



July 2017

## WORSHIP AT CALVARY

Just in case you haven't heard, Calvary had some "different" (to speak very Minnesotan), yet meaningful Sunday worship services in the month of June. On Sunday, June 11, a storm caused a power outage an hour before worship which left the sanctuary dark and without sound amplification. Even after a decision had been made to cancel the morning service, people continued to arrive and set-up chairs in the Lounge. With candles lit and some outside light coming through the windows, 40 people of all ages gathered for a spontaneous service without bulletins or hymnals. The prepared worship service and sermon were suspended. Andrea Sorum and guest composer and musician, Bret Hesla, let worshippers in simple songs without printed music or lyrics. John 8:12 was read: *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."* Three stories relating to this theme of light and darkness were spontaneously shared from the gathered community. Then the community offered spoken, extemporaneous prayers, shared the peace, and shared the sacramental meal. Comments afterward reflected gratitude for the Spirit-led and authentic nature of the worship experience.

On the following Sunday, June 18, an 11<sup>th</sup> hour decision was made to suspend the prepared sermon and alter the service in light of the not guilty verdict handed down two days before in the trial of Officer Yanez for the shooting and killing of Philando Castile, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the nine slain at Charleston's Mother Emanuel AME Church. A single Scripture passage was read, taken from the website of Mother Emanuel Church: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?* (Psalm 27:1) For the sermon time, I led off with a "mini-sermon" of opening comments. Then people were invited to speak in groups of twos or threes with their neighbors in the pews. Finally, the microphone was passed for people to address the gathered community. Questions, confusion, anger, pain, grief, and fear were expressed with words, with tears, and with silence. During the

prayers, eleven candles were lit: nine for those slain at Emanuel Church, one for Philando Castile, and one for all the others. That worship experience fit what this Calvary community needed on that day. It was a time to go "off script" and it was authentic.

And then on Sunday, June 25, Father Abraham himself preached at Calvary. He told some of the story of his family and his people. But he went on to challenge the modern consultant's catchphrase, *If you don't know where you're going, chances are good you'll never get there.* Hebrews 11:8 – *By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out... and he set out, not knowing where he was going.* He said he didn't know where he was going, and yet he got there – "there" being where God led his family and his people. Not knowing where you're going is often just an honest statement about life and often the very model of Biblical faith. He spoke of how this applies to our personal lives and how it applies to Calvary. He said we Americans (like himself long ago) want to build our secure nests and believe God should never come calling and rock our boats. But sometimes God does. And did so to him. Abraham challenged us, *Follow the call, even when you don't know where you're going!*

Calvary's Sunday worship gathering remains at the heart of our life together – even during the summer when many are gone. While I'm not suggesting any major changes in Calvary's typical worship experience, perhaps the month of June has something to teach us. At our recent worship team meeting, we discussed experimenting with a little more variety in worship. For instance, we don't need to include every piece of liturgy every week. This can open up time and space for other things. And as we learned on June 18, there may be times for a community like Calvary when it's not just the voice of the preacher that needs to be heard, but also some opportunity given for the voice of the people to be expressed during worship. The interim can be a good time to do a little experimenting. Stay tuned.

- Pastor Bruce

## JULY WORSHIP & MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministry	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
<b>Ass't Minister</b>	Lisa Negstad	Emilie Bouvier	Joani Moberg	Linda Mundt	Danielle Hill
<b>Acolytes</b>	Karen Rudrud Benji Huff		Lydia Huff	Joanne Shepherd Ingrid Ebbesen	Michael Weber
<b>Lector</b>	Kaia Zeigler	Judie Mattison	Freya Ebbesen		Nancy Lee Nelson
<b>Sacristan</b>	Stacia Wick	Melissa Brooks	Melissa Brooks	Steve McCarthy	Steve McCarthy
<b>Sound Board</b>	Sigrid Davidson		Kenney Escher Julian Escher	Sigrid Davidson	Dick Peik
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Judith Glass				
<b>Counters</b>	Mary Nelson Marilyn Holm	Pat Olson Danielle Hill	Joanne Shepherd Kathleen Gohlke	Michael Weber Danielle Hill	Danielle Hill Ted Fabel
<b>Food Shelf</b>	<i>(July 8)</i> Judith Glass Michael Weber	<i>(July 15)</i> Carol Rue Pat Olson	<i>(July 22)</i> Marilyn Holm Gary Thorn	<i>(July 29)</i> Teri Schweizer	<i>(Aug. 5)</i> Carol Rue Pat Olson

## July Celebrations

### Birthdays

7/3 - Declan Byng  
7/4 - Jacob Paulsrud  
7/5 - Sylvia Braaten  
7/8 - James Hill  
7/9 - Teri Schweizer  
7/9 - Geoffrey Shepherd  
7/10 - Jacqueline Browne  
7/11 - Adam Mohr  
7/13 - Daniel Frost

7/13 - Isabella Haugstad  
7/14 - Anne Wengerd  
7/15 - David Grundhoefer  
7/16 - Nancy Wheeler  
7/21 - Sigrid Davidson  
7/21 - Tim Raducha-Grace  
7/22 - Amy Kumm-Hanson  
7/22 - Isaac Wengerd  
7/25 - Kim Egan  
7/25 - Rick Rouse

7/26 - Emma Haugstad  
7/27 - Ella Endo  
7/27 - Ted Fabel  
7/31 - Nathan Paulsrud

### Anniversaries

7/5 - Kim & Sarah Zeigler  
7/16 - Brian & Kristy Rolig  
7/16 - Rachel & Tony Rydberg  
7/22 - dorothy lesher & Brian Aust  
7/25 - Tami & Chris Tripp

## CALVARY SUMMER PICNIC

Wednesday, July 19, 6:00 p.m.  
at Phelps Park

Our annual picnic is a potluck. Bring a dish to share, your own eating utensils, chairs, blankets, and outdoor games to play. Phelps Park is accessible and has a great playground.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

(Alternate date in case of bad weather is July 26.)

## MEETINGS IN JULY

### Monday, July 10

5:30 p.m. Community Meal  
6:30 p.m. Committee Meetings (MICAH, Social Justice, Education, Crossroads)

### Tuesday, July 11

10:00 a.m. Miriam Circle (lunch off-site)  
6:30 p.m. Call Committee (Lounge)

### Wednesday, July 19

6:00 p.m. Church Picnic at Phelps Park

### Sunday, July 23

11:15 a.m. Executive Committee

### Monday, July 24

6:30 p.m. Church Council

## COUNCIL UPDATE

The Church Council met on Monday June 26, and as President I want to share some of our discussion with you.

I am pleased to note that the Generosity Team has been revitalized with several new members, and has adopted a new theme, "Journey to Generosity." Pastor Bruce has spoken several times about financial giving as a spiritual practice, and the need for the leadership of the congregation to also show leadership in giving. We will continue to spend time together working on this and look forward to seeing where the Generosity Team will take us.

We heard reports from the Call Committee, the Facilities Task Force and the Children/Youth position search committee – all of which are doing vital work.

MICAH (outreach, hospitality and communications) is planning a number of fun events coming up, including the summer picnic on July 19 (rain date: July 26). They have also proposed a streamlining of the Coffee Time on Sunday mornings – mostly we just like to have an opportunity to chat with each other, so let's try to keep it simple! No need to offer multiple foods or things that take a lot of preparation.

Education and Worship Committees also have done a lot of great work planning for upcoming months. One important thing to get ready for in the fall will be a shift to our Sunday morning schedule. We will begin worship promptly at 10:00am, and seek to

finish by 11:00am. There will be coffee time following, and Sunday School will run from 11:15am-12:15pm (rather than children leaving the service.) Adult Ed and Confirmation will be 11:30 – 12:15pm. Together with the simplified Coffee Time, this new schedule should help keep us organized and clear! There will also be a Sunday School calendar out before the fall.

Pastor Bruce delivered his Pastor's report as a mini-sermon on embracing the journey we are on to create Calvary's future. Like many congregations and the Church as a whole, we will need to figure out new ways of being church together. It's an opportunity to listen for God's call, unleash the power and creativity among us, and become closer and even more vibrant as a community.

On Sunday July 30, after worship, the Council will again lead a congregational discussion on these issues. As always if you have any questions, thoughts or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or one of the other Council members!

Your Brother in Christ,  
*Lars Negstad*



## SEEKING CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS



Growing in faith and the way we live it out is an individual and congregational endeavor. So it is with growing children and adults alike. As we look forward to the 2017-2018 school year, the Education Committee seeks adults interested in guiding Calvary's children on Sunday mornings. Specifically, there is a need for a primary or lead educator or teaching pair for ages 4-5 and grades 3-5, and alternates are welcome for all ages. The curricula are chosen; Godly Play for the young children and Sparkhouse for grades 3-5.

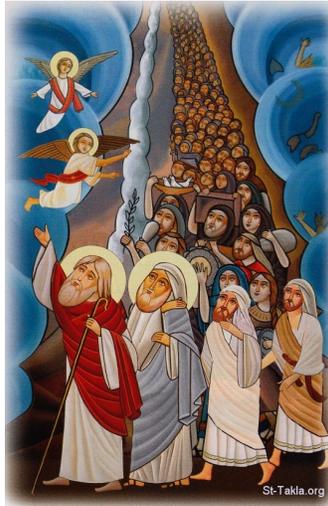
The commitment includes submitting to a background check, attending training, working with parents and alternates, and 1 hour each Sunday after worship as scheduled. Please contact Council representative to the Education Committee, Jennifer Halter, in person, via email at [jennifer.halter@cox.net](mailto:jennifer.halter@cox.net), or telephone the church office before July 31, 2017 if you or someone you know is interested in more information.

## THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP: HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

As the Israelites traveled away from the bondage of Pharaoh, they became restless and discontent. They were hungry, out there in the wilderness and complained to Moses. "We'd be better off dead than hungry like this, or as slaves where we would at least have some bread to eat!

Moses promised them bread from heaven each morning as the dew on the grass became like frost and they could eat it. In the evenings there were quails for meat. But Moses warned them to take only as much as they actually needed — no more. And Moses reminded them that it is God who provided them with bread and meat when they were hungry.

But they were told to take only what they needed, no more.



The people lived on that food until they arrived in habitable land. On the day before Sabbath, they found enough for two days so that they did not have to gather food on the day of rest.

One of our struggles in life is being **satisfied**. Often we sink into thinking we should have what we **want** rather than what we **need**. This lesson from Exodus 16 reminds us that God will provide what we need. Our desire for more and more creates discontent in us. It takes thought and effort to rein in our tendency for **wanting excess**. God knows best, and when we choose to not over reach, we discover contentment and satisfaction.

*Judie Mattison - Generosity Team*

## THE CALVARY FOOD SHELF IS IN THIS CITY FOR GOOD!



### Feeding the Community

The Food Shelf at Calvary Lutheran serves as an important resource for our local community. Volunteers from Calvary work with Food Shelf Director, Henrietta Williams, each Saturday to distribute food to those who come.

Earlier this month the church office received an email of thanksgiving from a person in our community who came to the Food Shelf. This person wrote:

*"I want to compliment the volunteers of the Food Shelf. I am always made feel welcome by all the volunteers.*

*"I also want to thank the company/persons who donated the bread, apples, and eggs. I was very happy to have these available this past Saturday."*

In the first five months of 2017, the Calvary Food Shelf has distributed 9,669 pounds of food to persons representing 330 households who have visited the Food Shelf a collective total of 859 times. This modest, one-day -per-week ministry is making a real difference in the lives of those in our midst!

Come Support:

## Urban Arts Academy

Come eat with us and support the cause!

### Signature Cafe

Monday July 24, 2017

5:00pm-9:00pm

130 Warwick St SE  
Minneapolis, MN

**Donating Back: 20%**

Organizer: Urban Arts Academy



Please join us to have a tasty dinner showcasing simple menus of American-style entrees & sides at **Signature Cafe**.

UAA gets a portion of the proceeds when you come and dine at Signature Cafe.

Help & Support **Urban Arts** while having a quality time with your loved ones.

**Don't forget to RSVP before 21st of July, 2017**

**RSVP NOW :**

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/33234>



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*Bruce Arnevik, Interim Pastor*

## **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE TO THE CONGREGATION: JUNE 12, 2017**

The Calvary Call Committee has now submitted our Ministry Site Profile to the Minneapolis Area Synod and ELCA. It will be reviewed by Synod staff and shared with potential candidates. The Profile is a summary of our congregation including:

Who we are, our vision for mission and our leadership needs. There is a portion at the end of the Profile called Commentary which summarizes Calvary qualities and needs for people who read it. We want to share it with all congregation members.

If you wish to see the document, a copy will be available in the church office.

The document presented states:

*Calvary is blessed with many intelligent and committed members. They choose to be a community and share values of meaningful and progressive Lutheran worship, concern and participation in the larger community (city, world) and seeking to include diverse ages, ethnic and racial groups as well as openness to sexual orientation. While some members are reluctant to change familiar patterns, on the whole we are noted for our openness.*

*We respond well to a person who is extroverted and verbal.*

*Our children are considered a gift and participate in worship frequently. They are not an “add-on”. They are part of us in all our planning.*

*We are known for our energy and active participation in our neighborhood, city and state, including our weekly food shelf and leadership in state issues such as the vote to allow same-sex marriage.*

*We will benefit greatly from the leadership of one who can teach us how to improve our financial situation. This is essential at this time in our history.*

*Our history undergirds us faithfully. Although we were on the verge of failing about 20 years ago, we have strengthened our witness and service.*

*We are not afraid of hard work but prefer to be part of the process of decision-making. We are a social community who enjoys laughing together.*

*Generally we are not divisive, but hopeful and positive.*

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The deadline for submitting information for the  
August issue of the Calvary Newsletter is Tuesday, July 25