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6:00pm Worship

Winter Growth Groups begin January 21st

10:00am & 7:00pm Wednesdays

Other dates and times will be announced soon



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The February Newsletter deadline
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Did You Know

...you can find the most recent Happenings (weekly worship folder) and Good News monthly newsletter on Calvary’s website? Simply click the publications tab. Each is posted the moment it is complete, so you can read them before they are even printed and distributed.

...you can also access our sermon messages each week by clicking the podcast tab? Although it may take a few days after Sunday worship to get them loaded to the website, you can stay current and listen even when you are on vacation. CalvaryInfo.org

Offering Envelopes or Online Giving

Offering envelopes are assigned to everyone, even if you use EFT, because our system requires a giving number. The envelopes can also be used for special offerings throughout the year. We encourage you to pick yours up today in the Welcome Center. If you do not have an assigned set of envelopes and would like one, please contact the front office.

We also have an online giving option on our webpage at CalvaryInfo.org. Simply click the online giving tab to set up a recurring or one-time donation. Staff Contact: Deborah Robitaille

2017 Church Council Members

Jeff Meyer (President), Debbie Courtney (Vice President), Diane Biggs (Treasurer), Mathew Rainoldi (Secretary), Michael DuBay, Scott Thams, Blake Fecteau, Sue Merriman, and Pastor Jonathan Heierman.

NOVEMBER STATISTICS

Calvary’s Mission
To Know Christ and to make Christ known
and we do it better together!
In Clarkston, White Lake, Pontiac and far beyond!

Faith Giving: November 2017

General Fund	
November Giving	\$ 60,175
(Disbursements – Nov)	\$ (58,773)
Year to Date Giving	\$ 772,058
(Disbursements-YTD)	\$(772,986)

Calvary Church Council
November Meeting Highlights

- Continued discussion about the excellent book, *Missional Renaissance* by Reggie McNeal.
- Review & Accept Council Minutes
- October 16th council minutes were reviewed and affirmed with updates.
- Reviewed and accepted Monthly and YTD Financial Reports
- Clarkston Facility Development progressing well and on track
- White Lake Mission Development—continuing to explore possibilities for Senior Housing or other community services

November Statistics

Baptized in Christ’s Church: (0)
Joined in Christian Marriage: (0)
Christian Funeral Worship: (2)
Lois Bonner
Jean Smith
Joined in Membership: (0)



Prayers for Conference Congregations

Please join us as part of your personal prayer life as we pray for the ELCA churches around us and their leaders. This month, we are praying for ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Churchwide Staff.

Average WEEKLY Worship Attendance for November.....	2015: 366	2016: 405	2017: 375
Average Weekly Worship Attendance YEAR TO DATE	2015: 386	2016: 415	2017: 407

Average WEEKLY Sunday School Attendance for November.....	2015: 23	2016: 102	2017: 58
Average Weekly Sunday School Attendance YEAR TO DATE	2015: 82	2016: 82	2017: 99

Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, Evangelism

Tanzania, World Medical Relief & Calvary Extending

Great news! The container carrying \$450,000 worth of free medical supplies is scheduled to leave World Medical Relief in Southfield this month for Tanzania. Our Calvary family helped raise the shipment funds that made this possible. Thank you again for your generosity and care for God's people both serving at and served by the ministry of Haydom Lutheran Hospital in Mbulu.

Our involvement with Southeast Michigan Synod's "container project" has given Calvary members and friends service experience at World Medical Relief we didn't have before and probably never dreamed feasible.

Check out the work of this amazing non-profit organization in Southfield - worldmedicalrelief.org. You are welcome to become a part of this Calvary ministry team as we continue to volunteer thru 2018. Scheduled Calvary monthly workdays are the following Thursdays from 9am-3pm: January 18th led by Pastor Ken, February 15th and March 15th. Staff Contact: Debbie Heierman.

Oakland Hope

Oakland Hope's mission is to bring the church and commerce together to serve the community. You can help by donating your gently used items to their thrift store, which funds their ministry. This is a great place to shop as well. They are located on Summit Drive in Waterford near Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake Roads. Visit Oaklandhope.org.

Part-Time Paid Positions available thru Mature Workers. Must receive less than \$1100 a month in total household income and must be 55 or older. Help unloading/loading donations, janitorial work, light carpentry, organize thrift store merchandise, and cash handling at register. Please contact Norma at 248.309.3658.

Tanzania Mission | Safari Trip

Plans are underway for a visit with our partnership in mission in the Mbulu Lutheran Diocese in Tanzania and safari in late June/early July of 2018. If interested, please drop us an intouch card ASAP as space is very limited. Staff Contact: Pastor Jonathan

Assistance Calls Volunteer Needed

Calvary processes over 200 requests for rental and utility assistance in our community every year. We are in need of new team members to help from home or from the church office. You must have a heart for God's people, a listening ear, be computer literate, and available a few hours per week. Staff Contact: Deborah Robitaille

Men's Ministry Moment

As we discussed in the December meeting, communicating with our spouses / partners takes work. We discussed how to identify our own communication style as well as our spouses / partners style, along with do's and don'ts with communication. Another critical factor communicating well with another person is TIME.

The value of a relationship can increase for both you and the other person depending on the amount of time that you invest. When you take the time to focus on the important issues of a relationship, you open the channels of communication. And when you listen attentively, calmly, quietly, and with total attention, you demonstrate the respect you have for the other person, and you deepen the level of trust between you.

Thank You

Pastor,
I wanted you to know what a blessing you were in our time of sorrow. The memorial you gave for Jean Smith was absolutely beautiful!! The insight to my mom's spiritual journey in life was beautifully portrayed by your emotion, love and the Holy Spirit. The eloquence of the usage of scripture that brought healing to my soul, was said in the verses you, my mom and the Lord was uplifting. I pray that those words planted seeds into an unbeliever at the service. The seed to grow a new Christian. Thank you again for your devotion to our Heavenly Father.
In Christ's love, Jan Davis

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul. (3 John 2 NRSV)

Have a Blessed New Year and let the "Real Work" of Christmas begin...

Christmas has come and gone so quickly again this year and now it is already a New Year. All of the preparation and anticipation for the holidays now become memories. What a great celebration we had at Calvary with so many people to share the story of Jesus' birthday with again this year. Meanwhile, the construction at our Clarkston Campus continues in full swing. The steel has arrived and the new wings are really beginning to take shape. We are anticipating great things as we expand both our facility, and our mission and programs, in new and exciting ways in 2018. It will certainly not be "business as usual" as we continue to be "under construction" and "better together." As we begin this new year, I want to shout out for all to hear, **God is so VERY good!!**

But before we leave Christmas, I want to remind you that the Christmas season lasts 12 full days, until Epiphany on January 6th. I am so glad, because this means that if we don't move on too quickly we can still take some time to savor it, and make sure we don't miss the real message of Christmas. God is love, and at Christmas, love comes down to us in the baby Jesus!

One thing I dislike doing most after Christmas is putting the manger scene away, especially packing the baby Jesus into a cold, dark box. Somehow it just doesn't seem right. So a number of years ago we began a family tradition of leaving the baby Jesus out all year instead of packing him away. Then we move him around the house throughout the year. It's fun because we never know where he will turn up, but even more importantly, it's a reminder to us that Immanuel "God with us" is right here with us each and every day, of each and every year, no matter where we are, what we're doing or what is happening in our lives or the world around us. In this very tangible way the Good News of Christmas is present with us all year.

As these 12 Days of Christmas wind down, I am reminded again this year of one of my favorite poems by theologian and writer Howard Thurman called "The Work of Christmas". May these words, and the

Good News that God is with us and for us no matter what, guide us as we move into 2018. And may this new year be the highest impact year yet for God's mission through Calvary in Clarkston, White Lake, Pontiac, and far far beyond.

Pastor Jonathan

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart...
And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say."

Pastor Jonathan and Debbie visit the Holy Land

Please keep Pastor Jonathan and Debbie in your prayers as they travel to the Holy Land in early January to attend the installation of Pastor Ibrihim Azar as Bishop of the ELCJHL (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land). Pastor Azar has been serving our partner congregation, the Palestinian Arabic speaking congregation of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in the Old City of Jerusalem located just yards from the site of Jesus' crucifixion. Pastor Azar and his delightful family have visited with us at Calvary on a number of occasions and are much loved and appreciated. This is a very special moment, while it is also a tense and complex time in Jerusalem and throughout Palestine and Israel. We want to pray especially for our Palestinian Christian brothers and sisters and for all in the region that the peace, goodwill and love of the Christmas story will extend to all. Check out ELCJHL.org for more information.

The Heierman's will also be connecting with the members and new pastor at Redeemer Lutheran so that our partner congregation relationship can continue strong into the future. In addition, they will be exploring a new tour operator to work with for Calvary's next Holy Land Pilgrimage being planned for 2019 or 2020.



HOPE was, is, and will be Born!!! HOPE is W.I.T.H. us

So how did those Advent and Christmas interruptions go? I was blessed by those who did share the stories of 'interruptions' that found them, often in the form of people or nature. Now, in January, in the season of Epiphany, we get to let the Light find us, so that we can receive it and reflect it to others.

Light can take a variety of forms. A form that I have found and named recently is W.I.T.H. = **What I Today Heard**. Often a word, a name or a theme repeatedly shows up in a day or within a week or even a season. If I tune my ears and eyes to it, then I can tune my heart and spirit toward what God seems to be calling to my attention. Naming W.I.T.H. serves to remind me that God was, is and will always be **with** us. Jesus, Emmanuel, *"I will be with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:20 Like a wink or gentle embrace from God. How have you been seeing God W.I.T.H. you?

When we can more readily and expectantly seek this W.I.T.H., I believe we can find and shine the Light more quickly when the world keeps reminding us of the seemingly ever present darkness. Remembering that God is **with** us and finding the Light reignites our HOPE: *"Hope in the Lord! For there is loving-kindness with the Lord. With Him we are saved for sure."* Psalm 130:7 NLV

W.I.T.H. HOPE for 2018,

Pr. Kate

Thursday | January 18 | 7pm PHASE Gathering: FAITH 5 Workshop

Attention ALL Adult Influencers - That Means YOU!! Please come out and support Calvary's Children & Youth Ministry. Invite adult family, friends & neighbors to join us as we learn more about Faith 5 and how to part of your life-style. Childcare will be provided. Excited to see you there! Staff Contact: Terri Miller

New Year Taking God's Shape!

"This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you." Exodus 12:2 NRSV

How does this make you feel? Like saying, "Phew, I made it through the holiday season!" or "boy that went too fast." Both responses place us somewhere on our God given journey of life.

If you're like me, you often look back and compare whether you have achieved all you thought you would or maybe you came up a little short. We are a generation of people seeking to know, plan, prosper, and progress based on all kinds of values and understandings of the world in which we live. If it is to be it is up to me!

Because of the supportive community at Calvary and God's boundless grace, I have been allowed to journey on a path unlike this model over the past 16 months. I could go on and try to describe what I have experienced, however, why do that when a theologian, author and leader can do it in a prayer. May your New Year take God's shape! Peace, IPK



"Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability - and that it may take a very long time. And so, I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually - let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow. Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete." -Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ (1881-1955)
Excerpted from *Hearts on Fire*.

IPK

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Grade	Group Times / Location	Dates
6th-7th	9:15 & 10:45am	Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28
8-9th	12:30-2:30pm	Jan. 7, 21, 28
10th-12th	12:30-2:30pm	Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

CAMP SUNDAY

January 21 during worship

C.J. Clark, Director of Living Water Ministries, will join us all morning to talk about the lasting impact of camp. Come hear more about camp!

Summer of Mission 2018:EXTEND!

We will be EXTENDING into the community in Michigan and beyond! Our focus this coming summer is EXTENDING into the world through mission! Mission trips provide a vital opportunity for students to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and Extend his love into the world, while bonding through shared experiences and service together. We believe that this is an essential and key element to the spiritual development of students journeying along Calvary's Spiritual Growth Pathway.

- ✦ ELCA Houston Youth Gathering | 6/27-7/1,
- ✦ Voice of Truth | 7/8-7/13 (local trip),
- ✦ Copperhill, TN Trip | 7/22-7/27,
- ✦ and/or EXTEND Days - mission focused one day experiences that are local, various dates throughout the summer.

CalvaryInfo.org for details!



**There is still time
to register for
trips!**

8TH-12TH GRADE & YOUNG ADULTS

Stay up to date or register for an event by visiting the Youth page at calvaryinfo.org. Staff Contact: Rebecca Couser, Youth Ministry Director, rcouser@calvary-lutheran.org.

YOUTH FAITHRAISER

Sunday | January 28 | 12:30pm

Parents, come get information about the Youth Faithraiser for 2018! We need your help to make this a success to raise faith and funds!

GRADS GROWTH GROUP

18-20 Yr. Olds | Tuesdays | 7pm | begins Jan 9

Join Rebecca for a Growth Group geared to recent grads. Invite your friends!

PHASE:

"A time frame in a kid's life when you can leverage opportunities to influence their future."

The Phase leadership team & Calvary's staff are committed to challenging and equipping our families to be the best active spiritual leaders in the lives of our kids. ALL adults are invited to join us:

Thursday | January 18 | 7pm

PHASE Faith 5 Workshop

Sunday | January 28 | 12:30pm

PHASE 4 & 5 Don't Miss It

Know Your Role



PHASE:

"A time frame in a kid's life when you can leverage opportunities to influence their future."

DON'T MISS IT



Thursday | January 18, 2018 | 7pm
PHASE Gathering | Workshop: Faith 5

"Five simple steps to help bring kids & adults closer to God and each other."

All Adult Influencers in Kids Lives
 Join us with your friends & neighbors.
 Childcare provided.

January 7, 2018 | 9:30 & 11am
3rd Grade Gift Bible Sunday



"Gift" Bibles will be presented in "big" church
Parents
 Don't forget the "secret" note.

January 7, 2018 | 12:20pm
First Bible Class with a parent or guardian
3rd Grade Class Dates

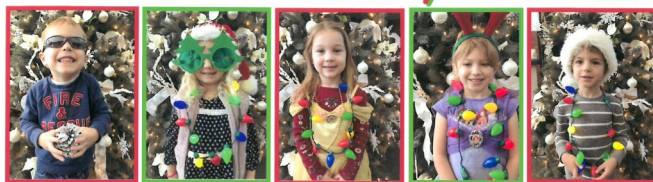
1/21 | 2/4 | 2/18 | 2/25 | 3/4 | 3/11
 If you have a 3rd grader and have not yet received a letter, please contact Terri Miller,

4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th Graders



Next SuperStarz Event
Friday | January 19, 2018 | 7pm
 White Elephant Bingo
 Sign up at CalvaryInfo.org

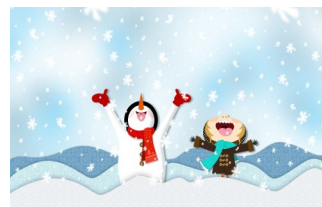
We Wish You a Merry Christmas



Creative Co-Op Preschool

Wednesdays
January 24 & 31
Mid-Week Evenings

K-5th Grade
 Winter Session of
 Growth Groups
 Nursery Available



STRIVE

for Justice & Peace In All The Earth

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8b NRSV)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9 NRSV)

"Along with all citizens, Christians and others have the responsibility to defend human rights and to work for freedom, justice, peace, environmental well being and good order." (ELCA Social Statement, The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective, 1991, page 5).

We celebrate the abundant blessings that are a part of this world. But we also walk in the struggle of human existence where we face our own sin, our self-centeredness, and the collective sin of human institutions, for example, the church, governments, the nations. In this struggle however, we meet the suffering God who bears the sins of the world and sends us out, as ones who are joined in the crucified Christ and in his solidarity with the pain of the world. As believers in Christ we are called to be about the work of justice in our personal and public life. We recognize that God's justice is something deeper and purer than our own best understanding of justice. And yet, we are called to love our neighbor as we would love ourselves.

We speak the truth in love as we participate in God's mission of abundant life for all. With a deep awareness of our sinfulness and the sin of our society, with humility we speak with respect and promote change. And God calls us to speak out. An enemy of justice is silence. A justice mindset is one key way we practice our faith. A mindset and a heart

filled with peace is faith in practice. Practicing our faith is something that we may never master. We always have more to learn. The focus of our practice is our gracious God, not the practices in themselves. Our faith practices are always an offering of response to our gracious God. May God work on you as you practice your faith in the midst of life in God's church and God's world.

As we seek justice and peace in all the earth we might:

- ◆ Pray for peace among nations and peoples
- ◆ Host an after-school, summer or weekend feeding program for children and families
- ◆ Begin a "Go Green" Initiative in your congregation & community lutheransrestoringcreation.org
- ◆ Forgive as we have been forgiven by God
- ◆ Organize a community march against family violence
- ◆ Challenge the systems that perpetuate poverty
- ◆ Contact the ELCA Advocacy Office about joining with other Lutherans to speak to public officials about the difference your congregational ministries make in your community
- ◆ Sign up for the ELCA Advocacy Network to receive information and other alerts
- ◆ Love all of humanity, respecting everyone, and seeing differences as a gift from God

Excerpt from ELCA.org

February 2018 | Justice Team Forming

Look for upcoming Justice Team monthly caucus and growth group opportunities starting in February. If interested, drop us an intouch card. Staff Contacts: Intern Pastor Ken Greble & Rebecca Couser
 Ministry Contact: Mathew Rainoldi

January 13 | 8am | Meeting at Micah 6 Men's Ministry Team

In 2018, the Men's Ministry Team will be meeting at various organizations for fellowship and brainstorming followed by an outreach opportunity. These service based meetings will take place every other month, starting this month.

January 13th, Men's Ministry will meet at Micah 6, which is located at 32 Newberry Street in Pontiac. Staff Contact: Intern Pastor Ken Greble; Ministry Contacts: Steve Doyle sjscdoyle@prodigy.net & Mathew Rainoldi mr@rainoldi.us

Beyond New Year's Resolutions Take Off Pounds Sensibly | TOPS

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope...In that day you will call to me, and I will listen. You will find me when you look for me with all of your heart." Jeremiah 29:11

No matter where you are on the spiritual growth pathway, it is likely that God is calling you to grow in some area of your life during 2018. This could include spiritual health, emotional health, physical health, and likely a combination of all three. Change is necessary when you realize that some aspect of your life or lifestyle is not working for you, or could work better. God often makes us aware of needed changes through other people, circumstances or His Word, the Bible. Most often, significant healthy changes will involve attitude, behavior and lifestyle.

When we recently looked at a "step chart" during GIFT Sunday preparation, it occurred to me that another step chart could apply to all of us - the BMI (Body Mass Index) chart. Your doctor may reference this chart when discussing your height and weight ratio. If the very thought of a BMI chart or stepping on the scales at your doctor's office strikes terror in your hear. Or if you have considered the possibility of making healthy changes in your own lifestyle, but aren't sure where to start. Or if you have tried to manage your weight in the past with only the "boomerang " result (losing weight, gaining it all back or gaining even more), I have good news for you! You're not alone, you're not terrible and you're not hopeless.

This year, consistent with Calvary's Better Together approach, we are continuing a no-nonsense, user friendly, low-cost, measurable outcome based weight management program called TOPS - **Take Off Pounds Sensibly**. TOPS is a nation-wide weight loss support program that does not pay for celebrity endorsements or force you to buy special food. Weekly meetings include private weigh-ins and professionally developed, up-to-date information on nutrition, exercise and healthy lifestyle formation. Group discussion focuses on reinforcing sound healthy lifestyle principles, encouragement with accountability, friendship, incentives, and a "faith friendly" atmosphere.

Similar to Alcoholics Anonymous and Celebrate

Recovery, we will admit that (in our own strength) we are powerless over temptation, focus on small but significant steps toward a healthier lifestyle and affirm one another each week with this TOPS pledge: *"I am an intelligent person. I will control my emotions and not let my emotions control me. Every time I am tempted to use food to satisfy my frustrated desires, build up my injured ego or dull my senses, I will remember: even though I may overeat in private, my unhealthy weight is stealing away my quality of life every day. I will Take Off Pounds Sensibly, and I ask God to help and guide me."*

Calvary's TOPS group is for men and women, meets at White Lake Wednesdays from 12:15-1:30pm. And there's always an empty chair waiting for you to join us!

Staff Contract: Cindy Dixon, Faith Community Nursing

Tuesday | January 9 | 7p Healing Hearts Grief Support

This month's topic will be "Emptiness After the Holidays." Meet at Carriage House in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. Call 248.625.5231 for info.

Wednesday | January 24 | 1p Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

Join guest speaker, Brandi Becker-Wright of the Alzheimer's Association (Greater Michigan Chapter) to learn more about "Activity Planning for People with Development Disabilities and Dementia." The event will be held at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Shelby Township. For more info, call IVC at 586.757.5551.

January 20 | 5pm | White Lake Food, Fun & The Son

Join us for this wonderful fellowship event at the White Lake campus. Share a meal, worship followed by fun activities. All are welcome! Looking for volunteer hosts for this event. Staff Contact: Intern Pastor Ken Greble

Baldwin Center 2018

Serve those in need at the Baldwin Center. On any of the following service dates:

- ✓ 10am | Saturday | January 20, 2018
- ✓ 10am | Saturday | March 10, 2018
- ✓ 10am | Saturday | May 5, 2018
- ✓ 10am | Saturday | November 3, 2018

Register by going to our event/service opps page then click the link for Baldwin Center. Ministry Leader: Reid Miller.

Sanctum House Thanks You!

Thank you to ALL those that attended the Alexander Zonjic Concert to benefit Sanctum House. We raised significant funds to help victims of human trafficking.

Sanctum House is in need of the following items as they prepare to open the doors:

- ☐ 2018 Date Books ☐ Gift Cards ☐ Bath Towels
- ☐ Kitchen Bags ☐ Garbage Bags ☐ Storage Bags
- ☐ Paper Towels ☐ Toilet Paper ☐ Office Supplies

Monetary Donations are always appreciated. Ministry Contact: Jennifer Baenzinger jenben1@comcast.net

Town Hall Meetings | 2018 Jan 24 | Jan 27 | Jan 28

In preparation for the Annual Congregational Meeting, Town Hall Meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, January 24th at 7pm, Saturday, January 27th following White Lake worship and Sunday, January 28th immediately following each worship service. We will be discussing the 2018 spending plan, Calvary ministries and celebrating 2017. This is your opportunity to ask any questions you have in preparation of the Annual Congregational Meeting.

February 3rd & 4th | 2018

Annual Congregational Meeting

After each Worship Service on February 3-4, 2018, we will hold our 57th Annual Congregational Meeting. This meeting will begin (open) immediately following Saturday Evening Worship at our White Lake campus. It will continue throughout Sunday Morning Worship Services (between services) and conclude (close) immediately following the 11am service. Please plan to be with us as we affirm the 2018 General Operating Budget spending plan, elect Church Council Members and present Calvary's Annual Report. Please attend a Town Hall Meeting to ask questions and review any meeting items in depth prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting. Since the Annual Meeting gathers only briefly after each of our four worship services, only questions of clarification will be possible during the meeting.

Front Office Volunteers Needed

Do you have a few hours one day (or two) a week to spare? Maybe you have a gift for answering phones or scanning documents? Well, the front office is always in need of extra hands. Please drop us an intouch card if you feel the nudge to help out. Staff Contact: Kellee Rainoldi

Join Our Youth Faith Raiser Team

We are planning a combined golf outing and fun evening out for golfers and non-golfers this summer to raise faith and funds for youth mission trips.

Join our team:

- ☐ Party planning ☐ Auction organizers
- ☐ Entertainment ☐ Volunteer organization
- ☐ Food planning and prep

Our next Meeting will be Monday, January 8 in the late afternoon. If you would like to join our planning team, please submit an intouch card. Staff Contact: Rebecca Couser.

Ways to Engage & Extend

As we fulfill Calvary's mission "To Know Christ & To Make Christ Known", there are many places for you to serve in our community:

- Baldwin Center Meal Service Team
 - Blessings in a Backpack Team
 - Canine's In Christ Team
 - Caring Companions Team
 - Children's Ministry Greeter or Leader
 - Church Council Member
 - Disaster Relief At Work Team
 - Front Office or Assistance Call Volunteer
 - Growth Group Leader
 - Music Ministry Musician or Vocalist
 - My Habitat Clarkston Team
 - North Oakland County Disaster Relief Team
 - Nursery Volunteer (Adult or Teen)
 - Pew Duty Team
 - PHASE Coach
 - Pontiac Community Orchard Ministry Team
 - Property Team
 - Sanctum House Team
 - "Splash" Communications Volunteer
 - Spring/Fall Community Impact Weekend Team
 - Welcome Desk Attendant or Greeter
 - Wellspring Bookstore Attendant
 - White Lake Community Garden Ministry Team
 - Worship Assistant Coordinator
 - Worship Folder or Newsletter Assembly Team
 - Worship Service Assistant (Saturday or Sunday)
 - Youth Ministry or Confirmation Leader
-and more! Please complete an intouch card or contact the church office for more information.

Something More Small Group

Beginning January 7th thru February 4th, the Something More Small Group will be studying the book, "Help Thanks Wow - The Three Essential Prayers" by Anne Lamott. All are invited to join this small group and study this simple book on prayer Sunday mornings at 10:45am. Ministry Contact: Marty Chaffee machaffee@sbcglobal.net

Great Outreach Opportunity

Calvary has a long history of providing funeral services and luncheon's to grieving families. Some of them are Calvary families and some are not. Each family is in need of support during a difficult time. You can help! We need people that are available during the day, weekends or weekdays. You can work when you are available and simply RSVP as funerals are scheduled. You would be helping in the kitchen, serving and making beverages along with setup and cleanup. You can also help by adding your name to the list of people that would provide a side dish for about 10 people. If interested, please submit an intouch card. Ministry Contact: Jill Chaffee at jichaffee@sbcglobal.net

Spiritual Gifts Discovery Class

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another...then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:10-11b NLT

We all want to make a difference. It's part of being human and it's part of being Christian. One way we can grow in understanding not only how to make a difference in the world but what difference God wants us to make, is through the discovery, development and deployment of our spiritual gifts. Discovering God's Vision For Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts is the Calvary Core Class we offer 2-3 times a year to help you begin to do just that. In this class you can expect to:

- ☐ understand your Christian DNA;
- ☐ learn about yourself, God's grace and how his power is designed to live through you;
- ☐ make friends with others on the same journey;
- ☐ see how God's plan for us really is perfect.

If you are ready to take this important EQUIP step, plan now for the winter session: Sundays 4-6pm February 18th - March 18th. \$20 material fee, scholarships available, childcare available upon request. Staff Contact: Debbie Heierman

Discover Calvary Coming Soon

Interested in membership or just want to learn more about Calvary's ministries and the "Lutheran way" of being Christian? Register for the Winter Session of Discover Calvary.

- Part A | Saturday | January 20 | 9a-1p
Lunch provided. Childcare upon request.
- Part B | Begins January 28 | 9:30am
Meets for six (6) weeks.

Upon completion of Parts A & B new members will be received on Sunday, March 11th. If you are interested, please submit an intouch card. Staff Contact: Debbie Heierman

2018 Altar Flower Calendar

The 2018 Altar Flower Calendar can be found on the back of the white board near the entrance of the Clarkston Campus. Altar Flowers can be dedicated in honor of a special occasion (birthday, baptism, anniversary) or in memory of a loved one. Simply post your name and the occasion on the calendar nearest the date of your choosing, submit \$45 in the offering plate prior to that date and you are welcome to take the flowers home with you that Sunday following the 11am worship service. Staff Contact: Kellee Rainoldi

Church Council Members for 2018 and Beyond

If you sense God calling you to use your spiritual gifts in servant leadership on our church council, please request an information and application packet from Pastor Jonathan or Congregational President Jeff Meyer. We will be seeking to nominate spiritually growing, forward thinking and positively motivated Calvary members for a 3-year term beginning February 2018.

2018 Estimate of Giving Cards GIFT (Giving In Faith Together)

Thanks to those who have submitted their 2018 General Fund Estimate of Giving cards. If you haven't yet had a chance to turn your card in, help us by submitting your estimate of giving card as soon as you can. Blank cards are available at the Welcome Desk. Feel free to place your completed card in the offering plate or drop it in the mail to the church office. Remember our offering is an act of worship and in response to God's love for us. We continue to be blessed to be a blessing. Staff Contact: Deborah Robitaille

Pontiac Community Orchards

The New Year can be a time for new commitments and resolutions. How about making a commitment to Calvary's Pontiac Campus at a level that's comfortable or maybe even one step beyond your comfort zone, because God tends to do such wonderful work on our hearts when we are a bit uncomfortable? You could:

- ask a ministry team member of the Community Orchard team for an update or join Pontiac ministry team;
- attend a social gathering on the 3rd Saturday of any month (May-Oct) from 1-3pm or host one;
- sign up for Community Impact Weekend in the spring or fall, or both;
- help on maintenance day (the 1st Saturday of any month May-Oct) from 10-12am;
- visit the Pontiac Campus in 2018, the campus without walls is open 24/7;
- bring books for the Little Free Library or spread the word and collect books from others; or
- share the good news of our Pontiac Campus with others, so they can witness all of God's fruity goodness. It may even help to start another initiative in a different location. God is that Good!

No matter when or why or how often you go to the Pontiac Campus, God will meet you there every time, guaranteed (so be ready)!

Every one of us can make a difference at the Pontiac Community Orchard in 2018. Decide what interests you - planning, celebrating, serving, weeding, visiting, or sharing books and stories of God's work then take a step with us into 2018.

2018 Pontiac Orchard Events Schedule

- ◆ 05/19/18 | Family, Friends & Flowers
- ◆ 06/16/18 | Calvary Pontiac Anniversary Party
- ◆ 07/21/18 | Voice of Truth Mission Celebration
- ◆ 08/18/18 | Veggie Cook-off (Dream Cruise)
- ◆ 09/15/18 | Hometown Heroes
- ◆ 10/20/18 | Friendly Forest

Staff Contact: Intern Pastor Ken Greble kgreble@calvary-lutheran.org Ministry Contacts: LeAnne Schmidt leanneanded@hotmail.com, Wayne Jones kjonesm88@att.net, and Chris Cortez ckcortez@comcast.net

White Lake Community Garden

Like us on Facebook (White Lake Community Garden-White Lake) or sign up to work a shift in the garden. God's Work Our Hands. Make Christ known through the gift of fresh food. Thanks for helping us be better together in our local communities! Ministry Contacts: Bruce Britt, brendajbritt@gmail.com, Ben Pusheck, benpusheck@aol.com & Colleen Thompson cthompson400@gmail.com.

January 27 | 9am-12pm

Electronics Recycling Event

Do you have old computers taking up room in your basement? Old cell phones sitting on a shelf? Old Christmas lights or left over wire from your last project? We have a solution! Scout Troop 113 will be collecting and recycling electronics at the White Lake Campus from 9am-12pm. This is a troop fund raising event. Items listed below can be dropped off and will be sorted then recycled.

- insulated wire, Christmas lights;
- power supply cords, extension cords;
- cell phones;
- PC towers and laptops;
- mother boards, circuit cards, CD rom drives, modems;
- lead acid batteries, backup battery power supplies (UPS);
- VCR, DVD players, cable control boxes, or electronic devices.

****We cannot accept computer monitors or televisions.** Note: some local stores will recycle your computer monitors for free.


Ministry Contact: Colleen Thompson cthompson400@gmail.com.

Joy

*Dear Pastor Heierman,
We would like to thank you for baptizing Lillian and arranging everything for us. It made her baptism day extra special to have all our family in attendance by having the baptism in Michigan. Wishing you and your family a happy new year filled with joy and many blessings.*

The Kasper Family

JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December 31 New Year's Eve Worship 8:15, 9:30, 11a 10:45a Something More Bible Study 6:30p AI-Anon 7p AA - WL	January 1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed 7p AA - WL 7p AA	2 9:15a Staff Meeting	3 12:15p T.O.P.S. - WL 10a AA 1p Staff Prayer 7p AA 7p Church Council Meeting 7p Boy Scouts Patrol Leaders - WL 7:30p Praise Team	4 9a Happenings Assembly Team 10a AA 1p Staff Prayer 7p AA 7p Church Council Meeting 7p Boy Scouts Patrol Leaders - WL 7:30p Praise Team	5 7p AA - WL Epiphany 10a AA 6p Worship - WL	6
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Mission & Outreach Sunday 3rd Grade Gift Bible Sunday Worship 8:15, 9:30, 11a 9:15a Preschool, Elementary & Middle School 10:45a Preschool, Elementary & Middle School 10:45a Something More Small Group 12:30p Confirmation & Senior High Youth Growth Group 12:30p 3rd Grade Bible Class 6:30p AI-Anon 7p AA - WL	8a Creative Co-Op Preschool 4:30p 1st Lego League Robotics 6:30p Big Book Study 5:30p Faith/Raiser Meeting 7p Assistant Scout Leaders Mtg 7p Scout Committee Meeting 7p WELCA 7p AA - WL 7p AA	9a Creative Co-Op Preschool 11a Craft & Chat - WL 7p Scout Meeting 7p Scout Meeting - WL 7p HS Grads Growth Group - offsite 7p Scout Committee Meeting 7p WELCA 7p AA - WL 7p AA	9a Creative Co-Op Preschool 11:15a Senior Fit - WL 11:30a Senior Fit 12:15p T.O.P.S. - WL 6:30p Big Book Study 6:30p Pontiac Ministry Team 7p AA 7:30p Praise Team	9a Creative Co-Op Preschool 9a Happenings Assembly Team 10a AA 1p Staff Meeting & Prayer 6:30p Big Book Study 6:30p Pontiac Ministry Team 7p AA 7:30p Praise Team	Confirmation Winter Retreat @ Cranhill Ranch 9a Creative Co-Op Preschool 11:15a Senior Fit - WL 11:30a Senior Fit 7p AA - WL 6p Worship - WL	
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Camp Sunday Health & Wellness Sunday Worship 8:15, 9:30, 11a Growth Groups Begin thru 3/10 9:15a Preschool, Elementary & Middle School 10:45a Preschool, Elementary & Middle School 10:45a Something More Small Group 12:30p Confirmation & Senior High Youth Growth Group 12:30p 3rd Grade Bible Class 6:30p AI-Anon 7p AA - WL 7p Scout Troop Leader Mtg	9a Creative Co-Op Preschool 11:15a Senior Fit - WL 11:30a Senior Fit 4:30p 1st Lego League Robotics 6:30p Big Book Study 7p AA 7p AA - WL 7p Church Council Meeting	9a Creative Co-Op Preschool 9:15a Staff Meeting 11a Craft & Chat - WL 1p Generation Z Simulcast 7p Scout Meeting 7p Scout Meeting - WL 7p Church Council Meeting	9a Creative Co-Op Preschool 10a Growth Group 11:15a Senior Fit - WL 11:30a Senior Fit 12:15p T.O.P.S. - WL 5p Blessings in a Backpack 7p Town Hall Meeting 7p Growth Groups	9a Creative Co-Op Preschool 9a Happenings Assembly Team 10a AA 1p Staff Prayer 6:30p Big Book Study 7p AA 7:30p Praise Team	Scout Weekend 9a Scout Electronics Recycling Event - WL 10a AA 6p Worship - WL 7p Town Hall Meeting - WL	
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