



June 2017

SUMMER

As we enter the month of June, most of us look forward to summer for one reason or another: summer break from school, camps and programs for kids, warm weather (but not too warm), personal or family vacation time, being in a pool, at the beach, at a cabin, at a baseball or soccer game, fishing, outdoor concerts, picnics, barbecues, or whatever we love about summer.

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer... While a little bit of lazy sounds a little bit good, summer at Calvary will be anything but lazy. Worship every Sunday (possibly once outdoors)...the Bishop's visit to Calvary on Wednesday, June 7...Children's South Mpls Day Camp at Bethel Lutheran June 26-30...Youth at Luther Crest Bible Camp June 25-30...Youth Mission Trip to Montana at Flathead Bible Camp July 7-14...Youth BWCA Canoe Trip July 27-August 2...Corn Feed August 13...Congregational Picnic...Call Committee working hard as they interview candidates...Facilities Task Force off and running...New Stewardship Team assembled and meeting...Fall planning...Council, Exec & Committee meetings. Maybe a hazy and crazy summer at times, but not really lazy!

I wish everyone a blessed summer, both when you're at home and when you're away. (And thank you for remembering your church offerings that Calvary depends on when you're away. It makes a big difference.) May the Holy Spirit poured out on the Church that first Pentecost shape all that we are and guide all that we do as Calvary moves boldly into its future.

— Pastor Bruce

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

We cherish June, July and August in a state where winter hangs on and on, and spring barely waves hello before it's summer. We often take time to get away from routine or home and let go of some of the pressures of normal life in summer.

Still, the plants will have to be watered. And the mail taken in or set aside. Someone has to plan for how we'll be fed while we're gone or busy with activities, even if we only go on a picnic rather than a trip. Bills will have to get paid on time and we will have to plan for doing banking or depositing income, leaving a recorded phone message for those who might call — it gets pretty complicated, all this planning.

Do we remember that Calvary is still active and in need of our regular contributions, so that church bills can also be paid, including staff salaries? Do we tuck in an offering envelope in our papers so we don't forget to mail it in? Do we take a look at the schedule so we don't forget the Sundays when we're "on duty" for worship or committee work?

We count on God to travel and play with us during this fun time of year. God needs to count on us to follow through on our responsibilities to the congregation. Don't wait until September to catch up: send in a regular contribution or pay them in advance. Then have a great time in summer!



JUNE WORSHIP & MINISTRY LEADERS

| Ministry | June 4 | June 11 | June 18 | June 25 |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Ass't Minister | Lisa Negstad | Linda Mundt | Danielle Hill | Judie Mattison |
| Acolytes | Joanne Shepherd Ingrid Ebbesen | Michael Weber Danielle Hill | Pat Olson Connor Swearingin | Jeri Schultz Irv Elliott |
| Lector | Lily Endo | Julie Anderson | Josh Moberg | Carol Rue |
| Sacristan | Sam Robson | Anne Boone | Sam Robson | Stacia Wick |
| Sound Board | Gary Nelson | Dick Peik | Neeve McCarthy | Lydia Huff |
| Coffee Hour | <i>Volunteer needed</i> | Livia Van Horne | <i>Volunteer needed</i> | Kathleen Gohlke Tim Raducha-Grace |
| Counters | Pat Olson Danielle Hill | Joanne Shepherd Kathleen Gohlke | Michael Weber Jeri Schultz | Gary Nelson Ted Fabel |
| Food Shelf | <i>June 10</i> Judith Glass Michael Weber | <i>June 17</i> Carol Rue Pat Olson | <i>June 24</i> Marilyn Holm Gary Thorn | <i>July 1</i> Carol Rue TPat Olson |

June Celebrations

Birthdays

6/2 - Daniel Huff
6/3 - Jim Seller
6/3 - Joel Westby
6/6 - Eric Ebbesen
6/7 - Marilyn Holm
6/9 - Nancy Lee
6/9 - James Seifert
6/9 - Tom Witt

6/13 - Paris Shepherd
6/17 - Michael Weber
6/20 - Julie Anderson
6/21 - Tom Johnson
6/23 - James Neubauer
6/25 - Robert Bowers
6/28 - Steve McCarthy
6/30 - Jonathan Holtmeier

Anniversaries

6/12 - Alissa & Jay Frost
6/16 - Eric Ebbesen & Stacia Wick
6/19 - Carolyn & Matthew
Youngbauer
6/21 - Angie & Scott Endo
6/23 - Don & Karen Rudrud
6/28 - Jessy & Ted Fabel

THE MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE : LUTHER PARK



Calvary Lutheran is a corporate member of the Luther Park organization.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed June 12-16 as Kurt will be gone for a week-long vacation. Emails and phone messages will be returned after June 19.

MEETINGS IN JUNE

Wednesday, June 7

6:30 p.m. Congregation meeting with Bishop Ann

Tuesday, June 8

6:30 p.m. Call Committee

Monday, June 12:

5:30 p.m. Community Meal

6:30 p.m. Race Equity, Property, Education,
Worship & Mission Support

Monday, June 19

6:30 p.m. Executive Committee

Monday, June 26

6:30 p.m. Church Council

CALVARY CALL COMMITTEE

Update 5/16/17

The Calvary Call Committee has continued the process of calling a new pastor for our congregation, having met six times since late March. Since our last update in mid-April, we have completed the following tasks:

- reviewed notes from 1-to-1 Listening sessions and home gatherings, Visioning document, and Calvary mission, welcome statement, and core values
 - conducted a survey of the congregation on top priorities for qualities/skills of our new pastor and compiled results
 - nearly completed the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) document (to be submitted to the Synod by end of June)
- continued to collect names recommended by Calvary members and self-nominated

On behalf of the call committee, we thank all of you who provided survey feedback. Results were the following:

Top 5 Ministry Tasks:

- 1.Preaching/worship
- 2.Multicultural Ministry
- 3.Pastoral Care and Visitation
- 4.Music/Worship/Arts
- (Tie) Youth and Family Ministry and Financial Management

Top 6 Gifts for Ministry

- 1.Help people develop their spiritual life.
- 2.Help people understand and act upon issues of social justice.
- 3.Appreciate cultural diversity in language and customs.
- 4.Help others develop their leadership abilities and skills for ministry.
- 5.Be able to share leadership and work in a team.
- (Tie) Be an effective communicator and Build a sense of community among the people with whom he/she works.

Upcoming is the visit of **Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop Ann Svennungsen** to Calvary on the evening of **Wednesday, June 7**, which will provide Bishop Svennungsen and Calvary members an opportunity to have a conversation about Calvary's hopes, dreams, needs, and leadership priorities before potential pastoral candidates are sought.

We continue to welcome all input as we conduct the important and exciting work of calling Calvary's next pastor!

Sincerely,

Anne Boone, Scott Endo, Danielle Hill, Daniel Huff, Lyle Jaeger, Judie Mattison, Linda Mundt, and Stacia Wick

Join the conversation with Bishop Ann Svennungsen
regarding Calvary's needs, hopes, dreams,
and leadership priorities for pastoral candidates
Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary, with light refreshments to follow.

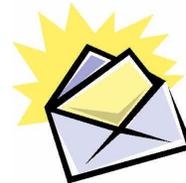
CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE:

Council met May 22 and we discussed the sale of effects from Gary Mazzone's estate. A lot of folks came together for the good of the cause and did great work. We also reviewed the first meeting minutes from the Facilities Task Force and they appear to have gotten off to a great start. We also heard from the Call Committee with a report out of the top 5 ministry tasks/top 6 gifts for ministry as gathered from the survey, and a reminder that Bishop Svernungsen will be at Calvary June 7.

Next adult education "Updates From Council, Call Committee and Facilities Task Force" is Sunday, July 30.

CALVARY'S GREETING CARD MINISTRY

Do you enjoy sending notes to people to mark special occasions? In order to continue, the Calvary card ministry is in need of a new volunteer. Please contact the worship committee chairperson, Melinda Bendix-Horn, if you'd like to take over this opportunity within the congregation. Cards and stamps are provided.



CHOIR/WORSHIP NEWS ITEMS:

- June 4, 9 am--Join the "Pop-Up Choir" before worship to sing for the musical offering. Everyone is welcome to come!
- June 11, 9 am--Join Bret Hesla for a group sing including a few of his own compositions ("Give Us Our Daily Bread," "No Matter Who," "Everything That We Have," "Bread for the Journey," etc.)
- June 18, 11:15--Worship Planning Team open meeting--come join our team to talk about worship planning at Calvary. Bring your ideas!

I am looking for musicians to provide special music at our summer worship services. Please contact me at andrea@clchurch.org if you're interested in a solo or small ensemble project. Thank you!

A note from Ramona Starks:

I had another opportunity to visit my son, David, and this is the updated picture of us. David sends his love and greetings to all of his Calvary faith family and sends his thanks and appreciation to those of you who took the time to write and send him a letter. David appreciates hearing from you all very much. He also wants you to know he will answer any mail you send him. It is a slow process, however, because all outside mail -- both incoming and outgoing -- has to go through the office before it gets to, or is sent by David. So a response to your mail may be slow in reaching you, but don't give up! He tries to answer each one. He definitely wants you all to know that he appreciates each and every letter or card that you send!! And, please know that I appreciate your doing so, as well.

His mailing address is:

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Go Green and Save Green

GO GREEN AND SAVE MONEY

You may already be caring for God's creation by choosing to go green. But did you know you can go green in your own home and save money? Here are seven Earth-conscious, money-saving tips for your household and for those in your congregation. You'll be surprised how easy it is being green.

Don't heat (or cool) an empty house. When you leave for work or at night when you're sleeping, set the temperature with energy conservation in mind. To make this easier, invest in a programmable home thermostat that does the adjusting for

you. It can really make a difference in your monthly energy bill.

Ask your power company about purchasing green power. In some locales utilities have solar, geothermal, biomass, and wind turbine programs that may be government subsidized. Check them out. You may end up paying less or the same amount as your traditional power sources.

Do an energy audit. Many power companies will send an expert to your house free of charge who can advise you on ways to make your home more energy efficient, including insulation tips and where to install compact florescent light (CFL) bulbs or light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs, which last much longer than traditional incandescent bulbs.

Skip the dryer sheets. They are expensive and full of toxins. You don't need them!

Rent a hybrid. Going on a trip? Try a hybrid vehicle. You'll save oodles on gas and lower your trip's carbon footprint. And don't forget to keep you own car well-tuned. You'll more than make up for the mechanic costs in energy efficiency. One more thing about cars: Clean out the trunk. A heavy load makes your vehicle burn more gas. That's not good for your wallet or the environment.

Buy Energy Star. When you upgrade an appliance, spring for an Energy Star model. The price tag may be a bit higher, but you'll save on your electricity bill in the long run.

Keep your freezer full. It runs more efficiently than an empty one. Plus, those make-ahead meals will come in handy during busy times in the church calendar.

-Information submitted by Calvary member Don Rudrud, originally printed in Portico, A Ministry of the ELCA, May 2017.

ADULT ED SUNDAY JUNE 4TH



JUN 4 Francisco Herrera, convener of #decolonizelutheranism leads Adult Education
Public · Hosted by Calvary Lutheran Church-Minneapolis

Francisco Herrera will join us again and will lead us in discussion: Since October of last year #decolonizeLutheranism has been staking out a prominent place in the Lutheran church in the United States. Their convener, Francisco Herrera, will be coming to Calvary to talk about their movement's history, theology, and their current plans - including a special base community training next March as well as their plans to have their national gathering here in the Twin Cities in the summer of 2019. Come to ask questions, stay to sing and pray and see how the Spirit is calling our church! The newly hired synod Racial Justice Congregational Organizer Jaddie Edwards is planning to join us for adult education with Francisco.

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The deadline for submitting information for the
July issue of the Calvary Newsletter is Tuesday, June 27