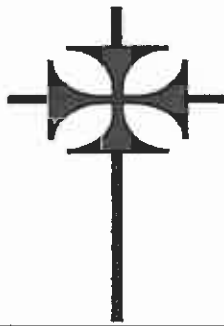


July 2010



Calvary's Crossroads

From the Pastor's Desk...

Two weeks my uncle, John, was in town overnight for an event in St. Paul. He stayed with us and we ended up discussing current events and politics. It was good natured and engaging, though not always easy.

At one point, John raised the concern that there are people who are trying to remove language around God from monuments, courthouses, and even our money—where it says, "In God We Trust." It was clear that this was a source of dismay and frustration for him. I've been left thinking about this conversation as we prepare for July 4th. I believe that this conversation can serve as reminder to us about who we are and what we are to be about—not as Americans, but as Christians.

First off, let me acknowledge that I, by and large, feel quite fortunate to be a citizen of the United States. There are many things that are sources of pride for me about our country.

That being said, I do think it is important to note why, at Calvary, we do not have an American flag in the sanctuary. As a community of faith that is catholic (universal) we recognize that, while we live and reside in a particular country, God supersedes national boundaries. God's love is not limited to one country or ethnic group. God's blessing does not rest on only one people. As we heard this past month in worship, in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, slave nor free—God is the God of all. Our call to follow and serve is not about a nation's flag, but rather about God's invitation to community, outreach, and ministry.

When we pray "thy kingdom come" we are not praying for the United States of America's way of doing things to take place, but that God's realm of mercy, justice, agape, and peace take hold. Talk about a reason to wave a flag...or maybe palm branches (as Jesus' early followers did as he took on reckless empire-building)!

I also want to circle back to the logo on our currency. As we move into July and continue to get hit with economic news (job losses and gains, rates of travel, cost per barrel of oil), it is important to note that just as some point to the American flag as signifying the "best nation on the face of the earth" others

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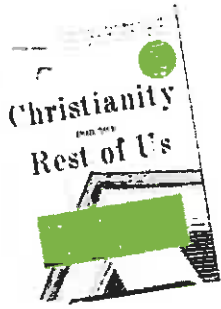
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Congregational Book Study



The Church Council and Congregation are invited to read Diana Butler Bass' book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith* at your own pace over the summer.

In the fall and throughout the year, we will continue conversations utilizing this book in Adult Education classes on Sunday mornings.

We have a handful of copies for "loan" at the church office or you can check out a copy through your local public library. Bookstores also have them for sale.

Thanks!

"Filled With Joy" Day Camp 2010

Thanks to all who participated in this year's day camp at Zion Lutheran Church...and to the volunteers from Calvary: Pat Olson, Mary Nelson, Steve Glass, Laura Huff and Ali Wertz.



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look to the "almighty dollar." Both can and have become idols for some in our culture—this is extremely dangerous and challenges who we are called to be as people of faith.

We need to be able to recognize the failures associated with both—failed peace, unbearable usury, extravagant and unsustainable living, economic injustice—and then we repent. We recognize the brokenness and look for ways that God's light and life can break in and transform hearts, minds, and even a society. As we look to this month in which we celebrate "independence," our Christian heritage invites us to recognize an even greater independence or liberation from sin and brokenness in the lives of people and nations.

As people of faith, then, we can live a new vision—perhaps as proud and responsible citizens of the United States—but resting on God's promise and grace...which supersedes any one person, community, or country.

This July we turn our attention to the cross and to that new day when God's liberation is made real and we pray not for any one nation, but rather, "thy kingdom come."

Pastor Brad

Support your local farmers and increase access to fresh food in the neighborhood

Thanks to everyone who worked to start South of Lake (SoL) Farmers Market and shopped the opening day on June 24th. SoL will be open every Thursday from 4:30pm-6:30pm at 39th and Chicago in the Calvary Lutheran Church parking lot.

SoL hosts a variety of farmers - including certified organic, organic, and sustainable - who grow in South Minneapolis, Minneapolis/St. Paul suburbs, and Wisconsin. Stop by for fresh fruits, veggies, flowers, and herbs all grown locally and sold by farmers and their family members.

A special thank you to our farmers who have graciously committed to supporting neighborhood food shelves with much needed fresh produce this growing season. Starting mid-July, Urban Arts Academy will be providing children's arts activities during market times. (A schedule will be posted on their website.) If you are interested in volunteering or partnering with SoL, please contact the market manager who will be onsite every Thursday or by emailing mre07@yahoo.com.



Happy Birthday

Jacob Paulsrud	7/4/07
James Hill	7/8/08
Geoffrey Shepherd	7/9
Teri Schweizer	7/9
Jacqueline Browne	7/10
Adam Mohr	7/11
Doris Nelson	7/14
David Grundhoefer	7/15
Gary Mazzone	7/20
Sigrid Davidson	7/21/05
Florence Nielsen	7/24
Kim Egan	7/25
Rick Rouse	7/25
Emma Haugstad	7/26/02
Ella Endo	7/27/02
Ruth Pope	7/28
Nathan Paulsrud	7/31/04



Happy Anniversary

<i>Sarah & Kim Zeigler</i>	July 5th
<i>Geoffrey & Toya Shepherd</i>	July 11th
<i>Brian Aust & dorothy lesher</i>	July 22nd
<i>Tami & Christopher Tripp</i>	July 25th

IN OUR PRAYERS

For friends of our congregation with health needs, including:
 Ramona, family & friends of Audrey, Jeremy, Chad; Hadiyah; Roger; Doug, Cedric, Annabelle, Edie, Judie, Henry, Marian, Amina, Kelly, Alfheld, Andre, Barb, Jan, Doris and Lynn.

Mark Your Calendars

Annual Corn Feed..... Sunday, August 15..... 3 - 6 p.m.
 Education Classes begin... Sunday, September 19.... 9 a.m.
 Annual Rummage Sale..... Friday & Saturday, Oct. 22 & 23

Worship Leaders

Date	Deacon	Acolyte/ Communion Assistant	Lector	Usher	Sacristan	Sound Board	Coffee Hour	Nursery
July 4th	Danielle Hill	Judi Linder	Nancy Lee Nelson	Henrietta Williams	Steve McCarthy	Gary Nelson	Moberg family	Josh Moberg
		Irv Elliott		Isaac Wengerd			Gebauer/ Hertzler family	Teri Schweizer
July 11th	George Robson	Danielle Hill	Josh Moberg	Michael Luedtke	Sam Robson	Aaron Gebauer	Nancy Lee Nelson	Kim Zeigler
		Chris Robson		Lisa Luedtke			Joyce Thompson	Jen McCarthy
July 18th	Sarah Lahr	Nancy Lee Nelson	Jen McCarthy	Gary Mazzone	Sam Robson	George Robson	Judi Linder	Aaron Gebauer
		Michael Weber		Stacia Wick			Jeri Schultz	Sarah Zeigler
July 25th	Sam Robson	Judi Linder	Daniel Huff	Zeigler Family	Felecia Boone	Gary Nelson	Loren Woodman	Anders Davidson
		Brian Aust					Damon Van Duzen	Sarah Lahr



Calling everyone from east to west...
 BOBAB Blast is the Get-Together
 of the summer! Come and join us for
 Calvary's 2nd Annual Intergenerational VBS!

What: Baobab Blast Vacation Bible School

Where: Our Church, Calvary Lutheran

When: July 7, 14, and 21
 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Why: Summer's here and it's time to
 get together.
 Check out the action in Grassland
 Games, Kalahari Crafts, Serengeti
 Science, Savannah Storytelling,
 and Madagascar Music!

Who: YOU and your friends! All Ages!

Call or email the church office to register:

612-827-2504

calvarympls@visi.com

of people attending _____

Name & Ages of children attending:

Contact Info/Phone # _____

Schedule

Wednesdays: July 7, 14 & 21

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Gathering Grassland Games & Safari Cook Out
*In our effort to be "green" - please bring
 your own dishes & utensils.*

6:00 - 7:10 p.m.

Savannah Exploration
*Children venture to different activity sites:
 Kalahari Crafts, Savannah Storytelling
 and Serengeti Science*

*Adults journey into the kitchen for a
 "Feeding the Spirit" session. African foods
 will be prepared and shared.*

7:10 - 7:30 p.m.

Closing Campfire Celebration
Camp-style worship

Meet you under the Baobab tree!



Trust me:
 this VBS is as wild
 as my stripes!
 Come & join us!

The Practice of Word & World

You are encouraged to
 read and ponder the
 Scripture readings
 for Worship

July 4th

Isaiah 66:10-14
 Psalm 66:1-9
 Galatians 6:1-16
 Luke 10:1-11,
 16-20

July 11th


Deut. 30:9-14
 Psalm 25:1-10
 Colossians 1:1-14
 Luke 10:25-37

July 18th

Genesis 18:1-10a
 Psalm 15
 Colossians 1:15-28
 Luke 10:38-42

July 25th

Genesis 18:20-32
 Psalm 138
 Colossians 2:6-19
 Luke 11:1-13

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
						
				<p>9 - 4 UAA Pre-School</p> <p>Noon - 5:00 p.m. UAA School-Age</p> <p>4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Farmers' Market</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Theatre Pro Rata</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Tai Chi</p> <p>7-9 p.m. Bagpipers</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. Theatre Pro Rata</p>	<p>9 - noon Food Shelf</p> <p>10- 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi</p>
<p>10:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p>3 p.m. Bagpipers</p> <p><i>Happy Independence Day!</i></p>	<p>Church Offices Closed for Holiday</p> <p>9 - 4 UAA Pre-School</p> <p>Noon - 5 p.m. UAA School-Age</p>	<p>9 - 4 UAA Pre-School</p> <p>10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis</p> <p>Noon - 5 p.m. UAA School-Age</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Social Justice Committee</p>	<p>9 - 4 UAA Pre-School</p> <p>Noon - 5 p.m. UAA School-Age</p> <p>5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Intergenerational Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>9 - 4 UAA Pre-School</p> <p>Noon - 5 p.m. UAA School-Age</p> <p>4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Farmers' Market</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Tai Chi</p> <p>7-9 p.m. Bagpipers</p>		<p>9:00 -noon Food Shelf</p> <p>10:00 - noon Masons</p> <p>10-11:30 a.m. Tai Chi</p>
<p>10:15 a.m. Worship with Rev. Rick Rouse preaching</p> <p>3 p.m. Bagpipers</p>	<p>9 - 4 UAA Pre-School</p> <p>Noon - 5 p.m. UAA School-age</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Executive Committee</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Education Committee</p>	<p>9 - 4 UAA Pre-School</p> <p>10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis</p> <p>Noon - 5 p.m. UAA School-age</p>	<p>9 - 4 UAA Pre-School</p> <p>Noon - 5 p.m. UAA School-age</p> <p>5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Intergenerational Vacation Bible School</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Worship & Spiritual Care Committee</p>	<p>9 - 4 UAA Pre-School</p> <p>Noon - 5 p.m. UAA School-age</p> <p>4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Farmers' Market</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Tai Chi</p> <p>7-9 p.m. Bagpipers</p>		<p>8 a.m. - 4 p.m. MN Interpreter's Institute</p> <p>9:00-noon Food Shelf</p> <p>10 - 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi</p>
<p>10:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p>2 - 5 p.m. Haugstad Birthday Party</p> <p>3 p.m. Bagpipers</p>	<p>9 - 4 UAA Pre-School</p> <p>Noon - 5 p.m. UAA School-age</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Mission Support</p>	<p>9 - 4 UAA Pre-School</p> <p>10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis</p> <p>Noon - 5 p.m. UAA School-age</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Property Committee</p>	<p>9 - 4 UAA Pre-School</p> <p>Noon - 5 p.m. UAA School-age</p> <p>5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Intergenerational Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>9 - 4 UAA Pre-School</p> <p>Noon - 5 p.m. UAA School-age</p> <p>4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Farmers' Market</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Tai Chi</p> <p>7-9 p.m. Bagpipers</p>	<p>Noon - 8 p.m. MN Interpreter's Institute</p>	<p>8 a.m. - 4 p.m. MN Interpreter's Institute</p> <p>9:00-noon Food Shelf</p> <p>10-11:30 a.m. Tai Chi</p>
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Meet our St. Olaf Summer Intern

Hello new friends at Calvary! My name is Ali Wertz and I will be interning at Calvary this summer. I have already started working with a Vacation Bible School program that Calvary kids are involved with, helping out at the Urban Arts Academy, and talking with members about the wonderful outreach ministries Calvary has. From what I have gathered so far, it seems like it will be a great summer.

I am originally from St. Louis Park, MN, and now am a student at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. This fall I will start my junior year as a Political Science and Religion major. I am considering going to seminary to become a pastor, but am also very passionate about journalism, travel, and non-profit work. I am also a violinist in one of the St. Olaf orchestras, a writer and editor for the campus newspaper, and enjoy playing tennis on the side.

I have grown up as a "double PK" (pastors kid), as both my mom and dad are Lutheran pastors in the Metro area. I have been "dragged" to church multiple times a week since the day I was born, but throughout my teenage years, faith has become something of my own, and something that I want to apply in my career one day. I am grateful for the unique perspective I got from watching my parents up in the pulpit week to week, but I am very excited about working this summer at Calvary, as I will gain my own understanding of faith in action.

Something that recently enhanced my interests in religion, journalism, and humanitarian work was a 5-month study abroad trip called "The Global Semester" through St. Olaf. The group of us Oles spent time in mainly Egypt, India, Hong Kong, and South Korea. Seeing how religion is practiced and how faith is manifested in so many different cultures further sparked my interests. I came back with an energy to continue observing and living in different "cultures" of faith. But I realized that one does not need to cross the seas to find this richness and diversity in faith; there were opportunities in my own backyard.

So this is how I ended up at Calvary this summer. Having grown up in larger suburban churches where my parents have served as pastors, I now want to find a new church family in the thick of the city. I want to explore my faith and vocation. I want to practice my Spanish, become a mentor for the kids, become a mentee of the adults, and build relationships and friendships.

I am excited to meet more of you and talk with you. I'll typically be at the Urban Arts Academy during the week, getting involved with the Farmer's Market program on Thursday evenings, and attending church on Sunday mornings. Hope to see you there!

Welcome to our new members



Chris Van Meter was born in Marietta, OH. His dad worked for the government, so moves were frequent throughout the Midwest. Six cities later, at age 5, his family moved to historic Vincennes, IN for several years. When in high school they move to Manila, Philippines and then Frankfurt, Germany while his dad was with the State Department. Chris studied at Southern Illinois University and in Vienna, Austria, earning degrees in International Business and German.

After college Chris worked in marketing and sales for Northwest Airlines, first in Frankfurt, and then moving to headquarters. He has lived in Minneapolis since 1989, except for a short stint in Kansas City. He's also managed a student travel agency, worked for Radisson Hotels, Carlson Wagonlit Travel and IKEA, and renovated old houses. Since 2006 Chris has worked for Minnesota Tourism, promoting the state as a destination to international and group tour audiences.

Chris was raised in a UCC church, and attended non-denomination churches when living abroad. He was attracted to Calvary's

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Welcome to our new members



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Reconciling in Christ status and close proximity to his home overlooking downtown. He feels it's great to part of an active, growing congregation.

Whenever possible, he heads to his cabin in Wisconsin to sail, golf or sleep. Chris enjoys the arts, good literature and film, and all the recreation offerings the Minneapolis area offers. He's been to all 50 states and about 50 countries so far, and heads out on several adventures each year for work or fun around the world. Cameras and language guides are always packed in his luggage.

Saanii Hernandez-Mohr, born in Durham, NC to two Southern California natives, lived her early years in Washington DC but spent most of her growing up years in San Diego, CA. Her extended family still all live in Southern California but her parents and siblings now live in Santa Fe, NM. She came to Minnesota via Carleton College never intending to stay more than four years. It's now been seventeen! She is mom to Leighton and another baby boy due in September. Saanii & Adam will celebrate their 7th wedding anniversary this August. She likes reading and doing any and everything she can outside - camping, fishing, golf - especially in the summer; however, she has learned a few winter outdoor activities as well. She has always worked in the nonprofit sector and currently works part-time for Hispanics in Philanthropy, an organization that supports Latino nonprofits and communities in the US and Latin America through grants and technical assistance. She is also a Trustee of the Women's Foundation of Minnesota.

Leighton Mohr, born in Minneapolis at 6:00 a.m., has been waking up his parents about that same time ever since. This 3-year old attends a Montessori pre-school near his NE Minneapolis home. In his free time he

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enjoys reading books, playing with his dog, Cazador, and pretty much anything that involves play and laughter. Leighton likes to think that he's the reason his Mom and Dad found a church home at Calvary. They first came to the building when they took a class to learn to be good parents and partners at the Parenting Oasis. His mom thought it was cool that a church partnered with nonprofits, so they checked out the church website and liked all the great pictures. They visited Calvary the next Sunday and are here to stay.

Adam Mohr, born and raised a couple hours west of the Twin Cities in Willmar, MN, to which he still has ties as his mother, father, and brother still live there. He left Willmar after high school to attend college at St. Cloud State University. After graduation Adam spent a year as a private investigator, traveling the country in a van with a camera, which was interesting and a great learning experience, but wasn't a good fit. Through no real effort of his own, and what he would call divine intervention, Adam was given an opportunity to build from the ground up his own insurance agency for American Family Insurance in 'the Cities.' He calls it divine intervention as he never saw himself in this role, but upon giving it a go it really seemed to be the perfect fit. In his free time he loves fishing, hockey, golf, camping, and hanging out with his wife and son and looking forward to his son-to-be. It was a Parenting Oasis class that played the role in steering the family to a church building, but it was the community within the walls of the building that keeps them coming back and brought them to where they are today--new members of Calvary Lutheran Church. Adam, Saanii & Leighton are grateful to their new community and excited about their future with all of you.

Next month we'll feature more of the new members who recently joined Calvary.

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'IN THE CITY FOR GOOD'



**Unemployed? Searching?
Here's some assistance.**

Job Transition Strategies is a free, 90-minute workshop and networking opportunity.

During the workshop, you'll gain tools and information to help you remain focused, productive and motivated during your job transition. You'll also have an opportunity to make connections with peers.

The workshop will be offered at the first floor conference room in the Golden Hills Office Center, 701 Xenia Ave S, Golden Valley, MN every first and third Wednesday in July and August from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. It will be presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans financial representatives.

To register, please visit www.thrivent.com/findaworkshop. For more information, call Bill Fredell at 763-746-3152. Additional resources are available online at thrivent.com/jobchange.

SOL FARMERS MARKET

Fresh Food – In the Neighborhood?
South of Lake Farmers Market is Open
Featuring locally grown food, flowers, and herbs
sold by local farmers and their family

THURSDAYS
4:30 - 6:30
3901 CHICAGO AVE S
(Located in the Calvary Lutheran Church Parking Lot Through September)



WIC FVVs and FMNP Vouchers are Accepted

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