

CALVARY'S CROSSROADS



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Special Points of Interest

- *Rummage Sale - October 21 & 22*
- *Nonsense Tickets On Sale*
- *Confirmation Journey*
- *CROP Walk*

Calvary Lutheran Church
is in the city for good!
Progressive, Christ-centered
community called to radically welcome all
Vibrantly worship God
Faithfully work for peace and justice
in our neighborhood and world

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: AN EVOLVING LIFE TOGETHER

Evolution. In some faith communities this word evokes anger and indignation. For some it is a blatant disregard of God and God's creativity (and a very precise timeline of seven days of creating and roughly 4000 years of living).

I tend to view this word, evolution, with a holier understanding. People, plants, animals, all living things—including congregations—evolve. That is, there is simply change that is carried forward into the future. I also believe that God, the Holy, the Ground of being is wrapped up and engaged in this process.

When we view this word in light of congregations, particularly our own, it is our hope that all of the changes or evolutions are positive in giving life and in reflecting God's work and guidance. Time will tell!

Yet we can say that in the months of October and November there will be evolutions or changes. At times these changes may seem unsettling and dramatic. Other times some of the changes may seem minute or insignificant. Still, hopefully each moves us forward in living and proclaiming the love, grace, and peace of God. We approach these evolutions and opportunities with a sense of humility and prayerful discernment.

Here, on the first pages of our congregational newsletter, I'd like to lift up some of the evolutions that are taking shape.

Sunday, October 2: Blessing of the Animals and Service of Holy Communion

Rather than keeping animals outside and limiting our understanding of God's creation, we are taking a Sunday to make a special point of incorporating animals and plants (living animals, pictures, stuffed animals are all welcome!). We recognize that God has called us to be in partnership with God and with the created world. We will echo God's words toward plants and animals in calling them "good" as we offer words of blessing. *Please note that there will be an area without pets for those who have allergies.

Sunday, October 16: Children's Sabbath

We are entering a new day, or perhaps more appropriately a *renewed* day, at Calvary. With over 40 children actively involved in Sunday school and worship, we are exploring ways that they can continue to lead and transform us as a community of faith. During the **9:00 AM Education Hour** we will have Intergenerational Sunday school. During this time children and youth from Calvary

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will be teaching us (showing us things that they can do—karate, music, gymnastics, reading, artwork, and more!). Then with **worship at 10:15 AM** the children and youth will be taking on roles of leadership from welcoming, to reading, to singing, to serving as deacon. Also on this day, Sandy Troyan our Shared Children's, Youth, and Family minister will be preaching.

Sunday, October 30: Reformation Worship and Almost Hallows Eve Potluck

On this Sunday we will continue to explore the reformation and the on-going life and ministry of the church—we look to the Spirit's guidance and challenge.

We will also be joining with the folks from El Milagro for a potluck and afternoon of games and trick or treating around the church from 4 - 6 p.m. People are invited to come dressed for fall festivities and fun. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our friends and brothers and sisters from El Milagro, as we join in a meal, conversation, and fun activities.

Tuesday, November 1: Celebration of All Saints: A Service of Remembrance Healing

Gathering at 7 PM, we invite people to bring photos or remembrances of loved ones who have passed away. As we come together we will create a holy space of thanksgiving for their presence among us. We take this opportunity to remember; and we also lift up places of loss, dis-ease, and brokenness in our lives. We cele-

brate the cloud of witnesses that have gone before us, that gather this night, and those who will come after us.

End of November: Living into Partnership with El Milagro

We continue to draft mission documents and a building use agreement, but the plan is for our sister congregation to join us in this incredible space at the end of November. We are excited to have two congregations with similar values and theology (committed to the city, welcoming of those on the margins, speaking a word of grace, providing opportunities for outreach and service) to be working alongside one another. There may be ways that this feels like sharing a house with a sibling or roommate—someone left dirty socks on the floor, someone is watching a show on one TV channel and you really wanted to watch something else, or you forgot to turn off the lights and take out the garbage and they were really expecting you to do that. Yet we are also aware that in sharing space and life together our relationship grows—we see possibilities that didn't exist before, we look across the room and are filled with respect or admiration, we find joy in taking on tasks of house cleaning, entertaining, or even serving others to be more fulfilling by doing it together. There will be more on this soon, but know that we are continuing the work...and we are excited to build relationship and connection.

So...those are some evolutions or changes in our congregation. Still this misses out on so much more that is happening—the CROP walk, the rummage sale, the food shelf

fundraiser, the performances of *Nonsense*, the joint Thanksgiving Service...and on...and on!

We are a church living with purpose and mission, yet open to the Spirit. And we are certainly evolving. Thanks be for this incredible God-given life together!

Pastor Brad

JOINT SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23

Mark your calendars for the annual joint Thanksgiving Service with:

All Nations Indian Church
Our Saviour's Lutheran
Messiah Lutheran
Mayflower UCC
First Congregational UCC
and Calvary.

It will be held the evening of Wednesday, November 23, at the Center for Changing Lives/Messiah Lutheran Church at 2400 Park Avenue S. More information will be available for the November newsletter.



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NUNSENSE TICKETS ON SALE NOW



Who are you going to
invite to the show?

Calvary Lutheran Church Minneapolis is proud to present *Nunsense*, a musical comedy by Dan Goggin. A must-see for all ages, five high-spirited nuns at Mount St. Helen's School in Hoboken, NJ sing and dance their way into your heart. This award-winning show, including Best Off-Broadway Musical of 1985, has been produced over 5,000 times in 21 languages. It's a delight for all who are "blessed" to see it!

Performances are November 4-6 and 11-13. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and sinfully cheap at \$10 for adults, \$7 for children 8 and under. When ordering on-line there is a \$2 fee for the first ticket order. Go to www.clchurch.org or call 612-827-2504 to purchase. Join us for a "habit-forming" good time!

Nunsense is produced with the permission of Samuel French, Inc.

RUMMAGE SALE -OCTOBER 21 AND 22

Our Annual Rummage Sale will take place Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22.

Why do we have the sale?

- Promotes responsible stewardship of our possessions
- Provides inexpensive and quality goods for our neighbors with limited resources
- Builds relationships between building partners and with the community
- Promotes fellowship among Calvary members & community partners who volunteer

Please consider your time and talents and schedule a time to volunteer for the sale! Sign up sheets will be in the narthex the first part of October.

When can I drop off items?

- Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at parking lot door
- Sunday, Oct. 16 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at parking lot door
- Additional times as arranged through committee members
- Pick up of large items will be on Saturday, October 15.

When is the sale?

Friday, October 21

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

All items sold at full price

Saturday, October 22

9:00 a.m. to noon:

All items sold at half price

Noon to 3:00 p.m.

\$1 bag sale & \$2 box sale

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

All items are free!

Who can I talk to if I have questions about the sale?

The Rummage Sale Committee members are: Deb Paulsrud, Judi Linder, Jeri Schultz, Felecia Boone, Danielle Hill, Melissa Brooks, and Marie Mosman.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT televisions, mattresses, box springs, tires, batteries, exercise equipment, large appliances, console televisions, computers or monitors, storm windows/doors, sinks, toilets, home-recorded audio or videotapes (copyright problems), baby food, cosmetics, over the counter medicines, or prescription medical devices.

We are grateful to THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS for their financial support of our neighborhood programs through this event!

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SANDY'S CORNER

There always seem to be some buzz or reaction around the word Confirmation. People have stories to share. There is often this memory of one's own Confirmation experience, whether it being having to memorize and recite Luther's Small Catechism in front of the entire congregation or a transformative trip taken one summer. I have to admit, I remember very little from Confirmation; but I, too, have something to share around the conversation of Confirmation.

As the school year was coming to a start, Pastor Brad, Pastor Laurie (Our Saviour's) and I sat down to talk about Confirmation. We knew that Calvary and Our Saviour's would be gathering together for Confirmation, but beyond those logistics, we still had a long conversation ahead of us.

We knew that the word Confirmation comes with some past memories and expectations, but we also realized the importance of this time as part of the journey of life long faith formation for young people in our congregations. As we continued to share our hopes and dreams for what our Confirmation at Calvary and Our Saviour's would like look, we all seemed to focus

on the role of other adults. We knew that there was something special about Calvary and Our Saviour's. We knew that we should not be the only ones along for the journey with our students. We knew there were other adults that we needed to invite in to our time together.

We wondered and questioned some more, what is this going to look like. What was the best way for us to use the gifts of the congregation? What was the way for us to continue to support the relationships that are already happening in the congregation?

We came to the conclusion to use other adults in the form of mentors. Each student is currently being matched with an adult member in the congregation. Throughout the year we will give opportunities for the students and mentors to be together for guided conversation and learning. We ask mentors to make it a priority to be an additional adult in this young person's life.

We also realize that many of you are already being faith mentors in the lives of the young people in the congregation. We celebrate that and encourage you all to spend time getting to know the

young people in the congregation. We read over and over again how important it is for young people to have adults, especially Christian adults, along for the journey.

I think of the people who shared the faith with me and it was not the pastor, and not always my family, but other significant adults who took time to know me, to ask me questions about my thoughts on God, to welcome me into the church and who were just present.

We celebrate the young people in the congregation and we celebrate the role you all play in their lives. I am excited to be with you all on October 16th for our Children's Sabbath. During our education hour and worship we will take to celebrate the faith journey of the young people. But it is also not a one Sunday task, but like I said before, a journey.

I invite you all to be part of the journey that many of you are all ready apart of and to

continue to celebrate all that we have to share with one another.



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CROP WALK - COMING SOON!

On Sunday, October 9 you have a chance to alleviate poverty here in the Twin Cities and around the world.

Join your friends and neighbors as they take part in the Annual Metro Minneapolis CROP Hunger Walk and Bike Ride at the Oren Gateway Center on the campus of Augsburg

College. The walk raises money to help seek long-term, sustainable solutions to hunger. One-fourth of the funds help local ministries including Our Saviour's Housing, St. Stephen's Human Services and Simpson Housing Services (additionally another 1/4 of the walk proceeds this year will

assist those who suffered from the tornado in North Mpls).

You can walk, ride a bike or sponsor a walker/rider. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. on October 9 and the walk starts at 2:00 p.m. Joanne Shepherd is heading up Calvary's team.

THRIVENT CENTRAL CHAPTER MATCHES CROP WALK FUNDS

The Thrivent Central Chapter voted to match all funds raised by Calvary walkers in the Metro Minneapolis CROP hunger walk on October 9, 2011 up to \$1200. So, if we can raise \$1200, Thrivent will also contribute an additional \$1200 making Calvary's total contribution \$2400.00.

We know there are many good causes, but would appreciate if

you would prayerfully consider whether you are able to make a donation to support the CROP hunger walk. The following Calvary members will be walking that day: 1) Pastor Brad 2) Deb and Isaac Paulsrud 3) Loren Woodman 4) Joanne Shepherd 5) Alissa Frost and 6) Nancy Lee Nelson. Judi Linder will also be helping with the walk and donations can also be made to her.

You may also choose to support all of the walkers and not identify a specific walker.

All checks should be made to Thrivent with a notation they are for the Calvary walkers' CROP hunger walk.

Thanks for considering the CROP hunger walk.

BIENVENIDOS! WELCOME!

We invite you to a potluck dinner, games, and trick and treating party in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 30.



We welcome El Milagro as a building partner at Calvary and hope that this event will provide opportunities for fun and fellowship!

Come dressed for the occasion in appropriate end of October regalia. We will have games, maybe a scavenger hunt, and some fun "Trick and Treating".

HELP NEEDED

Saturday, October 15, 2011 10:00 a.m.

We are planning on decorating the church for Fall/ Harvest season. Please come and help us and bring any decorations you are willing to share so we can decorate both the sanctuary and narthex.

VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to DONATE BREAD, USHER/ GREET and HOST COFFEE HOUR for November and December. Please sign the form on the Calvary Bulletin Board in the narthex or take a leaf from the Giving Tree and sign the book.

From Worship and Spiritual Care Committee

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WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Deacon	Lisa Negstad	Chris Robson	Kendra McCarthy with Ramona Starks	Jen McCarthy	Loren Woodman
Acolyte	Eric Paulsrud	Irv Elliott		Nancy Lee Nelson	Pat Olson
	Rachel Bjorhus	Danielle Hill		Michael Weber	Karen Rudrud
Lector	Carol Rue	Jeri Schultz	Lily Endo & Kaia Zeigler	Chris Robson	Nancy Lee Nelson
Usher	Gary Nelson	Lisa Luedtke	Aust/lesher family	Anne Boone	McCarthy family
	Jeri Schultz	Michael Luedtke		Alex Jackson	
Sacristan	Steve McCarthy	Steve McCarthy	Felecia Boone	Felecia Boone	Holly Wiedenhoeft
Sound Board	Karen Nelson	Aaron Gebauer	Mary Nelson	Gary Nelson	Karen Nelson
Nursery	Anders Davidson	Adam Mohr	Gary Nelson	Josh Moberg	Anders Davidson
	Nicole Falk	Jen McCarthy	Joani Moberg	Teri Schweizer	Sarah Lahr
Coffee Hour Hosts	Joanne Shepherd	Pat Olson	Ruth Pope	Josh Moberg	Karen Rudrud
	Chris Van Meter	Nicole Falk	Anders Davidson	Joani Moberg	Don Rudrud
			Teri Schweizer	Aaron Gebauer	Steve McCarthy
				Megan Hertzler	Jen McCarthy

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 2ND



All are invited to bring dogs, cats, feathered friends, crawling friends, creeping friends, or favorite stuffed animals or pictures to Calvary's Blessing of the Animals this Sunday, October 2, at 10:15 a.m. There will be a rite of blessing and thanksgiving for all of God's creatures, as well as pet treats.

Invite your friends and neighbors! This always proves to be a time of fun, excitement, and a little bit of holy chaos!! *Please make sure all animals are on leashes or in suitable cages or containers.*

IN OUR PRAYERS



For members and friends of our congregation with celebrations, losses, or health needs, including: Julio, Edie, DeAnn, Pat McKenna, Florence, Fred, Aria, Matt, Art, Kim, Keith, Paul, Linda, Joanne, Maurine, Lisa, Bonnie, Cassidy, Annabelle, Doug, Jan, and Lynn.

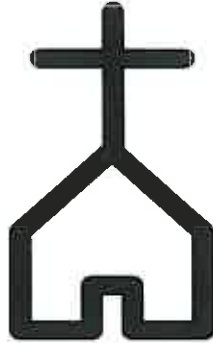
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE IN OCTOBER

Education classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

Worship service begins at 10:15 a.m.

Everyone is welcome at Calvary!



In the City for Good!

WEEKLY WORSHIP TEXTS

October 2

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 9

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 16

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-13
I Thess. 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 23

Lev. 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
I Thess. 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Monday, October 3

Social Justice Steering Committee
7:00 p.m. at Henrietta William's home

Crossroads Community Organization
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 6

Church Council
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11

Worship & Committee
6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 17

Education Committee
6:30 p.m.

Mission Support Committee
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18

Property Committee
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 20

Urban Arts Academy Board
6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 24

Executive Committee
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 3

M.I.C.A.H. Committee
8:00 a.m. at Augustana Apts.

October 30

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36



OCTOBER CALENDAR EVENTS

Urban Arts Academy Pre-School meet Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Urban Arts Academy School-age meet Tuesday through Thursday

Calvary Choir rehearsals meet each Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m.

Encore! & Twin Cities Women's Choir rehearses here on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

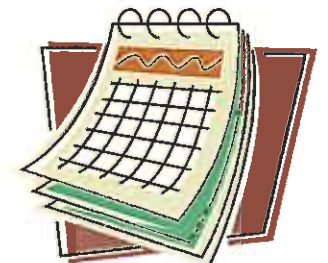
Our Emergency Food Shelf is open Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

GBI Minnesota, an Indonesian congregation, meets in our chapel Sunday morning.

Twin Cities Metro Bagpipers meet Thursday evenings.

BeechWood, Inc. rents office space here and has various group meetings here.

Kim Tong Translators, Theatre Pro Rata, Masons and Eastern Stars rent space for their rehearsals or meetings.



Community Partners

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OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS



*No matter how
many candles
are on your cake -
may all your wishes
come true!*

Happy Birthday

Joanne Shepherd	10/2
Omar Whittaker	10/3/06
Steve Glass	10/5
Maurine Olson	10/7
Christian Moberg	10/17/03
Verna Lutes	10/18
Alex Peik	10/18/02
Lydia Huff	10/19/04
Lisa Luedtke	10/20
Samuel Tripp	10/24/06

Anniversary Wishes



Teri Schweizer & Anders Davidson	October 5th
Kim & Jeff Egan	October 10th
Elaine & Justin Peik	October 14th

TWIN CITIES WOMEN'S CHOIR CELEBRATES 15 YEARS!

The Twin Cities Women's Choir began with 16 women having a conversation at a local restaurant in August 1997 and by the end of the meeting, they had a volunteer director, a volunteer accompanist, 14 Choir members and \$200 to purchase music. In 1998, a Board of Directors was formed, and the Choir received 501(c) (3) status. The Choir rehearses once a week for two hours in Calvary's Fellowship Hall. Their Mission is to sing, perform and affirm the voices of women.

The Choir members represent a diversity of age, income, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, abilities, religion, musical skill and experience, and location of residence within the Twin Cities area. Their dream was to have:

- 100 diverse Choir members sing challenging music while producing a unique sound
- develop a solid audience base obtain and maintain financial stability

- perform two major concerts each season
- commission music for women's Choirs
- develop community connections through outreach concerts
- have fun reaching these dreams

The debut concert was May 31, 1998 at Lyndale Congregational Church. There were 250 audience members and thirty-two singers.

The Choir has been able to realize its dreams growing to over 150 diverse Choir members who have developed a unique sound through the stellar direction of Mary Bussman, Artistic Director and skilled accompanists, Rosie Romportl & Susan Munson. The Choir sings music that is supportive and encouraging to women, music that challenges them artistically, inspires them soulfully and empowers them to use their voices for good in the world. They have commissioned nineteen compositions and many

arrangements for women's voices.

Audiences for their concerts continue to grow and they have 500 – 800 audience members for each of their three major concerts. The choir had the honor and thrill of performing at many community events.

Pat Teiken, Executive Director has assisted the choir in obtaining and maintaining a solid infrastructure and financial stability so that they are able to pay their four part-time staff members. Three CDs, *SING! PERFORM! AFFIRM!*, *10th Anniversary Live* and *Illuminations* have been produced. A small group ensemble called *ENCORE!* has been established, which is under the direction of Randi Rexroth.

This year will be Mary Bussman's final year as Artistic Director of TCWC. Her day job is being the Principal at Columbia Heights Academy and she plans on pursuing her superintendent licensure.

Each day brings new experiences and thrills to the Choir and they are still having fun!

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS: A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and explore the lands of the Bible up close and personal with seasoned tour hosts and guides. There is no more spiritually uplifting experience than to visit the site of Jesus' baptism and share communion at the site of the Empty Tomb.

You will be inspired and amazed as you take in the sights and sounds of the Holy Land -- ancient and modern. Join us for a special pilgrimage of faith that may well be for you the opportunity of a lifetime.

June 8 - 12, 2012 12 days

Hosted by Rev. Rick Rouse, Beth Lewis and Rev. Ryan Rouse

NURTURING FAITH

Nurturing Faith in Our Youngest Children

October 15, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**University Church of Hope
601 13th Ave SE, Minneapolis**

Presenter is Marilyn Sharpe who is a dynamic speaker full of practical advice. She is a mother, grandmother and parent educator with a deep love for families and for nurturing faith in all of life. She is also a Certified Family Life Educator.

The cost for this valuable presentation will be only \$10 per family for members and friends of ULCH and \$20 per family for guests from other congregations.

Free child care will be provided with a reservation with Diane Shallue at dianes@ulch.org.

THANK YOU!

Dear Pastor Brad & Calvary Congregation:

I want to write and thank you all for the lovely prayer shawl you sent me -- it even matches my couch, perfectly!

I miss my church so much & wish I could be there some Sunday. My prayers are always with you & I think of my church a lot!

I appreciate my daughter writing this for me as writing is difficult for me.

Thank you all for your concern & being thoughtful!

All my love, All my love!

Florence Nielsen

BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is hosting their annual symposium on November 11 & 12. Heidi Neumark is this year's guest. Pastor Heidi serves Trinity Lutheran Church of Manhattan (ELCA), a multicultural, bilingual community with ministries that include a Latina support group, a resource center run by and for immigrants, an after-school program, and a shelter for homeless youth. For 19 years before that, she was pastor of Transfiguration Lutheran Church in the South Bronx. She was a founding member of South Bronx Churches, an ecumenical community organizing group that has trained local leaders and built hundreds of low-cost homes.

The theme for this symposium is "Building the Beloved Community." Friday evening events start at 6:30 with a mini-concert by The Outskirts. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a lecture and discussion followed by a service of evening prayer at 8:45 p.m. Saturday morning's schedule includes a lecture and discussion from 8:45 - 10:15 and another lecture and discussion at 10:45.

Registration forms are available at the website listed below. Forms then need to be mailed in to Holy Trinity church office. You can also call them at 612-729-8358.

www.htlcmpls.org/neumark

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CHURCH ACTIVITY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

The Church Activity Sunday is designed to give committees, task forces, and anyone who wants to promote their small group an opportunity to have a table and sign up sheets. This is an extension of the Giving Tree.

When: right after worship service (11:30 a.m.)

Where: Fellowship Hall (coffee hour will be hosted there, too)

What: committees and groups will have a table with information about what they do, what kind of volunteer opportunities exist and publicity about upcoming events

Who: Everyone is invited to take advantage of this opportunity to learn what's happening and how you could get involved

**WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING—
FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

Saturday, October 15

9-10 a.m.

We are having a training/information meeting for all past and want-to-be Worship Leaders on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011 from 9-10am.

This includes Deacons, Acolytes, Sacristans, Lectors and Greeters/Ushers. Please come if you want to help make the worship service more meaningful for everyone. During this hour we will learn about the various roles in worship and practice. This will prove a great refresher course for those currently serving in these capacities, and will also be a learning opportunity for youth and adults who are interested in serving in new ways in worship.

Contact Pastor Brad for more information.