



INREACH TO BUILD COMMUNITY

October 2016

Greetings to each of you!

Moving into this month of October, Calvary is embarking on an exciting process called Inreach. Between this past Sunday (when 24 people gathered after worship) and next week we anticipate that almost 30 people will be trained to be "listeners" in our congregation.

The listeners will be reaching out via phone or e-mail to as many community members as possible and will be setting up one-to-one conversations. These conversations may be in either a home, a coffee shop, a park, after church on Sunday morning...or any other number of options.

These conversations will continue through November 13, at that point we will have a congregational debrief and conversation after worship with a meal. Together we will share things that we learned and ways that we grew through this process.

To more fully understand this work and time of connection, I'd like to answer a few questions.

First, what is Inreach?

Inreach is a focused and disciplined six to eight-week effort to build community. At Calvary we are planning seven weeks of conversation. During this time, teams of trained visitors (listeners) conduct *one-to-one* visits with people in the congregation. Inreach is intended to grow and strengthen relationships.

What are One-to-One visits?

A one-to-one visit is a 45-60 minute, natural but uncommon face-to-face conversation for the purpose of building a relationship and understanding what really matters to that person. It is **not** a sales pitch or psychoanalysis. People are not asked to give money or do anything during the visit. This is all about conversation and being in deeper relationship with one another.

What is the Purpose behind One-to-One visits?

1) **Build Relationships:** When people are in a relationship they can share, plan, dream, create

and get things done. Without relationships, people are powerless. Building relationships builds community.

2) **Uncover Self-Interests:** Self-Interests are the things that a person feels most strongly about. These are the things that motivate and drive them. Discovering these interests can help build the congregation.

3) **Develop Clarity:** One-to-one visits allow people to express their feelings about things. When they talk about something, it helps to make that thing clearer to them.

4) **Learn:** Finally, a visit is an opportunity to learn about the church, community and neighborhood. Those who sit down over conversation find out what is going on, and most importantly, what the people in the pews next to them are really thinking and feeling. Additionally, people who participate in one-to-one conversations often say that they learn new things about themselves.

What does Inreach do?

When carried out effectively, the process invigorates and renews leadership, clarifies congregational priorities and identifies the concerns and self-interests of members. The conversations often bring to the surface ideas, issues, concerns which may become priorities for congregation to work on or strategize around.

What is Inreach's impact on a congregation?

1) Congregations become **intentionally more relational**. People get to know one another. It invites people in community who may not have been very involved and who may feel they have been isolated and left out. And it helps those who are already connected to build deeper relationships.

2) Congregations find and **develop new leaders**. The size of the "leadership circle" within the congregation is increased. People are challenged to a greater potential and growth within themselves.

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OCTOBER WORSHIP & MINISTRY LEADERS

| Ministry | Oct. 2 | Oct. 9 | Oct. 16 | Oct. 23 | Oct. 30 |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|---|---|
| Ass't Minister | Linda Mundt | Lisa Negstad | Emilie Bouvier | Judie Mattison | Joani Moberg |
| Acolytes | Karen Rudrud Benjamin Huff | Brian Aust Johanna Aust | Rachel Bjorhus Lydia Huff | Joanne Shepherd Ingrid Ebbesen | Michael Weber Danielle Hill |
| Lector | Kaia Zeigler | dorothy lesher | Isaac Wengerd | Nancy Lee Nelson | Carol Rue |
| Sacristan | Sam Robson | Sam Robson | Anne Boone | Anne Boone | Stacia Wick |
| Sound Board | Sigrid Davidson | Dick Peik | Neeve McCarthy | Lydia Huff | Gary Nelson |
| Coffee Hour | Josh Moberg Joani Moberg Sarah Zeigler Kim Zeigler | Teri Schweizer Anders Davidson Hans Nestingen Verna Lutes | Rachel Bjorhus Tony Rydberg Don Rudrud Karen Rudrud | Irv Elliott Pat Olson Emilie Bouvier | Nancy Lee Nelson Sam Robson Ruth Pope |
| Counters | Pat Olson Danielle Hill | Joanne Shepherd Verna Lutes | Michael Weber Jeri Schultz | Gary Nelson Ted Fabel | Mary Nelson Marilyn Holm |
| Food Shelf | (Oct. 8) Judith Glass Michael Weber | (Oct. 15) Gary Nelson Jeri Schultz | (Oct. 22) Marilyn Holm Gary Thorn | (Oct. 29) Aust/lesher family Teri Schweizer | (Nov. 5) Carol Rue Pat Olson |

October Celebrations

Birthdays

10/2 - Tony Rydberg
10/2 - Joanne Shepherd
10/5 - Steve Glass
10/5 - Hans Lee
10/7 - Beatrix Grace
10/7 - Maurine Olson
10/12 - Annika Johnson

10/17 - Christian Moberg
10/18 - Verna Lutes
10/19 - Lydia Huff
10/19 - Michael Jackson
10/20 - Lisa Luedtke
10/24 - Katrina Kumm-Hanson
10/24 - Samuel Tripp
10/28 - Marjorie Bowers

Anniversaries

10/5 - Teri Schweizer & Anders Davidson
10/6 - Melinda & Amber Bendix-Horn
10/10 - Kim & Jeff Egan
10/20 - Lars Negstad & Melissa Townsend
10/24 - Tom Johnson & Miranda Hong
10/27 - Mike & Britt Guild



OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

Crossroads Community Organization

Pastor Brad out of the Office

Pastor Brad will be out of the office from Thursday, September 29-Sunday, October 2, for a niece's wedding. If you have a pastoral care concern or emergency please contact Pastor Amy on her cell phone (303-550-3988) or by e-mail, pastoramy@clchurch.org.

MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet again on October 24 at 6:30 for budget planning.



CALVARY YOUTH NEWS

Hello Parents/Grandparents/Friends of Youth!

We are off to a great start with our program year. So far we are seeing great attendance at all of our Sunday morning Children's and Youth educational programs. Thank you for your flexibility and openness to change as we figure out this new schedule together.

Did you know that our youth group (junior and senior high) is part of a collaborative with Our Saviour's Lutheran and Bethel Lutheran churches? You can keep track of all of our activities at our Facebook page,

www.facebook.com/CollabMinistries

For Senior High families...We are in the initial planning stages of our trip planning for the summer of 2017. We meet on Wednesday, 9/28 to lay out some of our plans. If you are interested in this trip, please let Pastor Amy know as soon as possible.



Calvary, Bethel, and Our Saviour's Youth to Attend *Parchman Hour*

RSVP by October 2nd for performance on October 28!

For 6th-12th Graders



The Play: The play is about the Freedom Riders of 1961. This will be a great continuation of the learning that some of the youth did on the racial justice trip; a new experience for others. We have seats reserved for us in the second and third rows! *Note: There is brief male nudity (45 seconds) and the show also contains mature themes and language, gunshots/explosions, strobe lights and haze.*

Date/time: The show is Friday, October 28 at 7:30 pm. Please get dropped off at the Guthrie Theatre at 7 pm, so we can find our seats together and talk about who the freedom riders were.

Run time: 2 hours, 20 minutes with one intermission. Youth can get picked up at 10 pm.

Cost: \$16 per ticket. Please write a check to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, or bring \$16 cash to the performance.

RSVP: To reserve your ticket, please RSVP to Pastor Martha at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church by this Sunday, October 2 at martha@oursavioursmpls.org.



Calvary Trunk-or-Treat & Game Night
4:30-7:30, Saturday, October 29
@ Calvary Lutheran Church



Members of the congregation are planning for Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 29. We will have one half of the parking lot blocked off for cars to hand out candy from their trunks/tail gates/hatches to children and youth from Calvary, Urban Arts, and the neighborhood. People are invited to decorate their cars in fall/Halloween fashion! Also, each car is invited to bring 50-75 goodies to share with the kids. Due to allergies we ask for not peanut or nut products... and "healthier options" such as Goldfish, Teddy Grahams, fruit snacks are welcome.

Children and youth are invited to come in their Halloween costumes and enjoy the festivities. Handing out of candy and goodies will go from 4:30 pm until about 5:15; we will then have hot dogs, chips, and lemonade. From 5:30-7:30 we will have board games and activities for kids and families.

Mark your calendar now for a fun evening!



8th-9th Grade Confirmation Classes in October

October 9: Historical Luther/Contemporary Lutheranism

October 16: Reformation/95 Theses/ Theses for today

Lead teacher: Pastor Brad

Lead teacher: Pastor Amy

OCTOBER ADULT EDUCATION SERIES: YES! TO CREATION



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 - VIDEO "RACING EXTINCTION"

Across the world no less than 200 and up to 2,000 species go extinct every year. What do human activities and global warming have to do with this? Faith communities across the nation are gathering together to learn and discuss what they can do.

We have purchased a copy of the movie along with the rights to screen it to the public. While species loss is a tragedy, this film has beautiful cinematography and shows exciting ways people are fighting species loss. *Racing Extinction* also won an Academy Award® for best original song. A team of artists and activists exposes the hidden world that drives extinction across the globe. The international wildlife trade along with actions by the oil and gas companies can potentially result in the loss of half of all species.

The effects of global warming can be seen in many different ways from extreme weather to species extinction. Learn more about the human effects on extinctions and talk about what you can do as a community to protect the wonder and diversity of nature.

COMING TO CALVARY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Lee E. Frelich, Research Associate and Director of the University of Minnesota Center for Forest Ecology. Dr. Frelich has expertise in the areas of climate change, wind and fire, deer and moose browsing, invasive species, and earthworms. His research interests include the effects of large-scale wind and fire in boreal forests of the BWCA, and climate change, its influence on forests near the prairie-forest border and interactions with deer, fire and wind, insects and invasive species.



EMILIE BOUVIER LEADING CALVARY ADULT FORUM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16



Emilie Bouvier will lead the adult education session on the topic of Watershed Stewardship: Our Role in the Care of Water. Emily is an artist and community organizer who lives and works in Saint Paul. She recently graduated from Luther Seminary where she had a two-year art residency concurrent with her studies in religion and philosophy. She works mainly in historic and alternative process photography and in clay, but also has an interest in liturgical and community arts. Emily is currently on the staff of the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA as the Congregational Organizer for Environmental Justice.

OCTOBER 23 - YES! TO CREATION WITH CALVARY'S GREEN TEAM

The Adult Education session on October we will meet in the sanctuary following worship. Don Rudrud and the Green Team will report the many ways this Christian community is saying Yes! To Creation, and living out this Yes! To affirm a sustainable caring relationship with every part of the earth and its living web of life.



Adult Education at Calvary begins after Sunday morning worship, approximately 11:15 a.m.

Diapers, Glitter Glue, and Unexpected Lessons in Stewardship

By Alexandra Benson

In between undergrad and seminary, I spent a year serving with Urban Servant Corps, a Lutheran full-time volunteer program in Denver, Colorado. (The website for Urban Servant Corps is <http://www.urbanservantcorps.org>) I lived in intentional community with fourteen other volunteers, and together we grappled with questions about social justice, spirituality, and simple, sustainable living.

Life as a full-time volunteer can easily be perceived as one of scarcity, but, to my surprise, I discovered great abundance: an abundance of joy, love, hospitality, and inspiring generosity. I learned most about what it means to live generously in my time serving at a women's shelter in inner city Denver. I now realize that stewardship was in many ways the sustaining force behind much of the work we were able to do. Stewardship looked like the retired high school teacher who volunteered his time every Monday and Tuesday to share of his trove of wisdom and unquenchable passion for youth and their families. It looked like the nurse who showed up on her days off each week with armfuls of picture books or Play-Doh because, "our kids will just love these."

Stewardship was embodied by the Lutheran church group who volunteered to cook and serve lunch one Wednesday each month and made everyone's day with a fresh salad and warm brownie.

Stewardship looked like the shelter's major donors who helped sustain salaries and made the construction of our beautiful building possible, with its sunlit café dining room, well-stocked art studio, rooftop garden and playground. Thanks to their generosity, the building was not an overcrowded, gloomy shelter but a warm haven of hospitality.

Stewardship of a different kind showed up in the dedicated volunteers who returned week after week to read books and hold babies, to teach computer classes and lead art lessons, to organize the free clothing boutique and help stock the food pantry with boxes of Cheerios and cans of peaches.

Stewardship showed up in coloring books and tubes of glitter glue, tubs of Legos and plastic kitchen sets that were donated to the children's area, helping to create a safe place for kids to play and to learn. Stewardship looked like baby blankets knit by faithful church women and boxes and boxes of diapers collected by the local elementary school.

Stewardship provided piles of backpacks and stacks of spiral bound notebooks just in time for the school year. Stewardship was behind neatly wrapped Christmas presents and plastic Easter eggs filled with jellybeans, Halloween costumes and sparkly Prom dresses that brought a sense of normalcy to occasions that for our clients could become painful reminders of what was not available to them.

Perhaps most profoundly, stewardship was embodied by clients and former clients who had once been the recipients of such generosity: the fierce, strong women who knew what it was like to care for young children when they didn't have a stable place to call home, women who had faced head-on the crippling reality of mental illness and addiction, women who had made mistakes, and women who had been faced with a nearly impossible battle from day one. These women showed up with baby clothes outgrown by their own children, strollers that they no longer needed, and books that were ready to be shared. Stewardship showed up in information sharing: the advice from one mother to another about where to find affordable family housing, how to navigate the public transportation system, or where to find a hot meal on the weekends.

My Urban Servant Corps journey led me to confront the painful realities of homelessness and poverty but also invited me to experience what it means to give generously out of God's promise of abundance. Stewardship calls us to recognize the abundance among us and to creatively seek out how it may be shared with the broader community. This courageous generosity, in its many forms, speaks words of hope to God's children: "I see you. You matter. And you are so dearly loved."

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The work is now done by many versus a few.

3) The Congregation is encouraged to **be more visionary**. A clearer understanding is developed of where the congregation is now and where it is going in the future. By listening to and understanding the concerns of the congregation, then working to address those concerns in a community effort, many are involved and excited.

4) The Congregation **connects with others** doing this work.

What does this mean for me?

Calvary is dreaming big! That means we are striving to connect with all confirmed members and several regular participants. This takes commitment, planning, and engagement.

We have nearly 30 people who are committing to reach out to around 5 people each over the next seven weeks. The task of people within the congregation is to respond

to the invitation and sit down for 1 one-to-one conversation. We are asking for 45 minutes to 1 hour of your time.

Then, again, on Sunday, November 13, following worship, we will have a congregational meal and debrief. This is an opportunity to share how it felt to sit down and converse, things we learned as individuals and a community, themes that are coming through.

I invite you to join in this incredible work of community building, learning, and visioning for the future!

With thanks and blessing!
Pastor Brad

Notes about October Worship

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| Sunday, October 2 | Service of Holy Communion & Blessing of the Animals |
| Sunday, October 9 | Service of Holy Communion; Kaia Zeigler preaching about her experience with the Youth Civil Rights Tour this summer |
| Sunday, October 16 | Service of Holy Communion & Healing (Remembrance of the Feast of St. Luke, doctor and healer) |
| Sunday, October 23 | Service of Holy Communion |
| Sunday, October 30 | Service of Holy Communion & Celebration of Reformation Sunday (Then & Now!) |

October 30, 2016 - January 15, 2017

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Martin Luther Art and the Reformation



Five hundred years ago, one man took a stand that shook Europe and changed the world. Now you can see the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation brought to life through astonishing artworks and historical objects, traveling outside Germany for the first time ever. Luther used art and the newly invented printing press to challenge Europe's leaders and spread a revolution of religious, cultural, and societal change. This exhibition includes paintings, sculpture, gold, textiles, and works on paper—as well as Luther's personal possessions and recent archaeological finds—that shed new light on an explosive era and the man who ignited it.

Minneapolis Institute of Art - Target Galleries
2400 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404

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The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney is Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas. Gafney, an Episcopal Priest, is a member of the historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia, PA. Prior to joining the Episcopal Church, she served as a U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain. Gafney is the author of *Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction to the Women of the Torah and the Throne* (2017) and *Daughters of Miriam: Women Prophets in Ancient Israel*. She is co-editor of *The Peoples' Bible* and *The Peoples' Companion to the Bible*. She is a prolific blogger and regular commentator on current issues. We hope you will join us for the seventh annual Johnson Symposium on Faith & Society as we welcome Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney.

Register for the Symposium online:

<https://htlcmpls.org/learning/johnson-symposium/registration/>

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The deadline for submitting information for the November issue of the Calvary Newsletter is Tuesday, October 25.