

Calvary Lutheran Church

Crossways

January 2025



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Sundays in person at **10am**

or on Zoom:
Meeting ID: 840 5961 8157
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Pastor's Page

Simple Lights

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:1, 4-5)

The window of time between Christmas and New Year's Day is special to me. One year is coming to a close; a new year, full of unknowns, is approaching; and in the midst of it all, we take time to remember a humble birth more than 2000 years ago.

It's easy to be caught up in the mountains, forests and vastness of life. 2024 was certainly an interesting year of highs and lows for so many. But something about this time of year reminds me to zoom back in to see the trees, the rain drops, the small creatures...

I think it might be Christmas lights. At a time of year that, no matter what time I am done for the day, I will be driving home in the dark, the light of simple twinkling Christmas lights can bring so much joy - a literal light in the darkness if you will; even rainy days are more magical when the street lights reflect on the wet pavement at night...

A new year has begun. Who knows what it will bring? But, no matter what, we do know the light of Christ is going to be there, in small things and big things and all things if we remember to look. I just hope we can all remember the light might not look the way we expect - a candle, a lamp, or a flashlight. Instead, look for the light in the unique, dark places too - Christmas lights, rainy street lights, or a simple smile for or from a stranger.

And then, when the days grow longer and the Christmas lights are packed away, keep looking for the light of Christ in the many, many other places the Spirit loves to be (and push us into). I can't say what 2025 will bring to Calvary, you or me... but I can say that in the midst of that dark, misty unknown, we walk with the love of God, the light of Christ, and the inspiration of the Spirit.

And for that, we say, hallelujah!

Updates from the Council

Happy New Year!

News shorts: We have a budget ready to present at our annual meeting on January 26th. With members giving above and beyond, Calvary's mortgage has been paid off!

Property: The two new sanctuary furnaces have been installed. We are still waiting for an electrician to bring the fuse panel to code in order to complete the furnace installation. Last month someone dumped furniture and garbage at the south end of the parking lot. Gary Clark and Dave Rabon worked to remove and dump it. The enclosure on the north side of the building needs to be removed. However, after it is taken down, a railing needs to be installed for safety. This is a future project.

Congregation Care: We need to do a better job of checking in on our members who are hospitalized, home-bound, or recovering from surgery.

Community Care: We several successful events last month – combined advent soup suppers and worship with All Saints Episcopal Church, Holiday Bazaar, a Christmas pageant, and a Birthday Party for Jesus.

Nominating Committee update: We have 3 council members continuing for another year through 2025: Dennis White, Leann White, Anita Hiebel. Charity Huggett is running for a 1-year position. The following candidates are running for 2-year positions: Kathleen Murphy, Kayse Durgan, Chris Landtiser, Sharon Elliott, Kayla Iiams, Brent Young, and Shari Young. Brent and Shari have also agreed to attend the Synod Assembly. We are still in need of three members for the 2025 Nominating Committee.

Long Term building use: Life Center Pentecostal and De Dios Pentecostes Nueva Vida agreements for December 30, 2024 to November 30, 2025 have been signed.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Calvary's advent and Christmas worship services run smoothly. Worship assistants, lectors, altar guild, musicians, ushers, flower providers, and coffee hour hosts, your efforts are immensely appreciated.

Blessings to all in this new year we have entered. You make a difference every day and when we work together, there is no stopping us.

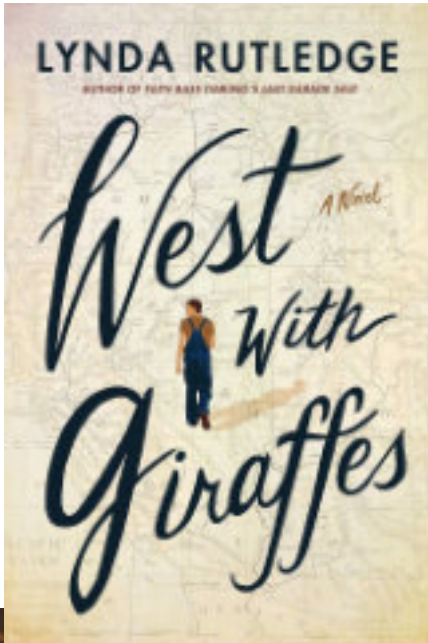
In peace,

Leslie Rabon



Book Club Gathering

Everyone is welcome to join book club discussions. Our next meeting is **January 28 at 1:30 pm** at Margaret Deveraux Jefferies' house (262 NE 18th Ave, Hillsboro). 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.



January's historical fiction book is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. The book is based on Woodrow Wilson Nickel's recollection of the unforgettable experience of a twelve-day cross country road trip with two hurricane surviving giraffes. The tale weaves together the historical saga with adventure, love, the kindness of strangers, and what it means to be changed by the grace of the animals. The public library has 26 book copies, 5 large print books, and 5 audiobook CD sets. Cathie will lead our discussion.

Coming **February 25**: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

This blockbuster debut is the hilarious, idiosyncratic, and uplifting story of a female scientist whose career is constantly derailed by the idea that a woman's place is in the home, only to find herself starring as the host of America's most beloved 1960's TV cooking show.

Peace,
Leslie Smith Mayfield



2025 Book Club Selections

January 28 *West With Giraffes*, Lynda Rutledge, 2021 (CC)

WCCLS (Washington County Cooperative Library Services) has 26 book copies, 5 large print books, and 5 audiobook CD sets.

February 25 *Lessons in Chemistry*, Bonnie Garmus, 2022 (TD)

WCCLS has 71 books, 23 large print books, 18 eBooks, 10 audiobook CD sets, and 55 downloadable audiobooks.

March 25 *Looking for Jane*, Heather Marshall, 2023 (MDJ)

WCCLS has 10 books, 2 large print books, 4 eBooks, 1 audiobook CD set, and 4 downloadable audiobooks.

April 22 *How the Penguins Saved Veronica*, Hazel Prior, 2020 (SG)

WCCLS has 4 books, 1 large print book, 1 eBook, and 2 downloadable audiobooks.

May 27 *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, Robin Wall Kimmerer, 2013 (first edition) and 2020 (hardcover) (LSM)

WCCLS has 33 first edition books, 19 second edition hardcover books, 16 eBooks, 4 audiobook CD sets, the downloadable audiobook is always available, and 2 book club kits.

June 24 *Ugly*, Robert Hoge, 2016 (SB)

WCCLS has 13 books, 5 eBooks, and 1 audiobook CD set.

AND *The Red Pencil*, Andrea Davis Pinkney, 2014 (SB)

WCCLS has 12 books, 10 eBooks, and 8 downloadable audiobooks.

July 22 *A Gentleman in Moscow*, Amor Towles, 2016 (KB)

WCCLS has 32 books, 9 large print books, 26 eBooks, 11 audiobook CD sets, and 24 downloadable audiobooks.

August 26 *Madam President: The Secret Presidency of Edith Wilson*, William Hazelgrove, 2016 (MB)

WCCLS has no available options at this time.

September 23 *Lovely One: A Memoir*, Ketanji Brown Jackson, 2024 (SG)

WCCLS has 14 books, 4 large print books, 8 eBooks, and 17 downloadable audiobooks.

October 28 *The Women*, Kristin Hannah, 2024 (TD, CC, LSM)

WCCLS has 94 books, 26 large print books, 279 eBooks, 16 audiobook CD sets, 8 preloaded audiobooks, and 242 downloadable audiobooks.

November No meeting – please research, review, and read books to suggest for 2026

December 2 Present book suggestions, vote, and schedule books for 2026

Other books considered:

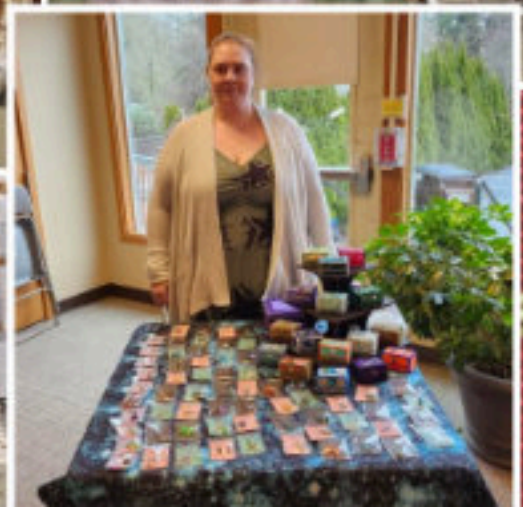
To Slip the Bonds of Earth, Amanda Flower

The Grey Wolf, Louise Penny

Another book in the Mitford series



Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Holiday Bazaar a success!
 Special thanks to Charity Huggett, Kat Booth, and "Santa."
 We raised even more money for the preschool than last year, on top of funds for the church and my store. The vendors want to come back for a Pride event this summer. I am so proud to see bridges being built between the community here at Calvary and my store in Portland.
 ~Jenn



Prayer Quilts



Two Lovely Services

Photos by Susan Todd. Thank you!



Christmas Eve

Ways to Participate

Looking for community and fun? You are looking for the...

Not-so-Youth-Group

6:00 PM

937 NE Jackson School Rd
Hillsboro, OR 97124

1st and 3rd Wednesdays!

All Are Welcome



American
Red Cross

GIVE SOMETHING THAT

Means Something

GIVE BLOOD

[Online readers: click here to register!](#)

Or scan the QR code





January Birthdays

01 Kimberly Bailey

16 Jennifer McKim

06 Susan Hartner

31 Janis Larsen

12 Erik McLaury



In Our Prayers

For the World

Pray for those living with political conflict and instability, that they will grow in hope and resilience and experience lasting peace, justice and healing.

For the Oregon Synod

Prayers for Pr. Matt Goodrich, his family and his Roseburg congregations as he recovers from heart valve replacement surgery.

Prayers for the family and friends of William Deacon Johnsen, who recently died.

Prayers for the family and friends of Kimberly Unti, a former NW Washington Synod vice president and wife of former Bishop Kirby Unti, who died November 28 from a brain injury after being struck by a car while crossing the street.

For the Calvary Lutheran Family

Jim Bany

Gail Nagel Erickson

Jill Bjerke

Sophia Johnson

Bette Carlisle

Merle Kind

Bonnie Clark

Shelley Kubik

Carol Dougall

Rik Mayfield

Daniel Dougall

Jann Patton

Harold Britton

Kourtney Peterson

Marta Bassett

Edie & John Pyle

Gail Eilmes

Julie Steward

Edyth Hickman

Diana Thompson

Betty Shannon

The Friends and Family of

Theresa Becker



January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00am Calvary Worship in person & Zoom 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary	30 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	31 9:00am Red Cross Blood Drive 6:00pm Nueva Vida: Evening Vigil	1 6:00pm Not-So-Youth Group - Welcome Room 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	2 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	3 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	4 9:00am Quilting and Knitting
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Massive thanks to everyone who helped us achieve Premier Blood Partner status last year!

