestern Washington, we must condemn this racist, religious violence and give our support to the Jewish community and all those who are in danger. An attack on one portion of God's family is an attack on all of us. As Lutherans, we must offer this support in a spirit of humility and repentance, remembering our own past sins: the violent verbal attacks made by Martin Luther against the Jewish people in his day and the failure of the German Lutheran Church to protect their Jewish neighbors in Nazi Germany. Recognizing our own past failures, we Lutherans are doubly committed to supporting and defending the Jewish community and all victims of violent and hate.

Therefore, I encourage you to speak and act in behalf of those who suffer and to actively seek the social healing that God desires for us. Here are some specific ways you can do that.

- 1. Pray for the Tree of Life victims and their families, asking God to bring them comfort and healing.
- 2. Make contact with Jewish neighbors and synagogues in your community and express your condolence and support. Ask them how you might help. If you have never made contact with them before, this would be an excellent time to reach out. Call upon your political representatives and leaders and demand that they end the abusive and violent verbal attacks against others that we are hearing so much of in this campaign season. Such violent and demeaning words clearly prompt other people to commit physical violence.
- 4. **VOTE!** Study the issues! Pick good leaders! VOTE! Martin Luther clearly said that being an active, responsible citizen is one of the vocations to which God calls us. In his tract on *Temporal Authority*, Martin Luther said, "[The ruler] should picture Christ to himself, and say, 'Behold, Christ, the supreme ruler, came to serve me...Therefore, I will use my office to serve and protect others, listen to their problems and defend them, and govern to the sole end that they, not I, may benefit from my rule." In the United States we are blessed to live in a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Therefore, we are all finally the rulers and decision-makers of how we will live together in our communities. To fail to vote is a rejection of the gift and responsibility that God has given us as citizens. Therefore, I want to emphasize this again, by midnight on November 6, **VOTE**.

As Martin Luther would say, our lives and our world are in the hands of a God who is "with us and for us." In a shattered world, God hears Rachel weeping for her slain children and comes both to heal us and to catalyze us to live more fully in God's grace, love and justice. In these days of anguish, may God bring us the peace that passes understanding and powerfully engage us to be peace-makers.

In Christ,

Richard E. Jaech

Bishop Rick Jaech

Synod News





Dear Friends,

Our thoughts are with the victims affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

When disaster strikes, Christians look for ways to help those who are in need, whether it means lending a helping hand or making a monetary donation.

In addition to relief efforts your church may be involved with, Thrivent members and others can help hurricane victims in the following ways:

Donate. Thrivent will match up to \$1 million in personal donations made through Thrivent.com to specific disaster relief organizations helping with the recovery efforts. Thrivent will pay the processing fees for these donations, so 100 percent goes to help*. Eligible members can also direct Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Volunteer. Thrivent members can share their time and talent to help with recovery efforts by leading a Thrivent Action Team.

Visit the <u>Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com</u> for details on these opportunities and to see the list of organizations included in the match.

Thrivent members pray for those who have been affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Thrivent – a membership organization of Christians – is mobilizing its financial resources and members to help those in need. Thrivent members and others who want to help with recovery efforts are encouraged to visit Thrivent.com to learn more.

We thank you and your church for continuing to support hurricane victims as you're financially or physically able. Your commitment to living generously is appreciated.

Please spread the word with friends and family! #livegenerously

*Thrivent will pay the processing fees for personal donations made through InFaith Community Foundation, up to \$100,000 or until Dec. 31, 2018, whichever comes first.

The Thrivent Choice® charitable grant program engages Thrivent members and Thrivent Member Networks in providing grants that support charitable activities, furthering Thrivent's mission and its purposes under state law. All grant decisions, including grant recipients and amounts, are made at the sole discretion of Thrivent. Directing Choice Dollars® is subject to the program's terms and conditions available at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

November Calendar

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November Worship Leaders

November 2018	4	11	18	25
Sanctuary @ 9:00			COMING TOGETHER - 9:30am	
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Odne	Mary Ann Odne	Sue Thoreson	Denise Achman
	Gayle Miller	Cindy Wagner	Gayle Miller	Dixie Baeth
Hospitality	Lynn Fisher	Vicki Smith	Diana Paris	Randy Baeth
	Holly Fisher	Mary Sawyer	Waverly Hagen	Dixie Baeth
Building Supervisor	Bill Johnson	Keith Klungness	Randy Baeth	Vern Warmbo
Greeter	Ellen Gaebe	Joyce Criss	Betty Pingeon	Vonne Fowler
	Nellie Gordon	Kathleen Parks	Cathy Sannerud	Barb Frost
Usher	Bill Johnson	Keith Klungness	Denise & Dan Achman	Ray Holmes
	Al Parke	Kelly Thoreson	Issac Winslow	Logan Fant
Acolyte	Suzannah Winslow	Emily Kropp	Suzannah Winslow	Morgan Fant
Assisting Minister	Karin Johnson	Pat Roragen	Bobbi McClain	Ben Williams
Reader	Kathleen Parks	Becky Riddle	Dave Fernandez	Karin Johnson
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Communion Assist	Sandra Cook	Vicki Smith	Dottie Corliss	Kyle Franklin
	Neal Cook	Diana Paris	Ken Corliss	Pat Roragen
serve juice or tray	Madeline Yamada	Craig Hoppler	Mary Sawyer	Randy Baeth
serve juice or tray	X	X	×	Renate Cooper
Pew Communion	Pat Roragen	Madeline Yamada	Mike Ragan	Bobbi McClain
Sound Board	Glenn Sawyer	Al Parke	Glenn Sawyer	Craig Hoppler
Deeper Life @ 11:15				
Greeter	Paula Fowler	Mike Ragan		Mary Sawyer
Communion Assistant	Mary Sawyer	Paula Fowler		James Nichols
	Mike Ragan	Waverly Hagen		Cathy Sannerud
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Church Financials

A Report from Your Finance Team

2018	August	Year to Date	Total Planned	YTD % of Plan*
Income	\$24,582	\$241,691	\$442,530	54.6%
Expenses	\$31,374	\$255,857	\$442,530	57.8%
Net Ordinary Income	(\$6,792)	(\$14,166)		

^{*} August is 66.7% of the year

2017 Data for Comparison

2017 Actual Results

2017	August	Year to Date	2017 Total (Actual)	YTD % of Actual Total
Income	\$23,776	\$261,188	\$404,735	64.5%
Expenses	\$26,702	\$242,643	\$381,190	63.7%
Net Ordinary	(\$2,926)	\$18,545		

What's noteworthy?

- In August 2018, expenses exceeded income by \$6,792, increasing the year-to-date operating fund deficit to (\$14,166). Income for the month was much lower than average, while expenses were about average.
- Income year to date is about \$20,000 lower than last year at the end of August, while
 expenses year to date are about \$13,000 higher than last year. The result is a significant
 deficit this year compared to a significant surplus in 2017.
- Please continue your support to Calvary and its missions!

