

February 2019

## Greetings from Pastor Matthew



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# Crossways

I had a conversation with Andrea Scofield, the director of Camp Lutherwood and Kirsten Larsen, the outreach coordinator, and some fellow pastors. This small group of friends talked about how culture has changed and how some of the old models of being the church are not working for young adults from 18-40. Even some long time church-goers say that church just doesn't work for them anymore. One pastor told about a man who had gone to church most his life who said, "I've heard all the stories and all the explanations. Why do I have to listen to the same things year after year?"

For the past decade or so, we as a church have talked about the Young Adults who are noticeably absent in our pews. Some sociologists call them the "None Zone," people who would put on a survey about what kind of religious institution they belong to would answer, "None." But when we talk to young adults it turns out that they think of God and spirituality a lot. Others might want to come to church but don't know the very basic things, like, how to pray, how to read the Bible, what are all these liturgies and hymns for? After all, even church goers have said that they don't really know how to pray. It doesn't come natural for them. Our women's Bible Study group has been reading a book about how to pray and found going back to the basics very helpful.

Of course we must acknowledge those who have been unwelcome or wounded by the church. This is a great grief. Jesus said, "If any of you put a stumbling block before any of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea." *Mark 9:42*. I hope that we can help those who have been wounded by the church. This is not easy. But perhaps by listening, we can help them let go of the unintended stepping on toes, or even the downright evil harm done, and grasp the greater truth of God's love through Jesus who has been to hell and back and can offer peace beyond understanding.

I wonder. If we go back to the basics of our faith, as though we were learning it all over again, slow down and pay attention, perhaps we could get on the same wavelength as those who are lost and need to come in from the cold, or those who have rich and creative spiritual lives but just don't have the language to express them. I wonder if we go back to the beginning, we might attract those who for any number of reasons have been left behind. We must become beginners every day, seek God and pay attention to our neighbors and take the role of being the least and last, the listener not the teacher.

In Luther's Large Catechism, Luther bemoans the lax discipline and neglect of God's word of Post-Reformation pastors. After a long rant, Luther says, "This is what one can expect of crazy Germans." Then he said, "But this I say for myself: I am also a doctor and a preacher, just as learned and experienced as all of them who are so high and mighty. Nevertheless, each morning, and whenever else I have time, I do as a child who is being taught the catechism and I read and recite word for word the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Psalms, etc. I must still read and study the catechism daily, and yet I cannot master it as I wish, but must remain a child and pupil of the catechism—and I also do so gladly." If we live our lives of faith each day like beginners, maybe we can listen more closely to the beginners outside the doors of our churches. Listen to their doubts and acknowledge our own. But still invite them like Phillip did for Nathanael. Just say, "Come and see."



And as the late poet Mary Oliver said, "Pay attention, be astonished, tell about it".

*God's Peace,  
Pr. Matthew*

## Retreats

In the past several weeks I have had two opportunities to take a step back from daily work and join with colleagues for friendship and mutual support and for education.

The first retreat was my Pastor's writing group of six pastors who are also serious writers. We met at the home of one of the pastors in Tumwater Washington. The gatherings are as much or more about sharing our lives together and supporting one another as they are about writing. We meet once a quarter and when that time comes I always think I am too busy to go, but when I go, I realize how much I need this Sabbath rest. These gatherings are encouraged by the Bishop so that we continue to have healthy relationships with God, each other and our various calls.

The second event that I attended was the Byberg Preaching Conference at Seaside, Oregon. It was great to walk on the beach and commune with the sand and the sea. That lasted about an hour, and then it rained for the rest of the weekend.

I read the story of how the Byberg Preaching Conference got started and I think you might be interested in this. I am really touched that this one ordinary Lutheran had the foresight and wherewithal to encourage pastors and support us with this gift of continued education. I am sure you congregation members appreciate it too.

The founder was Jonas Byberg, who left a bequest to assist ELCA pastors to strengthen the art of the sermon.

Jonas Byberg

Jonas was an inventor and farm machinery manufacturer who was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Silverton, Oregon. He bequeathed property to the American Lutheran Church to establish the Byberg Homiletics Fund. He directed that income from the fund be used to develop the skills of Lutheran preachers in the Pacific Northwest. The fund has subsidized annual workshops since 1992.



The guest speaker was The Reverend Doctor Barbara Lundblad, the Joe R. Engle Professor of Preaching Emerita at Union Theological Seminary in New York City where she taught for seventeen years. She is a dear lady with heart and soul. She spoke with wisdom and humor. She acknowledged the deep division we have in our culture in these times, and gave us some coaching on how to address difficult issues in the pulpit. We are not alone in these challenges. Dr. Lundblad modelled a sense humor, humility and grace, and a sense that we are all in this together. I was grateful to be among so many pastors like myself who are just trying to share the Good News of God known especially through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The challenge is to always know that God loves each one of us, and God loves our neighbors. We hope to share the good news. We do this with feet of clay.

*Pastor Matthew*



Seaside Oregon



*Calvary Lutheran Church*  
*Annual Meeting, Part 1*  
**Held Sunday, January 27, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 11:12 AM by President Betty Adams.

Opening Devotions were led by Pastor Matthew Eagan using the Litany in the Annual Report.

Quorum was established of 10% of voting members (223) has been met with 44 voting members present.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Matthew Eagan shared his written report on pages 2 and 3 in the Annual Report –

Part 1. Highlighting Relationship

In the congregation

In the community of Christ

In the community of Hillsboro

Saturday, February 2 – Vitality Study Phase II. At St Andrew Lutheran Church in Beaverton – 1:00  
– 4:00 PM. All are welcome.

Treasurer's Report: Marcie Ellis presented the 2019 Budget Proposal.

**New Business:**

Elections of Voting Members to the Synod Assembly:

Elected: Sheri Young, Brent Young

Youth: Nicala Young

Election of Nominating Committee for open congregation council positions:

Elected: Betty Adams, Kayse Durgan, Werner Leupold

Write-ins were:

Nancy Leupold, David Moore, Marcie Ellis, Barbara Gennrich, Dave Rabon, John Hartner,  
Doris Nagel, Michele Cage, Cathie Carlisle

(The write-ins will be contacted regarding their acceptance.)

Approval of the 2019 Budget:

MSC Michele Cage/Brent Young to approve the 2018 Calvary Budget.

MSC (Ermine Todd III/Susan Todd) to authorize the Congregational Council to approve the minutes of this meeting.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM

## 2019 Calvary Christian Education

Christian Education is more than just a Bible study to gain Bible knowledge. Christian Education is everything we do and say with the mind of Jesus Christ.

Christian Education comes to us through the lens of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—whether we see the latest movie or read the latest novel or go to Bible Study, teach, explore the gift of art, write, play in the garden.

Attending a Continuing Education Course in Hardwarden, Wales, our professor had us read three novels before we arrived. *The Glass Menagerie; Waiting for Godot; The Seagull*. Each of these novels revealed an aspect of the nature of God. He continued to say that God speaks to us through these various forms of communication. *There was only one movie*, the professor went to see, *where God told him 'I am not saying anything here'* and he left.

As you read the novels selected for the **Book Group**, ask yourself and each other, what did God reveal about God's self, mission, and desire for us?

The **Men's Bible Study** meets in the Church Library. They are exploring how other faiths experience the God who loves us all.

The **Women's Bible Study** is almost finished with Mike Foss's book. They have chosen to take one of the Marks of Discipleship and spend the next couple of months exploring the Scriptures in preparation for Sunday Worship.

The **Adult Forum** meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the Church Library is also finishing up with Mike Foss's book.

### Which of the Marks of Discipleship would you like to explore?

† Daily Prayer

† Weekly Worship

† Daily Bible Reading

† Serving in and beyond the Congregation

† Nurturing Relationships

† Giving a Tithe and Beyond



This month **send someone a thank you** note for their inspiration in your life. There are blank thank you cards on the table in the narthex (sanctuary entrance).

*“Thank you, Pastor Karen Tiegs, for sharing with us in worship about the Episcopal Church emphasis on the Marks of Discipleship that led us to read and discuss Mike Foss’s book – Real Faith for Real Life: Living the Six Marks of Discipleship.”*

## *2019 Calvary Stewardship*

**Sock from Cops:** Thank you for your continued generous giving for the many needs in our community, county, and the world. On January 13, Anne from the Hillsboro Police Department spoke during worship. We blessed and gave her two laundry baskets full of items needed for the cold weather. On January 20, we received more items as we partner with the Hillsboro Police Department in this venture.

Thank you all for your gifts that we may partner with others to follow Jesus ministry to care for the disenfranchised, the poor, the homeless, etc. You are AMAZING.



## *2019 Calvary Evangelism*

*Come*

*Come and See*

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The abounding love of God our Redeemer

The yearning of God our Guide.

Thank you to all who hear God calling, who come to worship, who participate in mission and ministry, who care for others: family, friends, neighbors and those who are strangers soon to be friends.

We are called to Come and See.

We are called to share our story with others.

We are called to listen to the other's story.

We are called to see God working.

We are called to Proclaim the Good News!

We are called to

Come and See.

*-Cathie Carlisle*



## 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**

2019 February – Calvary Women of the ELCA

**Refreshments:** Edie was the hostess. Delicious breakfast. Thank you, Edie!

### Business Meeting

#### Team Reports:

The treasurer's report was presented.

#### Ministry Reports:

Cradle Roll

Kitchen

Quilting and Knitting

Book club: Will be meeting at Michele's home on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### God's Family Reports:

Care team

Sister congregations: Thank yous received from sister congregations that attended our Christmas Brunch.

#### Events:

Bold Women Sunday – February 24<sup>th</sup>. Celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith

Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00-4:00 at St. Andrews Lutheran, Phase II – all are invited.

**Bible Study:** Led by Cathie

#### New:

Inge suggested bringing back celebrating Saint Lucia on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed. To be considered.

Next meeting:

Saturday, February 16, 9:30 am

Hostess: Kayse

**Sunday, February 24, is Bold Women's Day**



## *Celebrate the Bold Women in Your Life*

*Bold Women's Day—observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February—celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers. Other women are bold in their service to those in need. Still other women are bold in their advocacy or through their hospitality. Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out our baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ. Are you bold?*



## February 2019 – A Challenge for Men, Youth, Children, and Women



### **Bold Women's Day Challenge**

Combine Bold Women's Day and [International Correspondence Writing Month](#) and what do you get? A month of letter writing devoted to bold women. It's a month-long effort of building authentic community using honest words. Here's how it works:

1. Following the suggestions of International Correspondence Writing Month, on each day of February 2019, write and mail (or hand-deliver) a card, letter, note or post card to a bold woman in your life. Share bold, honest words with women who are challenged or needing encouragement. Or share bold, honest words of thanksgiving for the role the women have played in your life of faith. Even a simple "thinking of you" note will do.
2. Keep a running list of the bold women you've written to. Take that list to worship on Bold Women's Day, February 24, 2019, and offer up the names of those bold women during the Litany of Thanksgiving that opens the Bold Women's Day liturgy.



## 2019 February – Calvary Lutheran Church Library

By Cathie M. Carlisle, librarian



**The People's Bible** © 2009 – Fortress Press – New Revised Standard Version with the Apocrypha. This particular edition “*highlights the role of cultures in shaping both the development of the Bible and the way people read the Bible today.*” **The Bibles are located in the 220.5 section in the Church Library.**

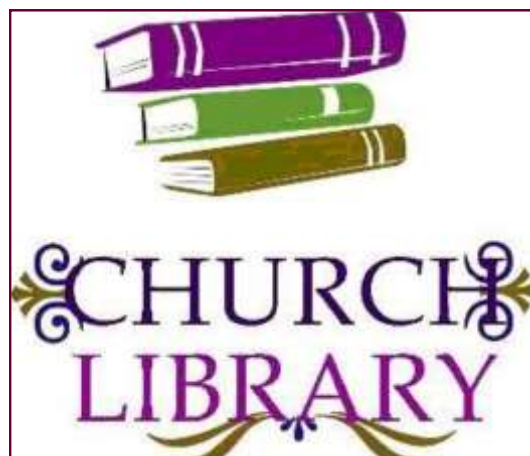


Culture is the theme of the book, **The Road to Character** by David Brooks © 2015 published by Random House. George Locke recommended I read this book (at least chapters 1 and 3). **Located in the 170.44 section** of the Church Library, the author walks us through the decades since the end of World War II to today. He does not advocate going back to the past, but there are lessons and virtues we might learn from the past and reclaim for the future. How did we get from a humble virtue to the self-centered, self-seeking virtue of today? This is a very easy read. Very thought provoking. And you may underline any passages you want to remember. Then others may do the same and conversation may begin.

Looking at the theme “What is God revealing in the works of literature?”



**F. Scott Fitzgerald's *Odyssey: A Reader's Guide to the Gospels in the Great Gatsby*** by Bernard R. Tanner © 2003 University Press of America® Inc. is just such a book. I never saw the movie with Robert Redford. I did see the play by “Bag and Baggage” in Hillsboro. As I read this book, I realized the Gospel is indeed in The Great Gatsby. I saw it and did not realize it. Like Mary at the tomb when she mistook Jesus for the gardener. I have been drawn closer to the God who loves me and was willing to give up his life for mine.





## February Fellowship Opportunities



### Calvary Book Club



The book club will meet on Tuesday, February 26th at 7:00 pm. The book selection is Loving Eleanor, by Susan Witting Albert. Sandy and Anita will host at church.



### February Lunch Bunch

Lunch in February will be on Wednesday, February 13th at 11:30 am at Rock Creek Tavern in Hillsboro. Questions? Contact Inge Eriksen.



### Quilting and Knitting

The group will meet on Saturday, February 2nd at 9:00 am to create beautiful quilts and prayer shawls.

### Men's and Women's Bible Study

The men meet every Wednesday at 10:30am and the women meet every Wednesday at 1:00pm.

*Come and listen, learn and inwardly digest...*



### ArtShare

ArtShare will be held on February 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the North Fellowship Hall. Marteena Sander will lead us in paper art from valentines to shamrocks or something in-between. Come, See, Explore!



The Bible Study group loves to celebrate birthdays! Each month, someone tries to bring a cake for the whole month's birthdays. These pictures are from the January fun. Happy birthday Joanne!



Invites

Share the



Friday, February 15, 2019

5:30-8:00 p.m.

Community of Christ Church

5170 NE Five Oaks Drive, Hillsboro 97124

Expressive, Classic and Jazz Music  
by Singer Heather Keizur  
with Steve Christofferson

Delicious Dinner by Claeys Catering

*Tickets: \$50 per person -*

*Table sponsorships:*

*\$400 per table (8 seats)*

*TO - Purchase Tickets - or Sponsor a Table:*

[https://squareup.com/store/family-promise-  
of-washington-cty](https://squareup.com/store/family-promise-of-washington-cty)

Silent Auction Fundraiser

Guest Speaker  
Reverend

**Chuck Currie**

Pacific University Chaplain  
And Director of Center for  
Peace and Spirituality

Questions: 503.844.2919 or Email - [FamilyPromiseVeronica@gmail.com](mailto:FamilyPromiseVeronica@gmail.com)

To Help Sponsorship this Evening's Gala: please contact Annie Heart

[FamilyPromiseAnnieHeart@gmail.com](mailto:FamilyPromiseAnnieHeart@gmail.com)

## In Our Prayers



Clementine, Ray Holland, Pr. Karen Tiegs, Rik Mayfield, Baylee Becker, Sharon Janzen, Baby Alice Crume, Judy Reed, John Hartner, Jon Lewis (Air Force) and Ermine Todd (Army) and all the members of our military, Tomi Deveraux, Mary Crandall, Sharon Schmadeke, Dick Highhouse

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary to You!

February 1	Edie Pyle
February 4	Gary Deveraux Gary & Joyce Clark
February 6	Tomi Deveraux-Earl
February 14	Paul & Barbara Gennrich
February 15	James Pena
February 19	Susan Todd
February 21	Mark Bjerke
February 24	Judy Wallin
February 25	Don & Janis Larsen
February 26	Zachary Eagan
February 27	John Grillo Dave Noles



## February Calendar

Feb 2	Knitting & Quilting, 9am
Feb 3	Sunday Worship, 10am Worship & Music Meeting
Feb 5	Blood Drive, 1:30pm
Feb 6	Bible Study, 10:30am Bible Study, 1pm
Feb 10	Sunday Worship, 10am Council Meeting, after church Family Promise Week
Feb 13	Bible Study, 10:30am Wed Lunch Bunch, 11:30 Bible Study, 1pm
Feb 14	ArtShare, 2pm
Feb 15	Family Promise Event
Feb 16	WELCA, 9:30am
Feb 17	Sunday Worship, 10am
Feb 19	Care Committee Meeting
Feb 20	Bible Study, 10:30am Bible Study, 1:00pm
Feb 24	Sunday Worship, 10am Bold Women Sunday
Feb 26	Book Club, 7pm
Feb 27	Bible Study, 10:30am Bible Study, 1pm