

October 2018

Greetings from Pastor Matthew

Good Things



Sunday morning my niece and I drove up Highway 47, turned right at the Ace Hardware store and took Highway 8 toward Hillsboro. We stopped at Fred Meyer for doughnuts and a ball of twine. We picked out glazed doughnuts, chocolate doughnuts, three maple bars, two chocolate bars, one powdered sugar doughnut with raspberry filling, and a ball of twine. Outside it rained and the Fred Meyer parking lot was wet as though God was telling us it was time to come inside and attend Sunday school, Confirmation, High School Youth group at Starbucks and Adult Bible Study in the church library.

In September we had a lovely Rally Sunday featuring arts and crafts, knitting lessons, an ecology booth with a real guest ecologist! The displays were interactive and fun. Thanks to Cathie, Betty and all who helped and participated in Rally Sunday.

The next Sunday all the classes started. I am blessed with a wonderful Confirmation class with Christina, Luke, Natalie, Jocelyn, Lucy, Reed and Bella. We began class by sharing our names and checking in with highs, lows, weird things and God things. We stood in a circle and each person shared their high for the week or for the summer. Then they threw the ball of twine to another person who shared their high. We kept throwing the ball of twine and sharing our stories. Sometimes we would forget to hold onto our end of the twine and that created some amusing confusion. Sometimes the God things are the hardest to find but this group had no trouble naming places and ways in which they recognized God's work in the world and in our lives. When we finished, we noticed that we were connected to one another in many different ways as was demonstrated by the web of twine we had created through sharing our stories and listening to each other. We recognized also that God was part of this web. Jesus had prayed that all would be one as he and God the Creator were one.

Then there were doughnuts, and a quick overview of Confirmation and Luther's Small Catechism. This is going to be a splendid year for our Middle School youth to learn the basics of Christian faith and to grow in God's grace and unity in Christ.

On Rally Sunday our High School Youth gave a photo presentation and talk about our time in Houston at the ELCA gathering. The photograph of thirty thousand youth and group leaders holding up cell phone candles and flashlights in a darkened stadium was a touching moment in the presentation. We saw the light of God's love shining in each of us and it made me think this was a glimpse of the communion of saints that we already belong in but we will know in the fullness of time in the Realm of God. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Real Faith for Real Life: Living the Six Marks of Discipleship. The six marks of discipleship are daily prayer, Bible reading, weekly worship, Christian service, relationships that encourage spiritual growth, and giving in the spirit of generosity. You can learn them too and grow in your faith and life. My hope is that you would read the book and attend Adult Forum so that you can grow in your faith along with your friends in Christ. Christianity is not a solitary religion. It's all about community. I hope you will attend and grow in grace and fervent love for one another.

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Crossways

You may want to join the Men's Bible Study group that meets at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings, or the Women's group that meets at 1:15 on Wednesdays. I hope you will participate in the life of Calvary in many ways and grow closer to God and to each other as a community in Christ. I am learning and growing by being with you and from the spiritual road we are travelling together. So, yes, there are lots of good things going on at Calvary Lutheran Church.

Finance Committee

At church there seems to be a spiritual side of things and a business side of things. Both of these categories are meaningful ways to love and serve God and your brothers and sisters in Christ. Devotion and action go together. I am happy to report that we now have a dedicated and functioning Finance Committee. The Finance Committee intends to meet every quarter. Their first task is to help us create next year's budget. They will be asking each committee to estimate their budget needs for the next year. Then they will be monitoring the overall financial health of the congregation. The Finance Committee is comprised of Chairperson Brent Young, Debbie Peña, John Pyle, Marcie Ellis and Betty Adams.

Cleaning Wizards

Our fantastic office manager Jan Potter O'Shanecy, our fantastic preschool director Maggie Shuler, and the Property and Grounds committee have been working hard this summer and fall to find just the right people and schedule for Calvary's janitorial needs. With so many groups and programs at Calvary we need cleaning professionals who can match the service and the cleaning schedule that we need. On Monday afternoons, three workers will clean for one hour. These folks can get a lot of cleaning done in an hour. Three workers will also clean one hour on Wednesday afternoons. On Fridays, they will do the deep cleaning. The three workers will work for two hours. That comes to 12 hours of cleaning. This schedule is strategically set to accommodate the cleaning needs for each week. Of course the Cleaning Wizards will not always be around to pick up after us. If you make a mess please pick up after yourselves. If someone else made a mess and did not clean it up 1) please don't curse or swear or ask God to smite the one who did this. Say a kind prayer for the one who made the mess. 2) Please clean the mess up and thank God for giving you an opportunity to serve. I am grateful for the work of the property and grounds committee members Dave Rabon, John Hartner, Don Huddock and Gary Clark with help from Jan Potter O'Shanecy and Maggie Shuler.

God's Peace, Pastor Matthew



Calvary Lutheran Rally Day Ministry Faire - September 9, 2018

Thank you to all who had tables at the Faire. Thank you to all who came to the Faire. Thank you to all who provided activities and participated in the activities. Thank you, Eco-Faith, for procuring the Master Recycler. The energy in the room was contagious. The youth's excitement during their presentation during worship was infectious. Some signed up to volunteer, thank you.

"Getting to Know You" a.k.a Guess Who's Coming to Dinner has started. A number of you have put your names in the blue box to be paired with others. One to host you and the other you will host. Thank you, Nicala Young, for encouraging us to do this again. We will collect names through September, then on October 7, the first Sunday in October, the pairing will begin. If you are single, you may pair up with someone else. Just put both your names on the one card.

Here are some pictures of the Faire. Photographers are Luke James and Cathie Carlisle.



From our Eco-Reformation Team:



Heat

Scripture:

Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace to be heated up seven times more than was customary, and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. **Daniel 3:19-20**

In our ministry, we learn about the extent of the environmental crisis, its complexities, and the suffering it entails. Meeting the needs of today's generations for food, clothing, and shelter requires a sound environment. Action to counter degradation, especially within this decade, is essential to the future of our children and our children's children. *From the ELCA social statement "Caring for Creation"*

Fact:

42 percent of an average family's energy bills is spent to keep homes at a comfortable temperature. A two-degree adjustment to your thermostat setting (lower in winter, higher in summer) can lower energy bills by four percent and prevent 500 pounds of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere each year.

Commitment:

Immediate- Knock it down a few degrees. By reducing the temperature just a few degrees or raising it while using air conditioning, you can save a great deal of energy and money. Wear a sweater and grab a blanket and you can save even more. Turn off the air conditioning while you are away and in the middle of the night. Keep the heat at the lowest state to prevent broken water pipes during low active times.

Long term- Check out where you are losing heat or coolness. If you have leaking windows or doors, insulate them or think about getting energy efficient windows. Close off some parts of your house during winter or summer. If you are building a house, church or office think of energy efficiency in the design of your building. Consider contributing to a energy fund in your community to help lower-income neighbors pay the high cost of energy and energy efficient home improvements.

Prayer:

Loving God, you surround us with the warmth of your love and the refreshing breeze in the summer. Give to us wisdom in our homes and hearths, that as we care for our own bodies and households, we also care for the earth. Amen.

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/kids/energyfacts/saving/efficiency/savingenergy.html>

SAVE THE DATE!

ECO-HIKE

Saturday, October 27 at 9 am

Cooper Mountain Nature Park

Fall Recycling Event

The EcoFaith and Social Ministry Committees will hold another recycling event on October 14th to collect packing materials and batteries. So please hold on to the following items for recycling:

- **Hard Styrofoam/ Hard Clamshells/Styrofoam Trays
- **Packing Peanuts
- **Soft Foam Packing
- **Plain Bubble Wrap (doesn't include bubble wrap mailers)
- **Air Pillow Packing
- **Batteries - alkaline and rechargeable batteries (e.g., AA, AAA, and D batteries)

If you have any questions about the upcoming event, please get in touch with Joanne Rice at 503-648-9599 or rice9048@gmail.com.



Preschool has begun!



Ms. Kimberly, Ms. Christe, Ms. Maggie, Ms. Becky, Ms. Michelle, and Ms. Amy

And Ms. Emma!



Christian Education

October 2018

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

Grow in God's Love: Christian Education intentionally invites this congregation to establish and affirm your baptismal identity by teaching God's Word through Sunday School, Bible Study and other learning opportunities. (Constitution c13.07.01016)

Sunday School will take the model of a one-room school house in years of yore. When children are present, Cathie Carlisle and Edie Pyle will share the leadership responsibilities and use the Spark House curriculum based on the Sunday scripture texts. 9:00 – 9:45 A.M.

Confirmation is led by Pastor Matthew. This three-year-program is basically for those entering 6th Grade through 8th Grade with some exceptions. Three students from Sunday School have entered Confirmation: Reed Cleveland Bosshardt, Jocelyn James, Lucy Allen.

Adult Forum, Wednesday Women and Men's Bible Studies are designed to fulfill another Christian Education responsibility, namely, "*Nurturing faith in community and "discipling ministries" – living out faith within the context of home, business, neighborhood, recreational and volunteer activities.*" During the summer we have studies *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Adult Forum will explore *Living the Six Marks of Discipleship* as presented in The Rev. Michael W. Foss's book Real Faith for Real Life. The Women's Bible Study is finishing up on the Proposal ELCA Social Statement on Women and Justice Issues.

Christian Education also provides resources, such as curriculum, and maintains the **Church Library**.

Over the summer we have been gleaning books from the fiction section. These will be donated to the Friends of the Library October book sale. On Sunday, September 9, during Rally Day Ministry Faire, books being withdrawn were set on a table for people to take what they wanted. Thank you.

We continue to add new books. Bethany Publishing House in Minneapolis, MN, sends us a book every six weeks free. These books range from romance, to mystery and suspense. The author writes a letter to the book club and sometimes there is a little gift. These are faith-based books – not overbearing, not sickly sweet or sappy. A good read.

We have purchased our Book Club Selections for the year. These are marked on the spine with the Book Club notation. Now that we have gleaned the shelves we will be able to put these books back in the collection where they should reside.

We are expanding our multimedia resources. We have several different DVD's on Luther. The women's group at the end of the Bonhoeffer series, watched the DVD Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace. We now have a couple of books on CD.

Two new books to our library Hillbilly Elegy: A memoir of a family and culture in crisis by J.D. Vance and Educated: a Memoir by Tara Westover are a couple of additional resources.

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





Calvary Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

Cathie Carlisle, Chair—Judy Britton and Michele Cage, Assistants
Kayse Durgan, Treasurer—Leslie Mayfield, Secretary
All women of Calvary belong to Calvary WELCA

WELCA Meeting September 15, 2018



Social: Thanks to all who brought delicious snacks!

Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Update by Kayse

Cradle Roll Report: Edie will adjust our Spark magazine subscriptions to five copies of the quarterly issues for Sunday school students or church service bags for children.

Business:

Kitchen: The coffee maker is working inconsistently. A replacement will be purchased with WELCA kitchen funds and donations from congregation members. Inge will appeal to the congregation on September 16. (Note: Done!)

Oregon SWO Convention: Kayse will be our delegate at the convention on October 12-13 at St. Luke's in Portland. It was approved for her to take a \$100 offering from our WELCA group.

New Business:

A future one day retreat was briefly discussed. We will discuss it further in October.

Bible Study: Cathie led a wonderful Bible study.

Next Meeting:

WELCA Meeting

9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 20

Save the Dates:

Sunday, November 18

Thank Offering & Blessing of the Quilts, Shawls, and Purple Hats

Saturday, December 15

WELCA Christmas Party

Sunday, February 24

Bold Women's Sunday

October Fellowship & Study



Calvary Book Club

The book club will meet on Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm at the home of Sally Bjerke. It will be hosted by Sally and Anapreet Gill. The book selection is A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman.



Lunch Bunch

Lunch will be on Wednesday, October 10th at 11:30 am, location to be determined. Check your Sunday bulletin.
Questions? Contact Inge Eriksen.



Quilting and Knitting

The group will meet on Saturday, October 6th at 9:00 am to create beautiful quilts, prayer shawls, and purple hats.



BIBLE STUDIES AT CALVARY

The Men's Bible Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the church library. There's a small but dedicated group of guys that gather and watch a short video and then engage in stimulating discussions. All men welcome.

The Women's Bible Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church library. This is a lively group of about 12 that gathers for various studies, depending upon the church season. There's always a great discussion. All women welcome.

A Note from Marta...

Dear Calvary "Family",

On behalf of my daughter Michelle McPherran and myself, thank you all so much for the many cards. Your cards made a sad time endurable and your prayers were especially needed and appreciated. Monique died in her sleep from complications from MS. She was such a special person in our lives. A special thank you to the "lovely, literary ladies" of the book club. You all hold a special place in my heart for your caring and outreach.

Marta Bassett



The Feast of St. Francis Annual Blessing of the Animals

October 7th
2:00 to 3:00 pm
Anamchara Stables



Bring your dog, cat, hamster, goat, lizard or a photo of your pet to receive a blessing!

ArtShare is looking for a more convenient time. Our new time for October 11, the *second Thursday of the month*, will be 2 pm to 4 pm. That is the time we have reserved the space. If you need or want to leave sooner, that is okay.

Our space is the right side of the back of the sanctuary, the side with the windows. We will be painting with expired credit cards on October 11. Come join our fellowship and create some art. If you have questions, talk to Cathie Carlisle or Nancy Leupold.

Art Share

October 11

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Lutheran Community Services Annual Fundraising Lunch

“Real People. Real Solutions”

Sunday, October 14th

Downtown Portland Marriott Hotel

Social Hour: 12:30 pm; Lunch & Program: 1:30 pm

Questions: Kendall Meyer

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Make a difference for refugees, immigrants and crime victims. There is no cost to attend, but there will be an opportunity to help individuals and families in our community with a financial gift or pledge.

Shelter at Orenco Station

“On behalf of the staff and volunteers at the Shelter at Orenco Station we invite your congregation to participate in the SOS Shelter located at Sonrise Church in Hillsboro. There are numerous ways to be involved and participate in the 90-day homeless shelter.

The shelter is opening on Saturday, December 1st and will remain open for 90 consecutive days. We provide each person with two daily meals, showers, clothing, hygiene products, employment opportunities and other vital resources. Daily we give out socks, underwear, t-shirts, hats, gloves, shoes and hygiene items along with Trimet passes and warm coats. Communities like yours collect those much needed items.

It is truly an honor to participate in impacting the lives of our homeless friends, and we invite you to participate in this opportunity!”

-Keith and Ellen Schmitz,

SOS@isonrise.com

*"When compassion gives the suffering consolation;
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
when we choose love, not the hatred all around us:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
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September 27, 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am in Chicago at a Conference of Bishops' meeting. Today Dr. Ford and Judge Kavanaugh gave testimony around allegations made about sexual impropriety on the part of Judge Kavanaugh. At worship this evening your ELCA bishops and staff sang "When the Poor Ones," a hymn in our red hymn books. There was no particular reason we sang that hymn, but for me it was a needed word. *"When compassion gives the suffering consolation ..."*

We all have strong feelings around this issue. I have no doubt many in this process are sincere and caring people, but the process itself has clearly not been geared at finding truth. I feel powerless in the midst of a nightmare. Anger, fear, hurt, disappointment. We saw all of these played out on TV today. And, undoubtedly, we all feel these things in our own soul. For now, prayer is indeed appropriate. Please pray this day. Pray for Judge Kavanaugh and his family. Pray for Dr. Ford and her family. Pray for the leaders of this country.

I don't have any answers here, but what I do know is this. One in four women and one in seven men in this country have endured sexual abuse. Today they are reliving their own personal nightmares. They, too, need our prayers - and action - to address a deep darkness in our culture.

Please be open and prepared to sit with those in pain this week. Depending on your context, it might be appropriate to use one of a variety of **ELCA resources around gender violence**. There is a bulletin insert and worship resources available. Mostly, though, we need a willingness to be present for others.

I am thankful that Dr. Ford was able to speak her truth clearly and respectfully. As a man I readily admit that I do not hear women's voices in the same way I do men's. I also understand Judge Kavanaugh's anger, although as a man I consider my anger an issue I need to deal with. Gender Justice is something we are right to be exploring as a church.

Tonight I am spiritually and emotionally drained. As the father of young children I would often sing this song to them at bedtime. Tonight I sing it alone in the quiet of my motel room, away from home but never away from God. I sing these words for you and for me. I sing for fall too many people who end this day in pain.

*"Sleep, my child, and peace attend thee
All through the night
Guardian angels God will send thee
All through the night
Soft the drowsy hours are creeping
Hill and dale in slumber sleeping
I my loving vigil keeping
All through the night"*

Bp. Dave Brauer-Rieke, Oregon Synod - ELCA

In Our Prayers



Sue Bosshardt, Sharon Jantzen, Gail Nagel, Baby Alice Crume, Judy Reed, John Hartner, Jon Lewis (Air Force) and Ermine Todd (Army) and all the members of our military, Tomi Deveraux, Mary Crandall, Sharon Schmadeke, Bonnie Brown, Dick Highhouse

Happy Birthday & Anniversary!

Oct 1	Betty Bartline Cathie Carlisle
Oct 2	Sally Bjerke Kayse Durgan Mary Ordal
Oct 8	Don Hudock
Oct 11	Gary Clark
Oct 12	Dave & Dina Moore
Oct 14	Don Larsen
Oct 20	Werner Leupold
Oct 23	Colleen Wesel
Oct 24	Shari Young
Oct 26	Craig Rice
Oct 30	Gil Morgan



October Calendar

Oct 2	Blood Drive, set-up at noon
Oct 3	Bible Study, 10:30am Bible Study, 1pm
Oct 6	Quilting & Knitting, 9am
Oct 7	Sunday Worship, 10am Blessing of the Animals at Anamcara Stables, 2pm
Oct 8	Bishop's Convocation begins
Oct 10	Bible Study, 10:30am Lunch Bunch, 11:30am Bible Study, 1pm
Oct 11	Art Share, 2pm
Oct 14	Sunday Worship, 10am Council Meeting LCSNW Dinner
Oct 16	Social Ministry Committee, 1pm Care Committee, 2pm
Oct 17	Bible Study, 10:30am Bible Study, 1pm Finance Committee, 6:30pm
Oct 20	WELCA, 9:30am
Oct 21	Sunday Worship, 10am
Oct 23	Book Club, 7pm
Oct 24	Bible Study, 10:30am Bible Study, 1pm
Oct 27	Eco-Hike, 9am
Oct 28	Sunday Worship, 10am
Oct 30	Blood Drive
Oct 31	Bible Study Bible Study