

Crossroads

The newsletter of Calvary Lutheran Church



PASSING THE TORCH

February 2018

With the Olympic Games just around the corner, it seems that the image of “passing the torch” is appropriate for Calvary at this point in time. Pastor Bruce and I literally met in the doorway as he was leaving and I was arriving. From one interim pastor to another, the torch has passed. I am pleased to be with you and among you. Thank you for inviting me to serve in this “bridge interim” position as your pastor.

My role is primarily to provide pastoral ministry until you are able to call and install a new permanent pastor. I will preach and preside at worship. I will meet with the Council and committees. I will visit the sick and respond to emergency needs. I will keep you linked to the Synod and other partner congregations. And beyond these responsibilities, I will offer you a patient presence that hopefully assures you that the mission of Calvary continues and the witness of the Gospel will not be diminished.

You have completed your Ministry Site Profile (MSP). Your Call Committee has met dozens of times already, with the prospect of several more before the call process is done. The prayerful expectation is that all of this hard work and prayer will conclude with the call of a pastor who will fit well into the Calvary community, one who is eager to serve and who will bring the right gifts to lead you into the next decade. We trust the Spirit’s guidance in all of this. While focusing on our call process, we are aware that God is also calling someone into pastoral leadership here. The Spirit’s task is to weave these two dimensions of call together.

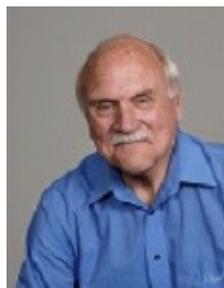
Passing the torch, of course, includes the work of the leadership at Calvary. At the annual meeting last Sunday, several current

leaders were thanked for their service and several new leaders were invited into roles of responsibility. In some congregations, unfortunately, interim time is when many folks choose to step back from leadership. Or they burn themselves out by taking on too much responsibility. My sense is that Calvary has not suffered this conundrum, but has, instead, moved through the interim process with grace and determination. As the torch passes, we will need to be sure that those who wish to serve have every opportunity, while those who need to step back can catch their breath and be ready to serve again in the near future.

On the USA Olympic Team there are many specific teams with many members. There are skiers and skaters, bobsledders and snowboarders, curlers, lugers, and hockey players. And behind the scenes are coaches and trainers and plenty of friends and parents cheering them all on. There are lots of opportunities for lots of people with lots of different skills. We are not about winning and medals and competition in the church. But we are about teamwork, training, and doing our best together. As St. Paul would say, we are the body of Christ with many members, all working together for the glory of God.

Again, thank you for inviting me to serve with you at Calvary. I am looking forward to our time together. In Christ’s name.

Pastor Galen



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FEBRUARY WORSHIP & MINISTRY LEADERS				
Ministry	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25
Ass't Minister	Emilie Bouvier	Shari Seifert	Linda Mundt	Danielle Hill
Acolytes	Jeri Schultz	Benji Huff	Chris Van Meter Lydia Huff	Joanne Shepherd Ingrid Ebbesen
Lector	Carol Rue	Julie Anderson	Daniel Huff	dorothy lesher
Sacristan	Melissa Brooks	Melissa Brooks	Steve McCarthy	Steve McCarthy
Sound Board	Dick Peik	Neeve McCarthy	Zac Halter	Eliot Aust
Counters	Pat Olson Danielle Hill	Joanne Shepherd Kathleen Gohlke	Michael Weber Jeri Schultz	Gary Nelson Zac Halter
Food Shelf	<i>Feb. 10</i> Judith Glass Michael Weber	<i>Feb. 17</i> Gary Nelson Jeri Schultz	<i>Feb. 24</i> Gary Thorn Stacia Wick	<i>March 3</i> Carol Rue Pat Olson

February Celebrations

Birthdays

2/6 - Inga Wing
2/8 - Aimee Boone
2/10 - David Jeska
2/10 - Cynthia Sarver
2/15 - Felecia Boone
2/15 - Zachary Seifert

2/16 - Cassidy Bellman Luze
2/16 - Sella Townsend Negstad
2/17 - Henrietta Williams
2/18 - Jayne Schaecher
2/19 - Angie Endo
2/25 - Madalyn Youngbauer



IN THIS CITY FOR GOOD: *where does our money go?*

Several years ago Calvary leaders adapted this phrase from the national church, the ELCA, as a symbol of our commitment to urban ministry. Most obvious among our outreaches to the city is our weekly Food Shelf, managed by Henrietta Williams. Many of you help serve neighbors there each week. Renting our building to area service organizations is another way we reach to the neighborhood. Among them are the Urban Arts Academy and Beechwood Inc. You participate in serving our community through your financial and service gifts to Calvary.

Calvary has also contributed to the faith-based community organization ISAIAH and Augustana Health as well as Cooperative Adult Ministry. When people drive by our building, they see our banner for In This City For Good and in some cases it has welcomed them in for a visit, in addition to communicating our values.

In this month of valentines, we offer to those around us the **love** of an inclusive and just God who seeks a caring economy that allows everyone to thrive. Bring those faith values to your local caucuses this month on Feb. 6.

The Generosity Team



Urban Arts Academy Highlights



"When Sammy first came to us, he and his family had gone through many big changes. Moving from another state, settling into a new house, and starting at a new school all presented Sammy with challenges to his shy nature. He found it hard to be separate from his mother and often would ask for her throughout the day. Drop-offs in the morning were particularly hard, and when his mother finally left him in the classroom, he didn't want to engage with the other students or try any of the art projects. Gradually, Sammy started opening up to his classmates. He made a couple close friends at first, and he would try the art projects with them. As Sammy and his mother gained confidence at morning drop-offs, his days became much easier. He is now a lively part of the classroom, known for his goofy sense of humor that he imparts into his art, and he has many friends. Sammy always has a smile on his face and loves to show off his most recent pieces of art."

As part of its programming, Urban Arts Academy (UAA) offers a week long day program for children ages 3–5 years old. We use art as the tool to enhance a child's natural desire to explore. Our Preschool is fully licensed and is rated 4-Star by Parent Aware.

We work hard to ensure that all of our programs are affordable, with intentionally low tuition rates. Urban Arts has two options available for families to receive scholarship funds and tuition assistance:

Pathway I Scholarship

Urban Arts Academy is a 4-star program in the Parent Aware rating system by Think Small. Think Small provides scholarship money to eligible families to use at Parent Aware rated child care programs. Families who receive a scholarship through Think Small can use up to \$7,500 annually per child at Urban Arts to pay for tuition and fees.

For more information and application materials, please contact Think Small.

Website: http://www.thinksmall.org/for_parents_and_guardians/help_paying_for_child_care

Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

The preschool program at Urban Arts Academy is an authorized CCAP provider. CCAP can help make quality child care affordable for eligible families. If you are currently registered with CCAP, contact your worker to list UAA as your child's preschool provider.

For more information about receiving assistance through CCAP, please contact the CCAP program through MN DHS.

Phone: 612-348-4111

Website: <http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/economic-assistance/child-care/programs-and-services/>

Brochure: <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-3551-ENG>

For more information or to register, visit <https://urbanartsacademy.org/preschool>



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