

# CALVARY'S CROSSROADS



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## Special Points of Interest

- \* Nonsense
- \* Thanksgiving Service
- \* Work Day
- \* Food Shelf Fundraiser

Calvary Lutheran Church  
is in the city for good!  
Progressive, Christ-centered  
community called to radically welcome all  
Vibrantly worship God  
Faithfully work for peace and justice  
in our neighborhood and world

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Recent books in Celtic Christianity have focused attention on listening to "the heart beat of God." One Biblical image often used to illustrate this deep and spiritual listening is that of the beloved disciple, John, resting his head on Jesus' chest and in that moment hearing the heart beat of God—the hopes, the wonders, the promise, the depth and the connection of the Holy.

As we have been bustling around the church over the last two months—rally Sunday, children's choir, CROP walk, choir, community rummage sale, musical rehearsals, Children's Sabbath, activity fair, food shelf, Hallows' Eve celebration—there has been a pulsing (some might say racing!) that is tied to hearing and wanting to respond to this heart beat of God.

And as we look forward to this month—All Saints Service of Remembrance and Healing, *Nonsense*, Food Shelf Fundraiser, Hunger Awareness Month, Fair Trade Holiday Sale, speaking against the proposed Constitutional Amendment to ban gay marriage, and much more—I have no doubt people are continuing to connect the heartbeat of God with next steps.

For a moment though, I invite you to breathe...to breathe deeply. Amidst the activities, events, and worship services we have been doing and have coming up, where are you being called to really hear and see God?

The rummage sale itself was not the heart beat of God, but the relationships forged, the needs met, the conversations initiated...that was the heart beat of God. The musical itself is not the heart beat of God, but the welcome being made, the building being shared, the laughter spilling over...that is the heart beat of God. Even worship itself is not the heart beat of God, but the voices lifted, the hands held, the promise proclaimed, the deep listening...that is the heart beat of God.

And when we pay attention, we really hear and feel that heart beat. With the joyful songs of the children's choir it pulsed. With a young man who members have been working to help take positive next steps it pulses. With the individual who showed up at church and said simply, "Today I need God," and who stayed for worship the beat was present. With the member who suggested we deliver a meal to a man in the neighborhood in need the beat sounded.

This month, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, and as we give thanks for the blessings in our lives, we are invited to listen deeply to the heart beat of God.

The beat is there pulsing, racing, pounding. In moments of meditation, openness, and quiet service we will hear it. So, together let us listen and then live this pulsing vision of the Holy.

Pr. Brad



...the heart beat  
of God...

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### CALVARY FOOD SHELF FUNDRAISER

Please mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, November 19 for the annual food shelf fundraiser!

Come and bring friends and neighbors to this fun community event. Have a glass of wine and sample Damon's delicious appetizers!

Saturday November 19,  
7:00-9:00 p.m.  
At the Huff home:  
4048 Elliot Ave. South.  
(two blocks south of church)

Looking forward to another fun evening together!  
*Loren Woodman & Damon Van Duzen*  
*Laura & Daniel Huff*

### THANK YOU!

Dear Calvary Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your recent gift of \$300 to ELCA Disaster Response. Your gift means the church can continue to respond efficiently and effectively to disasters that have already occurred and can stand ready for those that may come in the future.

After an outbreak of tornadoes ripped through Alabama, gifts to ELCA Disaster Response enabled the church to recruit, train and organize volunteers for Camp Noah, a free day camp program that helps children work through their worries in a fun and supportive environment. After the earthquake and tsunami devastated Japan, gifts to ELCA Disaster Response helped the Lutheran churches of Japan keep their doors open for all who needed shelter. That's how ELCA Disaster Response works --- helping people rebuild not only homes, but hearts.

To neighbors in need around the corner and around the world, your gift brings both help now and hope for the future. Your generosity makes it possible for the church to be there alongside our neighbors for the long haul. Thank you.

As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we do more together than we ever could do alone. We are a church that rolls up its sleeves and solves problems --- doing God's work in the world. Thank you for your support.

In Christ's service,  
The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

### JOINT SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23, 7:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars for the annual joint Thanksgiving Service with:



All Nations Indian Church  
Our Saviour's Lutheran  
Messiah Lutheran  
Mayflower UCC  
First Congregational UCC  
Calvary Lutheran Church

It will be held the evening of Wednesday, November 23, at the Center for Changing Lives/Messiah Lutheran Church at 2400 Park Avenue S. in Minneapolis. Joint choir gathering at 5:30 p.m. (with meal) and the service beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

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### ***NUNSENSE***



*Who are you going to  
invite to the show?*

Calvary Lutheran Church Minneapolis is proud to present *Nunsense*, a musical comedy by Dan Goggin. A must-see for all ages, five high-spirited nuns at Mount St. Helen's School in Hoboken, NJ sing and dance their way into your heart. This award-winning show, including Best Off-Broadway Musical of 1985, has been produced over 5,000 times in 21 languages. It's a delight for all who are "blessed" to see it!

**Performances are November 4-6 and 11-13.** Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and sinfully cheap at \$10 for adults, \$7 for children 8 and under. When ordering on-line there is a \$2 fee for the first ticket order. Go to [www.clchurch.org](http://www.clchurch.org) or call 612-827-2504 to purchase. Join us for a "habit-forming" good time!

*Nunsense* is produced with the permission of Samuel French, Inc.

### **CALVARY WORK DAY SATURDAY, NOV. 19 9:00 AM TO NOON**

The Property Committee invites everyone to come help with some clean-up projects around Calvary on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m.

You've heard the expression, "Many hands make light work." Tackling jobs is more fun when you get to do it with others.

You may even find yourself whistling while you work! The Twin Cities Women's Choir will be rehearsing that morning in the Fellowship Hall --- which means you'll get to hear a preview of their upcoming concerts.

See you there!

### **CALVARY COUNCIL JOINS VOICES AGAINST PROPOSED STATE AMENDMENT**

At the October Church Council meeting the council passed a resolution against the constitutional amendment to ban marriage for same-sex couples. Recognizing Calvary's work as a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, the Minneapolis Area Synod approving a similar resolution in 2004, and the need to speak out against this attempt at discrimination, the council felt it important to stand with other people of faith in opposing the proposed amendment.

### **CALVARY COUNCIL PASSED RESOLUTION TO JOIN FAIRVIEW ASSOCIATION**

The Church Council voted at its October meeting to join the Fairview Association, a collaborative of congregations that is connected to and supports the health care and social ministry organizations of Fairview Health Services and Ebenezer. In this capacity the congregation would have two delegates and would lift up the programs in prayer, help shape policies and lift up trustees, project a "spirit of Christian concern" to Fairview employees. This resolution now goes to the Fairview Association for review.

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# BUILDING THE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE CHURCH, THE WORLD & GOD'S PEOPLE

Do you remember that time when you first learned that at some point the whole world was connected? The Pangaea theory believes that a super-continent, called Pangaea, existed during the Paleozoic and Mesozoic era. The theory supports that the land started to shift to form the modern day continents. Although the theory originally received much skepticism, today the theory receives much support due to increased evidence.

It's difficult to even begin to comprehend the world connected. In Greek, Pangaea means "all land." I begin to think of all the things that divide the land. Some are cultural, some age related, some racial, some religious and some socio-economic. But one thing is clear, there is a divide. The world is not connected. Pangaea does not exist. We are not connected.



Is there an answer to this divide of race, culture and class?

I came across a congregation in California that accepted this divide. After hearing these words from Revelation, "After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands," they asked the question 'why not now?'

Today we very much identify with what makes us different rather than what bridges ourselves to others. Even creating bridges with those closest to us, seems like an impossible task. It seems impossible to even imagine a

world that is connected. A world that all tribes will gather and will speak the name of the Lord.



I begin to think of all the bridges that need to be created. And this is no little task. There is a bridge to reconnect the church to the world, people to people, our community to the community, church to church, mother to child. This list of what needs to be reconnected seems never-ending. The task to build bridges is not a task that can happen with the snap of the finger.

The congregation I mentioned above realized they needed to deliberately work towards deepening their relationship with three aspects in their life -- Christ, the Church and the world. All of these challenges dealt with an initial question or thought process that asked "What do you need to be convinced of?"

I realize that my only interaction with this congregation was for research on community, but I have not gotten that question out of my head, "What do you/I need to be convinced of?"

When I think of community, I need to be convinced of the idea that community is for us all, not just not our Christian brothers and sisters. I need to be convinced that my identity is unique, but not limiting. I need to be convinced the Biblical narrative makes room for everyone. I also need to be convinced that we are not all that different.



We share a divide. Whether it be language or race, or even education or family, there is a divide. Growing up in a two-parent home divides me from others, and in the same way my call to work in the church has divided me from others. I recognize that which divides. I embrace those divides. I know they are part of my identity, but I do not let them isolate me.



In order for us to begin to build bridges, there needs to be a recognition that there is a divide. Martin Luther King Jr. once shared that 11:00 am on Sunday mornings is the most segregated time in American History. Do we need to be convinced of that?

On the morning of Children's Sabbath there was very much a beautiful visual that we are not divided by age. We realize that as adults we are not always the ones that have to be the teachers. We can learn something from those who are much younger. We begin to see that divide get smaller and smaller. We begin to get convinced that there is room for us all as teachers and students. We are convinced that children's responsibility in community is not much different than ours.

We are convinced that the Gospel has the ability to connect people that are often separated for one reason or another.

*Sandy Troyan*  
Shared Children's, Youth & Family Minister

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<b>WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER</b>
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	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27
<b>Deacon</b>	Ramona Starks	Loren Woodman	Danielle Hill	Sarah Lahr
<b>Acolyte</b>	Sarah Lahr	Amy Knowlen	Josh Moberg	Loren Woodman
	Chris Robson	Brian Aust	Joanne Shepherd	Damon Van Duzen
<b>Lector</b>	Beth Lewis	Rachel Bjorhus	Julie Anderson	Lily Endo
<b>Usher</b>	Schweizer-Davidson family	***	Knowlen family	***
<b>Sacristan</b>	Holly Wiedenhoeft	Damon Van Duzen	Damon Van Duzen	Melissa Brooks
<b>Sound Board</b>	Aaron Gebauer	Mary Nelson	Gary Nelson	Karen Nelson
<b>Nursery</b>	Adam Mohr	Josh Moberg	Anders Davidson	Gary Nelson
	Sarah Zeigler	Nicole Falk	Jennifer McCarthy	Joani Moberg
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Nicole Falk	***	***	***
	Pat Olson	***	***	***

<b>IN OUR PRAYERS</b>
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For members and friends of our congregation with celebrations, losses, or health needs, including: Family & friends of Alffield Armstrong, Edie, DeAnn, Doris, Suzie, Geoffrey, Pat, Fred, Aria, Matt, Art, Kim, Keith, Paul, Linda, Lisa, Cassidy, Annabelle, Doug, Jan, and Lynn.

<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>
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\*\*\* Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Saint Nicholas Celebration

Saturday, December 3rd      9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Children of all ages are invited to join us to make lefse, treats, crafts & other goodies in celebration of St. Nicholas Day (which is December 6th).

<b>NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS</b>
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*No matter how many candles are on your cake - may all your wishes come true!*

Ingrid Ebbesen  
Pam Tilseth  
Kaia Zeigler  
Nicole Falk  
Mari Herdine  
Justin Peik  
George Robson  
Isaac Paulsrud

**Happy Birthday**

11/1/03 Benjamin Tripp	11/11/08
11/2 Helen Rasmusson	11/12
11/2/99 Irv Elliott	11/13
11/4 Jaiana Leggett	11/16/07
11/7 Brian Aust	11/18
11/7 Florence Klobuchar	11/22
11/7 Michael Luedtke	11/25
11/9/02	

**Anniversary Wishes**



Marcia & Brian Haugstad  
November 13<sup>th</sup>

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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE IN NOVEMBER

Education classes begin  
at 9:00 a.m.

Worship service  
begins at 10:15 a.m.

*Everyone  
is welcome at  
Calvary!*



*In the City  
for Good!*

### WEEKLY WORSHIP TEXTS

#### November 6

Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

#### November 20

Ezekiel 34:11-16,  
20-24  
Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

#### November 13

Zeph. 1:7,12-18  
Psalm 90:1-12  
1 Thess. 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

#### November 27

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Cor. 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

#### Thursday, Nov. 3

Church Council  
6:00 p.m.

#### Monday, Nov. 7

Social Justice Steering  
Committee  
6:30 p.m. at Henrietta's home

Crossroads Community  
Organization  
6:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 8

Worship & Committee  
6:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 15

Property Committee  
6:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, Nov. 17

M.I.C.A.H. Committee  
8:00 a.m. at Augustana Apts.

Urban Arts Academy Board  
6:30 p.m.

#### Monday, Nov. 21

Mission Support Committee  
9:00 a.m.

#### Education Committee

6:30 p.m.

#### Monday, Nov. 28

Executive Committee  
6:30 p.m.



### NOVEMBER CALENDAR EVENTS

Calvary Choir rehearsals  
meet each Wednesday, at  
6:30 p.m.

Calvary Children's Choir  
rehearses each Thursday  
from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Miriam Circle meets the first  
Tuesday morning of the  
month in the Fellowship Hall

Needlework Group meets  
the 1st & 3rd Monday from  
6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Narthex

Urban Arts Academy  
Pre-School meet Monday  
through Friday from 9 a.m.  
to 4 p.m.

Urban Arts Academy  
School-age meet Monday  
through Thursday 2 - 5 p.m.

Encore! & Twin Cities  
Women's Choir rehearses  
here on Wednesday eve-  
nings, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

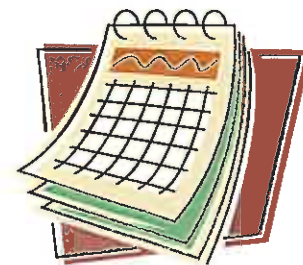
Our Emergency Food Shelf  
is open Saturdays from 9:00  
a.m. until noon.

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

Twin Cities Metro Bagpipers  
meet Thursday evenings.

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

Kim Tong Translators,  
Theatre Pro Rata, Masons  
and Eastern Stars rent space  
for their rehearsals or meet-  
ings.



*Community  
Partners*

## CALVARY'S CROSSROADS

### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS: A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and explore the lands of the Bible up close and personal with seasoned tour hosts and guides. There is no more spiritually uplifting experience than to visit the site of Jesus' baptism and share communion at the site of the Empty Tomb.

You will be inspired and amazed as you take in the sights and sounds of the Holy Land -- ancient and modern. Join us for a special pilgrimage of faith that may well be for you the opportunity of a lifetime.

**June 8 - 12, 2012** 12 days

Hosted by Rev. Rick Rouse, Beth Lewis and Rev. Ryan Rouse

### CIRCLE OF NAMES GATHERING

Throughout history, women have played a critical role in bearing witness to the Christian faith. Each of us can testify to the powerful witness and leadership of women in our own faith lives.

The *Circles of Names Campaign* [www.circlesofnames.org](http://www.circlesofnames.org) of the National Council of Churches (NCC) invites all of us to consider the women who have been leaders in our lives by gathering and celebrating their contributions.

Thursday, **November 17** from 4 - 6 p.m.  
Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church -  
Parsonage **511 Groveland Ave.**, Minneapolis,  
MN 55419. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Program:** Recognition of the significant contributions made in their faith communities by seven Twin Cities honorees:

Dorothea Burns + Rev. Sarah Campbell  
Rabbi Amy Eilberg + Rev. Alike Galloway  
Josie Robinson Johnson + Dr. Fatma Reda  
Elona Street-Stewart

### ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

Remember - your fundraiser or service project can get Thrivent Funding! Let's help our community as much as we can.

If you have questions, please contact Calvary's Thrivent representative, Nicole Falk.



### BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is hosting their annual symposium on November 11 & 12. Heidi Neumark is this year's guest. Pastor Heidi serves Trinity Lutheran Church of Manhattan (ELCA), a multicultural, bilingual community with ministries that include a Latina support group, a resource center run by and for immigrants, an after-school program, and a shelter for homeless youth. For 19 years before that, she was pastor of Transfiguration Lutheran Church in the South Bronx. She was a founding member of South Bronx Churches, an ecumenical community organizing group that has trained local leaders and built hundreds of low-cost homes.

The theme for this symposium is "Building the Beloved Community." Friday evening events start at 6:30 with a mini-concert by The Outskirts. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a lecture and discussion followed by a service of evening prayer at 8:45 p.m. Saturday morning's schedule includes a lecture and discussion from 8:45 - 10:15 and another lecture and discussion at 10:45.

Registration forms are available at the website listed below. Forms then need to be mailed in to Holy Trinity church office. You can also call them at 612-729-8358.

[www.htlcmpls.org/neumark](http://www.htlcmpls.org/neumark)