

Calvary Lutheran Church

Crossways

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

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Join Us for Worship

Sundays in-person at 10 am

Or, on Zoom [here](#)

Meeting ID: 840 5961 8157

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Pastor's Page

"Today's gospel is a bit murky... but that's the way of parables. Theologian David Jacobsen calls them "the language of mystery." But, we know the love and forgiveness of God. We know the eternal home we look forward to. No matter how much evil and sin will try to divide us, we are one family of God.

And always – but especially during this month of Pride – when we see others being marginalized, others being told they are unloved, they don't belong, that they are less than... we should remember that those "others" are just as much a part of God's family as anyone else and to harm them, or anyone, is to commit that great sin, that great blasphemy and see evil where there is love, light and joy."

We continue to live in a time of great division. Unfortunately, as we continue the journey to November and national elections, this feeling of division will probably only grow. But, as I said in my sermon on June 9, this is a time when remembering the love of God will our strength and our source of joy.

In this month of Pride and Juneteenth, it is even more important that those who have lived lives of privilege remember that social systems and policies that marginalize and harm others are against our call to hear, feel, know and share the love of God. We need to remember that our place in the body of Christ does not pause or end when we leave church buildings on Sunday mornings. All around us are siblings in Christ, no matter what they may look like, act like or even who they follow spiritually. Period.

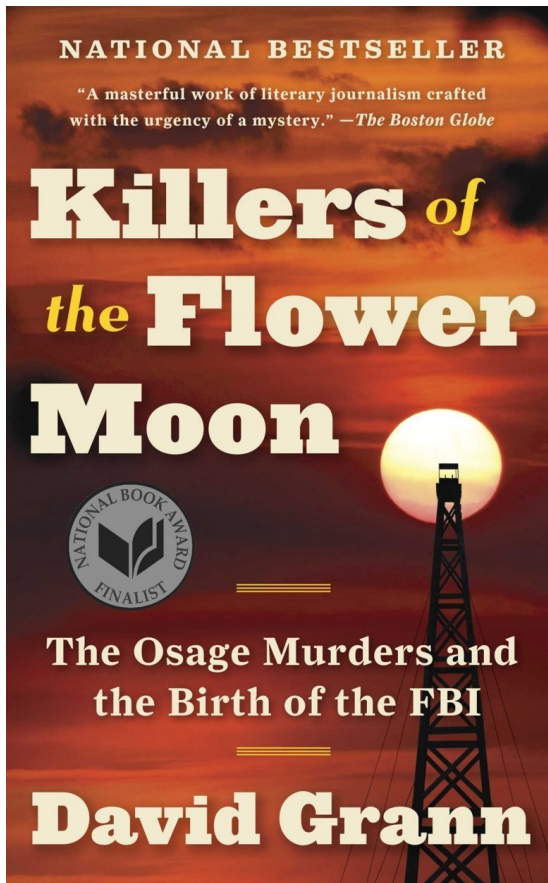
And one way that we of Calvary can share that message, and extend that love and light to the community around us is through the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) process. I have mentioned this in earlier newsletter pieces, but over this summer I will be putting together the core team that will help us walk this journey and ask ourselves the hard questions of what welcome really means for Calvary.

Starting this fall, we will have special congregational gatherings to have fun, see where we are and decide where we are headed when it comes to welcome for our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ. And while the conversations will start there, the statement of welcome that is created as a part of the RIC process is a welcome to many marginalized communities and cultures that the Christian Churches of all denominations have historically harmed.

So, in this month of Pride, i invite you to pray for this upcoming process, ponder how you might help, and praise God for the amazing love we get to know and share with the world. Jesus is the light of the world and that same light is found in everyone around us, we just have to stand on the hill and let it shine. And, in this time of division, it is that unifying light that we need now more than ever.

-Pastor Rachel

Book Club Gathering



Everyone is welcome to join book club discussions on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We are meeting on **June 25 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.

June's book is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. This is a true account of the investigation of the murders of dozens of wealthy Osage people in Osage County, Oklahoma in the early 1920s. The crimes occurred after big oil deposits were discovered beneath their land. It also addresses some of the early years of the FBI, as this was its first major homicide investigation. The public library has two editions

with a total of 34 book copies, 6 large print books, 7 Audiobook CD sets, 2 preloaded Audiobooks, 12 downloadable Audiobooks, and 7 eBooks.

Coming **July 23: *Caste, The Origins of Our Discontents*** by Isabel Wilkerson The author researched how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system that influences people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. She explores caste systems across civilizations. After addressing the costs and effects on culture and politics, she points forward to hope in our common humanity.

Peace,

Leslie Smith Mayfield



Updates from Council

Welcome to June!

We are so thankful to Kathleen Murphy for agreeing to be Calvary's treasurer. Many thanks to Dave Moore, our previous Treasurer, Council President, and Vice President, for keeping a watchful eye on Calvary finances.

Pastor Rachel will begin calling members for one-on-one conversations. This will also be a way to update member contact information for the directory. She is working on a date to welcome new members. Pastor is also forming a Reconciled In Christ (RIC) core team to begin the RIC process. This process was just in its beginning stages when Covid began. Two members have expressed interest in being on this core team. If you are interested, please let Pastor know.

Edward Jones: The Business account authorization form is being updated. Those authorized to move funds within EJ and between Calvary and EJ will be Kathleen Murphy, Dave Moore, and Leslie Rabon.

Current mortgage balance: \$12,112.07. The additional \$2,000 given by a member was sent to Thrivent with our April payment. At our current rate of payment, the mortgage will be paid off in 12 months. An idea was discussed to possibly pay off the remaining mortgage before the end of 2024. This will be revisited in the fall, when we have a better idea of how our projected financial situation will look at the year's end.

Security codes: We are working on assigning personal codes to these and future users.

Previously, occasional users of the building, such as piano recitals, had been using a generic building code.

Property team: Many thanks to Frank Hiebel and Gary Clark for pressure washing Calvary's entry and walkways. Church Yard Clean-up Day was a success. Six volunteers worked on weeding the garden beds around the church and trimming the trees and bushes. Three people continued the work on the following Thursday to finish the north side of Calvary. Another day will be scheduled for summer or early fall. Your efforts are much appreciated!

Council is having a retreat on Saturday, June 8, 10am-5pm. Margaret Deveraux Jefferies is graciously opening her home to us. The theme for the day is: Priorities. The church council represents you, so if you have thoughts that you would like us to be aware of prior to this date, please let any of us know or contact the office. Current Council: Leslie Rabon, Ross Patton, Anita Heibel, Leann White, Dennis White, Sophia Earl, and Carol Dougall.

Volunteer Opportunities: Watering around the church grounds this summer, mowing, restocking the paper supplies to the janitor's closet, counting Sunday offering, operating Zoom on Sundays, to name a few.

Thank you to those who have been volunteering, are new to volunteering, and who might be thinking of volunteering. You help make our Sundays go more smoothly and create a welcoming atmosphere to our members and visitors.

To quote High School Musical, "We're all in this together, and it shows when we stand hand in hand (to) make our dreams come true."

In peace,

Leslie Rabon



Calvary - Ways to Participate

The Not-So-Youth Group

Come As You Are!

You are invited to a bi-monthly gathering, on the FIRST and THIRD WEDNESDAYS of each month, to share in food, games and conversation. This is a space for all, no matter your faith background; this is just a space to be together in community. So come, have some food, have some fun and be just who you are!

The next Gathering is June 19 at 6 pm

Red Cross Updates

Calvary has had a partnership with American Red Cross for many years. During their most recent blood drive they collected 20 lifesaving donations. The following is part of a message from Lisa, an appreciative parent who encourages others to donate.

“Talon is currently undergoing immunosuppressive therapy. If that does not work, he may need a bone marrow transplant. In the meantime, Lisa is grateful for the support she has received for her son, including a blood drive organized by her local church in Talon’s honor.

“I never realized how people depend on that to live. My first time giving blood was in January. Something as simple as just going in and spending 30 minutes to give blood [can help save a life].”

Check out their website to sign-up for future blood drives. redcrossblood.org

Calvary - Ways to Participate



Summer Stay and Play Days

Here are the details:

WHO - The program is open to children ages 3 - 6.

Maximum number of children per session: 18. Minimum number of children: 5

WHAT - Included in the cost is unstructured play time (supervised by CLP teachers) and a snack.

WHEN - Sessions will run Tuesdays & Thursdays June 18th - August 15th, 9 - 11:00am

COST - \$20 for one child, additional siblings are \$15.

Please email hillsboroclp@gmail.com if you have medical or allergy concerns.

For each session to run, we must have at least 5 children signed up by 5pm the night before. IF THERE ARE NOT 5 CHILDREN SIGNED UP BY 5pm THE NIGHT BEFORE, THE SESSION WILL BE CANCELLED. You will receive an email notification of the cancellation.

HOW TO SIGN UP:

You can go to this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0544ACA82DA4F85-49144166-summer>

If you have any questions, please email Christe at hillsboroclp@gmail.com

This Month We Celebrate...



JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



3	Kyle Hiebel
4	Deanna Parker
8	Loren McLaury
8	Amy James
11	Kathleen Dingle
15	Werner James
18	Uriah Johnson (anniversary)
22	Barbara Gennrich



In Our Prayers

For the World

Ukraine, Turkey, Syria,
the Middle East
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
Theresa Becker
Harold Britton
Bette Carlisle
Kim Cawrse
Shirley Clergy
Monica Deitchman
Carol Dougall
Gail Nagel Erickson
Wayne Godaire
Merle Kind
Shelley Kubik

Rik Mayfield
Jann Patton
Kourtney Peterson
Edie & John Pyle
Betty Shannon
Diana Thompson

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

Betty Dendinger

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:30am Bible Study 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary	27 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	28 12:00pm Red Cross 1:30pm Book Club at Margaret's	29 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	30 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	31 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	1 9:00am Quilting and Knitting 9:00am Synod Assembly-online 2:00pm Recital 4:30pm Spring Studio Recital - Sanctuary
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