

# Calvary's Crossroads

From the Pastor's Desk...

To be your presence is our mission here,  
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,  
to be your heart of mercy ever near,  
**Al-le-lu-ia!**

From the hymn "To Be your Presence,"  
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Over the last two weeks the words of this beautiful hymn have been ringing in my ears. I have watched and been one small part of this community of faith living its mission—the incredible rummage sale, visits and cards to shut-ins and those in the hospital, visits to the prison, providing food to those in need, welcoming the stranger, participating in worship, caring for children (in the congregation and in the community), serving coffee and treats to the elderly...the list goes on as to what this community is doing.

As we have been reading Diana Butler Bass' book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, it has been powerful to see her sign posts for renewal/vitality being lived out on a daily basis. As we have been talking about what it means to be a welcoming community, there has been a richness in seeing this welcome extended. I believe God's presence is being revealed here each day!

The month that is ahead of us holds many more opportunities for engagement and being God's presence inside our doors and out. I invite you to explore one or more ways that you will be involved in this mission and ministry. There are places to serve, to connect, to live our mission.

**Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**, 10 AM-1 PM Worship Planning  
(from Advent to Easter)

**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**, Reformation Sunday Worship  
with reception of new members

**Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**, 7:30 PM, All Saints Worship  
at Bethany Lutheran Church

**Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Free  
Community Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**, All Saints Sunday Worship with  
Thanksgiving of Baptism for those baptized this past  
year, Remembrance of Saints who have passed away  
this year, and the "official" signing of my letter of call by  
Bishop Johnson

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**Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 a.m. - noon  
 Church workday to prepare building for winter and general clean-up

**Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30 p.m. Evening of Support for the Calvary Food Shelf at the Huffs

**Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**, Serving breakfast at Our Saviour's Homeless Shelter

As well as on-going opportunities to volunteer with the Emergency Food shelf, to assist with the Calvary Fair Trade sale to benefit Lutheran World Relief, to assist with Sunday school

Over the last two weeks I have been leading a Bible study on the book of Galatians for the residents at Augustana Homes. It is powerful to be reminded of Paul's message of our being set free in Christ to radically welcome and serve our neighbor. We are asked to envision what it means to follow in the ways of Christ and reach out to others—a radical welcome.

**We are your heart, O Christ,  
 your hands and voice,  
 to serve your people is our call and choice,  
 and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,  
 Al-le-lu-ia!**

Amen! And blessings in this season of Thanksgiving and Thanks-living!

*Pastor Brad*

### Quilts & Afghans Needed

The Aliveness Project is collecting quilts and afghans for babies, children, youth and adults to add to Holiday baskets.



If you would like to donate any of these items, please take them to The Aliveness Project, 730 E. 38th Street in Minneapolis by **December 21st**. Questions? Call 612-824-5433.

Thank you for helping to make this holiday season brighter for individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

**Thanks** We would like to thank all of the members at Calvary for your words and gestures of care and support during the time of our son Eric's illness and death. We are especially grateful for the prayers and counsel given for us by Pastor Brad. Thanks you, also, for the many of you who sent cards memorials, and assisted in the fellowship following the service. We are grateful for you all.

Karen and Don Rudrud

**Thanks** I am writing to thank you for your kind support and donation of \$275 in support of our programs.

Thanks to your generosity, in the Our Saviour's Housing Program, we were able to provide warm shelter, meals, support, advocacy, employment, and other services to homeless men, women and families in an effort to help them return to mainstream living. In these difficult economic times, your gift makes more of an impact than ever.

We know that our clients' success is only possible because of the contributions we receive from generous donors like you, and we thank you again for believing in and supporting our mission.

In Peace,

Sandy Aslaksen  
 Executive Director  
 Our Saviour's Outreach Ministries

**Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2:00 a.m.**  
 Sunday, November 7th.  
 Set your clocks back an hour so you can enjoy extra sleep!



## Happy Birthday

Ingrid Ebbesen	11/1/03	Benjamin Tripp	11/11/08
Pam Tilseth	11/2	Helen Rasmusson	11/12
Kaia Zeigler	11/2/1999	Irv Elliott	11/13
Nicole Falk	11/4	Jaiana Leggett	11/16/07
George Robson	11/7	Brian Aust	11/18
Justin Peik	11/7	Florence Klobuchar	11/22
Mari Herdine	11/7	Michael Luedtke	11/25
Isaac Paulsrud	11/9/02		





## Happy Anniversary



Brian & Marcia Haugstad  
November 13<sup>th</sup>

## Worship Leaders

Date	Deacon	Acolyte/ Communion Assistant	Lector	Usher	Sacristan	Sound Board	Coffee Hour	Nursery
<b>Nov. 7 All Saints Day</b>	George Robson	Steve Glass  Chris Robson	Jennifer McCarthy	Jeri Schultz  Gary Nelson	Felecia Boone	Mary Nelson	Elisa Holm  Nicole Falk	Kim Zeigler  Joani Moberg
<b>Nov. 14</b>	Sarah Lahr	Danielle Hill  Irv Elliott	Josh Moberg	Lisa Luedtke  Michael Luedtke	Ramona Starks	Aaron Gebauer	Wendy Cook  Zeigler family	Gary Nelson  Robbi Bergan
<b>Nov. 21</b>	Lisa Negstad	Sarah Lahr  Karen Rudrud	Julie Anderson	Aust/ lesher family	Ramona Starks	George Robson	Livia Van Horne  Anders Davidson  Teri Schweizer	Anders Davidson  Jen McCarthy
<b>Nov. 28</b>	Jennifer McCarthy	Brian Aust  Judi Linder	Megan Hertzler	Stacia Wick  Henrietta Williams	Damon Van Duzen	Karen Nel- son	Lisa Luedtke  Michael Luedtke	Steve McCarthy  Sarah Lahr

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  6:30 p.m. Education Committee Meeting  7:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Lutheran Church	2 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  10 a.m. Miriam Circle  10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  6:30 p.m. Social Justice	3 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  6:00 p.m. Encore! rehearsal  6:30 p.m. Calvary Choir Rehearsal  7:00 p.m. Twin Cities Women's	4 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  7-9 p.m. Bagpipers	5 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  Noon - 8 p.m. MN Interpreter's Institute	6 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. MN Interpreter's Institute  9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Community Pancake Breakfast  9 - noon Food Shelf
7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - Set your clocks back 1 hr.  9:00 a.m. Education classes  10:15 a.m. Worship with Bishop Johnson  3 p.m. Bagpipers	8 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  6:30 p.m. Executive Committee	9 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  6:30 p.m. Worship & Spiritual Care Committee	10 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  6:00 p.m. Encore! rehearsal  6:30 p.m. Calvary Choir Rehearsal  7:00 p.m. Twin Cities Women's Choir Rehearsal	11 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Beechwood  9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  7-9 p.m. Bagpipers	12 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Beechwood  9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  5 - 10 p.m. MN Interpreter's Institute  6 - 8 p.m. Parenting Oasis	13 9:00 -noon Food Shelf  9:00 - noon Church Clean-up Day  10:00 - noon Masons  12:30 p.m. Eastern Stars
14 9:00 a.m. Education Classes  10:15 a.m. Worship  3 p.m. Bagpipers	15 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  6:30 p.m. Mission Support Committee	16 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  6:30 p.m. Property Committee	17 8 - 10 a.m. Beechwood, Inc.  9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  6:00 p.m. Encore! rehearsal  6:30 p.m. Calvary Choir Rehearsal  7:00 p.m. Twin Cities Women's Choir Rehearsal	18 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  5:00 p.m. UAA Family Night  7-9 p.m. Bagpipers	19 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School	20 9:00-noon Food Shelf  9:00 a.m. - noon TCW Choir Rehearsal  10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis  6:30 p.m. A Night to Remember hosted by Laura & Daniel Huff
21 9 a.m. Education Classes  10:15 a.m. Worship  3 p.m. Bagpipers	22 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  6:00 p.m. Church Council	23 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age	24 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age  7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service	25 Church offices closed for Thanksgiving  	26 Church offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday	27 9:00-noon Food Shelf
28 9 a.m. Education Classes  10:15 a.m. Worship  3 p.m. Bagpipers	29 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age	30 9 - 4 UAA Pre-School  9:30 a.m. M.I.C.A.H. Committee  10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis  2 - 6 p.m. UAA School-Age				

## IN OUR PRAYERS

For friends of our congregation with health needs, including: Cassidy, Lilly, Jade, Carol, Doris, Ruth, Pam, Joyce, Jacqueline, Marietta, Ramona, Nancy Lee, Judith, Jeremy, Chad; Hadiyah, Annabelle, Doug, Edie, Henry, Jan, Alfheld and Lynn.

## La Befana

In the Heart of the Beast Puppetry Youth Troupe will perform La Befana from December 3<sup>rd</sup> through December 30<sup>th</sup>.  
(No shows December 20 - 26)

Based on the ancient legend of the Italian gift giver, La Befana reveals the splendid wonder of common things.



**With big and little puppets and lots and lots of music, we travel around the world with the old woman Befana as she goes in search of**

**the Holy Child only to discover that holiness lives in the hearts of all children.**

Combining both the sacred and secular themes of the season, this is a luminous tale for audiences of all ages and many traditions.

### TICKET INFORMATION

- \$22 adult
- \$15 children, students w/ID, seniors (65+) & groups of 10 or more.
- Group tickets can only be purchased by phone: 612-721-2535 Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm.

This beloved show sells out quickly so call today!

**FREE PARKING** is available in the lot behind the Avalon (entrance on 15th Ave. So) or on the street.

## The Practice of Word & World

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

### November 7th

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

### November 14th

Malachi 4:1-2a  
Psalm 98  
II Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

### November 21st

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

### November 28th

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44

## Busy Hands are Happy Hands



Get your needles a clicking, your hooks a hooking and get ready for a lot of fun!

Thursday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. is the opening debut for anyone who has always wanted to knit, crochet or do other fancywork with others. Don't know how to knit or crochet; or perhaps you're in need of a brush up? Well, we have the answer for you ---Pat Olson and Ramona Starks. They have graciously volunteered to teach those who would like to learn.

There is a great need for hats, booties, lap robes, prayer shawls and much more. Your help is needed. Women, men and children are welcome to meet in the church lounge for this initial meeting. There is a rumor treats might be served.

Rides will be available. Any questions, ideas or if you're in need of a ride, call Mary Nelson (612-823-7732). Get ready to tap those needles for a good cause and for fun.

# The National Conference on LGBT Equality *Creating Change*

February 2-6, 2011 - Hilton Minneapolis Minnesota



National Gay and Lesbian  
**Task Force**  
[www.CreatingChange.org](http://www.CreatingChange.org)

The 23rd National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change is coming to beautiful Minneapolis, Minnesota and the Hilton Minneapolis, February 2-6, 2011!

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

***If you live in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area, help make this event accessible and affordable by housing a visiting social justice activist!***

*Housing is often the largest setback for traveling activists, so our goal is to provide housing for 50 conference attendees this Creating Change 2011. PLEASE help us create a safe and affordable experience for visiting LGBT activists that will be in our fabulous cities this February!*

To find the housing application, please visit our website at [www.creatingchange.org](http://www.creatingchange.org) dropdown "Where to Stay: Housing," where you will find more information about hosting a fellow social justice advocate for The National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change this February 2-6, 2011.

**Community  
Pancake Breakfast**  
Saturday, November 6th, 2010  
9:30 - 11:30



Join us **Saturday, November 6, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.** for a free community pancake breakfast hosted by Crossroads Community Organization in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the event is to bring Calvary members, our neighbors, and building partners together...and eat pancakes!

Down the road, we hope to host similar events and provide opportunities for neighbors to network and learn about community resources.

The breakfast is made possible by an ELCA hunger grant that Crossroads wrote for the Food Shelf to purchase various supplies, light weight tables, and host this breakfast!

Invite your neighbors, friends, and family!

## The Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade Handcraft Project

Through the LWR Handcraft Project, you can enjoy beautiful Fair Trade handcrafts and improve the lives of artisans around the world at the same time.

More than one billion people live on less than \$1 a day; another 2.7 billion struggle on less than \$2 a day. And income inequality is increasing around the world.

More than ever, women are entering the labor force, often as the head of household and sole income earner. They are less likely than men to find normal employment and are often paid less for comparable work -- in fact, the majority of the world's working poor are women.

When employment is scarce or wages are too low, children suffer the most. They may have to work long hours in fields or factories to help support the family rather than attend school. Families without reliable income can't provide sufficient and nutritious food or access basic health care, both of which negatively affect their children's health and development.

By earning a fair income through their craft skills and use of locally available natural resources, artisans are able to support their families and create a better future.



Handcraft production is small-scale and diverse. Crafts can be made in homes by women while cooking and caring for children, as they are herding animals or between chores. Other crafts are made in small workshops that offer child care, companionship, and use of equipment such as sewing machines. The carving of wood, stone or clay pieces is often done by men working outdoors or in ventilated workplaces. Many indigenous artisan skills are passed down through generations, helping to strengthen family connections and preserve cultures and customs.

In addition to wages, artisan groups provide benefits to their members including skills and literacy training, access to basic health care, low-interest loans or credit. They also invest in community development projects such as building safe water wells, funding elementary schools, and sponsoring public forums on topics ranging from women's rights to nutrition.

By selling through Fair Trade, farmers and artisans build a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. By supporting Fair Trade, we support choices in line with our religious beliefs and affirm

human dignity by promoting Fair Wages, Children's Rights, Women's Rights, The Right to Organize, Environmental Rights, and Indigenous Rights.

Your purchase provides income, dignity and hope to artisans and their families.



*Beginning  
Sunday,  
November 28th,  
you'll have the  
opportunity  
to purchase  
handcraft projects in  
the entrance of  
Calvary  
to support  
Lutheran World  
Relief Fair Trade  
and their partner,  
SERRV.*