

Crossroads

The newsletter of Calvary Lutheran Church



January 2020

A NEW YEAR

I write this on the 9th day of Christmas. Christmas, *as a season* has never really caught on in the church, much less in culture. Of course there are exceptions, but it seems like the only thing that keeps us from completely shutting down Christmas on the 26th is the need to postpone a family gathering or two. Being part of a clergy family throughout my life, we've always took full advantage of the season.

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany are a liturgical cycle, and create a narrative flow that mirrors the gospel: the long-expected and hoped for Messiah is fulfilled in the human child born at Bethlehem, and is made known to the people of Judea, Galilee and beyond.

Many congregations, like Calvary, choose to celebrate the Epiphany (January 6) on the Sunday that is closest to the actual day. So, this year, **on Sunday, January 5, the 12th Day of Christmas, we will celebrate Epiphany.** The Epiphany Gospel is the story of the Magi visiting the Christ child from the East, with the added intrigue of keeping the evil Herod at bay.

Thanks to all contributed to a meaningful Advent/Christmas season at Calvary – to the Children who led us to in worship on December 22, to the choir and musicians, to Michael Luedtke for his care of the beautiful sanctuary, and to the ushers, assisting ministers, sacristans, acolytes, and lectors, who share their gifts!

Congratulations to Shari Seifert and the Race Equity Committee, along with Pastor Yolanda Denson Byers (guest preacher and facilitator in 2019), whose work at Calvary was featured in the January edition of the Living Lutheran (national ELCA publication) – what a gift! Please get your hands on a copy, if you haven't already!

2020 is going to be an important year in determining Calvary's future. There will be challenges and opportunities. We reached about 80% participation in the Calvary survey! **Thanks** to all of you who were able to participate – it will give us an important sense of the direction that we will pursue, related to building and financial sustainability and missional opportunity.

Thanks for your investment in in the life and mission of Calvary!

- Pastor Hans Lee

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020
Following Worship &
Potluck Luncheon

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DECEMBER WORSHIP & MINISTRY LEADERS				
Ministry	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Ass't Minister	Emilie Bouvier	Joani Moberg	Judie Mattison	Linda Mundt
Acolytes	Sam Robson Danielle Hill	Joanne Shepherd Lydia Huff	James Hill Connor Swearingin	Jeri Schultz Benji Huff
Lector	Felecia Boone	Isaac Wengerd	Josh Moberg	Karen Rudrud
Sacristan	Anne Boone	Anne Boone	Melissa Brooks	Melissa Brooks
Sound Board	Lydia Huff	Sigrid Davidson	Dick Peik	Neeve McCarthy
Counters	Pat Olson Danielle Hill	Joanne Shepherd	Jeri Schultz Mitch Myre	Gary Nelson Brian Rolig
Ushers	Negstad/Townsend family	Sam Robson Chris Robson	Caro Rue Henrietta Williams Barb Martinsen	Moberg family
Coffee Hour	Teri Schweizer & Anders Davidson Barb Martinsen	Brian Aust & dorothy lesher Karen & Mary Nelson	Mark Smith & Susan Olsen Felecia Boone	Chris Gennaula Robert Bowers Judi Linder
Food Shelf	<i>Jan. 11</i> Nancy Lee Nelson Melissa Brooks	<i>Jan. 18</i> Gary Nelson Jeri Schultz	<i>Jan. 25</i> Gary Thorn Nancy Wheeler	<i>Feb. 1</i> Carol Rue Pat Olson

January Celebrations

Birthdays

1/8 - Alice Conry
1/8 - Caleb Moberg
1/10 - Lyle Jaeger
1/10 - Zaiel Payano Stark
1/12 - Shari Seifert

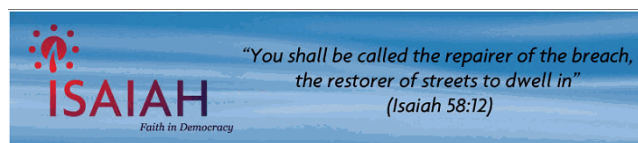
1/14 - Johanna Aust
1/16 - Greta Rolig
1/17 - Jeri Schultz
1/20 - Anna Koppel
1/20 - Joani Moberg
1/23 - Violet Nystrom

1/27 - 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: ISIAIH

The Mission of the Month for January is ISIAIH Minnesota. ISIAIH 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, ISIAIH 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 ISIAIH. Donations made to the Mission of the Month fund in January will be forwarded to ISIAIH to further their work in addition to any membership fees paid by the congregation.



“White Privilege in the ELCA” — January Racial Justice Liaison Gathering January 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran

Topic/Learning: “White Privilege in the ELCA” presented by the Rev. Dr. Yolanda Denson-Byers

Storytelling: Examine your own intersections and share stories of privilege in your life.

Prep work: Read “White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack” by Peggy McIntosh

<https://www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/mcintosh.pdf>

Calvary Lutheran Church
3901 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/504748570254008/>

The Minneapolis Area Synod congregation racial justice liaisons gather to learn about and discuss the presence of and the impact of racism in the church. The ELCA and the Minneapolis Area Synod have passed resolutions about the necessity to confess this sin and work toward reconciliation.

The Rev. Dr. Yolanda Denson-Byers hails from Saint Louis, Missouri. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wesleyan University in Religion and African-American Studies. Her Master of Divinity is from Harvard University with specialty in worship, preaching, education, and pastoral care and counseling. Her Doctor of Ministry is in the field of Congregational Mission and Leadership from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. She currently serves as the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Becker, Minnesota.

Pastor Yolanda is a missional leader, with a heart for social justice issues, who has, for the last twenty-three years, been exercising her gifts through the vocations of pastor, evangelist, campus minister, hospice chaplain, and bereavement counselor. In addition, she is very proud of her ministry as a wife and mother. Pastor Yolanda enjoys reading, writing, camping, and anything pertaining to a warm climate with a saltwater beach!



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**The deadline for submitting information for the
February 2020 issue of the Calvary Newsletter is Tuesday, January 21**