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# The Caller

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## At the Intersection...

In early August I met Pastor Lori for lunch so we could chat a bit about the upcoming year. During this lunch she shared with me the two metaphors the Leadership Team and Church Council were



considering between. One of these would become Calvary's guiding metaphor in the next phase of redevelopment. She asked me my opinion and I readily gave it. As someone from the outside looking in, it didn't take much looking to realize that Calvary is *at the intersection*. From

Calvary's physical location to wrestling with what it means to be church together in a changing environment, Calvary is at the intersection.

In Paris, France, the Arc de Triomphe sits at the center of *L'Étoile* (the star) where 12 roads intersect, forming an immense and chaotic roundabout. Twelve roads. One roundabout. Now I've never driven through this roundabout, but just from watching, it is easy to see how one could get stuck close to the center and struggle to get back to the outer edges to exit the roundabout on the appropriate avenue.

The intersections at which we find ourselves in life and at church can often feel like we're in the midst of *L'Étoile*. Chaotic, noisy, and overwhelming. When I feel overwhelmed by these chaotic intersections in my life, the one thing I want to do is get out. The second thing I want to do is avoid any intersections that make me feel this way.

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Yet I know that these intersections are necessary to my existence and to my thriving. I can't actually avoid them, and I wonder if, by focusing on the chaos and overwhelming feeling of being in the intersection I'm missing the point.

What if, instead of focusing on the intersection, I reorient myself and focus

## continued from Intern Pastor Melissa...

on the road that I am traveling? When I do this, I find that the chaos and overwhelming sensations of the intersection fade and I am better able to navigate the intersections I encounter.

I get the sense that Calvary's new identity, *At the Intersection of Faith and Service*, can feel chaotic and overwhelming for some of us. Just like how being in the middle of *L'Étoile*, must feel. I wonder if that feeling might settle if we focus on the road instead of the intersection.

At the beginning of his Farewell Discourse in the Gospel of John, Jesus gives us a little clue as to what road we *should* be on. Immediately after telling Peter that Peter will deny Jesus, Jesus provides words of comfort to the disciples that Jesus is going to prepare a place for them in the Father's house. He tells the disciples that they know the way to where Jesus is going. This confuses the disciples!

"Thomas said to [Jesus], 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'" "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'" (John 14:5-6, *NRSV*)

My friends, Jesus is the way. Jesus is the road. I don't think this is one of Jesus' many ambiguous and multi-

meaning phrases. I think we can take this one at face value. Jesus is the way.

When we are overwhelmed by everything having to do with being *At the Intersection of Faith and Service*, remember the road on which we travel instead of the intersection. Focus on the road. Focus on Jesus.

The other day I was driving in the car listening to the Indigo Girls on Spotify. *Watershed* came on and as I was listening (and singing along), I found myself repeating the song over and over and over.

"Up on the watershed Standing at the fork in the road. You can stand there and agonize 'Til your agony's your heaviest load. You'll never fly as the crow flies. Get used to a country mile. When you're learning to face the path at your pace, every choice is worth your while"

Emily Saliers' words have stuck with me. Sometimes the decisions we face when we are in the middle of an intersection can cause us to freeze. It's too much and soon the agony of the decision overtakes the decision itself. Then Emily gives me a reality check. There is no easy option.

This fork in the road doesn't give us the option of flying like a crow, over all obstacles to our destination. The way of Jesus, the road through the

intersection of faith and service requires that we "get used to a country mile." Jesus does not lead us down the easiest or most straightforward of paths. Circuitous, meandering, bumpy, and challenging are better descriptors of the way of Jesus.

The country mile of Jesus leads to his death on a Roman cross. Yet, Jesus' death is not the end of the road. It is an intersection. And knowing that Jesus is our way allows us to navigate that intersection and live into Jesus' resurrection.

As Calvary continues to navigate through what it means to live *At the Intersection of Faith and Service*, my hope is that you will remember the road. Jesus is our way and we are an Easter people.

With you at the intersection,



Intern Pastor Melissa  
Anderson Trust

# November Happenings



*don't forget!*  
**DAYLIGHT  
 SAVING TIME  
 ENDS THIS  
 SUNDAY!**

DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT  
 OR BE VERY EARLY FOR CHURCH ON NOV. 3RD.



**IT'S TOOL TIME**

**Calvary Grounds Work Party**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND 9:00 a.m.

## Adult Forum

**Sundays - Social Hall - 10:15 a.m.**

**Nov. 3rd** — "Being a Good Steward of My Life." We'll discuss the many aspects of life that we are called to be good stewards of, using the ELCA Wholeness Wheel.

**Nov. 10th** — "Telling Our Congregation's Story." Using a "Narrative Budget," Lin Fant and Pastor Lori will help us explore how our Calvary staff and members use their time, talents, and financial resources to tell the community who we are.

**Nov. 17th & 24th** — TBD

**COFFEE** with the  
**INTERN** Pastor  
**MELISSA ANDERSON TRUST**

**POVERTY BAY CAFE**  
 1108 S. 322nd Place  
 Federal Way

Thursdays  
 10:00 a.m.

**except 11.28**




*Be a Christmas angel for a local child!*

## HOLIDAY BOXES OF HOPE

**SUNDAY, November 10th**  
 GET YOUR BOX AND ORNAMENT TAG  
 TO SHOP FOR A KID IN NEED

**SUNDAY, December 1st**  
 BRING BACK YOUR FULL, WRAPPED  
 BOX FOR DELIVERY

*Red Wagon*  
 Serving Our Community



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

## Senior Lutheran Outings

presents a trip to the

## Nordic Heritage Museum

**Thursday, November 7th**

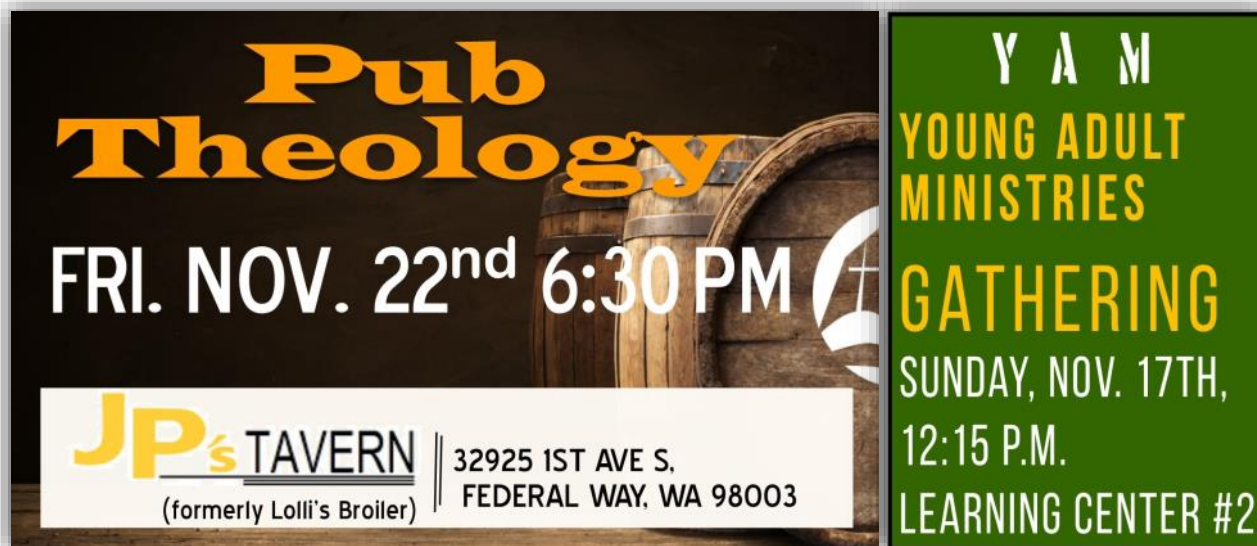
**Vans leave Calvary between 9:30-10:00 a.m.**

Cost: \$15/person for transportation  
 plus lunch money (Museum free)

Questions? See Marj Hause



## November Happenings

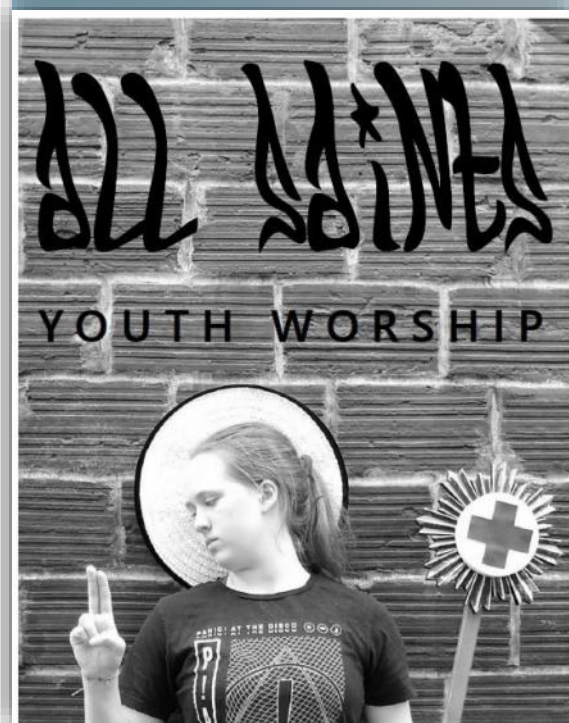


**Pub Theology**  
FRI. NOV. 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 PM

**JP's TAVERN** | 32925 1ST AVE S.  
(formerly Lolli's Broiler) | FEDERAL WAY, WA 98003

**Y A M**  
YOUNG ADULT  
MINISTRIES  
**GATHERING**  
SUNDAY, NOV. 17<sup>TH</sup>,  
12:15 P.M.  
LEARNING CENTER #2

## Youth Happenings



**Sun. Nov. 3rd Youth Grades 7-12**

**5:30 p.m.**—Meet at the Calvary parking lot and carpool to Mountain View Lutheran.



7-12 GRADE STUDENTS, JOIN US FOR A

**Dinner & Thanksgiving Gathering**



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
4:00 P.M.  
PASTOR LORI'S HOME

# Book Groups & Ministries



## LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, Nov. 21st - 11:30 A.M.

Location: Black Angus

Contact: Vicki Smith



## LWR QUILTING

Monday, Nov. 11th - 10:00 A.M.

Learning Center #1

Contact: Corky Black



## NAOMI CIRCLE

Monday, Nov. 18th - 1:00 P.M.

Host & Contact: Madeline Tam

## Calvary Book Group

Open to men and women interested in exploring literature together.



Thursday, Nov. 21st

12:30 P.M.

Calvary Library

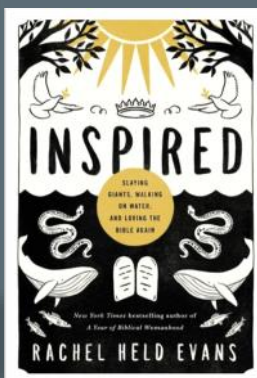
Book: *Becoming*  
by Michelle Obama

NO MEETING IN DEC.

Contact: Gail Pierson

## Fierce Women's Faith Study

Open to all women of Calvary.



Monday, Nov. 18th

6:30 P.M.

Pastor Lori's home

Book: *Inspired*  
by Rachel Held Evans.

Please have chapters 2 & 3 read. RSVP with a text or email so she knows to expect you.

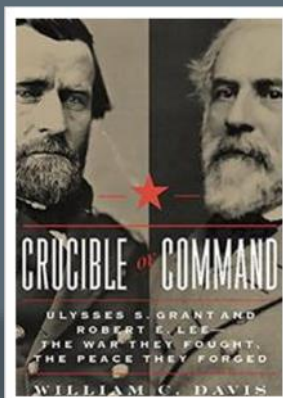
Contact: Pastor Lori

## Men's Book Group

Open to all men of Calvary.

Thursday, November 14th

1:30 P.M. — LC #1



Book: *Crucible of Command*  
by William C. Davis

Next Book:  
*Skipping Christmas*  
by John Grisham

Contacts: Larry Bengtson, Bill Johnson

# Bible Studies & Office News

## Tuesday Bible Study

*Tuesdays, 10:00 A.M. -Learning Center #2*

*Focusing on the book of Romans.*

Facilitators: Pastor Lori Cornell,  
Intern Pastor Melissa Anderson Trust

## Wednesday Bible Study

*Wednesdays, 10:00 A.M. -Calvary Library*

A weekly conversation based on the  
upcoming scriptures for Sunday's Worship.

Facilitators: Pastor Lori Cornell,  
Intern Pastor Melissa Anderson Trust

## Men's Bible Study

*Thursdays at 8:00 or 8:30 a.m.*

Nov. 7th                      Poverty Bay Café  
8:00 A.M.                      1108 S. 322nd Pl, FW

Nov. 14th & 21st      LC #2, 8:30 A.M.

NO MEETING ON NOVEMBER 28th

Facilitator: Bill Johnson

## REMINDER

*We are fortunate to share our building with two great congregations: Chinese Fellowship and Steel Lake Presbyterian. Please be a good partner by honoring their sacred time of building use. SLPC has exclusive use of the Social Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month from 11:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On those days, they are allowed to access the kitchen thru the back doors at 10:30 a.m.*



# Community Events



**Women of Steel VI  
Presents**

## We Are Loved Give Thanks



**Saturday, November 9, 2019**  
**9 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Located @ Calvary Lutheran  
Church Sanctuary**

**Please Bring:**

- ◆ Your Bible
- ◆ A Salad for 6-8
- ◆ An item of \$1-3.00 Value to trade
- ◆ A Friend



**Call Mary Issacson at  
253.946-7721**

## LUTEFISK DINNER

*Join us for lefse, meatballs and all the trimmings!*

NOVEMBER 2, 2019  
Noon - 5:00 PM

ADULTS  
Lutefisk Dinner - \$25  
Dinner (no fish) - \$20

CHILDREN  
10 & under - \$10

*Holiday Bazaar*  
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
245 VALLEY AVENUE EAST  
SUMNER, WASHINGTON 98390  
253-863-1142  
ctklcsumner@msn.com

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an't go on, because all of  
our hope is gone, And your  
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our tears you look around,  
ut there's no peace of mind  
o be found. I know what  
ou're thinkin', You're alone  
ow, no love of your own,



**REACH  
OUT**

**OVERNIGHT SHELTERS**  
Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Say You'll Be There!**  
**Annual Fundraiser Breakfast**  
7:00 am (doors open at 6:30 am)  
**Journey Church,**  
701 S 320th, Federal Way, WA  
Silent Auction \* Inspiring Speakers  
Success Stories\* Delicious Breakfast  
Admission  
\$35 per person, \$60 per couple, \$250 table of 8  
<https://ccsww.ejoinme.org/reachoutfw>

Please plan on joining us to spread hope as we  
provide shelter, case management and meals to  
adults experiencing homelessness  
in South King County!  
[www.ReachOutShelter.com](http://www.ReachOutShelter.com)



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# Our Future Direction

## Our Future Direction, a Leadership Team Temple Talk

by: Bill Johnson

*(transcribed from a Temple Talk originally spoken during worship on Sunday, October 27th, 2019)*

Good morning, it is great to be with all of you this day! A member of the Leadership Team asked me to share some thoughts with you regarding upcoming future direction discussions as well as our new identity statement. I agreed to do so.

First, as most of you are aware, there are a series of in-home gatherings upcoming that will provide you with food and fellowship opportunities. If you have not as yet signed up to attend one of these events please do so after this service. The gatherings are by zip code to minimize travel burdens. Certainly another objective of these gatherings, beyond food and fellowship, is giving you an opportunity to share your thoughts about Calvary's future in this time and place. Discussion moderators will be in attendance at these gatherings.

Second, we want to take a few minutes to think about Calvary's newly adopted Identity statement. **Calvary: At the Intersection of Faith and Service.**

Have you heard that statement before? If so, have you given it any thought as to how it applies to us? To you? Let's explore this a bit.

That word intersection is inter-

esting. I would wager that when you hear that word by itself you immediately think of where roads or highways meet or cross each other. If you were a math major perhaps you reflect back to early algebra or geometry studies and think about 2 lines meeting. Much the same idea.

Before we had a more formalized road/highway network in our country we had dirt roads or cart paths. These were many times located where our Native Americans had located paths through the countryside.

When we think about the progress of our lives we sometimes hear the expression "The Road of Life". More commonly, when we talk about our relationships with other people – especially in a spiritual sense - we use the term "path" which has a connotation of a line that is constantly changing in its orientation. Up and down, East and West, etc.

It is not at all uncommon to hear people say "I'm so glad our paths crossed today." Rarely do we hear another person tell us "I'm so glad our paths intersected today" but that is exactly what happened. Just different phraseology.

Calvary Lutheran Church is certainly physically located at an intersection. 320<sup>th</sup> St.

South and 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. It is not a country church located beside a meandering road – though originally we were in fact just that. We've come a long way and, for better or worse, this is where we find ourselves! At the edge of the core of a rapidly growing city with immense changes rapidly coming to our neighborhood.

So what of this situation, and our Identity Statement – *At the Intersection of Faith and Service?*

All of you know that we, (CLC), have been reaching out in Faith to support various outreach programs. Community Supper is the primary example. For upwards of 30 years we have opened our doors to the less fortunate of the Community. Sack Lunch and Reach Out are additional outreach projects we support on an ongoing basis. We have been living at the intersection of Faith and Service for a long time – through these Ministry Team activities. With our new Identity Statement we have, perhaps, changed the optical prescription of our lenses a bit.

How about at the personal level? How does your Faith Intersect with Service? It certainly does when you come here to work in support of our outreach ministries. But how does this work on an

# Our Future Direction continued....

individual basis?

Perhaps you will struggle a bit with defining how this happens or can happen.

Given the homeless epidemic that manifests itself in all corners of our country don't we see possible opportunities for individual action on an almost daily basis? However, we are realistically restrained from individual actions because of real questions of personal safety issues. Understandable! And I'm not suggesting we undertake actions that would put us in personal jeopardy.

However, once in a while our paths intersect with situations that cry out for action. A contemporary parable I hope will illustrate this.

Recently, at a church in Federal Way, a committed member of that congregation had gotten up a bit late in the morning and had to rush to his church to fulfill a brief commitment at 7:45am. Ralph did not have time for breakfast and hurried out the door.

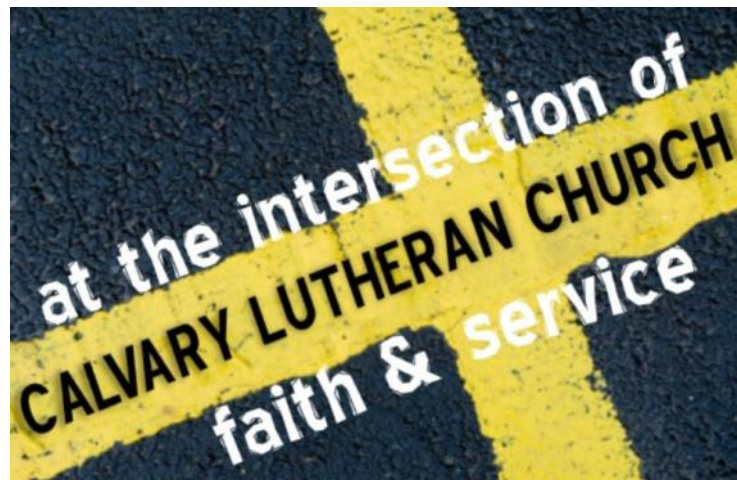
A large group function was happening on this Friday but the church office was closed, and the Pastor was fully engaged with the large group and thus unavailable.

It also was a late fall day and it had been drizzling on and off for several days with overnight temps in the low 40's. Certainly not the kind of weather in which to spend an unsheltered night – or more.

When Ralph had completed the brief service tasks for which he had volunteered he was going to go home for breakfast, hot coffee and his newspaper. As he opened the exit door to depart, he saw an obviously homeless man simply standing in front of the main entry door. The man

man, Ralph told the stranger that the Pastor was unavailable and that the office was closed – but this felt like a cheap way out.

Ralph's usual response to these types of situations would have been to give the person five dollars so they could get some hot food. However, this man's



More than just a stewardship campaign, "At the Intersection of Faith and Service" is Calvary's newly adopted identity. We acknowledge that our location and liturgy are our greatest assets while serving those in our community is a central part of our Congregation. Knowing our identity, and living this truth, will help move us forward and grow together.

was shivering, was thoroughly soaked, had tears in his eyes and his nose was dripping onto his coat. He had no personal possessions with him. Ralph asked if he could be of assistance. The stranger replied in a soft voice that he needed help and that he had not eaten in 3 days. He said "I can't do this anymore, I just can't do this."

Partially, to not have to get too involved with the

countenance was different. This man just looked like he had hit an emotional wall. He was beaten by the realities of life. And in his soft voice he was trying to articulate this fact. He said he had never asked for help from anyone before.

Then Ralph remembered that he did not have anything scheduled for the day beyond the brief commitment he had just fulfilled, so he unlocked the front

## ...Our Future Direction continued...

door and asked the stranger to come inside. He directed the man to a seat where they had access to tissues so the man could at least dry his tears and nose.

In a soft voice the man again said "I can't take it anymore. I just can't do it anymore." Ralph asked if he meant living on the street. The stranger nodded in agreement. Ralph asked if he would like a cup of coffee and the stranger said yes. So, Ralph went and got 2 cups of coffee and returned to find the man sitting in the same position as earlier and with his head bowed, and still shivering.

As he offered the coffee to the stranger Ralph inquired as to his name. He said it was Al. He thanked Ralph for the coffee and said again how cold he was.

Al said repeatedly that he just could not do it any more and he needed help. He said his SSI had lapsed and that for the first time in his life he actually was contemplating suicide last night. He began quietly weeping again. Al also said he had used heroin for the first time in his life last night as well. He said he wanted to get treatment. He didn't want 30-day treatment he wanted to get into a long-term treatment program - 3 to 6 months.

Ralph asked Al if he would like to have some food and Al nodded in assent. So Ralph offered to take Al and go get breakfast since he not eaten earlier.

They found a quiet corner in a local breakfast/lunch deli and Ralph offered that Al could get

whatever he wanted. Al ordered French toast - which was brought out in about 5 minutes. In the interim Ralph asked additional questions of Al.

Why did you come to our church this morning? Al - because the lights were bright and there were a lot of people inside. I thought that someone might be able to help me.

Do you have familiarity with the food outreach programs that churches offer? Yes but I have not come lately.

Al volunteered that his biggest concern was to get clean and to become re-acquainted with his grandchildren. He had 3 children with his girlfriend decades ago and then he left. He later married a woman who had 3 children and they were together for 20 + years. However, she tired of his wayward habit patterns and divorced him. He said she was the best thing that had ever happened to him and he blew it up. He said she deserved better.

Across the table Ralph looked at Al's hands and saw clear evidence of a man who had worked hard with his hands for many years. Al said he had been a roofer all his life - until the drugs got the best of him. Mostly pot and meth. Ralph asked Al if he would join him in a brief prayer before they ate. Al said

yes. Ralph extended his hands across the table and took Al's into his and spoke words of thanks for the day, the food they were about to eat, and the fact that they had met.

When the food arrived they began eating. Ralph noted that Al was eating very slowly because he was still shivering from the cold of the night just past. Al continued answering questions in a very quiet voice .

Ralph got up to get more coffee and when he returned Al had fallen asleep in his chair and his head was about 1 inch from the French toast and syrup. When Ralph sat down Al snapped back awake.

As they talked further, Al said he thought there was a community service office nearby and he would like to go there because they had rooms. Ralph offered to see what they could do. Al was still so cold and tired he could only eat half his breakfast and apologized for this. He thought he would like to take the balance of his breakfast with him in a clamshell box. Ralph suggested that he understood but that this might not be a good idea because the syrup would spill out the first time the box was tipped to a side. Al said he agreed.

Ralph and Al went back to

## ...Our Future Direction concluded...

Ralph's vehicle and Ralph turned up the heat for Al's benefit. Al promptly began to again fall asleep. Ralph drove to the nearby community service center and parked. While Al slept Ralph went inside and related a brief summary of Al's situation and indicated he was seeking a treatment program. The service center staff were somewhat helpful in that they were able to direct Ralph to the offices of another organization just up the street, however they did not offer the services Al was seeking.

So off they went again. As before, Al was asleep in the vehicle and Ralph went inside to plead Al's case. This facility turned out to be primarily focused on mental health and did not offer addiction recovery services. However, during the conversation Ralph was told that Valley Cities had a location just a half block away. Ralph knew of this organization so off they went again. At the Valley Cities location Ralph asked Al to come along inside. Al sat in a chair along the wall and continued to struggle to stay awake. As Ralph was talking to 2 receptionists Al was asked to come to the counter, which he did quickly. The staff asked Al several questions and were starting to describe where Al had to go next to re-establish his standing with Medi-care/Medi-caid. Al said his SSI had run out.

Ralph was trying to more fully

understand the process steps required and in so doing he mentioned that Al had said he was contemplating suicide last night. Ralph discovered that this is a trigger word for immediate action by Valley Cities (and other organizations as well). The receptionists called an on-duty case manager. When the case manager came through the door she introduced herself and then listened to the conversation between Al and the receptionists. She asked a few clarifying questions and then looking directly at Al she said "I know you". Apparently Al had participated in a 30-day program in the past, but then abandoned the progress he had made. She had been his case manager. The staff quickly found Al in their computer system and told Ralph that Al would likely be received by them but to check back in an hour or so. Ralph's relief at finding this totally unexpected outcome was significant. As Ralph was departing to resume his day, Al was sitting in a chair completing a lengthy questionnaire for Valley Cities. Ralph said goodbye to Al and Al asked if he would see him again. Ralph said he would check up on him later.

Ralph called back later in the morning and Valley

Cities indicated that Al had been taken to a small hospital in their system and would be there for a few days after which he would likely be enrolled into long-term treatment.

Now, as Ralph reflects on this totally unexpected turn of events, and asks, Why me? The only thing he can come up with is that he crashed into an Intersection of Faith and Service, and the real answer is - Why Not You?

Our individual paths take interesting and sometimes challenging twists and turns. It appears it is our responsibility to move slowly and thoughtfully at these intersections and determine how we can be of service. *Christ asked us to do this for him!*

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you this morning.

Oh, and by the way, this was a true story, and it happened on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>. - at Calvary's front door. Be prepared!

Yours In Service,  
*Bill Johnson*  
Grounds Team Lead

# October Recap



(above) Quilts are blessed before shipping to Lutheran World Relief (photo courtesy of Jim Higgins)



(above) A representative from Lutheran World Relief receives the benefits from the Halloween Quilt Raffle. Congrats Tony Willing!  
(photo courtesy of Lori Cornell)



(above) Marj Hause is surprised with an 80th birthday celebration in the Social Hall on October 20th (photo courtesy of Marj Hause)

(right) Pastor Lori and our former Youth Pastor Matt Byrd with Megan Phillips at her Ordination on Oct. 13th. (photo courtesy of Karin Johnson)



(below) Siblings Logan and Morgan Fant acolyte together for the first time. (photo courtesy of Marj Hause)



(above) Pastors Chelsea & Lori with the Youth at the Retreat on October 12th.  
(photo courtesy of Lori Cornell)

# Members and Milestones

Prayers for Ongoing Health Issues	Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries
Ardy Jobse Carrie Ferguson Doris Rime Grace Schwartz Janet Freeman-Daily Jeanne Hotchkiss Joann Jones John Moller Susan Hoppler Vivian Anderson	03 Linda DeBoer 08 Anna Chamberlain Sherry Fleury Duane Sawyer 09 Carolyn Hillis 15 Morgan Fant 16 Emily Thoreson 20 John Tomko	Paula Fowler Tina Hoppler John Moller Grace Schwartz Barb Frost

## CHARTER MEMBER PASSING

Edna L. Nelson died in California on October 4th at 99 years old.

She and husband Edward Nelson (dec. 1984) were former, and charter, members of Calvary. In 2003 she relocated to Tehachapi, CA to be closer to family and has been a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.



# DECEMBER CALLER

Submit info by Nov. 20th-media.calvaryelca@comcast.net

## Free Home Repairs Available for Low-Income Homeowners

Rebuilding Together South Sound is a local non-profit which provides **free home repairs and modifications** for low-income homeowners with the help of volunteer contractors and community groups. Our work helps to create safe homes and communities for everyone. We serve seniors, people with disabilities, or families with children. In addition to projects throughout the year that increase the accessibility of homes, our services range from plumbing, electrical, and carpentry work to replacing doors, damaged flooring, and windows.

We are currently accepting applications for Rebuilding Day 2020. **Applications are due December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**

To be eligible for consideration in the program, you must:

- Own and live in your home and be up to date on any mortgage payments and property taxes.
- Be low income by household size.
- Be a senior citizen, disabled or a family with children, live in Pierce County, Auburn or Federal Way.

In 18 years of service, we have helped nearly 1,000 homeowners stay safe and healthy in their homes.

If you would like to learn more or request an application, please call (253) 238-0977

or email [info@rebuildingtogetherss.org](mailto:info@rebuildingtogetherss.org).



# November's Leading in Worship Schedule

Nov 2019	3	10	17	24
Sanctuary	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00
Altar Guild	Gayle Miller	Cindy Wagner	Denise Achman	Sue Thoreson
	Cindy Wagner	Sue Thoreson	Cindy Wagner	Cindy Wagner
Hospitality	Corky Black	Dixie Baeth, Randy Baeth	Diana Paris	Holly Fisher, Lynn Fisher
	Mary Sawyer	Dixie Baeth, Randy Baeth	Bonnie Nagode	Holly Fisher, Lynn Fisher
Building Supervisor	Bill Johnson	Randy Baeth	Neal Cook	Kelly Thoreson
Greeter	Kathleen Parks	Dixie Baeth	Nellie Gordon	Ellen Gaebe
	Diana Paris	Marsha Case	Sandra Cook	Barb Frost
Usher	Randy Baeth	Kelly Thoreson	Ben Johnson	Denise Achman
	Phil Sell	Isaac Winslow	Bill Johnson	Dan Achman
Acolyte	Logan Fant	Emily Kropp	Logan Fant	Isaac Winslow
	Morgan Fant	Suzannah Winslow	Morgan Fant	Emily Kropp
Assisting Minister	Madeline Tam	Marj Hause	Kyle Franklin	Bobbi McClain
Reader	Ken Corliss	Chris Harris	Craig Hoppler	Suzannah Winslow
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Communion	Neal Cook	Renate Cooper	Diana Paris	Marj Hause
Assistant	Sandra Cook	Dottie Corliss	Karin Johnson	Pat Roragen
<i>serve juice or tray</i>	<i>Logan Fant</i>	<i>Emily Kropp</i>	<i>Logan Fant</i>	<i>Isaac Winslow</i>
	<i>Morgan Fant</i>	<i>Suzannah Winslow</i>	<i>Morgan Fant</i>	<i>Emily Kropp</i>
Pew Communion	Bobbi McClain	Pat Roragen	Melissa Trust Anderson	Renate Cooper
Sound Board	Al Parke	Glenn Sawyer	Al Hagen	Craig Hoppler
<b>Deeper Life @ 11:15</b>				
Greeter	Mary Sawyer	Paula Fowler	James Nichols	Marcy Curtis
Communion	Paula Fowler	Waverly Hagen	Mary Sawyer	Cathy Sannerud
Assistant	Cathy Sannerud	Mike Ragan	Paula Fowler	James Nichols
Please find your own replacement, then notify the office. For future scheduling <a href="mailto:clcschedulefw@gmail.com">clcschedulefw@gmail.com</a> , updated 10.24.19				

# November's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> BLESSING OF QUILTS 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship/Communion 10:15 AM Adult FORUM/Social Hall 10:15 AM Faith 5/Libary 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	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room BDAY Donna/Lori 6:00 PM Reach Out Meeting/LC #1 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary 6:30 PM Jet City Chorus Dinner/SH	<b>29</b> 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	<b>30</b> 8:00 AM FWCF Prayer/GR 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Libary 6:00 PM (TOPS WA #642) LC#1, 6-8 PM 6:30 PM Confirmation 7/8 6:30 PM SLPB Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary 7:30 PM SLPB Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	<b>31</b> 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 5:00 PM Community Supper	<b>1</b> 6:00 PM FWCF - LC1&2/Fireside/Nursery 7:00 PM Coffee House/Great Room	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Grounds Work Party
<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship/Communion 10:15 AM Adult FORUM/Social Hall - Being a Good Steward of My Life 10:15 AM Faith 5/Libary 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 5:30 PM 7-12 @ All Saints Worship-meet at parking Lot 11:15 PM SLPB Coffee Fellowship	<b>4</b> 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 Intership Team Meeting/LC#1 6:30 PM Jet City Chorus Dinner/SH	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 5:45 PM Coalition to end Death by Incarceration - Legislative Mtg/LC#1 6:00 PM Management Team/WHRm 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	<b>6</b> 8:00 AM FWCF Prayer/GR 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Libary 6:30 PM Confirmation 7/8 6:30 PM SLPB Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary 7:30 PM SLPB Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	<b>7</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Poverty Bay 10:00 AM Coffee with 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	<b>8</b> 1:00 PM Set Up Women of Steel Retreat / Social Hall 6:00 PM FWCF - LC1&2/Fireside/Nursery	<b>9</b> 7:30 AM Women of Steel Retreat/SLPC
<b>10</b> RED WAGON 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship/Communion 10:15 AM Adult FORUM/Social Hall- Telling Our Congregation's Story 10:15 AM Faith 5/Libary 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	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 10:00 AM LVR Quilting Group/LC #1 6:00 PM Reach Out Meeting/LC #1 6:30 PM CYFM Team Mtg/Libary 6:30 PM Deeper Life Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary 6:30 PM Jet City Chorus Dinner/SH	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 6:00 PM Church Council/LC #1 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	<b>13</b> 8:00 AM FWCF Prayer/GR 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Libary 6:30 PM Finance Trn/Workroom 6:30 PM Confirmation 7/8 6:30 PM SLPB Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary 7:30 PM SLPB Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	<b>14</b> 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 10:00 AM Coffee with the Intern (Poverty Bay) 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	<b>15</b> 6:00 PM FWCF - LC1&2/Fireside/Nursery	<b>16</b> 10:00 AM SLPC Memorial/Sanctuary/SH & Kitchen
<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Sanctuary Worship/Communion 10:15 AM Adult FORUM/Social Hall-TBD - Finance Team? 10:15 AM Faith 5/Libary 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 YAM - LC1 12:15 PM YAM GATHERING LC#2 4:00 PM (FW Chinese FS) Gr Rm, Nursery 4:00 PM LT Dinner and Thanksgiving @ Pastor Lori's 11:15 PM SLPB Coffee Fellowship	<b>18</b> 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Work Room 1:00 PM Naomi Circle - Madeline Tam 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 6:30 PM Jet City Chorus Dinner/SH	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Tuesday Bible Study/LC#2 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Teams/LC #1 8:00 PM (AA Group/Rm 102)	<b>20</b> 8:00 AM FWCF Prayer/GR 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study/Libary 6:30 PM Confirmation 7/8 6:30 PM SLPB Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary 7:30 PM SLPB Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	<b>21</b> 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study/LC #2 10:00 AM Coffee with the Intern (Poverty Bay) 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch-Black Angus 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	<b>22</b> 6:00 PM FWCF - LC1&2/Fireside/Nursery 6:30 PM Pub Theology/JP's Tavern	<b>23</b>
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# Church Financials

## A Report from Your Finance Team

2019	September	Year to Date	Total Planned	YTD % of Plan*
Income	\$45,251	<b>\$271,737</b>	\$464,158	58.4%
Expenses	\$25,329	<b>\$286,629</b>	\$464,158	61.8%
Net Ordinary Income	<b>\$19,922</b>	<b>(\$14,891)</b>		

\* September is 75.0% of the year

### 2018 Data for Comparison

### 2018 Actual Results

2018	September	Year to Date	2018 Total (Actual)	YTD % of Actual Total
Income	\$38,386	\$280,076	\$394,016	71.8%
Expenses	\$30,777	\$286,634	\$395,565	72.5%
Net Ordinary Income	<b>\$7,609</b>	<b>(\$6,558)</b>		

### What's noteworthy?

- September's income was far above average, and expenses were below average, leading to an operating surplus of \$19,922 for the month and decreasing the year-to-date operating deficit to (\$14,891). *(Monthly expenses and income over the last 3 years have averaged \$32,700 to \$33,700).*
- The year-to-date deficit is more than twice what it was in 2018.
- While the deficit situation improved considerably in September, there is still a way to go to eliminate the deficit. Also, be aware that there are some large expenses that will hit before the end of the year: planned annual expenses of about \$13,000 (insurance premium, surface water management) and \$4,800 in unplanned expenses (updates to fire alarm / suppression system and plumbing bill to clear a clog).
- THANK YOU for helping reduce the deficit in September. Keep up the good work!



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