

Calvary Lutheran Church

Crossways

April 2024

Grow in God's Love; Serve in Jesus' Name; Welcome Everybody.

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Join Us for Worship

Sundays in-person at 10:00am

Or, on Zoom [here](#)

Meeting ID: 840 5961 8157

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Pastor's Page

Psalm 73:26 - "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

This week saw a horrific attack on aid workers from World Central Kitchen, working in Gaza. While investigations will hopefully occur, what we do know is that seven lives were lost. According to World Central Kitchen, "The seven killed are from Australia, Poland, United Kingdom, a dual citizen of the U.S. and Canada, and Palestine."

They have been named as: Saifeddin Issam Aydan Abutaha, 25, of Palestine; Lalzawami Frankcom, 43, of Australia; Damian Soból, 35, of Poland; Jacob Flickinger, 33, a dual citizen of the U.S. and Canada; John Chapman, 57, of the U.K.; James Henderson, 33, of the U.K.; and James Kirby, 47, U.K.

When I heard the news of this incident, my heart broke. In this part of the world, there seems to be no end to tragedy, horror and loss. It feels like the darkest moments of Good Friday, but going on and on and on.

And, it feels so big, so insurmountable, it is hard to have hope, to see light in the darkness.

Yet, there is hope. There is always hope. Though "*My flesh and my heart may fail,*" Christ is with us all, always. And it is how we collectively act that these big, insurmountable issues can be addressed. Please reach out to your national representatives and tell them we need a full cease-fire in this conflict. Tell them the time for communication and peace is now.

The peace of Christ is with us always and we need to remind the world that peace is meant for all, no matter religion, ethnicity, and any other human difference.

We pray for the loss of these amazing volunteers and we must work to gain the peace they were working to achieve.

Amen.

~Pastor Rachel

Book Club Gathering

Everyone is welcome to join book club discussions on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We are meeting on **April 23 at 1:30 pm** at Margaret Deveraux Jefferies' house (262 NE 18th Ave, Hillsboro). Our backup location is Calvary's library.

You do not need to have finished the book to join the discussion. Just be aware that often the questions have spoilers. Please feel free to join us for fellowship if you haven't read the book.

April's book is ***The Daughter's Walk, A Novel* by Jane Kirkpatrick**. It is historical and Christian fiction based closely on real people and events. The public library has 6 book copies, 1 Audio-book CD set, 2 downloadable Audiobooks, and 3 eBooks. Leslie M. will lead the discussion.

The publisher's description:

Nineteen-year-old Clara Estby is hauled by her mother, Helga, on a 7,000-mile walk from Spokane, Wash., to New York in 1896. The fashion industry is looking for promotion of the new, shorter dress for women; Helga is looking for a cash prize to save the family farm from foreclosure ... and Clara dreams of becoming a business-woman.

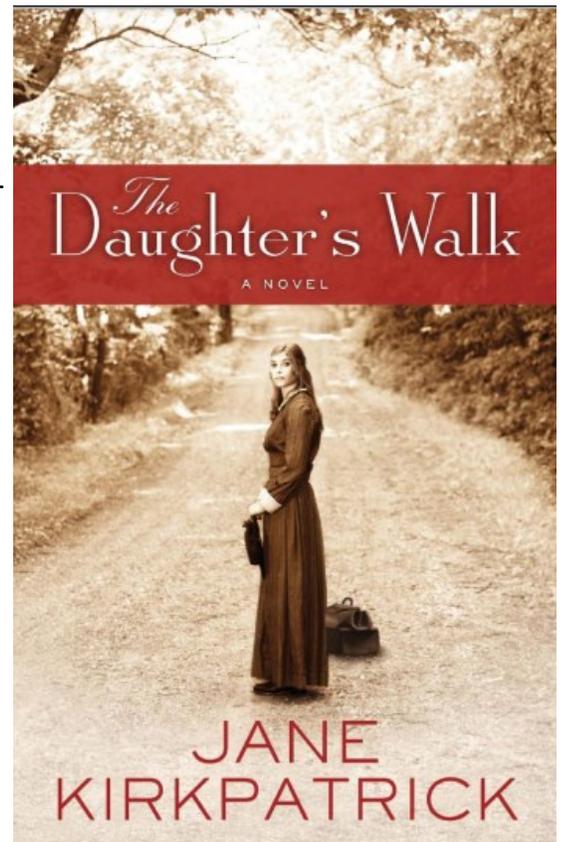
Coming **May 28: *The Oysterville Sewing Circle*** by Susan Wiggs

This fiction book is set in Washington and addresses sewing, life change events, and small cities.

The Oysterville Sewing Circle is a place where women can join forces to support each other through the troubles they keep hidden.

Peace,

Leslie Smith Mayfield



Updates from Council

Alleluia! He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

It was wonderful to spend Easter with you. Please take a moment to enjoy the flower cross and congregation group pictures in the newsletter.

Budget & Giving: General Fund contributions for the month of March were \$15,059 and year-to-date are \$35,218. Overall, we are \$8,781 behind our budgeted amount.

Current mortgage: \$16,021.85. This month we will have an additional \$2,000 to send to Thrivent with our monthly payment. Thank you to our generous member for this gift. More about this next month.

Pastor Rachel gave the council an in-depth lesson in reading the monthly Balance Sheet and the monthly Budget report that compares the current month to year-to-date figures.

Kathleen Murphy has answered the search to be our new Treasurer. Thank you, Kathleen!

Ongoing: hiring an Office Manager/Bookkeeper; purchasing a new lawn mower (Thank you to those families who contributed to this. You are appreciated!)

Upcoming events: New member Sunday; VBS July 8-12; Council retreat on June 8; Summer fundraiser

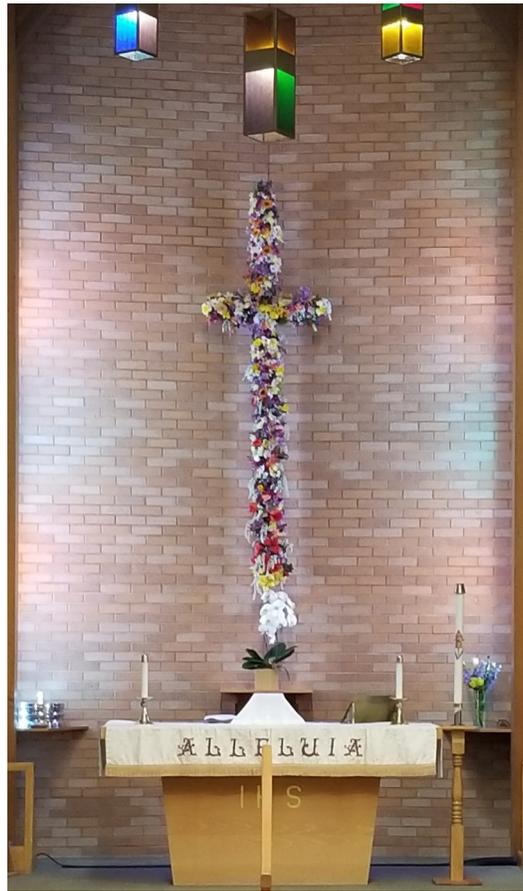
Wishing you blessings.

In peace

Leslie Rabon



Easter Flower Cross



Easter Congregation Photo



Calvary Happenings

Thank You from Calvary Preschool!

A huge thank you to all who participated in the Preschool fundraiser at Mod Pizza. A total of \$162.86 was donated. This money will be put into the Preschool's Scholarship Fund to help families who need some help with tuition assistance.

Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

Celebration of Life

Please join the family of Gary Krahmer in celebrating his life on Saturday, April 13, at 3:30pm. This celebration will be held at Walters Cultural Arts Center
527 E Main St, Hillsboro, OR 97123

Western Farm Workers Association

Western Farm Workers Association is busy at work. They have had two events in the past five months that helped many low income workers. An optical session was held in which WFWA members received eye exams donated by volunteer optometrists from Kaiser Permanente. 97 people were given prescription eye glasses. Last month an audiology session was held during which 49 WFWA members received comprehensive audiological exams. 14 of these members were fitted with hearing aids and 17 members received pairs of custom hearing protection. The volunteers for this audiology session were from Portland VA Medical Center, and two professors and 13 students from Pacific University. On Saturday, March 30, they had an all day event which featured flower arranging, Easter egg hunting, a posada feast, and much more. It was attended by well over 100 people. The support and collaboration that Calvary has had with WFWA over many decades has been very appreciated by the coordinators of WFWA.

This Month We Celebrate...



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4	Leann White
5	Lucy James
7	Sophia Johnson
12	Laurie Hannon
21	Esta Christiansen
21	Jocelyn James
21	Leo Rowland
24	Ermine Todd III
28	Kieran Landtiser
28	Dave & Leslie Rabon
29	Katrina Chand
29	Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church



In Our Prayers

For the World

Ukraine, Turkey, Syria
Wildfires, floods, earthquakes,
blizzards

For the Oregon Synod

Bishop Laurie Larsen Caesar
Rev. Melissa O'Keef Reed
Juan Carlos La Puente Tapia
Jemae McCanna
Christie Bernklau Halvor, PhD
Jack Mandeville
Rev. Matta Ghaly

For Calvary Lutheran Family

Jim Bany
Bette Carlisle
Kim Cawrse
Shirley Clergy
Betty Dendinger
Carol Dougall
Gail Nagel Erickson
Wayne Godaire
Shelley Kubik
Rik Mayfield
Jann Patton
Kourtney Peterson

Edie & John Pyle
LaRayne Rowland
Cameron Sauerwein
Betty Shannon
Diana Thompson

**We keep in prayer
the family and
friends of...**

Sheralyn Clark
Gary Krahmer

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Sunday 8:30am Flower Cross Decorating 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:30am Devotional Study 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:00pm Nueva Vida	1 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	2 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	3 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	4 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	5 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	6 9:00am Quilting and Knitting 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice
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14 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:15am Council Meeting 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:00pm Nueva Vida	15 9:30am Preschool Board Meeting 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	16	17 6:00pm NSY Group 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	18 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	19 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	20 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice 6:00pm Todd Recital
21 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:30am Bible Study 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:00pm Nueva Vida	22 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	23 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive 1:30pm Book Club at Margaret's	24 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	25 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	26 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	27 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice 6:00pm Nueva Vida: Evening Vigil
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