

Greetings from Pastor Joel Westby

Interim Insights: Transition Stop and Go Traffic



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Crossways

Sometimes people have a sense that because the congregation is in an interim transition time that everything stops. It's as if we've come to an intersection with a STOP sign.

That is not my intention, although there might be some things we temporarily stop doing in order to consider what we really want to be and do. Mostly I think the life and ministry of the congregation continue to move along or ahead. At other times we might slow down in anticipation of some change. So I propose that we think about this interim transition like an intersection where there are traffic lights.



And even before getting to an intersection one is still moving and at the same time thinking about what choices there are at the intersection. Which direction do you want to go? Do you need to change lanes? Who has the right of way?

And there's more than one intersection for this interim transition. One has choices for mission, another for partnership, another for identity, and others with choices we may not even know yet, not until we've passed through other intersections.



There are lights at each intersection. Red lights mean stop. We will stop because there is other traffic. There won't be any discussion about the "next pastor" until we've negotiated some other intersections. It is on our itinerary, only not for awhile. We'll get there after we have gone through a few other intersections.

We'll stop to discuss who we are and what our calling is as a congregation - our mission. We'll stop to observe the others who are moving through the intersection - who are we on the road with and whose going the same way.

Yellow lights mean slow down and prepare to stop. They indicate a transition themselves - from proceed normally to stop and wait. Sometimes people (me) hurry through a yellow light knowing that if they don't they will be stopped and have to wait. They (me) want to hurry in order to get to our destination.



And there are green lights. Go. One of the most important words in scripture. Go and I will show you (Abraham) a new land. Go and make disciples of all nations (Jesus says to his followers). There are plenty of green lights for us at the intersections of interim transition, even with the Covid-19 restrictions. Confirmation will proceed. Bible Study will continue. Worship certainly hasn't stopped. Use of the building will resume with restrictions and/or changes.



One of the special green lights for Calvary is moving ahead with conversations, research, exploration of who we are and what God is calling us to do at this time in our life and mission. You always have the green light to share God's love in Christ, to love your neighbor, to care for creation and to give thanks for the gifts God provides. You always have the green light to pray.

Peace, Pr. Joel

From the desk of the Congregational Council President

August 2, 2020

What's happening at the church?

The construction on Jackson School Road continues. During the construction, the crew damaged a drainpipe coming from the church. Due to the damage a backup was caused leading to the pump from rainwater run off that accumulates. It was not able to drain properly and the church building flooded. Because the damaged drainpipe feeds to a sewage pipe the backup was deemed a level 3. As a result, we have had to take out the carpet in most of the building. NO there was not a "sewage" backup in the church. But as a precaution we are treating it as if there was.

Insurance has been contacted. We are working with a restoration company. The City of Hillsboro has taken responsibility and is working with Calvary. Timeline wise it will take probably another 1-½ months to put everything back together.

Good Sam Fund is Low?

Normally we would make an announcement during worship. Thank you to those who have contributed to the Fund this year. The Good Sam Fund is running low please prayerfully consider designating your giving to the Good Sam Fund.

Treasurer Wanted!

We are still looking for someone to be our Treasurer. If you can think of anyone that has said something in the past or you think might be good at it please reach out to me. I will keep it anonymous and contact them on behalf of Calvary to ask if they would be interested.

I wish for you to be Content, I wish for you to be Strong, and I wish for you to be at Ease,
Brent

Special Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, July 26, 2020 at 10:00 AM. The meeting was conducted live and on Zoom. The purpose of the meeting was to approve two motions in regard to the PGE Utility Easement and compensation for the property loss for the easement.

1. Approve the PGE Utility Easement
2. Approve the offer of compensation for \$1,1800 from PGE.

There were 44 participants, either in person, at the Zoom meeting or mailed in ballots.

The two measures were passed. Our congregational president, Brent Young, has been authorized to sign the documents.



Thank you for your continued contributions to the life and ministry of Calvary Lutheran Hillsboro OR

Financial Summary	Income	Expenses	Balance
July 2020	15,796.45	18,316.90	-2,520.45

Search for Transition Team

The Council will begin looking for a Transition Team that will help us move through the transition work.

This Team is separate from and will precede the Call Committee. The Transition Team will function to lead the congregation in discussion of transition issues of identity and mission, as well as particular topics and issues that are important for the congregation to address as part of the transition. The information gathered will then be used to complete the Ministry Site Profile - the document describing Calvary Lutheran and the Pastor they are seeking.

We hope to have the Transition Team in place by October (earlier, if possible). They will probably work for at least six months. They will meet 1-2 times per month via Zoom. They will report and be responsible to the Council.

The Team will consist of 5-6 people who are broad-minded, open-hearted, good listeners, curious, trustworthy, confidential, and love Calvary Lutheran.

To find this Team we would like each congregation member to submit 1-4 names of individuals they think have the qualities mentioned above and are not currently on the Council. Please mail or email those names to Calvary's church office by August 15.

Transition Team nominations: Due in Calvary's church office by August 15.

I nominate:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Signed: _____

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Wednesday & Thursday 10AM—4 PM

Pastor's Phone: 971-808-3454

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Office Manager:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00—1:00 PM

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Sunday Conversations on Zoom

Pastor Joel will continue having Zoom conversations on topics pertinent to the interim process on the following Sunday mornings, at 10:00 am - August 2, 9, 16 & 30.

Here are the questions I'd like you to consider giving a response to:

What is your most satisfying experience as a member of Calvary?

How might you and other Calvary Lutheran members meet the need for connection and community during the current Covid-19 restrictions?

Where have you seen GOD present in the last couple weeks?

You are welcome to join any or all of these conversations. Here is the Zoom invitation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89994146972?pwd=VXZkK2NGbkcwYytxSnk0OFdwS2RXdz09>

A password is no longer needed.

I encourage and hope you will view the worship on Calvary's Youtube page before joining the meeting. It's usually available by Saturday evening.

If you don't have access to computer/internet or you just want to write an answer and send to me. My church email is: pastor@calvarylutheranhillsboro.org. You can also call (971-808-3454) and we can have a conversation - especially if you can't Zoom any of the Sunday mornings.

Zoom

Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!
Is it cars speeding down the street?
Is it the pace we keep?

"Zoom" is a tool for a time such as this!
Keeping in contact
Face to face for games, discussions
or anything in between.
"Zoom" is a tool to be learned and used.

Thank you to all who have Zoomed
Who have tried
Who have prevailed.

Visit
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials>

For a brief tutorial on Zoom!

IMMEDIATE NEED: CALVARY TREASURER

While Shari Young has tried to fill the void since Ryan Parker's time was completed, it is not something she can sustain. The treasurer gives Council monthly reports and assists with budgeting. Treasurer duties involve reconciling bank statements and reviewing income and expenses, and advising council on trends. If you have business accounting experience you likely have the skills for this position! Experience with Quicken would be a plus!



Please reach out to Brent Young, Council President, if you have interest.

Family Promise

We hope this finds you well in light of current challenges. We are writing to provide key updates for Family Promise of Washington County:

- **Leadership Update:** As you may have heard, Annie Heart has moved on from her position as our Executive Director. We are so grateful for the work that Annie has done, and for her commitment to our community, families, and organization. She has made a tremendous impact in Washington County, and for that we are forever thankful. We wish her the best as she moves on to future endeavors, and will be working in the coming months to hire a new Executive Director. In the meantime please direct any communications to both:

1. **Kathy Ayers, Board President:**
2. Amber Woodford, Bookkeeper:

- **New Programming:** We are proud to announce that we will be moving forward for the remainder of the year with motel sheltering program, in partnership with Washington County. This program will serve 5 individuals and 5 families at any given time, and will include intensive case management. Prior to the pandemic our community held an active waitlist for those needing shelter- and we fear that with economic losses from the pandemic, there will be greater need for services in the coming months. We are hopeful that this new program will be a part of filling that great need.

- **Hosting Network Update:** Many of you have reached out in recent weeks for an update on the status of our rotational shelter network. As you know, at the onset of the pandemic we temporarily suspended this program in an effort to keep volunteers and families safe/socially distanced. We are now looking to consider our options moving forward. Our partnership with congregations is an integral part of who we are. YOU are part of who we are and how we serve, in light of this, we are making two asks:

Board of Directors: As we move forward with leadership transition and relaunching our program, we are seeking dedicated community members who may be interested in joining our board, or serving on a working committee. We are working with our national office to ensure a smooth transition, but want to ensure that we have a robust group of leaders guiding the process. Please let us know if you have interest in joining us, or if you know of any great candidates. For the time being, our work is being done remotely, and our meetings are virtual (call-in or via Zoom).

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support for Family Promise of Washington County. We have served this community for 20 years, and we could not make the impact we do without your commitment.

Sincerely,
Kathy Ayers , Board President
Nick Krahmer, Vice President

In our Prayers

- The whole human family during the pandemics of Covid-19 and Racism.
- Judy Reed
- John Hartner
- Sharon Schmadeke
- Dick Highhouse
- Betty Ruth
- Deb Peña and family as they mourn the death of Deb's mother, Charlotte Grange.
- Joyce and Gary Clark and family as they mourn the death of Joyce's mother, Ruth Canby.
- The Carlisle Family request prayers for a 94-year-old friend, Tommie Kirkendahl. She is suffering into the reality of Congestive Heart Failure.
- Pastor Dorothy Cottingham as she recovers for the next six weeks from two surgical procedures.
- The family and friends of Brent & Sheri Young's friend, Ryan, who died late last month.

Public Service Announcement

The US Census Workers are being trained and sworn during the month of July. They will be visiting with those who have not completed the US 2020 Census on-line. Doing it on -line is really, really easy. These committed workers need your respect and cooperation. It is not an easy task. Thank you.



Just Love— This three-session 2020 Bible study invites readers to consider how justice and love intersect. What does "just love" look like? How is this kind of love more than a sentimental or sanitized emotion, but is instead a love-in-action that seeks to dismantle the various systems of sin that damage God's creation and harm God's people?

Anyone interested? We can download this study at no cost and then we can read, learn, and discuss together what Just Love means.

The Women of the ELCA have been planning this study and Gathering Theme for a couple of years. Again, how timely. If interested please contact, Cathie Carlisle.

Pray on Tuesday at noon – [A Call to prayer in the time of a pandemic](#)

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

Stewardship

Thank you for your continued financial support of Calvary Lutheran Church and its ministries. The mid-year financial statements were mailed to you around July 15.

Some of you have discovered your check has not cleared the bank in the time you expected it to clear. Rest assured they are being handled with safety in mind. **Your offerings are counted and deposited twice a month.** Thank you to our offering counters, Werner & Nancy Leupold for volunteering.

GIVEPLUS⁺ Many of you are using our on-line giving program - Vanco Give+. What I appreciate about on-line giving is that the money goes directly into the church bank account.

On June 21, 2020, I had a private training event with a Vanco service representative. I learned how to automatically download your contributions into our Shepherd's Staff. A great time saver and accuracy system.

There are three ways your may give electronically:

1. Donate from our website: www.calvarylutheranhillsboro.org
2. Giving with the Convenience of Mobile—1. download the app from either Google or Apple App. Then find Calvary Lutheran Hillsboro.
3. Giving as simple as sending a text message: Text Number: 503-749-7867

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

8/02 Mark Ireton

8/18 Mark & Shelley Ireton

8/3 Werner & Amy James

8/24 Joyce Clark

8/04 Greg Hannon

8/25 John & Edie Pyle (64 years)

8/05 Carol Dougall

8/30 Betty Adams

8/07 Tyler Deveraux

8/30 Harold Britton

8/9 Don & Maria Hudock

8/10 John Pyle

8/11 Jim Wallin

8/14 Ryan & Michelle Parker

Book Club Zoom meeting

Tuesday, August 25 @ 7:00 p.m.

Zoom hostess: Leslie Mayfield



The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan. This book was to be discussed earlier but the Pandemic interfered. Now we have an opportunity to share in conversation how our immigrant stories connect with the story of these Chinese-American women. The movie is available on both Netflix and Amazon.

If you have a internet access through a computer, a tablet, or a smart phone, you have the capabilities of joining the adventure. Actually, you don't need internet access, just call a number that will be provided and you may join in the conversation. How easy is that?

August 2020 Calendar

Date	Event
2	Worship On-line 8:30 AM—Executive Committee Zoom meeting 10:00 AM Zoom Conversations with Pastor Joel
9	Worship On-line 10:00 AM Zoom Conversations with Pastor Joel
11	6:30 PM District AA meeting in Library
16	Worship On-line 10:00 AM Zoom Conversations with Pastor Joel
23	Worship On-line 9:00 AM—Congregation Council Zoom Meeting
25	7:00 pm Zoom Book Club Meeting—Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
30	Worship On-line 10:00 AM Zoom Conversations with Pastor Joel