

# CALVARY'S CROSSROADS



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## Special Points of Interest

- Summer Giving
- El Milagro Partnership Update
- Corn Feed and ArtiCan

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**“...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”**

**Galatians 5:22**

Over the course of these summer Sundays, the lectionary texts often invite us to think about seeds, sowers, and planting. This should lead to the question, what is actually being planted? Or more appropriately, what are the fruits of the seeds which are being planted? The book of Galatians, then, opens us to think about the fruits we might be looking for.

Now, some congregations focus a great deal of attention on the coming of the Spirit—some have taken the name Pentecostal, or charismatic, or Spirit-led—to indicate this attention. And then there are other churches that seem to shy away from talk of the Spirit (Lutherans often fall into this camp).

Growing up in Minnesota, I need to admit there wasn't much conversation about Spirit in my home church. That may be just a little too *crazy*. And, if you unleashed

the spirit you never knew what might happen. But, interestingly, there was a lot of attention on ways of living (described as fruits of the Spirit)—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These gifts were woven into the fabric of both church and society.

Over the last few weeks I have both been uplifted and challenged by what these gifts call us to be. I have heard wonderful stories from folks at Calvary and from those with whom I have worked. There are amazing stories of how these gifts are made known in their lives and in the lives of others. I have heard of the love made known by a father to his family and community; I have heard of the generosity of volunteers and strangers who have given of their time and resources; I have heard of the joy of coming to know one self better and being more authentic with others. The list continues.

We have also watched on as our state and local governments have shown deep lack of love, peace, patience, generosity, faithfulness

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Progressive, Christ-centered  
community called to radically welcome all  
Vibrantly worship God  
Faithfully work for peace and justice  
in our neighborhood and world

*...we can offer insight,  
challenge, and hope  
to those who are  
slogging through their  
days... who are wanting  
to live more fully...*

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### CALVARY WILL BE COLLECTING GIFTS FOR THE DROUGHT IN AFRICA OVER THE COMING THREE WEEKS JULY 31, AUGUST 7, AND AUGUST 14.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The worst drought in 60 years has reached crisis level in East Africa. Thousands and thousands of people in Ethiopia, central and northern Kenya, Djibouti and Somalia are leaving their homes in search of food, water and shelter.

The Dadaab refugee center, managed in partnership with The Lutheran World Federation, was built to accommodate 90,000 people. However, recently more than 380,000 thirsty and hungry people have gathered in and around the center. This number continues to grow with more than 1,000 people arriving daily.



"This is the last of my food, a few beans. I used to grow food myself but there has been no rainfall in eight years, so now I have to buy all my food from the market. The prices keep going up. We only have enough

food for one meal a day now, and that goes for all people in this area," says Lucia Muvili Ngotho from the Kalimbui village in Mwingi, Kenya.

### FOOD SHELF DELIVERY UN-LOADERS

Have you ever wondered about the work that goes into the food shelf? Yes, there is the tireless effort of Henrietta Williams! Yes, there are the Saturday volunteers (from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.) who volunteer once a month...with more always welcome! Yes, there are those who give gifts, bring food, provide paper, plastic, and reusable bags!

Then there are the rarely talked about food delivery un-loaders. These folks eagerly await Henrietta's phone call that a shipment will be arriving...then they come and move the items from outside, to elevator, to fellowship hall, to storage room. It can take energy, sweat, and a generally good back!

The deliveries are often during the week with varying times. If you are willing to be part of this dedicated and hard-working crew (it's generally not more than once every month or two!) then let Henrietta Williams know. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

Gifts made through ELCA Disaster Response are now providing water and enriched porridge to children and older adults who are too weak to eat dry food. Your generous gifts will make it possible for this church's response to continue as long as the drought does and, even afterward, as the people seek to restart their lives.

Contributions made to ELCA Disaster Response, designated for the "Horn of Africa Drought Relief," will be used entirely -- 100 percent -- for work in the area, assisting those whose lives have been affected by this terrible drought.

Your gifts of prayer and partnership are needed and deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Dan*

The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal



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### EL MILAGRO & CALVARY PARTNERHSIP UPDATE

During June and July the El Milagro and Calvary Partnership Task Force met twice to work on a covenant focused on our respective missions and how we see ourselves living together in a shared space. Additionally, Brian Aust has met with leadership from El Milagro to work further on drafting a document. This work and document is rooted in our having two very distinct, yet very compatible communities of faith--and a sense that by sharing one building, creating shared outreach and advertising opportunities, and expanding on the richness of each we can further build up both communities.

This mission/covenant document will outline for both congregations why and how we see this taking shape. This will then shape the building

usage/cost-sharing document that Mission Support and Council will develop.

The current plan is that El Milagro will be relocating to Calvary this fall (the hope is by Advent--November 27). Additional conversations will take place in adult education during September, but we want people to know that if there are questions to contact folks on the Partnership Task Force: Gary Mazzone, Brian Aust, Marcia Haugstad, Jeri Schultz, or Pastor Brad.

Also, we expect that folks from El Milagro will attend and be involved with the corn feed and other events--take a moment to say hello as we continue to build our relationship and live into being partners in mission.



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: AMBER BENDIX & MELINDA HORN

Amber was born in Blue Earth, MN. She is the daughter of a retired LCMS minister. She has lived in many parts of Minnesota and also in Montana, growing up in the church. When she was 11, her father took a call to a small church in Hardwick, MN where she lived until she graduated from high school.

Amber works as a Pharmacy Technician for Thrifty White Pharmacy in Maple Grove, MN. She attended High Tech Institute to become a certified Pharmacy Technician. She was previously laid off from a small, privately-owned circuit board shop in Plymouth that was forced to close due to economic conditions.

In her free time, Amber enjoys playing guitar, photography, reading and learning Scripture and hanging out with family. She is looking forward to taking her turn in school after Melinda (her fiancé) completes her education.

Amber heard about Calvary from Melinda's mom and has been getting to know the church through watching the online sermons.

Melinda was born and raised in Luverne, MN in the very SW corner of Minnesota. She has four older sisters and one older brother, who currently all reside in the Midwest. She lives in Plymouth with her fiancé, Amber, and their two cats, Brooklyn and Jim.

Melinda is currently a Business Support Specialist in Center Store Merchandising for Supervalu. She is on the Seasonal team that puts together six selling events centered on seasonal buying of non-food items. She has been employed with Supervalu for almost nine years.

Currently, she spends her free time working towards her MBA at Hamline University. When she is not in school, she enjoys reading fiction and short stories, cheering on the Minnesota Twins, photography, and exploring local museums and state parks.

Melinda heard about Calvary when her mom sent her an article about Pastor Brad that she cut out of the newspaper. She enjoys the sense of community and looks forward to becoming active in both the church and community.

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### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
<b>Deacon</b>	Chris Robson	Ramona Starks	Sarah Lahr	Lisa Negstad
<b>Acolyte</b>	Eric Paulsrud	Irv Elliott	Nancy Lee Nelson	Rachel Bjorhus
	Karen Rudrud	Danielle Hill	Michael Weber	Pat Olson
<b>Lector</b>	Beth Lewis	Josh Moberg	Irv Elliott	Isaac Wengerd
<b>Usher</b>	Lisa Luedtke	Nancy Lee Nelson	Anne Boone	Gary Mazzone
	Michael Luedtke	Michael Weber	Alex Jackson	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Felecia Boone	Ruth Pope	Ruth Pope	Holly Wiedenhoef
<b>Sound Board</b>	Aaron Gebauer	Karen Nelson	Gary Nelson	Mary Nelson
<b>Nursery</b>	Sarah Zeigler	Robbi Bergan	Jen McCarthy	Nicole Falk
	Adam Mohr	Gary Nelson	Kim Zeigler	Josh Moberg
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Judith Anderson	Nancy Lee Nelson	Eric Ebbesen	Anne Boone
	Steve Glass	Gary Nelson	Stacia Wick	Felecia Boone
	Kim Zeigler	Jeri Schultz	Irv Elliott	Aimee Boone
	Sarah Zeigler			

### PREPARING FOR THE NEW YEAR

**Mark your calendars—the new programmatic year begins on September 11.**

If you are interested in:

- teaching Sunday school
- leading intergenerational activities
- teaching Adult Education
- coordinating retreats or activities

please contact Pastor Brad.

We are excited about the plans that are taking shape!

### COMMUNITY SING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join your voice with the voices of others and meet new friends in the process! Members and friends of Bethel, Calvary and Our Saviour's are invited to come together on Wednesday evening, August 31 to build community with our group singing. Experienced song leaders, Bret Hesla and Mary Preus from MN Community Sings will lead us in songs of hope, joy and fun from near and far.

You're all invited to come and sing some old favorites and some new discoveries.

After that, let's eat ice cream!

6:30 p.m.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

2315 Chicago Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55404



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and self-control. There has been an incredible lack of living in a new Spirit. Definitely a place of challenge.

The question is, what will we, as people of faith, do? How do we help reorient society, government, and at times our own lives to the Spirit? And how do we recognize this as an on-going task.

First off, I believe we must look around and see this radical Spirit at work in our world and in our lives. We open ourselves to this reality, and allow ourselves to be fully present to the workings of the Spirit.

While you, like me, and like the congregation in which I grew up, may shy away from talking too much about the Spirit. It is important that we take the time to recognize the gifts that are in our midst—in our lives and the stories—and to recognize the giver of these gifts. Then we open ourselves to the wonderful and profound effects of living out of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

(And let's face it, living with these gifts can be beautiful, but it can also be challenging and take on-going learning and growth!)

From that recognition and personal learning, we can offer insight, challenge, and hope to

those who are slogging through their days; who are wanting to live more fully; who are longing for a new way of being (individually or corporately). We can be a people who engage and change personal and even national conversations—when we speak of a God of abundance, gift-giving, and challenge.

Throughout this month of August—as summer speeds by—it is time to continue our conversation around Spirit and to open ourselves to these fruits of the Spirit. As we prepare for another programmatic year; as we continue to build relationships with folks who are new to us (or even those who are long-time friends); as we ready ourselves for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Corn Feed (August 14<sup>th</sup>); as we work out details and welcome El Milagro. We ponder anew the ways in which the Spirit is calling us to utilize gifts in our words and deeds—to be a faith-filled and gifted people.

May the Spirit blow in new ways and may her amazing gifts be revealed in exciting ways in our midst—as summer winds turn towards autumn, as the seeds that have been planted continue to bear new fruits.

In peace,  
Pastor Brad

**Love**

**Joy**

**Peace**

**Patience**

**Kindness**

**Generosity**

**Faithfulness**

**Gentleness**

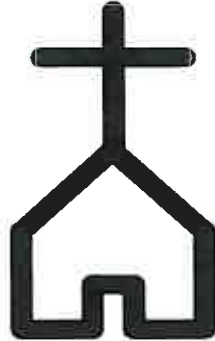
**Self-control**

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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE IN AUGUST

Summer through  
September 4th  
Worship service  
begins at 9:30 a.m.

*Everyone  
is welcome at  
Calvary!*



*In the City  
for Good!*

### WEEKLY WORSHIP TEXTS

#### August 7

1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

#### August 21

Isaiah 51:1-6  
Psalm 138  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

#### August 14

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11:1-2a,  
29-32  
Matthew 15:10-28

#### August 28

Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Psalm 26:1-8  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

### AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

**Monday, August 1**  
Social Justice  
Steering Committee  
6:30 p.m. at Henrietta  
William's home

**Monday, August 1**  
Crossroads Community  
Organization  
6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 9**  
Worship & Committee  
6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, August 11**  
Urban Arts Academy Board  
6:30 p.m.

**Monday, August 15**  
Education Committee  
6:30 p.m.

**Monday, August 15**  
Mission Support Committee  
6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 16**  
Property Committee  
6:30 p.m.

**Monday, August 22**  
Executive Committee  
6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, August 25**  
M.I.C.A.H. Committee  
8:00 a.m. at Augustana Apts.

Council will not be meeting in  
August. Their next meeting  
will be on Thursday, Septem-  
ber 1st.



*Did you know  
you can visit a  
committee meeting?*

### AUGUST CALENDAR EVENTS

Urban Arts Academy  
Pre-School & After-School  
meet Mondays through  
Thursdays from 9 a.m. to  
4:30 p.m. through August  
11th.

Calvary Choir rehearsals  
begin Wednesday, Sept. 7th  
at 6:30 p.m.

Encore! & Twin Cities  
Women's Choir rehearsals  
begin Wed., August 31st

Our Emergency Food Shelf  
is open Saturdays from 9:00  
a.m. until noon.

GBI Minnesota, an Indone-  
sian congregation, meets in  
our chapel Sunday morning.

Twin Cities Metro Bagpipers  
meet Sunday afternoons and  
Thursday evenings.

BeechWood, Inc. rents  
office space here and has  
various group meetings  
here.

MN Interpreter's Institute,  
Theatre Pro Rata, Eastern  
Stars and Masons rent space  
for their meetings or  
rehearsals.

Farmer's Market is held  
every Thursday in our  
church parking lot from  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m. through the  
end of September.

#### ANNUAL CORN FEED

Sunday, August 14  
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.



*Community  
Partners*

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**JULY CELEBRATIONS**



*No matter how many candles are on your cake - may all your wishes come true!*

<b>Happy Birthday</b>			
Noah Haugstad	8/2/00	Beth Lewis	8/15
Anne Boone	8/5	Marcia Haugstad	8/20
Melissa Brooks	8/6	Nancy Lee Nelson	8/23
Josh Hill	8/10	Alexander Knowlen	8/25
Ramona Starks	8/11	Anders Davidson	8/26
Jeremy Shepherd	8/14	Linda Mundt	8/30
Holly Wiedenhoef	8/14	Josh Moberg	8/31

**Anniversary Wishes**



Laura & Daniel Huff  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Nicole & Andrew Falk  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Deb & Eric Paulsrud  
August 7<sup>th</sup>

Saanii Hernandez-Mohr  
& Adam Mohr  
August 9<sup>th</sup>

Robbi Bergan &  
Elaine Christopher  
August 11<sup>th</sup>

Jennifer & Steve McCarthy  
August 18<sup>th</sup>

Danielle & Josh Hill  
August 28<sup>th</sup>

**IN OUR PRAYERS**



For members and friends of our congregation with celebrations, losses, or health needs, including: Fred, Aria, Matt, Art, Kim, Keith, Paul, Linda, Joanne, Maurine, Lisa, Bonnie, Cassidy, Annabelle, Doug, Jan, and Lynn.

**CHOIRS START NEW SEASON**

Research shows that singing in a choir is strongly correlated with qualities that are associated with success throughout life!  
[www.chorusamerica.org/about\\_choralsinging.cfm](http://www.chorusamerica.org/about_choralsinging.cfm)

Calvary's adult choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Twin Cities Women's Choir has open rehearsals Wednesday, August 31 & September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

What are you doing on Wednesday evenings?!

**SUMMERTIME GIVING**

Thank you! Thank you for your good stewardship! We have rounded out Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and are now moving into Fiscal Year 211-2012.

Like most congregations, Calvary recognizes there can be a decrease in giving over summer months. However, let's see if we can avoid it.

Scripture is clear: God created us to be givers -- we need to share our blessings. And that doesn't change in the summer

months. Neglecting the God-given opportunities to give just is not good for us. It's not so good for the church either. Falling behind during the summer months makes our mission and ministry more difficult for the rest of the year.

With just a little extra effort the summer slump can be avoided all together. Contact our church office to find out about our automatic offering program (*Simply Giving*), or make your own plans to share your pledges and offerings in the way that suits you best. Make

a decision now to plan ahead. Take joy in your practice of good stewardship.

Thank God for summer -- it's God's gift to you. Thank you for your faithful stewardship -- it's your response to God. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

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### 80% IS SUCCESS? WHO KNEW?

SUBMITTED BY MAUREEN CAMPION, FOUNDER OF PARENTING OASIS

My goal is to be a good person, a good wife, and a good parent... 80% of the time.

Here's how I see it: In good relationships there are five positive interactions for every one negative. (This is a total oversimplification of John Gottman's research) This doesn't mean "anything goes"; of course, there are very bad things I don't do in my marriage, in my life, or to my kids. I avoid stuff that I consider immoral, unethical, dangerous or abusive. The negative 20% that I'm talking about is the "not my best stuff." It's the impatient, lazy, messy part of me. I figure that if I work really hard on being great 80% of the time, then the people that love me can cut me some slack the rest of the time. I mean, really - I'm only human. And I do my best at forgiving and letting go of their "not best" 20%.

I find it kind of funny how hard it is for people to accept 80% as wonderful. For instance, when you can't let your kids get away with whatever naughty thing they did, or when you lose it because your partner had a rough day, or when you freak out about your own less than great behavior.

In order to become a licensed psychologist, I had to take a super-hard test, kind of like the

Bar Exam. And in order to get licensed, I had to get 75% of the questions right. Passing the Bar or the Medical Boards also require about 75% correct. So... all those highly successful professionals aim for less than 80%. I'm not great with the sports analogies but I get that anything over 30% is a great batting average, and good NBA players have a 70-80% free throw success rate.

Maybe we need better stats in life. I think that my rate of kid meltdowns avoided is way up. My rate of successful bed-times is close to 95%. My percentage of criticism delivered constructively is not as great.

Maybe rather than throwing the ball back and forth with our kids, we should all be practicing the simple act of giving and receiving apologies. I think that almost all fights that couples have look like this:

**A SAYS-** a bunch of confusing stuff... (**somewhere in the middle - "I can't believe you .... that really hurt!"**) and then a bunch of other confusing stuff that sounds like blame, attack, justification or history.

**B SAYS-** a bunch of unhelpful, clumsy, messy, defensive, sloppy things that sound like blame, attack, justification or history.

**REPEAT A AND B... until...**

Somebody gets it and says: "I am so sorry. I certainly don't want to hurt you."

For the Extra Point- the response is... "I know you didn't mean it, and I'm sorry I said all that hurtful tuff. XXXOOO..." Lights fade.

Practicing having great fights and making good apologies should be an Olympic event. If it were, 80% would get you the gold. Why? Because we are human and because loving each other is messy.

#### Fall Class Schedule

**Amazing Marriage 101**  
**Tuesday, August 23** ·  
**6:30 - 8:00pm**  
**3901 Chicago Ave S Mpls**  
**\$50/couple**  
**Register via email-**  
[maureencampion2000@gmail.com](mailto:maureencampion2000@gmail.com)

*This is a 90-minute workshop for anyone who's in a committed relationship. It's especially helpful for couples who are parenting young children — a rewarding task, of course, but also one that really takes it toll on a relationship.*

*You can get updated class information by signing up for Maureen's newsletter on her website:*  
[www.marriagegeek.com](http://www.marriagegeek.com)

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### CORN FEED & ART-I-CAN



**FREE**  
**CORN & HOT DOGS**  
**ART ACTIVITIES &**  
**ENTERTAINMENT**  
**FOR ALL AGES**

**31st ANNUAL**  
**CORN FEED** **AND**  
**ARTICAN**  
**URBAN ARTS FESTIVAL**

**ENTERTAINMENT BY**  
 Twin Cities Metropolitan Pipe Band  
 International Reggae All Stars  
 Union Shakedown  
 & Bilingual Puppetry by Julie & Gustavo Boods

**3901 CHICAGO AVE S**  
**AUG 14<sup>TH</sup> 3-6 PM**

EVENT SPONSORED BY CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CALVARY'S YOUTH CENTER, & BROADWAY ARTS CENTER  
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 Crossroads Community Organization, & Minnesota State Arts Board

### LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Luther Seminary offers a Lay School of Theology. It is a program of informal, non-credit classes taught by seminary professors for laypersons who want to learn more about matter relating to their Christian faith and life.

Classes meet on Luther Seminary campus during five consecutive Mondays. Evening classes meet from 7 - 9 p.m. and Daytime classes meet from noon - 2 p.m. Topics include: Love Stories from the Bible; The Gospel of Mark; The Holy Spirit; Martin Luther; and the Apostle Paul.

You can register online at [www.luthersem.edu/layschool](http://www.luthersem.edu/layschool) or call Luther Seminary for a registration form. 651-641-3416. The fee per course is \$60. Those who register for three or more courses at one time pay \$55 per course. The payment and registration form need to be submitted prior to the first class session.

Questions?  
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