

Crossways

December 2020

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Worship is on line and the first Sunday of the month Zoom worship with holy communion.

Mission Statement:

Grow in God's Grace; Serve in Jesus Name;
Welcome everybody.

Advent & Christmas

Jesus is going to appear, are you looking ... are you waiting ... are you excited?

Jesus is going to appear, not as a baby born in Bethlehem - that's already happened. Not sometime in the past but now. Maybe in the birth of children all over the world. Or maybe born when you experience or witness a moment of compassion or caring or generosity or sensitivity or delight or direction or clarity or charity or who knows. Or maybe the Christ will be born in you as the gospel reaches in to grab hold of your heart and soul.

That's the reminder we get during Advent and Christmas. The expectation of the promised Messiah arriving; of the Word of God becoming incarnate in the birth of Mary's baby named Jesus.

Jesus was born; lived among us; served others with compassion, grace and mercy; died on a cross and was raised to new life three days later. Jesus was born, lived, died and rose so that we could be born anew. Are you looking for how that transforms your life? Are you waiting for Jesus to be present in your living? Are you excited that at this very moment such new life is yours in Jesus!

All possible because Jesus did appear and continues to appear to us. Whenever the Holy Spirit is at work makes Jesus real and truly present and active. Look ... wait ... how exciting and exhilarating!

So begins our Advent-ure with Christ arriving and being born into our lives.

Peace be with you, Pr. Joel

Interim Insights: Getting Congregation Input

The Transition Team is progressing in getting the congregation members' input. The Small group meetings held via Zoom involved 24 members. We will be calling a few people next, along with sending out a printed questionnaire.

This process does take some time and it's worth the effort since we want to get input from as many of you as possible. The more people that give their input, the clearer the results. It's really about helping us understand the congregation thoroughly.

After all your responses to these initial questions are processed, we'll be publicizing a summary for you to review and comment on. And then we will be planning to get additional input from you with another round of engaging questions.

All of this work is intended to set the stage for the next chapter of your life and ministry as a congregation. It's a community discerning process that will help lead you into the future.

Basically, we are clarifying what is at the heart of Calvary Lutheran so you'll know what will match with that and what will not match with that. So your input will help the congregation know the direction to move and what options best suit you for what is next. What makes Calvary unique are the people - so we really need to get input from the whole congregation - which means each of you! We believe it will be something that we all will appreciate - so please take the time to give us your input.

First Sunday of the Month—Zoom Worship

Sunday, December 6, 2020

10:45 AM

STEPS TO ATTEND WORSHIP VIA ZOOM:

- (1) On the first Sunday of each month between 10:30 AM and 10:45 AM, click this link (from your computer or smartphone): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89553327700?pwd=RDNBVDhPUXg1RGF1TCs5aHk2TDdJUT09>.

The meeting ID is: 895 5332 7700

- (1) If prompted for a passcode, enter: C@lvary876 I

If you are not able to join worship via computer or smartphone, you are welcome to call in:

1. Call this number: 1-253-215-8782
2. Use the Meeting ID: 895 5332 7700
3. Enter passcode: 9585267395
4. Or, on an iPhone, one-tap mobile: +12532158782,,89553327700#,,,,,0#,,9585267395# US

ONLINE WORSHIP GUIDELINES:

From 10:30 AM to 10:45 AM, the worship space will be open to gather and greet each other and prepare for worship. Pastor Joel or other congregation member host will mute everyone when it's time to start Worship, 10:45 AM. Holy Communion will be a part of our online worship. We encourage everyone to prepare by putting together your own communion set from whatever you have in your pantries. For instance, the cup could be wine or grape juice. The bread could be actual bread or a type of flat bread, or tortilla. Please have these items nearby and handy when you join us online. The worship service will be recorded and made available for playback in future, however, Communion will not be part of the recorded service.

Christmas Giving Tree



Thank you to all who help make this a special Christmas for our refugee families.

There is still time to participate but your gifts must be in the church office no later than Thursday, December 3. We are specifically collecting gift cards to Fred Meyers, Target, or Walmart.

Thank you.



There will be Zoom Christmas Eve Fellowship time 12/24/20 at 7:30 PM. Zoom [details are on our home page.](#)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be pre-recorded and available on our [YouTube Playlist.](#)

Christmas Plans—Remember



Covid-19 Updates

Oregon State is on a two week pause due to the up-rise in COVID-19 cases.

Please limit social gatherings to your household, or no more than six people if the gathering includes those from outside your household, reducing the frequency of those social gatherings (significantly in a two-week period), and keeping the same six people in your social gathering circle.

The church office receives updates from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Governor Brown, and Bishop Laurie Caesar Larson of the Oregon Synod ELCA.

As Calvary looks to opening up its building for more outside groups as well as our own, we are putting together a Pandemic Procedures Checklist.

Anyone who enters the building is to wear a Mask. No exceptions.

Summary of Calvary Town Hall Zoom meeting—Sunday, November 15.

Appreciation was expressed to the Congregation Council and especially, Shari Young, Nicole Naibert and Tyler Naibert for the opportunity to attend this Zoom Town Hall Meeting.

If you were unable to attend the Zoom meeting, you may watch it on YouTube.

Topics covered included:

- ◆ Jackson School Road Project
- ◆ Church flooding and repair
 - Projected date for completion is November 28th.
- ◆ Eagle Scout Project is complete
- ◆ Sanctuary egress—a row of pews have been removed to allow emergency exit specially for wheelchairs and those with limited mobility.
- ◆ Building Use—We are putting together a COVID-19 protocol 's for meeting as well as cleaning afterwards. Groups from the congregation may also use the building but must go through the same process.
 - Masks are required as well as social distancing. In January we will reevaluate
- ◆ Financials—Shari Young, treasurer, shared three slides regarding our finances. Bottom line we have a deficit but not as bad as was projected in January. Thank you for your continued financial giving.

Financial Summary for	October 2020
Income	\$20,454.74
Expenses	\$11,268.64

\$ 9186.10

- ◆ Worship—Kayse Durgan shared plans for Advent and Christmas season.
 - ◆ The first Sunday of each month will be live via Zoom. Holy Communion will be offered.
 - ◆ These worship services will be recorded and posted on YouTube.
 - ◆ Communion will not be a part of the recording. This is to be "Live...in Community"
 - ◆ We will be installing WiFi extender into the sanctuary. This will allow more stability and we will be able to use this as an evangelism tool to reach people who may not be able to attend worship in person.
- ◆ Transition Team—Pastor Joel introduced the Transition Team: Judy Britton, Inge Eriksen, Leslie Mayfield, Tyler Naibert. They have met twice and will be conducting the first round of interview questions. There are plans to host Zoom meetings with members of the congregation signing up for the time that works for them. There will be a composite of their findings sent to everyone before the next round of questions in January. Please sign up, They are also prepared to work with all who do not have Zoom, etc.
- ◆ Offering Envelopes for 2020. If you would like envelopes for this coming year, please contact the office manager.
- ◆ Pre-School is holding on-line classes , making "porch visits" twice a month, and plan school on campus as well as on-line classes beginning in January.

- ◆ They will be OHA Covid-19 compliant.

- ◆ Annual Meeting—January 24

You will receive electronically or via the USPS, an agenda, budget proposal, and if you do not have Zoom—ballots.

The Annual Meeting will operate similar to the Zoom Town Hall Meeting.

- ◆ Questions and Comments

- ◆ Marteen Sander took this time to announce her house sold and the day after Thanksgiving she is moving to Belgrade, MT.

- ◆ Shari Young thanked the participants for helping us expand our Zoom learning curve.

- ◆ Pastor Joel acknowledge the confirmation students who attended the Zoom meeting. Jocelyn James, Lucy Allen, Reed Bosshardt Cleveland will be confirmed on January 10. This service will be pre-recorded. Annabelle Bailey is in her first year.

- ◆ 12:10 PM—Pastor Joel closed with prayer.

- ◆ The participants requested a social gathering after the Town Hall meeting which was granted.

Family Promise Update

I received word from the Family Promise Board updating their situation. As you can understand, the traditional church-host program was suspended due to COVID-19. Long-time director, Annie Heart retired, and they just hired Clarinda Hanson White as Interim Executive Director.



The day house remains in good condition and is currently being utilized by Project Homeless Connect as a day center on a short-term arrangement. Habitat for Humanity has agreed to support maintenance and repairs, and the Fire Marshall also toured the house and made safety suggestions.

As we wait for information about the adapted program, here are ways that you can help:

- ◆ yard work at the day house (rake leaves, clean gutters, etc.) and
- ◆ make donations for families (e.g., disposable diapers, wipes).

Thank you for your faithfulness. We all look forward to the day we can again support local families in this worthwhile ministry.

Stay well and safe!

Susan Todd



Calvary Book Club

Zoom meeting

Tuesday, December 1

7:00 PM

Book Selection Time

*"Everyone—please send me an email with the two books you are suggesting for 2021 by **November 29**. Please include a short description and library availability. I will compile the full list for people to review. Hopefully we can discuss and vote in our short meeting on Tuesday, December 1 from 7-7:40 pm. "*

Leslie Mayfield - mayfield93@msn.com

We also decided to keep the meetings at 7:00 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Leslie will also lead us in Transition Work as we discuss some questions the Team has prepared.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays,

1:00 pm via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81646749332>

Meeting ID: 816 4674 9332

Martin Luther wrote The Freedom of A Christian in 1520. As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of this writing, we are reminded of how true the message is for us today.

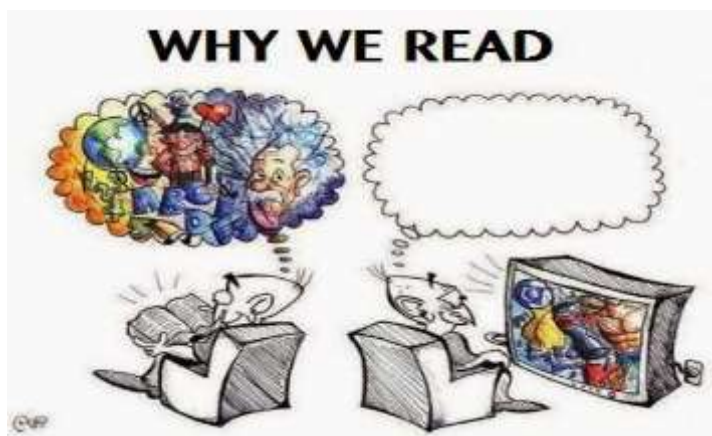
Topics:

December 2—pages

December 9—

December 18

The Women's Bible Study will resume on January 6, 2021—Epiphany Day.





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Celebrating Life in Community

Birthdays

12/3—John Hartner
12/6—Brent Young
12/7—Merle Kind
12/9—Margaret Deveraux
12/15—Frank Hiebel
12/25—Carol Chase
12/29—Sophia Earl

Wedding Anniversaries

Baptismal Anniversaries

12/1—James Werner
12/23—Reed Bosshardt
12/28—Jennifer McKim
12/29—Cathie M. Carlisle

Directory Changes:

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In our prayers:

- ♦ Nurses who are on the front lines during this pandemic and those who have been tested positive as they care for others.
- ♦ Mellissa Beatie, friend of Carol Dougall and worship attender
- ♦ Marteena Sander, as she travels to Belgrade, Montana to be with her family.
- ♦ Calvary Pre-School as they continue to teach the little ones on-line and as they work towards offering on campus classes.
- ♦ Prayers for Calvary Lutheran as we continue to grow in God's love, Serve in Jesus Name and Welcome Everyone.
- ♦ For the Transition Team as they continue their work here at Calvary.
- ♦ Continued prayers for Judy Reed, John Hartner, Sharon Schmadeke, Dick Highhouse

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Red Cross Blood Drive will begin. This is an essential ministry.		1 7:00 PM Book Club selection night	2 1:00— Women's Bible Study— Zoom	3	4	5
6 Advent 2 9:00-10:15 Confirmation 10:45 Zoom Worship with Holy Communion 2:00 Iglesias de Cristo	7	8	9 12:30-8:30 Red Cross 1:00— Women's Bible Study— Zoom	10 Offerings counted & deposited	11	12
13 Advent 3 9:00-10:15 Confirmation 10:30 am— Executive Committee 2:00 Iglesias de Cristo	14	15	16 1:00— Women's Bible Study— Zoom	17 12:30-8:30 Red Cross	18	19
20 Advent 4 9:00-10:15 Confirmation 2:00 Iglesias de Cristo	21	22 12:30-8:30 Red Cross	23	24 Zoom Christmas Eve Fellowship 7:30 PM	25 Christmas Day	26
27 First Sunday of Christmas 2:00 Iglesias de Cristo	28	29	30	31 Offerings counted & deposited		