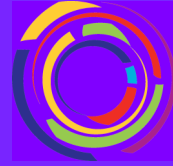


Crossroads

The newsletter of Calvary Lutheran Church



March 2019

MUSINGS

Lent is late this year, but may not feel late because the snow and cold will likely persist well into March. Worship will be held at 6:30 pm on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Prayer Around the Cross/ Evening Prayer will be held at 6:30 pm on the following Wednesdays during Lent. A Soup Supper will precede worship each Wednesday, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, beginning on March 13.

A big part of Calvary's sustainability work involves networking with neighboring entities and congregations. Last week I attended the meeting, *38th Street Thrive!*, which was convened by Ward 8 City Council Member (and Council VP), Andrea Jenkins. Calvary sits at the "crossroads" of 4 neighborhoods, and I've been trying to get to know the nearby businesses and non-profits. I had met with Council VP Jenkins a few weeks ago, and she suggested I attend this community meeting.

At this gathering, I learned more about the 38th Street business corridor, its current manifestation, its history and the vision that many hold for its future. There is a strong desire to preserve the cultural heritage of the "Southside" area that included the Central, Bryant and Regina neighborhoods. There is talk of creating an African-American museum, as well as designating part of the corridor as a Cultural District.

I join with those who are heart-broken over the United Methodist Church's vote to continue the exclusion of LGBTQIA people from serving as clergy, as well as prohibiting same gender marriage. The UMC retains its policy that "the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching."

It is likely that this decision by the denomination, which has about 12 million members worldwide, will lead to an exodus of congregations. We hold our siblings in Christ in prayer during this time, especially those who have experienced rejection.

Thanks to all who are using the Intercultural Development Inventory and Plan! I began this process several months ago and feel like I learning a lot about myself, and how I relate to others. I am grateful to partner with you on this journey!

Finally, I am thankful for Calvary's Church Council leadership as we move into this year of discernment and planning about a sustainable future. Please watch for more information. The Church Council will lead an Adult Forum on March 17 to engage the congregation in a conversation about our future.

- Pastor Hans Lee

WORSHIP DURING LENT

Ash Wednesday, March 6 - worship at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays throughout Lent, beginning March 13: Soup supper in the Lounge at 5:30

Prayer Around the Cross in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.



MARCH WORSHIP & MINISTRY LEADERS					
Ministry	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Ass't Minister	Judie Mattison	Shari Seifert	Judie Mattison	Linda Mundt	Shari Seifert
Acolytes	Judi Linder Jaiana Leggett	Brian Aust Johanna Aust	Michael Weber Danielle Hill	Joanne Shepherd Lydia Huff	Pat Olson Connor Swearingin
Lector	Cynthia Sarver	Chris Robson	Julie Anderson	Nancy Lee Nelson	Chris Gennaula
Sacristan	Steve McCarthy	Steve McCarthy	Sam Robson	Sam Robson	Anne Boone
Sound Board	Sigrid Davidson	Dick Peik	Lydia Huff	Quincy Aust	Josh Hill
Counters	Joanne Shepherd	Michael Weber Jeri Schultz	Gary Nelson Zac Halter	Mary Nelson Marilyn Holm	Pat Olson Danielle Hill
Ushers	Youngbauer family	Sam Robson Chris Robson	Negstad/Townsend Family	Carol Rue Henrietta Williams Barb Martinsen	Moberg family
Coffee Hour	Kenney Escher Cynthia Sarver Linda Mundt	Lyle Jaeger Steve & Jennifer McCarthy	Shari Seifert Melissa Brooks	Deb Paulsrud Matthew & Carolyn Youngbauer	Verna Lutes Joanne Shepherd Karen Nelson Mary Nelson
Food Shelf	<i>March 9</i> Nancy Lee Nelson Michael Weber	<i>March 16</i> Gary Nelson Jeri Schultz	<i>March 23</i> Gary Thorn Nancy Wheeler	<i>March 30</i> Aust-Ilesher family Teri Schweizer	<i>April 6</i> Carol Rue Pat Olson

March Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3/4 - Henry Wengerd
- 3/5 - Tove Wing
- 3/6 - Melinda Bendix-Horn
- 3/8 - Bettye Brown
- 3/8 - Matthew Youngbauer
- 3/11 - Judi Linder
- 3/12 - Quincy Aust
- 3/13 - Karen Rudrud
- 3/14 - Donnie Robson

- 3/14 - Stacia Wick
- 3/16 - Venice Knowlen
- 3/17 - Chris Gennaula
- 3/18 - Stacy Anderson
- 3/19 - Chris Van Meter
- 3/20 - Donna Neubauer
- 3/21 - Lily Endo
- 3/21 - Benji Huff
- 3/22 - Julian Escher
- 3/22 - Sarah Harrison

- 3/23 - Kenney Escher
- 3/26 - Anika Robson
- 3/26 - Kelsey Stanford
- 3/27 - Ingrid Rolig
- 3/30 - Leighton Mohr
- 3/31 - Sarah Zeigler

Anniversaries

- 3/20 - Joani & Josh Moberg

THE MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

The Mission of the Month is the Calvary Lutheran Food Shelf, as a part of the Minnesota Food Share March Campaign (see article on following page).



QUICK RESPONSE TEAM

Emergencies happen: a gully-washer floods the lower level, the roof springs a leak, a water-line bursts, 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!

MARCH FOOD SHELF CAMPAIGN

Spring should be coming. The snow is supposed to be melting. Birds should be thinking about migrating home. So much for that! What is going on this year?!

Maybe a warm heart will melt the snow. Maybe some generosity and sharing will coax in the new season.

With that in mind, have we got an opportunity for you! It's time for the March Campaign for Calvary's Food Shelf!

"The March Campaign is our biggest fundraiser of the year," emphasizes Henrietta Williams, Food Shelf Coordinator. "This year's goal is to raise \$9,000 and take in 900 pounds of food and other donations."

In 2018, Calvary's Food Shelf served nearly 2,100 individuals from about 800 households. "Half the people are children and seniors," laments Henrietta. "No one should have to go hungry. And the March Campaign helps ensure that Calvary can continue helping people right here in our community."

Financial contributions give the Food Shelf the greatest flexibility. The Food Shelf can use the funds to purchase what its clients need, often at highly subsidized prices. Typically, food shelves can stretch \$1 into enough food for two or three meals.

In addition, Calvary's March Campaign will have a weekly donation focus each Sunday. The weekly themes this year are as follows:

- March 3:** Canned Soups
- March 10:** Canned Meats (and Veggie Protein)
- March 17:** Cereal
- March 24:** Diapers and Feminine Hygiene
- March 31:** Canned Fruit

But, most important, as Henrietta emphasizes: "Please feel free to donate in whatever way works best for you. We'll put your donation to good use!"

Calvary's March Campaign is part of a similar effort across Minnesota, which is coordinated by Minnesota

FoodShare, a project of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC). Statewide, the March Campaign raises more than half the food distributed annually through 300 food shelves associated with Minnesota FoodShare.

Minnesota FoodShare and its associated food shelves address critical needs of too many seniors, families, individuals, and children throughout Minnesota. One in eight Minnesota children experience hunger and food insecurity. Nearly 10% of Minnesotans live below the poverty line. There are over three million visits to Minnesota food shelves each year.

Calvary's Food Shelf is a vital partner in Minnesota FoodShare's fight against hunger and poverty.

"So many individuals contribute and find a way to make each year's campaign a success," notes Henrietta. "The support of our Food Shelf is overwhelming. It's truly heartwarming."

Henrietta and the Food Shelf very much appreciate Calvary's ongoing support. That support has made each year's campaign a success. Calvary and the many supporters of its Food Shelf have been critical in reducing hunger in our community.

**"O God,
to those who have hunger,
give bread,
and to us who have bread,
give hunger for justice."
~ Prayer from Latin America**





URBAN ARTS ACADEMY
16TH ANNUAL GALA
SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2019

URBAN ARTS ACADEMY

Cordially invites you and your guests to our

16th Annual Gala
Saturday, March 30th, 2019

5:45pm Wine, hors d'oeuvres, student art gallery, silent auction

7:00pm Dinner, program, and live auction

St. Mary's Lake Calhoun Event Center
3450 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis

Reservations Required

\$75 per person or
\$600 per table of eight

Reserve your tickets: <https://bidpartner.net/urbanarts/ticket-list/>

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Calvary Lutheran Church is fortunate to have a parking lot in which visitors to the building may park. There are times when parking on the city streets is still needed. The City of Minneapolis has implemented parking restrictions for the remainder of this winter season. Bear these new regulations in mind when parking at Calvary.

NEW Winter Parking Restrictions begin 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27 to ensure city streets are passable for emergency vehicles, buses and other travelers in the face of heavy snow accumulation this winter. Winter Parking Restrictions means parking will be banned on the EVEN numbered side of non-Snow-Emergency-routes until April 1, unless conditions allow the City to lift the ban earlier. Parking is allowed on Snow Emergency routes, parkways, and the ODD numbered side of non-Snow Emergency-routes, unless otherwise posted. Please visit the City's Snow Season Parking website for additional details about this Snow Emergency and the Winter Parking Restrictions: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow/index.htm>



MARK YOUR CALENDARS/REGISTER: SUMMER 2019 FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH!



♦ Day Camp – June 17-21

Calvary will once again participate in Day Camp with several other congregations at Bethel Lutheran Church in south Minneapolis. Watch for more information!



♦ Luther Crest Bible Camp

Children and youth from Calvary, Bethel, and Our Saviour's will attend camp at Luther Crest the week of **June 23-28**. Open to completed grade 3 and above. Pastor Hans will be up there for at least the first part of the week, and some of Calvary's High School students will be serving as Counselors in Training. Camp **brochures are available in the narthex** or at www.luthercrest.org. If this week does not work for you, and you would still like to go, please refer to the camp brochure!

For more information, please contact Pastor Hans.

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**The deadline for submitting information for the
April issue of the Calvary Newsletter is Tuesday, March 26**