

Calvary Lutheran Church
Crossways
February 2025



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Sundays in person at 10am

or on Zoom:
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Pastor's Page

This month, Pastor is dedicating her space to this important message from the ELCA.

January 18, 2025

A Statement on Immigration from the ELCA Region 1 Bishops

As Lutherans, we are called to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ, who welcomed strangers and emphasized love, mercy, and justice for all people. We believe that every human being, regardless of their country of origin or legal status, is created in the image of God and has inherent dignity and worth. This foundational truth compels us to approach the issue of immigration with compassion and a commitment to the common good.

Scripture repeatedly instructs us to love our neighbor and show the stranger hospitality. God commands the people of Israel, "The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself" (Leviticus 19:34). Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) shows us that caring for people in need is central to who we are as Christians. The parable also challenges us to acknowledge the goodness in all people because the "foreigner" in the story is the one who acts in the most Christlike way. In light of these teachings, we advocate for an immigration policy that reflects Christ's love, recognizing that all people deserve respect and protection.

The Lutheran tradition emphasizes both mercy and justice. Justice requires everyone, including immigrants, to be treated fairly and equitably. While upholding the rule of law is important, it must not be done in ways that dehumanize or exploit vulnerable people. We are especially concerned about the possibility that places of worship, hospitals, and schools could be the target of deportation raids. A policy that allowed such raids would increase the suffering not only of undocumented people but also of many people who would fear being unjustly targeted and thus avoid those places. Denying people the opportunity to attend worship, be educated, or receive medical treatment violates individuals' fundamental rights. We urge those in government and law enforcement who are responsible for the detention or deportation of undocumented persons to consider how their actions might be seen in the eyes of God.

We are all members of the same human family. Therefore, we approach immigration not merely as a political or legal issue but as a matter of human solidarity. The health and prosperity of the United States are intertwined with the contributions and lives of immigrants. Immigrants bring diverse gifts and play an essential role in our communities and economies. Our immigration policies should reflect a commitment to the welfare of all, especially the most vulnerable.

As people who have received God's mercy and grace, we are called to extend that same mercy and grace to others. This means offering opportunities for new beginnings, particularly for those already present in the United States without legal documentation. A just immigration policy would provide pathways to citizenship for those who have lived in the U.S. for years, contributing to the country and integrating into our communities. It should also guarantee protection for those fleeing violence or persecution, ensure that immigrant families remain united, and make sure that children are not punished for their parents' actions.

We are called, as individuals and as a society, to remember that the immigrants among us are not intruders or enemies but bearers of the image of God, deserving of our care, respect, and advocacy.

The Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee, Bishop, Northwest Washington Synod

The Rev. Richard Jaech, Bishop, Southwestern Washington Synod

The Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling, Bishop, Montana Synod

The Rev. Laurie Larson Caesar, Bishop, Oregon Synod

The Rev. Dr. Meggan Manlove, Bishop, Northwest Intermountain Synod

The Rev. Timothy Oslovich, Bishop, Alaska Synod

Updates from the Council

News Shorts: Ground Hog Day potluck at Margaret Jefferies' house on Sunday 2/2 at 5pm. (If her great-grandchild is born before then, we will move it to Calvary's Fellowship hall.) Pastor will be on vacation 2/17-3/2; she will be gone 2 Sundays.

Coming in March: Ash Wednesday will be on 3/5. Midweek Lenten soup suppers and services will be on Tuesdays from 3/11-4/8

The economizer for the sanctuary furnaces has been installed last. We are still waiting for the electrician to put in a new breaker to bring the circuit panel up to code. Life Center Pentecostal and Nueva Vida's building use agreements were renewed on December 30. I continue to hear positive comments from members regarding Calvary's Zoom ministry.

Technology: We are working toward using the church's laptop for Zoom. Pastor Rachel needs a new computer in her office. She plans to work with Kyle Hiebel to build a new tower. Council approved using up to \$2000 of funds from the Long-term Building Fund. Jenn Lantrip, our office manager, and Chris Landtiser are redesigning Calvary's website. Keep an eye out for the new look. We will let you know when it goes live.

Annual Congregation Meeting highlights: Retiring council members Carol Dougall, Sophia Earl, Ross Patton, and I were celebrated. Calvary's 2025 Budget was passed. New council members (see below), a nominating committee (Ross Patton, Gary Clark and Dianne Pratt), and delegates to the Synod Assembly (Brent and Shari Young and Sophia Earl) were elected.

With the Annual Congregational Meeting behind us, Calvary will be moving forward with a new council. Please welcome new members Charity Huggett, Kayla Iiams, Kayse Durgan, Sharon Elliott, Chris Landtiser, Kathleen Murphy, Brent Young, and Shari Young who join Anita Hiebel, Dennis white and Leann White. The new officers will be selected at the February 9 council meeting.

Thank you for allowing me to serve alongside you. It has been an honor to work with Pastor Rachel, church council and the congregation during this pivotal time in Calvary's life. You are in good hands.

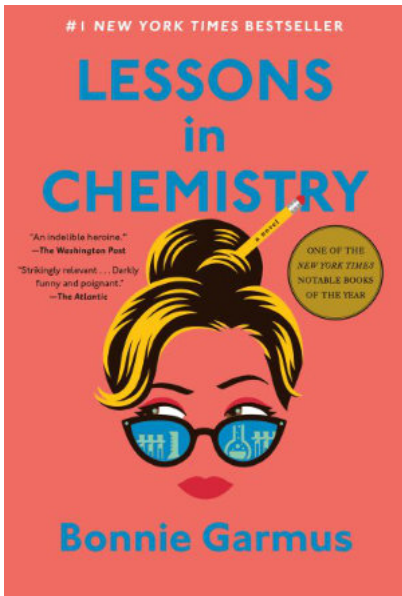
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today

In peace, Leslie Rabon



Book Club Gathering

Everyone is welcome to join book club discussions. Our next meeting is **February 25 at 1:30 pm** at Margaret Deveraux Jefferies' house (262 NE 18th Ave, Hillsboro). 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.



February's blockbuster debut novel is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. It is the hilarious, idiosyncratic, and uplifting story of a female scientist whose career is constantly derailed by the idea that a woman's place is in the home. She ends up starring as the host of America's most beloved 1960's TV cooking show. Terri will lead our discussion. The public library has 71 books, 23 large print books, 18 eBooks, 10 audiobook CD sets, and 55 downloadable audiobooks. Apple TV released a miniseries based on the book in 2023.

Coming March 25: *Looking for Jane* by Heather Marshall, 2023

We will be reading another powerful debut novel inspired by true stories. The book is set in Toronto, beginning in the 1960s. It focuses on three women's lives that are bound together by a long-lost letter and the complexities and choices (or lack of choices) of pregnancy and motherhood through decades.

Peace,
Leslie Smith Mayfield



My liaison with the Red Cross shared this story and I thought the congregation would be interested in reading it! We have been smashing our blood collection goals the last several months, and I am proud of and grateful for everyone at Calvary who helps make these events a success. ~Jenn



Emmi Bradley is a very spunky and outgoing five year old in Hillsboro, Oregon. Emmi's mother, Stephanie Bradley, describes her as, "the exact opposite of her big brother. She is loud and she may be shy at first, but when she gets comfortable she's really out there." Emmi loves to jump around, dance and do gymnastics. She loves to sing and come up with her own performances, and she absolutely loves Disney. To sum it up, Emmi is all about princesses and is a ray of sunshine.

In May of 2023, a seemingly benign discovery turned into a long journey that no one in Emmi's family was ready for. It all started when Stephanie noticed abnormal bruising on Emmi's legs and face. Knowing that it looked more serious than the normal bruises of a clumsy toddler, she took Emmi to see the pediatrician. They were quick to find out that Emmi's hemoglobin levels were extremely low as well as her platelet count. They sent her to the emergency room where further bloodwork showed she was low in neutrophils (the body's immune system) and she was admitted. A bone marrow biopsy discovered that she either had a form of leukemia or aplastic anemia. Further testing showed it was aplastic anemia.

Every two to three days Emmi was getting blood and platelet transfusions. She was reliant on those transfusions until September of 2023 when she got a match and had a bone marrow transplant. Stephanie recalls that before Emmi had her bone marrow transplant, "she was surviving on blood and platelet donations for an entire year of her life. From her initial appointment on May 12th, she spent 72 nights in the hospital, 37 appointments that weren't part of overnight stays, and 17 anesthesia procedures." If she got a fever she would have to be automatically admitted because the aplastic anemia shut down her immune system and she had no way of fighting colds on her own. With every small cold she caught, she would need to spend 48 hours in the hospital receiving IV antibiotics. The hospital stays got longer and longer and before her bone marrow transplant, her stay was 25 days. Since the start of this treacherous journey, Emmi spent 159 days in the hospital.

After going through the many long and tough days at the hospital, Stephanie says that blood and platelet donations, "saved our daughters life so if you can, you should donate. And it's not a onetime thing, Emmi had 40 transfusions and that was just one person." Emmi has inspired her family members to donate blood and platelets knowing the profound impact it can have on others. Now, they hope that Emmi's story inspires you as well. You can be the one to help save the lives of others like Emmi Bradley and it all starts with your blood donation.

Ways to Participate

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

Not-so- Youth-Group

6:00 PM

937 NE Jackson School Rd
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1st and 3rd Wednesdays!

All Are Welcome



**American
Red Cross**

GIVE SOMETHING THAT

Means Something®

GIVE BLOOD

**Next drive:
February 25, 1:30pm**

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

Or scan the QR code





February Birthdays

01 Kyle Peterson

18 Pastor Rachel Kramer

01 Edie Pyle

19 Susan Todd

14 Alejandra Padilla



In Our Prayers

For the World

Pray for those living with political conflict and instability, that they will grow in hope and resilience and experience lasting peace, justice and healing.

For Our Nation

Prayers for those affected by the ongoing wildfires in California.

Prayers for those of us, our siblings, and our neighbors who are experiencing uncertainty and fear due to the recent actions of our new federal administration.

For the Oregon Synod

Prayers for Pr. Matt Goodrich, who is at home recovering from heart valve replacement surgery last month.

Prayers for Pr. Solveig Nilsen-Goodin, whose father, Pr. Roy Nilsen, died last week.

Prayers for the family and friends of Rev. Clarence (Larry) Stomp, who died on January 15.

For the Calvary Lutheran Family

Jim Bany

Gail Nagel Erickson

Jill Bjerke

Gail Eilmes

Bette Carlisle

Merle Kind

Harold Britton

Shelley Kubik

Carol Dougall

Rik Mayfield

Daniel Dougall

Jann Patton

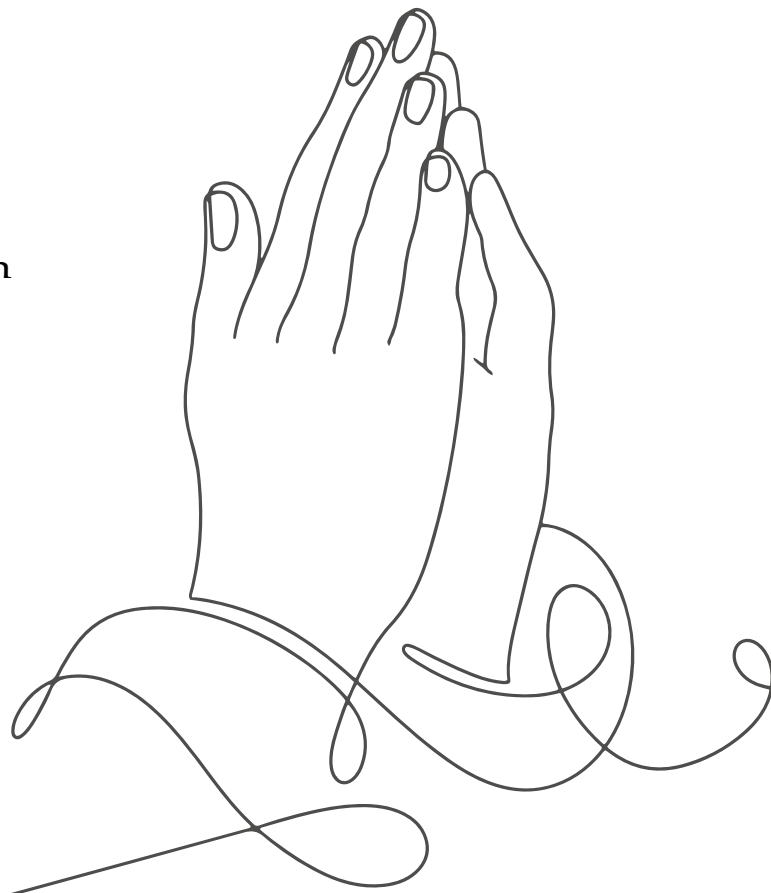
Edyth Hickman

Kourtney Peterson

Betty Shannon

Edie & John Pyle

Julie Steward





February Calendar

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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| <p>26 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:15am Annual Council Meeting 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:30pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary</p> | <p>27 12:30pm Quilter Reservation 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary</p> | <p>28 1:30pm Book Club at Margaret's</p> | <p>29 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary</p> | <p>30 🔒 Pastor out of Town 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>31 2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group</p> | <p>1 9:00am OMTA Meeting</p> |
| <p>2 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:30pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary 5:00pm Groundhog Day Potluck - Off Site</p> | <p>3 9:00am Quilter Reservation 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5 6:00pm Not-So-Youth Group - Welcome Room 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary</p> | <p>6 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>7 2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group</p> | <p>8 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice</p> |
| <p>9 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:15am Council Meeting 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:30pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary</p> | <p>10 12:30pm Quilter Reservation 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary</p> | <p>11 7:00pm AA Meeting - 2nd Tuesday</p> | <p>12 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary</p> | <p>13 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>14 2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group</p> | <p>15 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice</p> |
| <p>16 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:30pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary</p> | <p>17 🔒 Pastor on Vacation 9:00am Quilter Reservation 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary</p> | <p>18 🔒 Pastor on Vacation</p> | <p>19 🔒 Pastor on Vacation 6:00pm Not-So-Youth Group - Welcome Room 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary</p> | <p>20 🔒 Pastor on Vacation 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>21 🔒 Pastor on Vacation 2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group</p> | <p>22 🔒 Pastor on Vacation 6:00pm Nueva Vida - Evening Vigil</p> |
| <p>23 🔒 Pastor on Vacation 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:30pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary</p> | <p>24 🔒 Pastor on Vacation 12:30pm Quilter Reservation 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary</p> | <p>25 🔒 Pastor on Vacation 1:30pm Book Club at Margaret's 1:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive</p> | <p>26 🔒 Pastor on Vacation 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary</p> | <p>27 🔒 Pastor on Vacation 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>28 🔒 Pastor on Vacation 2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group</p> | <p>1 🔒 Pastor on Vacation 9:00am Quilting and Knitting</p> |

