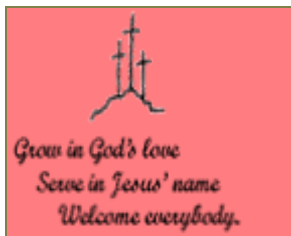


April 2018

Greetings from Pastor Matthew

ELCA Youth Gathering



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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I had a lovely conversation on the phone with a guy in Colorado named Brandon. "Hey, man," I said, "I am so glad you are still in business. You made the best dyes back in the day." I ordered six jars of dye in various colors, cobalt blue, fire red, lemon yellow, a light green, lavender purple and a bag of "fixer" and several items to make twenty-five tie-dye T-shirts for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston Texas at the end of June. I was pleased—grateful—to be talking to a real person on the phone who could answer my questions about colors and amounts. Placing the order, he never gave me the impression that he was in a hurry. When we were done placing the order, I had one more question. "I used to buy dyes from you some twenty-five years ago, I said, and I've always wondered, did your company start out in the back of a VW bus in the parking lot of a stadium at a Grateful Dead Concert?" Brandon said, "I don't think so, but it did start with two guys who decided to start up a business. One of the guys was my father. You probably talked to him twenty-five years ago," he said, "He is walking through the door now." "That's awesome," I said, "I'm so glad you are still in business." So, just yesterday the package showed up in my mailbox. Some of our youth designed a T-shirt with a drawing of Mount Hood and a cross and the names of the three churches who are going together to the Youth Gathering in Houston, Immanuel in Portland, St. Andrew in Beaverton, and Calvary in Hillsboro.

The Youth have been meeting regularly once a month for Bible Study, a lot of conversation about current issues and of course games to play. In these ways we are building relationships and getting ready spiritually for the Gathering.

Here at Calvary, we have managed to get a couple of fund-raising things going. We appreciate the steady offerings of recyclable cans and bottles that you have been bringing in which the youth take to the store earning their way to Houston ten cents at a time. The Chili cook-off went very well. It was a lot of fun, although some people seemed dismayed that the vegetarian chili won the contest. As in politics these days, it is not only about voting for your favorite flavor, it is also about how much money you put in the hat. The youth were so excited to have raised one thousand one dollars and ninety eight cents' - someone later chipped in on the two pennies, too.

The youth and I so appreciate your generous giving! We have raised much of our cost so far. We need about three thousand dollars more.

Last Sunday I announced a Hoe-down with square dancing and round dancing. I've wanted to do something like this ever since we did some community dancing at Camp Lutherwood last year. However, although this would be a fun event for the community, it may not be the best idea for a fundraiser. So, we'll come up with something simpler, and we hope and trust that you will help us get the three thousand more we need to get to Houston.

I am so grateful for Ryan Parker and the parent leaders, and especially the Youth who have taken great initiative and leadership among themselves. Our Calvary Youth are terrific! And so is Calvary congregation. Thank you for your support.

God Bless You! Pastor Matthew



Holy Week & Easter Sunday Schedule

Journey with Christ



Palm Sunday, March 25th: Worship @ 10 am

This liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.



Maundy Thursday, March 29th: Worship @ 7 pm

This service includes Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

Good Friday, March 30th: Worship @ 7 pm @ UCC

This will be an ecumenical service held at the First Congregational UCC, 494 E. Main St. Hillsboro, OR 97124. Many other churches will be joining together for this special service.

Easter Sunday, April 1st:

- **Children decorate the cross @ 7:45 am.** The congregation is invited to bring flowers for the cross decorating before 8 am or drop them off on Saturday night. We will leave buckets outside for the flowers. Easter lilies welcome as well.
- **Easter Brunch is from 9:00 am—10:30 am.** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex with various ways to help.
- **Easter Worship is @ 8:30 am and 10:30 am**

On this day the Lord has acted! With great joy we celebrate this day of days. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that ***Christ is risen!***



Prayer on Good Friday, by Brian Doyle

“Which isn’t good at all. One of the great misnomers of all time. It’s bleak, haunted, immensely sad. It rivets and ravages me every year as I sit hidden behind a post-beam in the balcony of the chapel, where no one can see me weeping at the poor lonely broken Yeshua, betrayed by His best friends, beaten by the sneering cops, blood dripping into His eyes, grilled by a police chief who couldn’t care less about justice and mercy and wants only to evade blame for a matter he considers minor at best. Yet it wasn’t minor at all, and somehow it turns on that harrowing day long ago. A mysterious young man from a country village, causing an epic political and civil ruckus in the city. A murderous mob, angry religious Brahmins, potential colonial unrest that will *not* look good at headquarters. Gnostic answers by the calm young man when interrogated. Poor Peter bitterly berating himself for his cowardice, and which one of us would have done better? The apostles frightened, the sound of hammers nailing the young man to a cross, the lowering darkness, the murmurs of fear through the city as the sun is blotted out. Veronica’s veil and Simon’s shoulders, Simon the African; did his compassion surge and make him step forth, or was he shoved into legend by a soldier? The gaunt young man sagging toward death; His quiet blessing of a thief; His last words to His mother; one last desperate cry; He thirsts, He prays, He dies. And in the chapel not another word, not another sound; and soon we exit silently, and go our ways, for once without the tang of Eucharist on our tongues, for once without a cheerful chaff for friends and handshakes all round; and no matter how bright the rest of the day, how brilliant the late afternoon, how redolent the new flowers, how wild the sunset over the river, you shiver a little; not just for Him, but for all of us, His children, face to face today with despair. And so silently home to pray for light emerging miraculously where it seemed all was dark. And so: amen.”

Dwelling in the Word

Palm/Passion Sunday - March 25, 2018 Mark 11:1-11

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”



I'm old school. I've never been at peace with "Passion" Sunday. It will forever be Palm Sunday for me. If people aren't going to come to church for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, then they just miss out. I can make up for that the rest of the year. When I was in the parish we would process with palms, read the Palm Sunday Gospel, and I would preach on that. Then we could do whatever.

This year is interesting in that "March4OurLives" will just have preceded Palm Sunday. How is this entry of our nation's youth and their concerns being received? How was Jesus received? How are you or I received as we seek to speak out - and usher in - the love of God?

You may want to touch on that. Maybe not, I don't know. What should happen this Sunday, though, is an introduction to the story to be told through out the eight days of Holy Week. There is no raising from the dead without the crucifixion and tomb. There are no short cuts. Jesus surely took a journey in our stead, but we have a journey which is likewise important and while it can be avoided, maybe, it cannot be avoided without a cost to others and our own souls.

Find freedom in Jesus this week. Freedom, hope, purpose and conviction. Preach with power!

Blessings,
Bp. Dave Brauer-Rieke

Eco-Reformation



Calvary's Eco-Reformation team is part of an ELCA reformation for the next 500 years of the Lutheran Church. We have been supported by the Oregon Synod with training and a mentor from EcoFaith Recovery (EcoFaithRecovery.org). Our work is guided by seven practices for awakening leadership. These are:

ACCESS Spiritual Power

DEVELOP Relationships

DISCOVER our Stories

MENTOR One Another

ACT Together

REFLECT on our Actions

RESTORE Balance

As we engage in these practices within the personal, interpersonal, community, and public parts of our lives, we are recovering our true vocation as people of faith and citizens of earth. We welcome all of you to join us.

At Calvary, we first focused on conversations and getting outside. At Eco-Coffees, we have shared stories and information. In March, Sandy G. researched and presented benefits of and questions regarding electric vehicles. We are working on arrangements to have a speaker at our April Eco-Coffee.

On weekends, we have been inspired by and appreciated Oregon's beauty by hiking and walking. Congregation members have hiked at Silver Falls, Stub Stewart State Park, and Oswald West State Park. Groups have walked and picnicked at Kilchis Point and Jackson Bottom Wetlands. This winter, we had an Eco-Movie after church when it wasn't "You-don't-have-to-hike-Hike" weather.

Our mentor has encouraged us to explore community groups that we could partner with to work towards the healing of God's creation. The team has met with a couple groups so far in this effort.

We welcome your participation in activities and the practices. The team would love to hear your ideas and suggestions. Feel free to contact team members: Michele Cage, John Pyle, Pastor Matthew, and Rik & Leslie Mayfield.

Thanks to all who have supported Eco-Reformation at Calvary by sharing your stories and developing relationships in our outings and gatherings. We look forward to more opportunities this spring.



-Leslie Mayfield

April Activities

Tuesday, April 10: Eco-Coffee at Primrose & Tumbleweeds in Hillsboro, 2 pm. Jane Wilson from Friends of Glencoe Swale will be our guest speaker. She's a master naturalist and actively authors frogsblog.org.

Wednesday, April 18: Eco-Team Meeting at church at 4 pm.

Saturday, April 28: Eco-Hike at Hagg Lake near Forest Grove. Gather at Calvary at 9 am to carpool. Hagg Lake is a good place to picnic, walk, hike, bike or get in the water with a canoe or kayak.

Save the date!

**Calvary's Annual Meeting, Part II is Sunday,
April 29th after worship.**



Hillsboro is a Sanctuary City...

This Monday marked the one year anniversary of the city of Hillsboro becoming a Sanctuary City. About fifty people gathered in front of the Courthouse on First and Main, pastors and lay people from various churches, concerned neighbors, and two ACLU observers. I gave a little speech and also read a poem by one of my favorite Latin American poets, Octavio Paz. I would like to share these things with you. Also, I led the people in singing the American spiritual, "Eyes on the Prize" which was covered by Gene Watson, Pete Seeger and Bruce Springsteen. I did the Springsteen version.

One year ago, many of us here today spoke to the Mayor and the Hillsboro City Council urging them to declare Hillsboro a Sanctuary City. One year later, life is harder than it was before, and the situation is worse. I want to remind you of Moses who stood before the Pharaoh and said "Let my people go!"

But the Pharaoh ordered the Hebrew slaves to work twice as hard as before. When we stand up against oppression, the oppressors double down and make life worse than it was before. But Moses kept going back to Pharaoh, saying, "Let my People go!" It took ten times and ten plagues before the pharaoh set the people free. So do not despair. It always gets worse before it gets better.

But we will stand, hand in hand, and keep our eyes on the prize.

In this song, the prize is heaven described as a beautiful city where the streets are lined with gold, and there are twelve gates in the city made of pearls and the gates of the city are always open so people can come and go in peace and freedom. A father is not snatched away. Families are not torn apart. In this city there is no evil. Only love, peace and freedom. A river runs through this city and beside the river are twelve trees giving fruit in all seasons, and the leaves of the trees are for the healing of nations. This is the prize. Peace and freedom and a place called home. Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on.

On Saturday, some Calvary members plan to participate in the "March for Our Lives," march to end gun violence. This year has been unique in that many people of faith are getting involved in these movements to stand up for the resident aliens in our land, to end gun violence, to reduce carbon emissions in our climate changing atmosphere, and to mitigate species loss. I was sad to hear on the news yesterday that the last male White Rhino has died, and that there are only two female White Rhino's left. This time species loss is not caused by a meteor or other natural disasters. Species loss is a direct cause of human activity, pollution and encroachment on animal habitats. Not only am I passionate about these issues, as well, but also, part of my calling as a pastor is to encourage you to work toward justice and peace. It is written right into my letter of Ordination, and written in the book of Amos: "Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." Consider how your passion and gifts might be used for the healing of the world and the building up of the Realm of God.

God's Peace, Pastor Matthew



Adult Forums: Women & Justice— In 2014 & Four Years Later in 2018

In the fall of 2014, Calvary Lutheran WELCA hosted a Sunset Cluster Listening Post on Women and Justice, facilitated by Sonja Hoffman, ELCA Task Force Process Builder for the Oregon Synod. As Sonja Hoffman shared the goals for the Task Force on Women and Justice, we pondered what we had to bring to the table.

The first pondering was, literally, what to bring to the table as we choose our afternoon desserts provided by the women at Calvary Lutheran. The second pondering: where have we been affected by justice issues. On the November ballot was the issue of equal pay, but we did not share that concern. What experiences did we have concerning this issue of women and justice?

We see bullying and “grooming” of victims.
We see budget cuts that affect women and children who do not have medical insurance.
We see young girls with low self-esteem
We see women struggling to maintain a healthy lifestyle to be thwarted by their significant other. We then pondered: what can we do about it?
Confronting the bullying issue when we see it happening. We might have to have a learning event or two on how to do this.
Supporting agencies that assist those in poverty.
Advocating for the widow and the orphan.
Mentoring.

Women and Justice: One in Christ

A. Task Force-Led Process Responding to the call received from the 2009 Churchwide Assembly, a task force has been assembled to lead the process of social statement formation. The task force is composed of 19 ELCA members selected to represent diverse walks of life, perspectives, genders, geographic regions, ethnicities and skill sets. The task force studies relevant topics and discusses important issues that will allow them to draft a social statement that represented the hopes and concerns of the whole church.

B. How to be Involved

Listening Events: A listening event is an opportunity to hear insights and concerns on issues of women and justice in church and society from ELCA members. Everyone in the ELCA is invited and encouraged to say what matters to them about the issues at hand. Your input is essential in ensuring that the social statement addresses issues that members find most pressing. Study Resources:

The task force is currently providing brief study resources for your use.

Miss Representation unpacks how the media objectifies women and examines the effect of this powerful medium on both men and women. A study and discussion guide can be found on-line.

Half the Sky is an award-winning book and movie presenting the realities of women’s lives worldwide. A discussion guide can be found on-line.

Human Trafficking is a curriculum series providing six one-hour sessions that present the facts of human trafficking and discusses how we as Lutherans can respond to the call to affect change in the system that allow human trafficking to continue.

C. Process Builders New to this social statement process are teams of Process Builders. These individuals in a synod are trained to strengthen communication and awareness. Process Builders act as a link between the task force and congregations and other ministries. They can lead listening events and educate about the social statement formation process.

From the February 2015 issue of the Oregon Synod Newsletter – the Grapevine

Four Years Later – April 2018

In November 2017, the Women and Justice Social Statement Task Force published a draft of their findings. Congregations around the country are studying the draft and providing comments, concerns, and additional information.

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church is entering again into the process as the Adult Forum studies the proposed Social Statement.

Betty Adams will lead this discussion stating at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings in the church library. A response form at the end of the document will be completed and sent to the Task Force before September 2018. The Task Force will compile these responses and tweak the document as necessary. The final document will be submitted to the 2019 Churchwide Assembly for approval.

ELCA Social Statements take a long time to develop. With over 4000 congregations in 9 Synods covering the 50 States of the Union, discerning God’s Word regarding the issue takes the community of Christ.

The document may be downloaded at <http://www.elca.org/womenandjustice>.

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for the Body of Christ here at Calvary who are willing and able to enter into these discussions for the sake of all people.



April Fellowship & Study



Calvary Book Club

The book club will meet on Tuesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm, hosted by Leslie Mayfield and Anita Oberhelman. The book selection is Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, by Gail Honeyman.



Lunch Bunch

Lunch will be on Wednesday, April 11th at 11:30 am at Amelia's Mexican Restaurant in downtown Hillsboro on the corner of 4th and Main. And, it's Pastor Matthew's birthday! Questions? Contact Inge Eriksen.



Quilting and Knitting

The group will meet on Saturday, April 7th 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.

Both groups are led by Pr. Matthew.



Calvary Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

Judy Britton and Anita Oberhelman, Co-Chairs
Kayse Durgan, Treasurer—Leslie Mayfield, Secretary
All women of Calvary belong to Calvary WELCA

WELCA Meeting—March 17, 2018

Social: Inge served a delicious St. Patrick's Day continental breakfast.

Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Updates given by Kayse.

Committee Reports

Quilting & Prayer Shawls: One prayer shawl is going out. Cathie has two graduate quilts in progress. The box with yarn and directions for the Purple Hat campaign is in the knitting cupboard. These hats go to newborns at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel.

Prayer requests and cards: One card was circulated and several prayer updates were given.

Saturday, April 21 Women's Retreat: Women may sign up until Sunday, April 15 for *Cultivating Presence through Spiritual Practices* facilitated by Pastor Mary Peterson. The retreat will be here at Calvary. The cost is \$20.

New Business: The women and justice issues draft is out for review by congregations. It will be reviewed at adult forum after Easter. The updated document will be presented at church-wide assembly in 2019.

Bible Study: Cathie led an excellent Multiple Meanings of Scripture Bible Study on The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37).

NEXT MEETING:

Cultivating Presence through Spiritual Practices

Women's Retreat

Facilitated by Pastor Mary Peterson

Saturday, April 21, 2018

9:00-3:30 at Calvary



Invitation to a Women's Day Retreat

Saturday, April 21, 2018

All women of Calvary are invited. Feel free to bring a friend or friends. If you can't come for the full day, come for part.

Cultivating Presence through Spiritual Practices

Facilitated by Pastor Mary Peterson

9:00-3:30 at Calvary

This retreat is an opportunity to deepen our connection to God and one another. Our time together will be prayerful, creative, playful, and restful.

9:00-9:30 Conversation, settling in, coffee and treats provided

9:30-10:30 Session 1

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 Session 2

12:00-1:15 Lunch provided, open
time for rest, walking, journaling...

1:15-2:30 Session 3

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-3:30 Closing Circle



Cost: \$20

Deadline: Sunday, April 15th to register and pay.

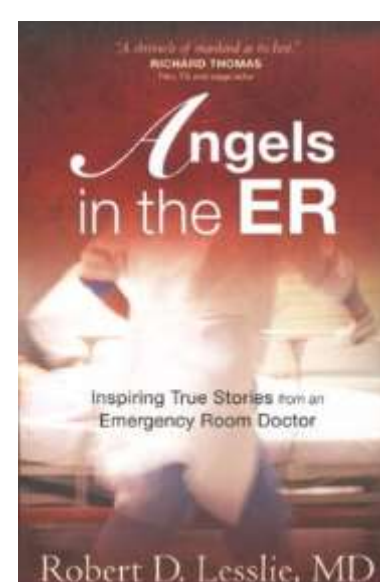
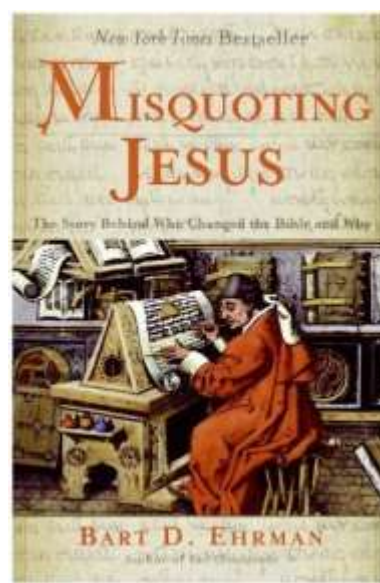
There is a sign up sheet on WELCA board by office door. If paying please give check or \$ to Kayse, Leslie, or Anita. Or contact one of them for more questions and/or information. Please see Calvary's Directory for contact info.

Youth Chili Cook-Off



Thank you for your generosity! The Youth raised \$1000 towards the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Only \$3000 to go! Look for another fundraiser soon, and don't forget to bring in all your bottles and cans—it adds up. All donations welcome!

New this month:



Thank you for your donations, your suggestions, and your conversations around books.

This collection ranges from Number the Stars: a 10-year-old girl in German occupied Denmark. Ms Lowry has crafted a tale of intrigue for the young reader but she also has engaged the adults in the true-story behind this book. Misquoting Jesus by a biblical scholar who discovered new insights into the New Testament. A Wrinkle in Time, another children's book for adults. The movie has just been released. This book also comes in a Graphic Novel format. Angels in the ER by Robert D. Lesslie, MD shares tales of Emergency Room (to use Pastor Matthew's phrase) "God sightings." Chicago by our local author and friend by osmosis Brian Doyle. He likes animals. The raven in Mink River; the marten in Martin Marten; and a dog in Chicago.

In Our Prayers



Tomi Deveraux, Natalie Allen, Lisa & Baby Amaya, Sally Bjerke, Jen Basile, Alice Crume, Jerry Baugh, Katyann, Jon Lewis (Air Force) and Ermine Todd (Army) and all the members of our military, Brittany Dougall, Walter Toperzer, The Christiansen's great-granddaughter Pippa, Sharon Janzen, Dick Highhouse, Mary Crandall, Sharon Schmadeke

Happy Birthday to You!

April 2	Walker Rabon
April 4	Leann White
April 5	Luke James
April 6	Nancy Leupold
April 7	Marian Ericksen Sofia Johnson
April 8	Andrew Hudock
April 10	Denica Larson
April 11	Pastor Matthew Eagan Jimmy Leafy
April 12	Laurie Hannon
April 16	Helen Jerde
April 21	Esta Christiansen Jocelyn James Leo Rowland
April 23	Alex Bailey
April 24	Ermine Todd
April 28	Dave & Leslie Rabon
April 29	Katrina Hiebel Elina & Craig Payton



April Calendar

April 1	Easter Sunday—Christ is Risen!
April 2	Jan is out of the office this week
April 3	Blood Drive, begins at 1:30pm
April 4	Men's Bible Study, 10:30am Bible Study, 1pm
April 7	Quilting & Knitting, 9am
April 8	Sunday Worship, 10am Council Meeting
April 10	Eco-Coffee with Speaker, 2pm
April 11	Men's Bible Study, 10am Lunch Bunch, 11:30am Bible Study, 1pm
April 15	Sunday Worship, 10am
April 17	Social Committee Meeting 1pm Care Committee Meeting, 2pm
April 18	Bible Study, 10:30am Bible Study, 1pm Eco Team Meeting, 4pm
April 21	WELCA Retreat, 8:30 to 4:30
April 22	Sunday Worship, 10am
April 24	Book Club, 7pm
April 25	Bible Study, 10:30am Bible Study, 1pm
April 28	Eco-Hike, 9am
April 29	Sunday Worship, 10am Annual Meeting, Part II