

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

What is Radical Welcome?

Many of our recent Gospel texts have reminded us of the roots of the ministry of Christ – to love God and to love neighbor. And Jesus does a great job reminding us that neighbor is *everyone*. But in a world so divided and categorized and other-ized, this type of welcome can feel quite... radical. But, I feel that Calvary is ready to rise to the challenge and be a place of radical welcome. For many of our newest members, what has brought them back is that feeling of welcome.

I have been informed that prior to the pandemic, Calvary was beginning the work to start a discernment process regarding Reconciling in Christ (RIC) status. To be an RIC church is to embody radical welcome and ensure systems of love and support for those marginalized in our midst, in particular our siblings in the LGBTQI2A+ community. The desire to have these conversations is one of the many reasons I accepted the call to be your pastor as my passion lies in the radical welcome of Christ. So, I proposed we get back to it! But, to do so will require all of your hearts and minds so, get ready for some fun processes in the months ahead.

First things first, we will need a Core Team to walk through this process. If you were involved in the process before the pandemic, please let me know. If you, like I, arrived after that time and feel called by the Spirit to help with this process, please let me know. Once we have assembled our Core Team, we will start walking the path, guiding by the Spirit, to see how welcoming we really can be. And I truly hope this process will be one that not only opens doors to those churches have historically hurt, but that also opens our own hearts and minds to better see the beautiful world all around us.

~Pastor Rachel

Book Club Gathering

Everyone is welcome to join book club discussions on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We are meeting on **May 28 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.

May's book is ***The Oysterville Sewing Circle*** by Susan Wiggs. This novel addresses the healing power of family and community, and especially women supporting one another. The public library has 13 book copies, 8 large print books, 4 Audiobook CD sets, 1 preloaded Audiobook, 4 downloadable Audiobooks, and 1 eBook. Sharon will lead the discussion.

A short summary:

Caroline returns to her favorite place: the sewing shop owned by Mrs. Lindy Bloom, the woman who inspired her and taught her to sew. There she discovers that even in an idyllic beach town, there are women living with the deepest of secrets. Thus begins the Oysterville Sewing Circle—where women join forces to support each other through the troubles they keep hidden.

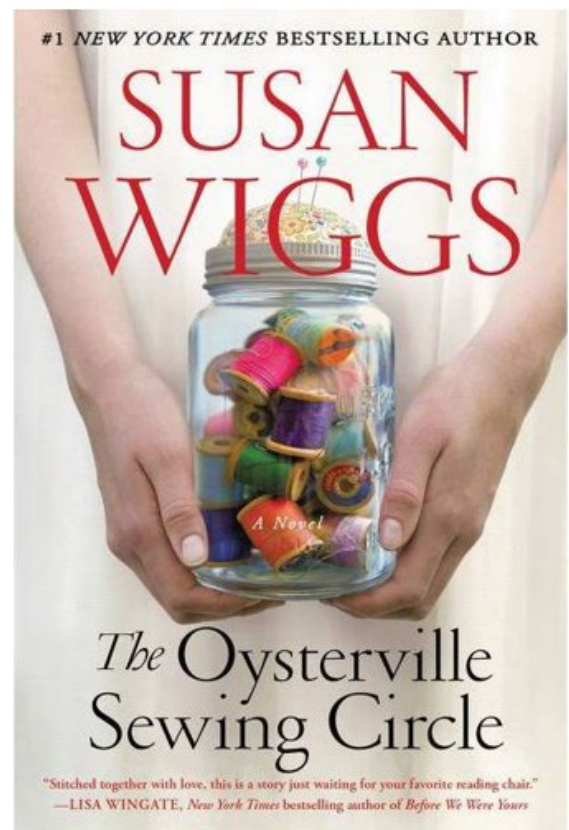
Coming June 25: *Killers of the Flower Moon*

by David Grann

This nonfiction, historical book investigates a series of murders of wealthy Osage people that took place in Osage County, Oklahoma in the early 1920s—after big oil deposits were discovered beneath their land. The great majority of the events are portrayed accurately in the critically acclaimed 2023 film.

Peace,

Leslie Smith Mayfield



Updates from Council

Welcome to May!

We have hired a new Office Manager, and her name is Jenn Lantrip. I hope you take time to introduce yourself to her via phone, email, or in-person.

Some updates on Calvary's financials: Net General Fund income for April was \$5,214. Be aware that the income for April included \$9000 of giving from individuals as part of their semi-annual or annual pledges.

Current mortgage: \$15,069.92. Next month we will see the effect of the additional \$2,000 sent to Thrivent with our April payment.

Property: Many thanks to Frank and Anita Hiebel for spearheading, and Dave Rabon assisting the removal of ivy from two of Calvary's cedar trees. Thank you again to the families who contributed to the purchase of our new lawn mower. It has arrived and been tested and approved by Gary Clark. Check with him if you are interested in learning how to use it. The flower beds are looking pretty weed free due to the efforts of several people. If you are interested in helping to keep the weeds at bay, please join the Calvary yard clean-up day on Saturday, May 18.

Upcoming events: New member Sunday waiting to be scheduled; Council retreat on June 8; VBS July 8-12; Summer fundraiser still determining how this might look; next council meeting May 19.

We go out from this place, and we scatter like seeds we remember that love is the fruit we are called to grow.

In peace

Leslie Rabon



UPDATED OFFICE HOURS!

The office is now open from **9am – 3pm** on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**. Going forward, Pastor Rachel will be available **by appointment**. Feel free to contact the office to set one up!

Calvary - Ways to Participate



The Not-So-Youth Group *Come As Your Are!*

You are invited to a bi-monthly gathering 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 May 8 at 6 pm

Wedding Photos

Were you married at Calvary? Would you be willing to share a photo with us to display? In the spirit of wedding/anniversary season, I would like to create a bulletin board of Calvary weddings.

Please email me at : anita.hiebel@gmail.com and we can figure out a way to get a photo from you.

Calvary - Ways to Participate

Calvary Memorabilia

We are looking for Calvary memorabilia for the display case in the narthex. April 29 was Calvary's 68th anniversary. Do you have something you would be willing to share for a month or two? A gift you received as a new member? Something unique from a special event that occurred? Please let the office know. We have two of the 1981 commemorative plates and several coffee/tea mugs to use. Please share your ideas.

Calvary Yard Clean-up Day

Let's make our church grounds beautiful for spring and summer!

All are invited to come over to Calvary on Saturday, May 18 from 9am-12pm.

We will be cleaning up the flower beds around the church grounds and trimming up the bushes. Please bring your own gardening tools, such as gloves, clippers, and weeders. Pizza lunch will be provided! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can call the church office to sign up.

- Saturday, May 18 from 9 am-noon
 - Bring gardening tools
 - Pizza lunch

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

This Month We Celebrate...



MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



2	Lucy Allen
2	Tucker Peterson
4	Jim Bany
6	Shirley Clergy
6	Austin Giese
13	LaRayne Rowland
21	Mac Dingle
26	Kayla Iiams
26	Logan Wesel



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:30am Bible Study 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:00pm Life Center Fellowship: Kids' Day 4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary	29 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	30	1 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	2 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	3 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	4 9:00am Quilting and Knitting 1:00pm Bike Blessing 3:30pm Nueva Vida Anniversary Events
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19 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:15am Council Meeting 11:30am Bible Study 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary	20 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	21 5:00pm Girl Scout Training	22 6:00pm NSY Group 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	23 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	24 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	25 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice 6:00pm Nueva Vida: Evening Vigil
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