

Calvary Lutheran Church

# Crossways

## August 2024

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

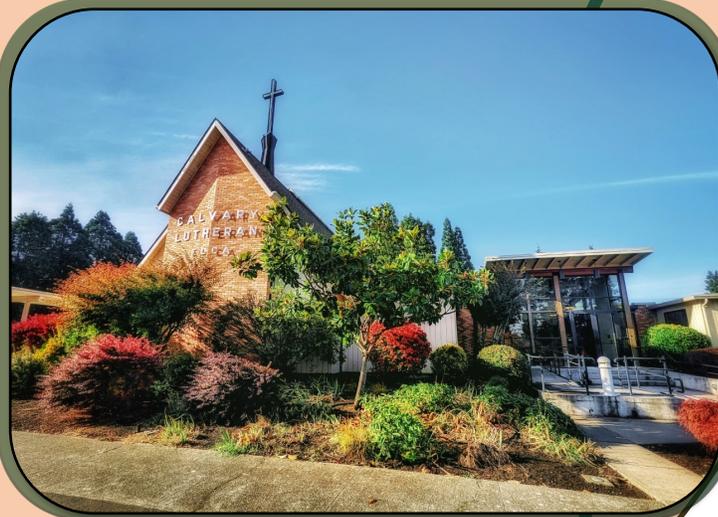
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### Join Us for Worship

Sundays in-person at 10 am

Or, on Zoom [here](#)

Meeting ID: 840 5961 8157

Passcode: C@lvary876



# Pastor's Page

**“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.**

**I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”**

*-Isaiah 41:10*

## **God's got this!**

As I write this, the Olympic Games are underway. In a world that often feels so divided, it was strange to realize just how strange it felt to be upbeat, inspired and, dare I say it, patriotic when watching all these amazing athletes compete. When I watched the amazing Simone Biles and Jordan Chiles both give honor to the Brazilian gymnast Rebeca Andrade who won gold in the Floor Exercise Finals, I felt filled with joy. This- this is what we as humans are called to be – caring, supporting, lifting up one another, even as we compete.

I am sure I am not alone in those moments where I don't feel like I've 'got this;' moments where I feel as far away from the Simone Biles of the world as you can get. But, how powerful is it in those moments when there is a smile, a helping hand, a pat on the back to help get you going again. And how amazing is it that we can BE that smile, helping hand, or supportive figure for others around us.

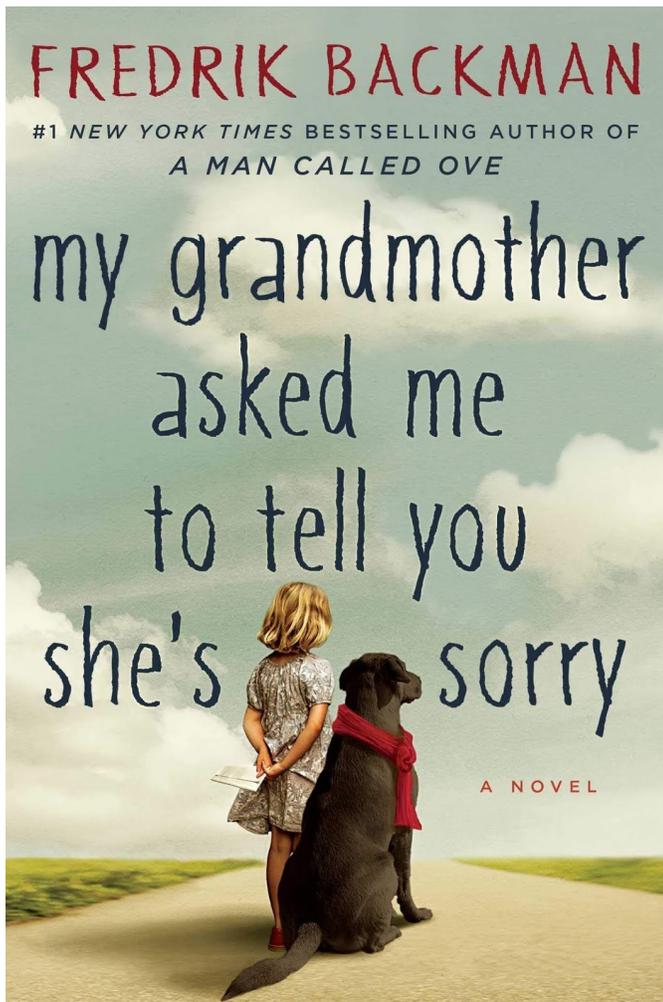
But, it is also amazing that no matter what, no matter the trial or test, we always have God there, strengthening us, holding us and lifting us up to the tasks ahead. Even when we don't have it, God's got this!

For all of us, the marathon of life continues. But, there on the sidelines, we have so many people, friends and strangers, cheering us on when we're tired. And, when we really need a break, water, rest... God is there running with us, providing what we need, never leaving our side.

And for that, we are all Gold medal winners!

-Pastor Rachel

# Book Club Gathering



Everyone is welcome to join book club discussions on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We are meeting on **August 27 at 1:30 pm** at Margaret Deveraux Jefferies' house (262 NE 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

August's humorous fiction book is ***My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry, a Novel*** by Frederick Backman. This warmhearted novel is about love, forgiveness, and the right to be different. It is told from the candid and insightful point of view of a precocious seven year old girl observing adult behavior. When Elsa's beloved, crazy, story-telling grandma dies and leaves behind a series of letters apologizing to people she has wronged, Elsa's greatest adventure begins. Along the way, she learns more about her grandmother's life and the lives of people influenced by her grandmother. Katherine will lead the discussion. The public library has 15 book copies, 5 large print books, 5 Audiobook CD sets, 7 downloadable Audiobooks, and 5 eBooks.

Coming **September 24: *Somewhere Sisters, A Story of Adoption, Identity, and the Meaning of Family*** by Erika Hayasaki

This biography is the story of identical twins raised on opposite sides of the world, each having no idea that the other existed. Their journey back to each other upends common conceptions of adoption, family, and identity.

Peace,

Leslie Smith Mayfield



# Updates from Council

August Summer greetings!

Thank you, Calvary family, for your generous spirit. You answered a request for help with meeting our financial needs. A few other steps have been taken to reduce Calvary's monthly financial footprint. The cleaning services have been cut to Friday only, cutting the cost from \$400 to \$250 per week. We will try this through September and re-evaluate if one cleaning per week will be enough. The thermostats have been programmed to run according to the time and area of the church that each group is using. Quarterly payment such as Brotherhood Mutual Insurance have been renegotiated to be paid monthly. Pastor Rachel has encouraged the council to look for revenue beyond the traditional offering plate. We will be sharing our ideas with you in the coming months. If you have ideas, we welcome your input.

Property team: Members have been busy working on the exterior grounds and building. Areas of peeling paint have been prepped and primed, weeds have been pulled, shrubs trimmed, flower beds watered, and grass/dandelions mowed.

The semi-annual HVAC service was in July. Regular maintenance and service call found an issue with the Welcome Room unit. A repair was needed (condenser motor and capacitor). When the technician came to put in the new parts, he discovered that the fan also needed to be replaced. The initial cost was \$2,074.07, plus the additional \$578.78 totaling \$2,652.85. \$1500 has been donated toward these repairs leaving a balance due of \$1,152.85.

Current mortgage balance: \$10,136.97, as of 8/6/24.

Council did a walkthrough of the building to see how it was currently being used and to assess where there might be potential for change. We also reorganized our traditional committees down to four areas that we felt were most important at this time and assigned a council member as the point person to each. Worship – Leslie Rabon; Property – Dennis White; Congregational Care – Sophia Earl and Carol Dougall; Community Care – Anita Hiebel

Safety & Security during worship: In the past, our church council had begun working on a safety plan. We are reviewing it and checking with other Hillsboro churches to see what sort of plan they use. The Hillsboro Police will also be contacted to see what suggestions they have for churches and businesses in the area. Gratitude for Zoom ministry: Over time several people have shared their appreciation for Calvary's Zoom ministry. Whether they attend online due to current or ongoing health issues or family caregiving or even while on vacation, Zoom has been available to them. Personally, I appreciate the grace the online community shows me when we experience technical difficulties.

As Calvary moves forward, let us be reminded that God formed us with a purpose: to create, to serve, to tend, to protect, and to love.

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 August 21st at 6 pm



**JOIN US AT  
CAMP DO GOOD.**

 American Red Cross

Blood Program  
*Leader*



**August 8th & 20th**

**Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](https://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](mailto: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>  
or scan the QR code with your phone!



If you have any questions, please email Christe at [hillsboroclp@gmail.com](mailto:hillsboroclp@gmail.com)

# This Month We Celebrate...



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

|    |                |
|----|----------------|
| 4  | Gregory Hannon |
| 5  | Carol Dougall  |
| 10 | John Pyle      |
| 11 | Jim Wallin     |
| 30 | Betty Adams    |
| 30 | Harold Britton |

## In Our Prayers

### For the World

Pray for peace, reconciliation and healing in countries and regions torn by conflict and violence, including Sudan, Haiti, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza and indeed the entire Middle East.

### For the Oregon Synod

Family and friends of  
Rev. Dr. David Balch  
Family and friends of  
Rev. Myrin Bentz  
Pastor Terry Moe  
Rhonda Powell

### For Calvary Lutheran Family

Jim Bany  
Theresa Becker  
Harold Britton  
Bette Carlisle  
Kim Cawrse  
Shirley Clergy  
Monica Deitchman  
Danny Dillard  
Carol Dougall  
Daniel Dougall & the  
Forest Grove  
National Guard  
units  
Gail Nagel Erickson  
Wayne Godaire  
Merle Kind

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

The Family & Friends  
of Judy Wallin

# August 2024

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

| 28   | 29   | 30  | 31  | 1  | 2   | 3  |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom<br>11:30am Bible Study<br>2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary<br>4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary                            | 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary                  | 9:00am Quilting and Knitting; Fellowship Hall   | 8:45am Music and Movement Class<br>7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary          | 6:00pm Nueva Vida<br>6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall                                  | 7:00pm TGIF AA Group  | 9:00am Quilting and Knitting<br>3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice |
| 4  | 5  | 6   | 7   | 8  | 9   | 10   |
| 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom<br>11:30am Bible Study<br>2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary<br>4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary                            | 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary                  |   | 6:00pm Not-So-Youth Group - Welcome Room<br>7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary | 11:00am Red Cross Blood Drive<br>6:00pm Nueva Vida<br>6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall | 7:00pm TGIF AA Group  |  |
| 11   | 12   | 13  | 14  | 15   | 16  | 17   |
| 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom<br>11:30am Bible Study<br>2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary<br>4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary                            | 🏠 Pastor away<br>7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary | 🏠 Pastor away<br>9:00am Quilting and Knitting; Fellowship Hall<br>7:00pm AA Meeting - 2nd Tuesday | 🏠 Pastor away<br>5:30pm Piano Rehearsal<br>7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary  | 🏠 Pastor away<br>6:00pm Nueva Vida<br>6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall                 | 🏠 Pastor away<br>6:00pm Piano Recital<br>7:00pm TGIF AA Group | 🏠 Pastor away  |
| 18   | 19   | 20  | 21  | 22   | 23  | 24   |
| 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom<br>11:15am Council Meeting<br>11:30am Bible Study<br>2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary<br>4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary | 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary                  | 11:00am Red Cross   | 6:00pm Not-So-Youth Group - Welcome Room<br>7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary | 6:00pm Nueva Vida<br>6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall                                  | 7:00pm TGIF AA Group  | 11:00am Judy Wallin Memorial                                     |
| 25   | 26   | 27  | 28  | 29   | 30  | 31   |
| 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom<br>11:30am Bible Study<br>2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary<br>4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary                            | 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary                  | 1:30pm Book Club at Margaret's  | 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary   | 6:00pm Nueva Vida<br>6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall                                  | 7:00pm TGIF AA Group  | 6:00pm Nueva Vida: Evening Vigil                                 |