

October 2019

# Greetings from Pastor Matthew



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Crossways

## The Trees at Calvary

### Psalm 1

Happiness comes to those  
Who delight in the Law of YHWH  
And meditate on it day and night.  
They're like trees planted by flowing water—  
They bear fruit in every season,  
And their leaves never wither:  
Everything they do will prosper.



On January 4, 1959, a new congregation of Lutherans stood in a field, wrapped in wool coats. The men wore hats, and the women wore head scarves and gloves to keep warm. They gathered in a semi-circle around a cross while the mission pastor dedicated the grounds to the building of a new church called Calvary Lutheran, in Hillsboro, Oregon. Someone took a black and white photograph which hangs in our “Courtyard Room”, the entrance and hospitality room here at Calvary. I look at that picture almost every day when I walk into the courtyard room heading for my office. I think about Pastor Baglien who was the mission pastor who knocked on doors and invited and organized people to be a part of a new church. The people were delighted to have a new church because, until then, the nearest Lutheran church was in Portland. There was a wonderful spirit, and people eagerly got to work and became a close-knit congregation.

I've looked at that picture hundreds of times, but recently I noticed that there were no trees on the property at the time of ground-breaking. The church site was a piece of farmland donated by Mr. Donalson. I wonder who planted the trees that lined Jackson School Road and graced the edge of Calvary Lutheran Church property.

As you know, Hillsboro has grown a lot since those times, and now The City of Hillsboro anticipates another twenty thousand more people arriving in the next several years. They will be widening Jackson School Road, and adding a pedestrian path and a bike path and an extra lane for safe merging onto the city streets.

The City will be removing the trees that have graced Calvary property some sixty years. I thought they were there always since the third day of Creation. The City has informed us that tree removal will begin sometime in October. I have heard some say mid or late-October, but we should be ready for things to change anytime soon.

Folks at Calvary have differing feelings and opinions about the trees. One of our building and maintenance committee members expressed gratitude because this will save all that trouble gathering leaves in the fall.

Some are heartbroken and mourn the trees as one mourns a family member.

A neighbor of Calvary who is a biologist told me that the white oak on the southern part of the property is crucial to the bio-sphere of Hillsboro. The removal of that tree will harm the overall canopy of trees in the city. It will affect the birds' habitat and the general life of the urban forest.

Early on, when the city first gave us news of this road widening project, and the inevitability of the trees coming down, I was considering a protest. But as I listened to members of Calvary who live in this neighborhood, I found that they were very much in favor of the road improvements. They said Jackson School Road has been a very dangerous road for pedestrians, bicyclists and skateboarders, and they welcome the widening of the road and a bicycle path and a pedestrian path. So, I won't be chaining myself to the trees. I did try to convince the city to spare the white oak but was not successful.

The property and ground committee did most of the negotiating with the city. Calvary will benefit from the parking lot renovation that will take place.

I hope in the months ahead we can use this opportunity to have conversations about how our culture as a whole can make decisions that seriously take into consideration the good of the natural world around us. Rather than bending nature to our will, I hope that we would study the ways of nature and accommodate our lives to honor the natural ways of life which God created and called very good, in Hebrew, "Tov!"

**Psalm 52**

But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.

*God's Peace,  
Pr. Matthew*

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**EcoFaith Celebrate Trees**

**Sunday, October 27**



\*We will honor our trees that need to be cut down to improve safety on Jackson School Road and bless them as they will become firewood for families in need. Our building and grounds crew will help us plant something to commemorate this.

\*Everyone is invited to continue the celebration in a "bring your own picnic" in the fellowship hall about 11:30 am.

\*Weather permitting, following the picnic, (around noon?) we encourage all who are able to join us in heading out to enjoy the beautiful large trees in Hillsboro's Noble Woods Park. We will use the north entrance just off Baseline Road (6208 E Main Street). There is a one-mile, paved walking path with boardwalks over Rock Creek and there are also several soft-surface paths that lead through the woods and over varied terrain.

**\*Final celebration option: for those who would like to gather at Insomnia on Baseline for coffee, tea, and conversation, we will meet there after enjoying the park.**

**Save the date:**

**Advent Church clean up morning**

**Saturday, November 23, 9 am to noon**

**Let's beautify our building for the Advent season! Join your EcoFaith and Buildings & Grounds volunteers to get our church looking good to celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons.**

## EcoFaith and Social Ministry

The September 22 Celebrate insert's introduction starting with "As we are invited to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have..." brought to mind the many suggestions and concerns that were brought forward during the youth led worldwide September 20 Climate Strike. Our team members were inspired the following day by Matt Brigg's movie *Deep Green* sponsored by 350.org Washington County. Watch for a winter date to view the movie here at Calvary or borrow a DVD to watch in your own home. The time to act is now so that future generations have the opportunity to enjoy God's creation.

Pastor Matthew distributed some climate action suggestions from Matt Briggs on Sunday, September 22. The following are a few of the suggestions for climate actions from 350.org Washington County.

### Plant a Tree

Forests are amongst our greatest mechanisms for capturing and storing carbon.

6 of the top 10 storing national forests are in Oregon.

The timber industry is part of the problem. Carbon is stored more securely in long-lived forests than in short lived wood products. In fact, the process of logging a forest and converting it to forest products releases most of the stored carbon. Only 15% of carbon stored in a live tree is stored in the final wood product.

If you can't plant a tree, how about supporting our pollinators? Plant a pollinator friendly plant.

Native Trees: Douglas Fir, Western White Pine, Western Red Cedar, Big Leaf Maple, Vine Maple, Garry's Oak, Pacific Dogwood

Native Pollinator Plants: Milkweed, Lupine, Delphinium, Bee Balm, Western Red Columbine, Strawberries, Oregon Grape, Honeysuckle

### Eat Less Meat

Happy #MeatFree Monday

"I think many of us feel helpless in the face of environmental challenges, and it can be hard to know how to sort through the advice about what we can do to make a meaningful contribution to a cleaner, more sustainable, healthier world...having one designated meat free day a week is actually a meaningful change that everyone can make, that goes to the heart of several important political, environmental and ethical issues all at once." Sir Paul McCartney

According to Project Drawdown, if all the world's cattle formed their own nation, they would be the planet's third-largest emitter of greenhouse gases, so eating less meat--especially beef—is good for the planet.

"There's really no mystery as to the main reasons we're seeing tropical forests disappear," says Frances Seymour, a Senior Fellow on forest and governance issues at The World Resource Institute. "Vast areas continue to be cleared for soy [to feed livestock], beef, palm oil, and other globally traded commodities.

These actions may seem insignificant, but you can make a difference. If everyone acts, we can heal our planet.



# Stewardship

by Deacon Cathie M. Carlisle, congregation council liaison

## Did you know...

- ...the trend is to go paperless by using a Debit or Credit Card.
- ...“Give-Plus” by Vanco is our on-line giving program.
- ...Fall is the time congregation councils begin looking at the up-coming budget.
- ...the last three months of the year giving increases – either as a catch-up for missed monthly donations or for a tax write-off.
- ...it is becoming more expensive for banks to process checks than it is credit cards.
- ...by 2026 checks will no longer be accepted for any type of payment.

## How do we embrace this new technology?

Communication  
Education  
Practicing

## How do we obtain a Give-Plus mobile app?

If you have an Apple phone, go to the Apple store and download the free Give-Plus App.  
If you have an Android phone, go to the Google store and download the free Give-Plus App.

## How to make an on-line gift to Calvary Lutheran?

Go to [www.calvarylutheranhillsboro.org](http://www.calvarylutheranhillsboro.org)

Scroll down to the bottom of the page

Click on the box that reads “Give Here”

## How to make an on-line gift to Calvary Lutheran via Text Messaging?

Simply sending a text to our secure account at CALVARY’S GIVE BY TEXT NUMBER: 503-749-7867.

## How to get more information?

Listen to the webinar at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/viewRecording/614112828442520075/64532936838264834/cmcarli@yahoo.com?registrantKey=5119142920843612172&type=ABSENTEEMAILRECORDINGLINK>  
Or contact me ([cmcarli@yahoo.com](mailto:cmcarli@yahoo.com)) to send you the link



## ELCA Evangelism Tips



### *Courageous Leadership*

**C**reator of All, could you be calling me to be a leader? Do you not see my faults and frailties? Do you not see my trembling legs and sweating palms? Thank you for thinking of me, but could you please find someone else? Perhaps tomorrow I could help, but not today. Yes, tomorrow.

**O**mnipotent Lord, again, you call and ask me to lead. You are persistent. These are tough times to be a leader in the church. There is so much conflict in our world, country and even the church. It's hard to know which direction to turn, let alone to take the responsibility to lead someone else. There is bound to be another person who wants to lead.

**U**nrelenting Pursuer, I hear your call. And I say, "Ok." With your guidance, I will try to lead. But let me repeat -- my abilities are limited. Sometimes, I cannot find my car keys, and I forget what I'm doing. But here I am. If you can use me to bring your reign, then, Holy One, here I am. Send me.

**R**edeeming Christ, reach out and find others to walk with me on this journey. Bless me with partners in ministry and mission. Care for us, feeding us with your Word and giving us rest after a long day of labor. Teach us to trust you, know your voice and rely on you for direction. Help us savor with joy and celebrate the opportunities to serve you.

**A**lmighty Savior, there is so much to do and such need. Sometimes I'm not sure of priorities. Remind me to pause for prayer as I serve you in mission and ministry. Renew my spirit and clarify my vision for your will.

**G**racious Shepherd, grant me a compassionate, loving spirit to respond to the needs of others, especially on days when I am tired. Give me patience and understanding for those who disagree with me or doubt my leadership. Sometimes their complaints hurt -- deeply. So, grant me patience . . . quickly.

**E**ternal God, I now understand the privilege to serve as a leader. Forgive me for my hesitation to respond to your call. Indeed, it is an honor to lead your people. Fill me with your passionate and bold spirit. Give me courage to faithfully follow you each day. Amen.

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♥ Welcome to  
Preschool!

## Preschool Fundraiser



**JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING**  
**Calvary Lutheran Preschool**  
**Tuition Assistance Fund**

Bring in this flyer and MOD will donate 20%  
of your bill to support their great work!



**OCTOBER 22 10:30am – 9:00pm**  
**4554 NE Cornell Road (across from Costco)**

Offer valid only on the delivery and at the MOD location identified on this flyer. Only non-profit organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 20% of food and beverage sales to the organizations. Tax, gift cards and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer valid for drive in or take out. Not valid for online and phone orders. Offer void if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant.  
For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>

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**Come to Mod Pizza on Tuesday, October 22!**  
**Bring this page with you to support our Preschool!**

# Lutheran Community Services Annual Fundraising Lunch

## “The Road Home”

Sunday, October 20th

Downtown Portland Marriott Hotel

Social Hour: 12:30 pm; Lunch & Program: 1:30 pm

Questions: Kendall Meyer

503-731-9576

[kmeyer@lcsnw.org](mailto:kmeyer@lcsnw.org)

*Make a difference for refugees, immigrants and crime victims. There is no cost to attend, but there will be an opportunity to help individuals and families in our community with a financial gift or pledge.*





## Calvary Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

Cathie Carlisle, Chair—Judy Britton and Michele Cage, Assistants  
Kayse Durgan, Treasurer—Leslie Mayfield, Secretary  
All women of Calvary belong to Calvary WELCA

### WELCA Meeting on September 21, 2019

**Refreshments:** Thank you Inge, Edie, and Leslie

#### Business Meeting

##### Team Reports:

The treasurer's report was presented. Kayse renewed our two copies of *Gather* magazine.

Cathie has drafted an update of our constitution to align with WELCA's changes. We will review the changes and vote on them in November.



##### Ministry Reports:

Cradle Roll: Edie will work on getting and dispersing supplies for one child.

Quilting and Knitting: Three graduation quilts are needed this year.

Book club: Anita O. will coordinate book club at the church on Tuesday, September 24. We will discuss *The Atomic City Girls*.

Art Share: October 10 participants will be making Halloween cards.

##### God's Family Reports:

Oregon SWO: Kayse reported that the fabulous June convention was on spiritual practices. She has a list of resources. State and national WELCA giving is greatly appreciated.

Care team: Edie continues to organize the weekly, biweekly, and monthly card ministry. We have received many positive responses.

##### Events:

Cathie is willing to be present and support one or two people doing a pre-study to lead our monthly Bible studies.

It was suggested to invite a friend to attend a Calvary/WELCA event or Bible Study.

We discussed whether to host or coordinate with others for a retreat this year. The decision was to not do a retreat this year.

Last year we hosted a sister congregation event in December. We will not do so this year and will leave that opportunity to other congregations. There will not be a Calvary WELCA meeting in December this year.

**Triennial WELCA Gathering, July 16-19, 2020, Phoenix:** Registration is now open.

Our **Thank offering Service** will be **November 17**. The envelopes have been ordered.

**Bible Study:** Thanks to Cathie for her preparation and presentation of our first study in the new Bible study series "No Hard Feelings".

### Next meeting is Saturday, October 19

Refreshment team: Esta and ?; Bible study facilitator: any volunteers? Contact Cathie for info

9:30 am refreshments; 10:00 business meeting; 10:30-11:30 Bible Study

**All women are welcome! Come for the morning or any part that works for you.**

## October Fellowship & Study



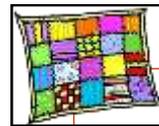
### Calvary Book Club

The book club will meet on Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 pm at the home of Sally Bjerke. It will be hosted by Sally and Edie Pyle. The book selection is East of Eden, by John Steinbeck.



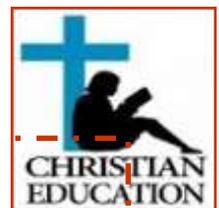
### Lunch Bunch

Lunch will be on Wednesday, October 9th at 11:30 am, location to be determined. Questions? Contact Inge Eriksen.



### Quilting and Knitting

The group will meet on Saturday, October 5th at 9:00 am to create beautiful quilts, prayer shawls, and purple hats.



### BIBLE STUDIES AT CALVARY

**The Men's Bible Study Group** meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the church library. There's a small but dedicated group of guys that gather and watch a short video and then engage in stimulating discussions. All men welcome.

**The Women's Bible Study Group** meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church library. This is a lively group of about 12 that gathers for various studies, depending upon the church season. There's always a great discussion. All women welcome.

## ArtShare –



**Art** = is the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as painting or sculpture, producing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power. The term art encompasses diverse media such as painting, sculpture, printmaking, drawing, decorative arts, photography. Then there is the Performing Arts: Music, Dance, Theater.

**Share** = a part or portion of a larger amount which is divided among a number of people, or to which several people contribute.

**ArtShare** is a time when various people share their expression of creativity to give others the experience in using diverse media (inks, oils, paper, beads, strings, etc.) to give their creative imaginations exercise.

**ArtShare** is starting its second year at Calvary Lutheran. We will be planning three months in advance, with input from those who participate. There will be an instructor and an assistant at each session to help participants who would like some extra time in working on the project or with the media for the day, or have trouble hearing, etc.

**October 10** - Halloween cards – Marteena Sander and Cathie Carlisle  
Pre-set card designs with your own special touch  
Make your own card using ideas from samples  
Materials are provided.  
There is a “Tip Jar”

**November 14** – Thanksgiving cards/decorations – Marteena Sander and Cathie Carlisle

**December 12** – Window stars to Christmas tags – Cathie Carlisle and Marteena Sander

**January 9, 2020** – Valentine project – Inge Eriksen and Cathie Carlisle

There is no right way to do Art. The correct way is “Just Do It.” Here is an opportunity to invite a friend to a non-worship event held at the church.

The second Thursday of each month from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. RSVP’s are not necessary but helpful.  
E-mail: [cmcarli@yahoo.com](mailto:cmcarli@yahoo.com) or phone 503.649.5045 or cell and text message: 503.388.4774

**Come one – come all. Come share.  
Share your experience. Share camaraderie.**

*A Note from Betty Adams...*



## *Adult Forum News*

We have embarked on a book and work book by Randy Alcott called “Heaven”.

If you can't imagine what heaven will be like, come join us!!

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am



*Betty Adams and Michele Cage packing school supplies on Rally Sunday*

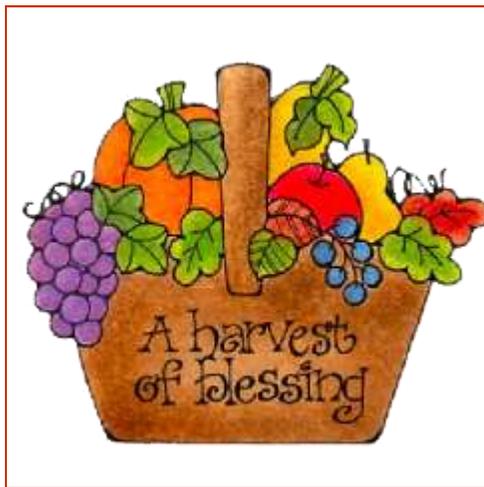
## In Our Prayers



Gail & John Eilmes, Joy Toperzer, Jim Bany, Pippa & Family, Baby Alice Crume, Judy Reed, John Hartner, Jon Lewis (Air Force) and Ermine Todd (Army) and all members of our military, Tomi Deveraux, Mary Crandall, Sharon Schmadeke, Dick Highhouse

## Happy Birthday & Anniversary!

Oct 1	Betty Bartline Cathie Carlisle
Oct 2	Sally Bjerke Kayse Durgan Mary Ordal
Oct 8	Don Hudock
Oct 11	Gary Clark
Oct 12	Dave & Dina Moore
Oct 14	Don Larsen
Oct 20	Werner Leupold
Oct 23	Colleen Wesel
Oct 24	Shari Young
Oct 26	Craig Rice
Oct 30	Gil Morgan



## October Calendar

Oct 1	Blood Drive, set-up at noon
Oct 2	Bible Study, 10:30am Bible Study, 1pm
Oct 5	Quilting & Knitting, 9am
Oct 6	Sunday Worship, 10am
Oct 9	Bible Study, 10:30am Lunch Bunch, 11:30am Bible Study, 1pm
Oct 10	Art Share, 2pm
Oct 13	Sunday Worship, 10am Council Meeting
Oct 16	Bible Study, 10:30am Bible Study, 1pm
Oct 19	WELCA, 9:30am
Oct 20	Sunday Worship, 10am LCSNW Fundraising Lunch
Oct 21	Bishop's Convocation begins
Oct 22	Book Club, 7pm
Oct 23	Bible Study, 10:30am Bible Study, 1pm
Oct 27	Sunday Worship, 10am Tree Blessing
Oct 29	Blood Drive
Oct 30	Bible Study, 10:30am Bible Study, 1pm