

# Crossroads

The newsletter of Calvary Lutheran Church



January 2019

## YOUTH MINISTRY AT CALVARY

The first year in a congregation is all about getting to know the culture and practices of the community, as well as taking time to meet with individual members and families. Each major congregational event is a milestone for me, on this journey of shared ministry. It's been fun.

One area that remains very much on my "to-do list" is youth ministry. By youth ministry, I am thinking primarily about students, grades 8-12 (which is partly due to how we do confirmation instruction, beginning in 8<sup>th</sup> grade). We have about 15 young people—part of active families—in this age group, which is significant for a congregation our size.

We currently do not have a Youth Committee. I am not suggesting we start one – at least not a traditional committee. Rather, I envision a team of 4 or more adults who are committed to building community with the youth of the congregation. Some of these folks could be parents, but it would be very helpful to have non-parents involved, for the sake of continuity.

Many congregations—even small ones like Calvary—have a full or part time youth director. There are advantages to this model in which the congregation invests in a staff person, who works to build community and create opportunities for service, learning and fun. But even the best youth staff person will pull in adult participants. Volunteer youth leaders provide continuity in communities where youth staff may only stay for 1-2 years.

For a variety of reasons, Calvary is not on track to find a part-time Children, Youth and Family Minister. Ultimately, this is not my call but I don't expect this to change in the next year or two. However, if Calvary continues to grow, it will be something for us to consider.

In the meantime, here's what I'm thinking – an **Adult Youth Leader Team** might participate as follows (the team will develop its plan together):

Meet quarterly with Pastor Hans for planning.  
Attend and lead events planned with youth, perhaps monthly.

Share confirmation teaching with Pastor Hans (1-2 times/month) – currently, confirmation instruction is based on Pastor Hans' availability following Sunday worship.

Plan and participate in retreats and trips with youth.

Check in with youth and families on a regular basis.

Pray for Calvary and our young people.

If you are interested in helping to shape youth ministry at Calvary, and getting to better know our wonderful, talented students, please contact me! Please also let me know if there are people you think would be good candidates for this kind of commitment, and I will reach out to them.

Thank you for your investment in the life and mission of Calvary!

- Pastor Hans Lee

**2018 ANNUAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**



<b>JANUARY WORSHIP &amp; MINISTRY LEADERS</b>				
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>Jan. 13</b>	<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>Jan. 27</b>
<b>Ass't Minister</b>	Joani Moberg	Linda Mundt	Shari Seifert	Lisa Negstad
<b>Acolytes</b>	Josh Moberg Christian Moberg	Judi Linder Jaiana Leggett	Brian Aust Johanna Aust	Michael Weber Danielle Hill
<b>Lector</b>	Jeri Schultz	dorothy lesher	Daniel Huff	Linda Mundt
<b>Sacristan</b>	Steve McCarthy	Steve McCarthy	Sam Robson	Sam Robson
<b>Sound Board</b>	Sigrid Davidson	Dick Peik	Neeve McCarthy	Quincy Aust
<b>Counters</b>	Gary Nelson Zac Halter	Mary Nelson Marilyn Holm	Pat Olson Danielle Hill	Joanne Shepherd
<b>Ushers</b>	Sam Robson Chris Robson	Negstad/Townsend Family	Carol Rue Henrietta Williams Barb Martinsen	Moberg family
<b>Coffee Hour</b>				
<b>Food Shelf</b>	<i>Jan. 12</i> Nancy Lee Nelson Michael Weber	<i>Jan. 19</i> Gary Nelson Jeri Schultz	<i>Jan. 26</i> Gary Thorn Nancy Wheeler	<i>Feb. 2</i> Carol Rue Pat Olson

### January Celebrations

**Birthdays**

1/1 - Rachel Rydberg  
 1/8 - Alice Conry  
 1/8 - Caleb Moberg  
 1/10 - Lyle Jaeger  
 1/10 - James Lengyel  
 1/11 - Mona Eastman

1/12 - Shari Seifert  
 1/14 - Johanna Aust  
 1/16 - Greta Rolig  
 1/17 - Jeri Schultz  
 1/20 - Anna Koppel  
 1/20 - Joani Moberg  
 1/23 - Violet Nystrom

1/26 - Melanie Jackson  
 1/27 - Jackson Robson  
 1/28 - Carolyn Youngbauer  
 1/31 - dorothy lesher  
 1/31 - Gary Nelson  
 1/31 - Deb Paulsrud

### THE MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

The Mission of the Month for January is ISAI AH Minnesota. ISAI AH is a multi-racial, state-wide, nonpartisan coalition of faith communities fighting for racial and economic justice in Minnesota. By uniting local congregations in a large regional organization, ISAI AH strengthens the ability of people of faith to address both local and regional community issues, including mass incarceration, immigration, healthcare, and racial inequity.

Calvary Lutheran is a member congregation of ISAI AH. Donations made to the Mission of the Month fund in January will be forwarded to ISAI AH to further their work in addition to any membership fees paid.

### EPIPHANY PARTY SUNDAY JANUARY 6



The Festival of Epiphany—think, Magi visit baby Jesus—does not often land on a Sunday. Well, it does this year, and we will celebrate by having an **Epiphany Party following worship in the Fellowship Hall!** We will have cake and activities, sponsored by the Education Committee. Be sure to dress like a 1<sup>st</sup> Century Magi (sorcerer) or royalty! It will be fun! One more thing: **do you like to bake?** The Ed Committee is looking for **someone to bake Epiphany (King) Cakes** for that day. Please talk to Pastor Hans!

## GIFT INTENTIONS FOR 2019

There is still time to share your Gift Intention in support of Calvary's life and mission in 2019. If you need more information, or wish to share your plan, you may contact Kurt in the church office: [office@clchurch.org](mailto:office@clchurch.org). Thank you!



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Calvary welcomed the following people as members on December 9, 2018: **Adam Cates; Chris Conry, and Alice; Chris Gennaula; Caleb and Sarah Harrison, and Myles; Maren Hinderlie; Danny Lee; Anna Koppel; Susan Olsen and Mark Smith; and Jayne Swearingin.** The Calvary community gives thanks for their ongoing participation on this journey!



## QUICK RESPONSE TEAM

Stuff happens: A gully-washer floods the lower level, a drunk-driver plows into the church sign, a water-line springs a leak, etc. Calvary is looking to create a list of people, who would be willing to be on-call for emergencies (or semi-emergencies). Whoever is making the call would just go down the list, until there is enough help to manage the situation. If you are willing to be part of this team, please let Kurt or Pastor Hans know! Thank you!

## HERO ELEMENTARY IS COMING TO UAA!

Twin Cities PBS (tpt) is bringing their developing Hero Elementary program to UAA, which includes science playlists with broadly accessible, fun, and educational materials for children. Hero Elementary will air on PBS Kids in 2020, however project partners will have access to resources from the show before the air date. UAA is working with tpt researchers to try out these science activities (storybooks, educational games, and hands-on activities) with the children and providing feedback prior to national distribution.



## TABLET COMPUTER & SNOWBLOWER FOR SALE

The Calvary Church Council has the following items available for sale to the congregation.  
**Microsoft Surface tablet** is available at \$610.31. (Surface Pro 4 M3, 128 GB, with stylus pen and charger.)  
**Snowblower** for \$499.99 (Craftsman, 179 cc, 4-cycle OHV, electric start. Brand new, never had gas or oil in it.)  
 Contact Kurt in the church office if you are interested in learning more about these items, which are available to view upon request.

## A NOTE FROM KAREN & MARY NELSON:

We would like to thank from the bottom of our hearts our Calvary family for your kindness during the loss of our brother, Steve. It's been a difficult journey, but with your prayers, phone calls, cards and hugs we have felt comfort and much love. We feel so blessed to have you wonderful folks as our friends.

Our loving praise to our precious Jesus for guiding and loving us on our healing process.

In Christ's name,

- Karen and Mary



## A LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As we look forward to the 2019 annual meeting, we also look forward to tapping into the skills and talents of our members. The Facility Task Force completed its charter received 19 months ago and concluded with the Dec 2, 2018 congregational forum. The task force members met with the Council Executive Committee Dec 15, 2018 to discuss tasks to continue the work the task force started.

Three areas emerged as areas where the congregation needs your talents and skills; Property Committee, Mission Support Committee, and a new area to maintain energy exploring potential partnerships.

The Property Committee needs help developing a sustainable operating budget for a place to worship and plan. Not only does the Property Committee need membership...period...it needs members who know about maintaining a large building, understands or is willing to learn about planning for deferred maintenance, and perhaps skills in writing grants. These members will help this committee pick up where the task force left off. They will explore what is needed to repair the building and explore relationships or resources needed to maintain it, or choose a new space which better meets our needs and budget. I appreciate the perspective our building is like an old English manor or castle. The economic structure which maintained manors or castles no longer exists. Maintaining them costs a lot of money. Large churches and their campuses are similar. The way the church exists in the 21<sup>st</sup> century cannot sustain them.

The Mission Support Committee needs members with skills to slowly shift the congregational culture from comfort with deficit budgets to comfort with balanced budgets. Calvary enjoyed a couple decades in which budget deficits became comfortable. We no longer have that luxury. We need to right size our budget. We need Mission Support Committee members who are willing to assess and recommend where we can grow, what we can hold (or retain), and what we need to fold or let go. In order to be agile in the 21<sup>st</sup> century we have difficult budget decisions to make. 2019 is that year. Are you willing to help?

The task force identified community contacts to be keys to our transition to a 21<sup>st</sup> century church. We need members with talents to explore relationships and follow leads toward partnerships to create opportunities to either remain in our current location in a different configuration or worshiping and planning in a different location. We need people who are open to possibilities, who enjoy meeting with new people, and who can brainstorm options.

All of these committees will work with Council in some form as we explore the possibilities for our future. The 2019 annual congregational meeting will be significant for identifying gifts and skills, and engaging individual and collective energy in our future. I expect the 2020 annual congregational meeting will be significant for our transformation into an agile 21<sup>st</sup> century Christian community focused on living into God's future in south Minneapolis. I believe it!

*- Jennifer Halter*

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The deadline for submitting information for the  
February 2019 issue of the Calvary Newsletter is Tuesday, January 22