

Calvary Lutheran Church

Crossways

October 2024



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Join Us for Worship
Sundays in person at 10am

or on Zoom:
Meeting ID: 840 5961 815
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Pastor's Page

"But if anyone should sin, we have an Advocate with God - Jesus Christ, who is just. Jesus is the full payment for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for those of the whole world."

1 John 2:1b-2

Ending the Year with 'Grace-Filled Beginnings'

I realize it is only just October, but at the pace the year has been passing, I am already looking ahead and planning for Advent. Yes, even in the church Halloween gets pushed aside for Christmas planning.

As I started looking at how we might walk through Advent this year, I realized that some of what is going on around Calvary right now is helping us 'get ready' for the season of 'getting ready.'

We just started a new Bible Study program (Sundays after church! Join in anytime!) and for the next couple weeks we are looking at 1 John, a short letter near the end of the New Testament. Within this letter are possible answers to some deep questions: who is Jesus; who are we; and how do we love and live? When considering how we might 'get ready,' pondering those questions is not a bad way to start.

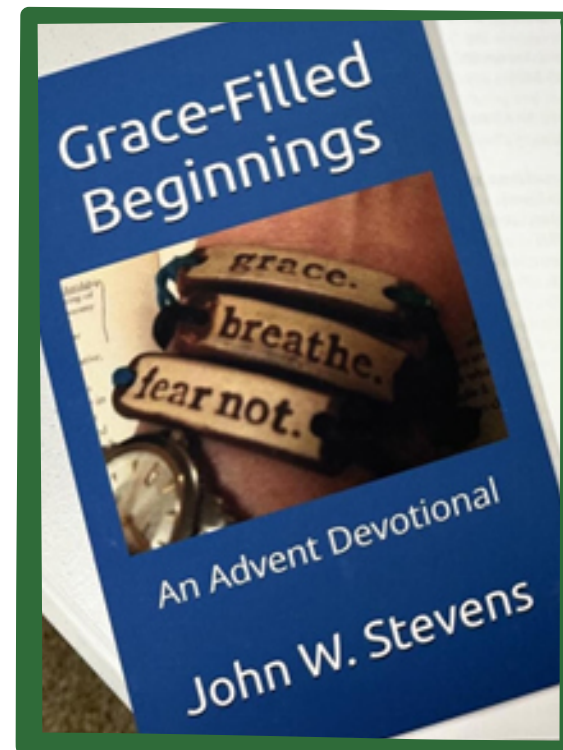
We also have fun community events coming up: the Blessing of the Animals and the Trunk or Treat. Engaging with our neighbors, opening our doors (and car trunks) to new faces is another way to prepare for the messages of advent.

And, when Thanksgiving passes and Advent arrives, we will be ready to consider the many Grace-Filled ways the season prepares us for the joys of Christmas.

A pastor mentor and friend, Rev. John Stevens, wrote a lovely Advent devotional called Grace-Filled Beginnings and I plan on this being a foundation for this year's services. Feel free to get a copy if you want to 'study ahead;' a link to where they can be purchased will be shared below.

So, may we prepare to prepare, may we take time to enjoy these moments before they pass too quickly, and may we always remember the grace that surrounds us and always has, from the beginning.

Blessings to you all!
-Pastor Rachel Kramer



[Click here to purchase if you're reading online!](#)

Scan the QR code below if you're reading the paper copy.



Updates from the Council

Fall greetings!

Congregation Care: Calvary has an active prayer list. Two of the ways to request prayer support are to have a name placed on the prayers of the church which is printed in the weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter. The second is a more private email list of Prayer Warriors.

Community Care: For the next few months, we will be focusing on drawing in the people who are already in our building, through preschool, AA, blood drives, etc. Along those lines, Anita created a new bulletin board in the narthex, giving guests in our building an idea of what our church is about. The Preschool kickoff worship and BBQ went well with 47 people in worship, including 3 preschool staff and 4 Preschool families. We will put up flyers around the building for the Blessing of the Animals service and Trunk or Treat event, inviting all to join us.

Worship: We have moved back to communion by intinction. This will help decrease the expense and waste of plastic cups. New communal wine and juice goblets have been commissioned and new paraments for the altar have been ordered through memorial fund. The hinge of the fallboard on the piano needs to be repaired. We are still looking for a volunteer coordinator.

Property team: The behind-the-scenes work continues at Calvary. Weekly mowing by Dave Rabon and Gary Clark. Garden watering, weeding, shrub pruning by Anita Hiebel, Don and Maria Hudock, and Gary C. A huge Thank You! to the great gardening crew who answered the call to weed the strip along Jackson School Rd, Don H, Dave R, Ross Patton, Dina and Dave Moore! Gary C has trimmed two truck of trimmings this month.

New protocols have been set up for use of the kitchen and dishwasher/sanitizer. Frank Hiebel and Don H working on areas of the building exterior. Dave R is meeting with painting contractors to get an idea of the cost to paint Calvary's exterior in the coming year. Pastor Sal of Life Center Pentecostal will be making some of the needed repairs.

Thrivent mortgage: The balance is under \$8,000. An additional \$1,000 gift was made toward the mortgage balance and will be sent in with the next payment. This will bring our pay-off date to April 2025. Your additional gifts and donations are making a difference to general fund!

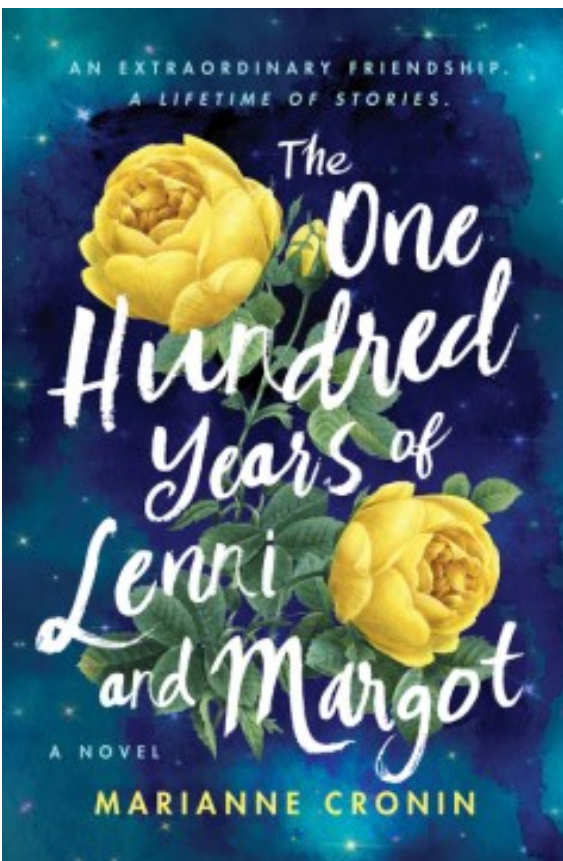
Safety and Security during Sunday worship: The Synod is having a De-escalation training was attended by Ross, Anita and Leslie. One of the basic principles and attitudes presented was to treat people as people. We were given a printout summarizing de-escalation basics, which is available if you would like a copy.

Let us remember the words of Alexander Shaia, by the grace of God: we bow to release, rise to wait, open to receive, and step out to serve.

In peace,
Leslie Rabon



Book Club Gathering



Everyone is welcome to join book club discussions. We usually meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month. This month, we are meeting on **October 29 at 1:30 pm** at Margaret Deveraux Jefferies' house (262 NE 18th 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.

October's novel is *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin. The author achieved something special writing about the friendship and collaboration project of two terminally ill patients with tenderness and humor. The unlikely friends, a 17-year-old and 83-year-old, added their ages together to devise a plan to create 100 memorable paintings. Deon will lead our discussion.

Coming **December 3**: Selecting books for 2025
During November, please find and review one or two books to suggest for 2025. We try to read books that are available at the public library in a variety of formats. Be prepared to describe or summarize the suggested book(s).

Peace,
Leslie Smith Mayfield



Pastor on the Move!

Pastor Rachel will be attending the Bishop's Convocation from October 21st until the 23rd. She will be able to be reached in an emergency.

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

Not-so-Youth Group

937 NE Jackson School Rd
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1st and 3rd Wednesdays!
6:00 PM

Join the event on Facebook for reminders!

All Are Welcome

Ways to Participate

Carve out a
new tradition.

Give Blood!



Blood Drive:
October 22nd
1:30pm - 7:00 pm

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

TRUNK OR TREAT!

CANDY!!

OCTOBER 31, 2024
5 - 6 PM

ALL AGES WELCOME!

PETS WELCOME TOO!



October Birthdays

01 Cathie Carlisle

02 Mary Ordal

02 Kayse Durgan

02 Sally Bjerke

08 Don Hudock

10 Janet Van Dyke

11 Gary Clark

23 Colleen Wesel

24 Shari Young

29 Ross Patton

30 Gil Morgan

In Our Prayers

For the World

Be persistent in praying for peace, justice and reconciliation in the world, including in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, the Palestinian territories, Sudan, Yemen, Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

For the Oregon Synod

For Pr. Weston Walker's mother Mary Beth as she recovers from a major health event.

For Rhonda Powell, synod assembly planning coordinator, as she undergoes chemotherapy.

For the Calvary Lutheran Family

Jim Bany
Theresa Becker
Bette Carlisle
Danny Dillard
Carol Dougall
Daniel Dougall & the Forest Grove National Guard units
Gail Nagel Erickson
Merle Kind
Shelley Kubik
Rik Mayfield
Jann Patton
Kourtney Peterson
Edie & John Pyle
Julie Steward
Diana Thompson



October Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:30am Bible Study 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary | 30 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary | 1 1:30pm Book Club at Margaret's 1:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive | 2 6:00pm Not-So-Youth Group - Welcome Room 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary | 3 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall | 4 7:00pm TGIF AA Group | 5 9:00am Quilting and Knitting 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice |
| 6 Animal Blessing 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:30am Bible Study 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:00pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary | 7 1:00pm Quilter Reservation 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary | 8 7:00pm AA Meeting - 2nd Tuesday | 9 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary | 10 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall | 11 7:00pm TGIF AA Group | 12 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice |
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