

Calvary Lutheran Church Crossways



March/April 2025



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Sundays in person at 10am

or on Zoom:
Meeting ID: 840 5961 8157
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Pastor's Page

"Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone... Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body." 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 14-15



As I write this, we are only a few weeks away from Holy Week and then Easter. During this Lenten season, I have been reading *Turning Over Tables* by Kathy Escobar and it is also the book grounding our midweek gatherings. In this devotional, Escobar uses the following themes as a road map for Lent: **Enter, Open, Reveal, Lament, Repent, Disrupt, Cultivate** and **Illuminate**. These all lead to the Easter themes of **Embody** and **Sustain**.

Walking through this book and walking with Christ through our Biblical text each week, I am reminded of the lessons Jesus is constantly trying to teach and that we, even today, continue to misunderstand or even avoid - *we are sinful people and a lot of what we value is harmful to others and the opposite of what God is calling us to be*. It's hard to really look in the mirror and reveal, lament and repent the parts of ourselves that work against the kingdom of God. But without those steps, we can't get to the next steps - disrupt, cultivate and illuminate. And it is those steps that lead us to truly embody the Gospel and to sustain the changes that God wants for us. And, we can't do any of this alone. Through all the steps, we need each other. We need to be mirrors to each other, support beams, soft places to land, even cheerleaders.

But, as the above passage from 1 Corinthians reminds us, we can't all be all things. We are all made unique and that includes our unique strengths and weaknesses. If we go it alone, we won't have the means to do what we are called to do. It has to be done together.

My hope for the rest of 2025 and beyond, is that we as Calvary, can come together, work together and then celebrate together in making the kingdom in our little piece of the world. That we can come together with our ecumenical partners and support them and be supported by them. That we can remember that all our differences are what make us strong.

We will have many opportunities (Good Friday worship, the Easter Egg Hunt, Interfaith Advocacy Day and more) to gather together and with others to show that love and grace and calls for justice that Christ taught. So let's stand together, let's work together, and let's embody the Easter story of new life for all people.

Updates from the Council

Introducing your Calvary Council for 2025

Kayse Durgan - President

Brent Young - Vice President

Anita Hiebel - Secretary

Kathleen Murphy - Treasurer

Sharon Elliott

Shari Young

Kayla Iiams

Charity Huggett

Chris Landtiser

Dennis White

Leann White - Alternate

We want to remind everyone about the new Council Areas of Focus: Worship and Music, Property, Congregational Care, and Community Care. Members of council have each selected one of the areas to pay attention to and to help us all make sure we are meeting the needs associated. For the next few months, I will be highlighting each focus area and letting you know how you can help too! Let's start with Worship:

Worship seems obvious, but there is quite a bit that goes into each worship service. Have you ever considered reading the lessons, serving as Assistant Minister, setting up communion, changing Altar paraments, working the remote for the slideshows, running the computer for Zoom, adding your voice to the choir, ushering? You may have noticed a few new faces getting involved. Would you like to be another? If you feel the Spirit calling, let Brent Young, Shari Young, or me (Kayse Durgan) know. We will be happy to help you out.

Other Focus Representatives -

Property: Dennis White and Kathleen Murphy

Congregational Care: Sharon Elliott, Kayla Iiams, and Leann White

Community Care: Anita Hiebel, Charity Huggett, and Chris Landtiser

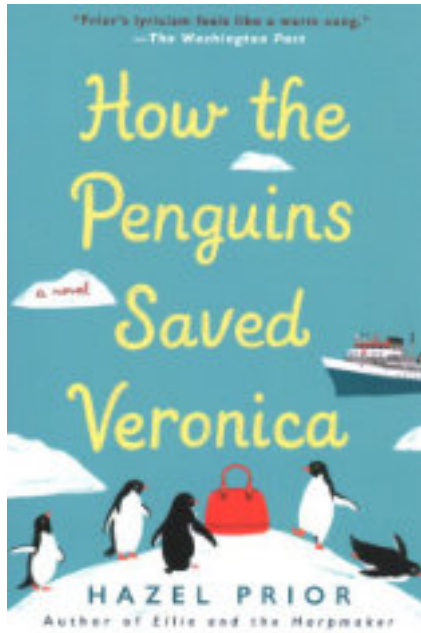
Thank you for entrusting me to be your Council President. I appreciate all your prayers and support!

Kayse Durgan



Book Club Gathering

Everyone is welcome to join book club discussions. Our next meeting is April 22 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.



April's humorous fiction is *How the Penguins Saved Veronica* by Hazel Prior, 2020. This book is about a curmudgeonly, charming, eighty-five-year-old grandmother who is estranged from her family and wants to find a worthwhile cause to leave her fortune to. She convinces a scientific team in Antarctica to rescue an orphaned baby penguin. Together, Veronica, her grandson Patrick, and even the scientists learn what family, love, and connections are all about. The public library has 4 books, 1 large print books, 2 eBooks, and 2 downloadable audiobooks. Sandy will coordinate the discussion.

Coming May 27:--*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer, 2013 (first edition) and 2020 (hardcover second edition)

As a botanist, Robin Wall Kimmerer has been trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer brings these two lenses of knowledge together. In reflections that range from the creation of Turtle Island to the forces that threaten its flourishing today, she circles toward a central argument: that the awakening of ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgment and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world..

Peace,
Leslie Smith Mayfield





Preschool Chapel Time
with Pastor!

Quilting at Calvary



The quilters have been busy this year! We had a lot of quilts blessed and ready to donate. Maria Hudock suggested Lutheran Community Services NW and Leslie Mayfield reached out. Becky Sprecher put the word out and got an amazing response, so she came to Calvary on March 24th and picked up 38 quilts for the families they are sponsoring. These quilts were stitched by the women in this picture – Leslie Mayfield, Kayse Durgan, Edra Roberts, Sarah Shadley, Patti Ochoa, and Maria Hudock (not pictured). We are looking forward to November when the next batch of quilts will be blessed.

HILLSBORO ECUMENICAL
CHURCHES

GOOD FRIDAY *Service*

18 April 2025 | 7-8 pm
168 NE 8th Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97124

Good Friday is a significant day for Christians around the world. This year we gather to worship and reflect on the "Seven Last Words of Christ." The liturgy is bilingual in Spanish and English.

All are welcome to come and join in this time of reflection and remembrance

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Hillsboro United Methodist, Forest Grove United Methodist, Calvary Lutheran ELCA, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Hillsboro Presbyterian, Old Scotch Presbyterian, All Saints Episcopal, Todos los Santos, Rio de Dios

In Our Prayers

For the World

Pray for peace, healing and justice, especially in the critical contexts of Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, the Middle East, troubled regions of Africa and wherever conflict and war exist in the world.

For Our Nation

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.

We give thanks to God for the leaders of our church who respond to God's call by serving as ministers of Word and Sacrament and ministers of Word and Service. We ask Spirit to sustain their faith, inspire their joy in ministry and equip them with Gifts and skills for serving in diverse and challenging contexts.

For the Oregon Synod

For Pr. Don Parsons, who has entered hospice care.

For Pr. David Wilder and his family, after the death of his wife, Pat, on March 8.

For Pr. Aaron Couch as he undergoes radiation for a tumor and prepares to have surgery in May.

For the family and friends of Pastor Stan Rosengren who died on March 6.

For Pr. Gary Heide, whose beloved wife Joan died recently.

For the family and friends of Pr. Gregory Ames, who died recently.

For the Calvary Lutheran Family

Jim Bany

Jill Bjerke

Bette Carlisle

Harold Britton

Carol Dougall

Daniel Dougall

Edyth Hickman

Betty Shannon

Julie Steward

Gail Nagel Erickson

Gail Eilmes

Merle Kind

Shelley Kubik

Rik Mayfield

Jann Patton

Kourtney Peterson

Eddie & John Pyle

Jane Mark



April Birthdays

04 Leann White

07 Sophia Johnson

21 Leo Rowland

22 Jeremiah McLaury

24 Ermine Todd

29 Katrina Hiebel Chand

05 Lucy James

12 Laurie Hannon

21 Jocelyn James

23 Alex Bailey

28 Kieran Landtiser



April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:30pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary	31 12:30pm Quilting; Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	1 1:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive 6:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Gatherings - Dinner 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Gatherings - Worship	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 2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	5 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice
6 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:30pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary	7 12:30pm Quilting; Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	8 6:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Gatherings - Dinner at All Saints Episcopal Church 7:00pm AA Meeting - 2nd Tuesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Gatherings - Worship at All Saints Episcopal Church	9 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	10 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	11 2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	12 9:00am OMTA Meeting 3:30pm Nueva Vida Music Practice
13 Palm Sunday 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:30pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary	14 12:30pm Quilting; Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	15	16 6:00pm Not-So-Youth Group - Welcome Room 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	17 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	18 2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group 7:00pm Worship at Hillsboro UMC	19 8:00am Western Farm Workers Association Spring Event 2:00pm Piano Recital
20 Easter Sunday 8:30am Flower Cross Decorating 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:30am Easter Egg Hunt! 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:30pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary	21 12:30pm Quilting; Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	22 1:30pm Book Club at Margaret's 1:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive	23 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	24 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	25 2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	26 6:00pm Nueva Vida - Evening Vigil
27 10:00am Calvary Worship In person & Zoom 11:15am Council Meeting 2:00pm Life Center Worship; Sanctuary 4:30pm Nueva Vida Worship-Sanctuary	28 12:30pm Quilting; Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Life Center Rehearsal; Sanctuary	29	30 7:00pm Life Center Prayers; Sanctuary	1 6:00pm Nueva Vida 6:30pm Women AA; Fellowship Hall	2 2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm TGIF AA Group	3 9:00am Quilting and Knitting



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

Spring into life.

Give blood.



American
Red Cross

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

Or scan the QR code



Next drive:
April 1st, 1:30pm