

# Crossroads

The newsletter of Calvary Lutheran Church



September 2019

## TO EVERYTHING A SEASON

The shift that happens every year at this time is intensified by a couple of things.

First of all, the news that the Urban Arts Academy (UAA) is suspending its operations, has not fully set in. Reactions have included sadness, shock, and disappointment, all of them legitimate.

At the same time, many have given thanks for the UAA, which over the last 18 years has made this community, neighborhood, and world a better place. I am particularly thankful for the Board—including Calvary members, Felecia Boone, Judi Linder (chair), Deb Paulsrud, and Cynthia Sarver—who really did everything possible to keep the UAA open.

I have felt disappointment, gratitude, and hope,... all at the same time. Some of those who have been closest to the UAA have been the first people to ask, “what’s next?”

Which brings us to the second thing. The Sustainable Calvary Steering Committee (SCSC) has been busy behind the scenes throughout the summer. We have met with a commercial real estate broker and two housing development agencies, all of whom see value and opportunity for a possible redevelopment of Calvary’s campus. In addition, the SCSC has begun to look at how to better align our financial resources.

I hope that you will plan to attend the Adult **Forum following worship on Sunday, September 22**, at which time the Church Council and Sustainable Calvary Steering Committee will have a conversation with the congregation about our progress to date.

At the Corn Feed on August 11, the SCSC interviewed neighbors who lived within a mile of Calvary (we will share this feedback with you).

Listening, is the posture for the church going forward. How do our neighbors perceive what happens here? What is Calvary’s contribution to this neighborhood? How do we thrive and grow in the midst of change? Where is God calling us? We continue to formulate questions like these, and we seek to respond with faithfulness.

I am excited to see what happens at Calvary in the coming months. There will be challenges and opportunities. It is a hopeful time. We give thanks for what has been and what will be!

- Pastor Hans Lee

*O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



### Rally Sunday is September 8!

Children and Youth, ages 4 through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, will register and meet their teachers after worship!

**Pastor Hans will be in Europe September 9 to 25.** If you have an immediate pastoral need during that time, you may call the church office at 612-827-2504, or Pastor CJ Valenti (Zion Lutheran Church) at 937-658-3188.

### SEPTEMBER WORSHIP & MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministry	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
<b>Ass't Minister</b>	Judie Mattison	Joani Moberg	Shari Seifert	Linda Mundt	Lisa Negstad
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jeri Schultz Benji Huff	Josh Moberg Christian Moberg	Judi Linder Jaiana Leggett	Brian Aust Johanna Aust	Sam Robson Danielle Hill
<b>Lector</b>	Nancy Lee Nelson	Linda Mundt	Carol Rue	Isaac Wengerd	Josh Moberg
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sam Robson	Steve McCarthy	Anne Boone	Anne Boone	Steve McCarthy
<b>Sound Board</b>	Neeve McCarthy	Quincy Aust	Gary Nelson	Josh Hill	Lydia Huff
<b>Counters</b>	Gary Nelson Zac Halter	Mary Nelson Marilyn Holm	Pat Olson Danielle Hill	Joanne Shepherd Jeri Schultz	Gary Nelson Zac Halter
<b>Ushers</b>	Judi Linder Jaiana Leggett	Youngbauer family	Sam Robson Chris Robson	Negstad/Townsend family	Carol Rue Henrietta Williams Barb Martinsen
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Lyle Jaeger Steve McCarthy Jennifer McCarthy	Nancy Lee Nelson Jeri Schultz Gary Nelson	Kim & Sarah Zeigler Pat Olson	Deb Paulsrud Matthew & Carolyn Youngbauer	Joanne Shepherd Karen Nelson Mary Nelson
<b>Food Shelf</b>	Sept. 7 Carol Rue Pat Olson	Sept. 14 Nancy Lee Nelson Melissa Brooks	Sept. 21 Gary Nelson Jeri Schultz	Sept. 28 Gary Thorn Nancy Wheeler	Oct. 5 Carol Rue Pat Olson

### September Celebrations

**Birthdays**

9/2 - Judith Glass  
 9/5 - Alexander Jackson  
 9/6 - Brian Rolig  
 9/9 - Freya Ebbesen  
 9/9 - Lisa Lundmark  
 9/12 - Lisa Negstad  
 9/16 - Sandra Nekola  
 9/17 - Zoe Hocum

9/17 - Jennifer McCarthy  
 9/20 - Breanna Starks  
 9/20 - Allison Zeigler  
 9/23 - Asher Mohr  
 9/25 - Chris Robson  
 9/26 - Sarah Shepherd  
 9/27 - Stella Byng  
 9/27 - Elayne Lipp  
 9/29 - Melissa Townsend

**Anniversaries**

9/17 - Isaac Wengerd & Anne Williams-Wengerd  
 9/21 - Shari Seifert & Melissa Brooks  
 9/26 - Jayne Schaecher & Heidi Schreiber  
 9/27 - Susan Olsen & Mark Smith



**SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Community meals resume on Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join the meal with a \$5 donation per person suggested.

Following the meal at 6:30 p.m. the committees will break off to have their meetings: Social Justice, MICAH, Education, and Crossroads.

**SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH:**

Donations which are marked for the September Mission of the Month fund will be forwarded to ELCA Global Missions for their work throughout the world.



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**Blessing of the Animals on September 29**

In recognition of the Feast of St. Francis (October 4), Calvary will have an animal blessing during worship on September 29. You are invited to bring your pets, or pictures of your pets!

## RACE EQUITY COMMITTEE

Part of Calvary's Race Equity Committee gathered at a little grey cabin next to a lake to reflect on the last year, plan for the next and deepen our commitment to the work and one another. Our overarching theme for next programmatic year is collective liberation from white supremacy. We invite you to join us in the work.

Special Events highlighted by the Race Equity Committee for September include:

**Sept. 15** - Lena Gardner, head of Black Lives United Universalist preaches and facilitates the Adult Education at Calvary.

**Sept. 19 (Thursday)** - Lenny Duncan presents *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US* at Luther Seminary at 7:00 p.m.

**Sept. 22** - Dana Neuhauser, Okinawan Methodist minister will preach at Calvary.

**Sept. 29** - Felecia Boone and Shari Seifert will report on the ELCA Churchwide Assembly 2019 at Adult Education.

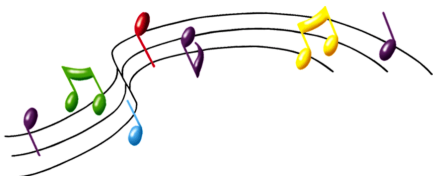


*Race Equity Committee members at their retreat/planning session.*

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## CALVARY CHOIR REHEARSALS

Calling singers of all ages and backgrounds! The Calvary Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. A pick-up choir will sing in Worship on Sunday, September 8th for Rally Day and will rehearse at 9:15am to sing for our 10am Liturgy! Please contact Dietrich Jessen at [music@clchurch.org](mailto:music@clchurch.org) if you are interested in participating further in the music ministry of Calvary or have any questions! More information coming soon about additional ensembles this academic year!



## LETTER TO THE CALVARY COMMUNITY REGARDING THE CLOSING OF THE URBAN ARTS ACADEMY

August 23, 2019

Dear people of Calvary:

At a special meeting held on August 21, 2019 the Urban Arts Academy (UAA) Board of Directors made the unanimous decision to suspend the after-school and summer programs indefinitely. The final week for staff, including Executive Director, Tamar Ghidalia, will be the first week of September. The Board of Directors will meet again on September 15 to determine the future direction of the UAA.

As you may know, the Board decided earlier this summer to close the UAA Preschool, due to low enrollment. It had been our hope that the after-school and summer programs could continue. However, a thorough examination of our actual and most optimistic funding and staffing scenarios made this action unavoidable. The UAA simply did not have the resources to continue its operations.

The entire Board—including Calvary members, Felecia Boone, Deb Paulsrud, Cynthia Sarver, and the two of us—did everything we could do delay this action. We know members of the congregation will share our sense of loss at what has been such a wonderful partnership between Calvary and the UAA over the last 18 years.

As we acknowledge this loss, we also give thanks for the thousands of children, youth, and families from diverse backgrounds who have come together as the UAA, where self-expression and community-building have flourished through making art. We are especially grateful to the Calvary community for its critical role in founding the UAA, and its ongoing partnership.

Finally, knowing that Calvary is moving forward in some significant ways makes us hopeful that this congregation will discover new ways to connect with this vibrant neighborhood. Given the cherished legacy of the UAA and decades of ministry at 39<sup>th</sup> and Chicago, where might God be leading us?

If you have further questions, do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Sincerely,  
*Judi Linder and Pastor Hans Lee,*  
*on behalf of the UAA Board of Directors*

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**The deadline for submitting information for the  
October issue of the Calvary Newsletter is Tuesday, September 24**