

CALVARY CALLER
APRIL 2025





Celebrating, Proclaiming, Serving and Sharing

I'm grateful for the small crew that has stepped forward and stepped up over the last year to form a new stewardship & generosity committee. I'm also grateful that our chair, Diane Schoolitz, has brought materials with her from her previous congregation, shared with their permission and adapted contextually for our use, so that we haven't had to reinvent the wheel this spring.

If you haven't already, you should soon receive something in the mail from Calvary, even if your primary modes of communication with us are electronic. Included is a letter explaining what we're doing and what we're hoping to accomplish, a flyer fleshing out some of what we've done together over the last year with the resources God has entrusted to us, and two cards for you to return either as an act of worship or outside worship at your convenience.

One question I've heard is, "Why are we asking people to make a commitment so far out of step with our budget cycle?" That's a good question with an important answer. We have very intentionally put this stewardship campaign completely out of sync with our budget process.

Why? When our finance committee puts on their budget planning hats, we take a cold, hard look at what has actually been coming in and make spending proposals based on those numbers. But when our stewardship committee puts on their generosity-provoking hats, we are no longer talking about cold, hard realities, but rather dreaming about the future. What is God calling us into? What could we do together, if money

were no constraint? What untapped resources do we already have among us, financial, tangible or intangible? What time and talents and skills and gifts are just waiting to be unleashed when we tap into God's imagination for us?

So you won't be hearing about the budget this time of year – although we ended 2024 in the black! You won't hear about restraining spending or all the other things we do to use the resources you have entrusted to us responsibly. Instead, you're going to hear about the amazing work that God is doing at Calvary right now, work that new people are being drawn to, and the work beyond Calvary's walls that is made possible with the resources you have entrusted to your congregational leadership.

You'll hear about how we've been celebrating God's love, proclaiming the Gospel, serving our neighbors, and above all, sharing deeply, widely and broadly the abundance that God has showered upon us all.

Pastor Jon

REFLECTIONS FROM SISTER JENNIE

Creating a Culture of Invitation

Recently we invited the middle school youth to join our Youth Hangouts because we now have a good handful of 6-8th graders, but also because they are excited to have a space to be together. And wouldn't you know it, those youth, in turn, were so excited to be included that they've been inviting their friends to come to Sunday school class and Youth Hangouts. They're not afraid to ask, not afraid of rejection, they just freely invite because they're excited about what they're inviting their friends into. What an inspiration they've been to me. And maybe an inspiration for you too?

What about Calvary makes you so grateful to be a part of, so excited that you get to do each regularly that you want others to join with you, in order to make it all the more special? If you haven't given that much thought lately, give it a little thought right now. Is it worship on Sunday morning? Is it a small group that you participate in (including Bible studies)? Maybe it's Lunch with Friends. Perhaps it's the Wednesday evening Lenten worship service. What would make you excited to have a family member or friend join you at Calvary?

As we are well into this Lenten season and will soon be looking toward Holy Week and Easter Sunday, think about who would make those services even more special if they were with you at Calvary. And then, like our youth, make the leap to invite those persons. Maybe they'll say no the first time. Or maybe they'll catch your excitement and wonder how they're missing out and be glad you asked them.

If you need something in your hand to invite your friend or a neighbor to Easter Sunday worship, Jennifer Voris, Calvary's publicity guru, has made a wonderful flyer for Easter Sunday that we can get you a copy of. We'll have a few out on the big roundtable in the narthex soon for you to grab. If you are so inspired to take one and see if a local business might hang it up for us please talk to Jennifer Voris or myself for ideas on where to try. This is another great way to invite and help spread the word about Calvary and the exciting things we are doing here.

In peace,

Sr. Jennie Myers

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MATT EIDE

Dear Calvary Friends,

HAPPY EASTER! HE IS RISEN!

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

A heartfelt thank you to the team that put together and executed the Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer services. It continues to be a beautiful experience, and I am very grateful.

As you may have heard through my announcements, we are looking for members to attend the annual Synod conference in Portland from May 30 to June 1. Let either Pastor Jon, or me, know of your interest. We are looking forward to have it finalized soon. It does need a Council vote.

CLC plans to host a CPR class on Saturday, April 26. We need a minimum of five people to attend in order to have it at the Church. Let me know VERY SOON.

Summer is approaching fast. Calvary Lutheran is getting ready to host a weekly Vacation Bible School (VBS) in June, bringing together other congregations (denominations) in the Grants Pass area. Sister Jennie, and team, has been working very hard to make this event happen again. It has been a number of years since we have had VBS, and we look forward to all the lives that are impacted by such a wonderful event.

A big WELCOME to all our NEW members: Linda Wheeler, Diana Little, Graham and Kathleen Baker with Kaiden, Zachary, and Jedidiah, Brian and Nicole Smith with Jane, Dennis and Lori Gerger, and Sharon McCorkle.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to myself, the Pastor, or a member of the Council.

Together in Christ,

Matt



THE SEASON OF LENT - 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY - March 5th

5:00 p.m. Service with Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT - March 12th - April 9th

5:00 p.m. Services with Holden Evening Prayer

Our 2025 theme is **Overheard: Conversations at the Cross**

March 12th: Malchus and Mark at Gethsemane

March 19th: The Criminal Barabbas and High Priest Caiaphas

March 26th: Pontius Pilate and His Wife Procula

April 2nd: Cross bearer Simon of Syrene and the Roman Centurion

April 9th: Mary, the mother of Jesus and John, the beloved disciple

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY - April 13th

9:30 a.m. Service with Holy Communion and Palm Processional

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday, April 17th

5:00 p.m. Service with Individual Absolution & Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 18th

5:00 p.m. Service (Tenebrae: A Service of Music & Darkness)

Final Conversation at the Cross: The Thieves Crucified Next to Jesus

EASTER - Sunday, April 20th

9:30 a.m. Service with Holy Communion and Special Music

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH EASTER WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

9:30 AM

Jesus is Risen!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOU!
NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE
(AGES 0-5)
EASTER EGG HUNT &
REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING
THE SERVICE.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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PARISH ED NEWS / INVITES

CALVARY'S KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT

April 20th, 2025

Immediately following Easter worship
(Starts in the Upper Room)



All are welcome--Invite a friend to join you!

We have plenty of baskets for all!

All God's Critters Community Evening Vacation Bible School



VBS begins with a sit-down dinner for the whole family. Kids then stay for stories, crafts, music and games as they learn about the love of God for all kids. We want every child to participate, scholarships are available upon request. All faith backgrounds welcome. We hope to see you there!

WHO: ENTERING K-5TH, FALL 2025

WHERE: CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

909 NE A STREET, GP

WHEN: JUNE 11TH, 18TH, 25TH, 5PM-7:30 PM

COST: \$5.00 INCLUDES ALL 3 SESSIONS

SAVE THE DATE

SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER BY
MAY 28



Our VBS program is offered in partnership
with Newman United Methodist, St. Luke's Episcopal
and Calvary Lutheran Churches.

Parish Ed Updates

We have some fun things coming up to look forward to. On Easter Sunday we invite all kids to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt. This is for our regular families as well as any visiting kids that day. All will be welcome to participate. We have plenty of Easter baskets, so there's no need to remember to bring a basket to participate. A big thank you to everyone who has helped donate candy for the egg hunt!

Sunday, May 4th we will celebrate our four graduating seniors during worship, so be sure to mark your calendar so we can surround them with love and support!

Additionally, we're looking ahead to the end of another great year of faith formation and the beginning of summer. The Chili & Games event is coming back but this time all are invited to stay right after church on Sunday, May 18. You'll hear about it more after Easter but for now mark your calendars because everyone is invited to join in the fun and celebration!

Our Community VBS is coming soon. Have you caught the excitement yet? Right now, you can help us by spreading the word or inviting someone you know to consider bringing their family this summer. Registration is open! After Easter we will have more information about small roles that still need to be filled to ensure that Calvary is a welcoming and hospitable place as the host site for VBS this June.

In peace,
Sister Jennie and the Parish Ed Committee

Three ways to register for VBS! Pick up a form in the narthex, or our flyers posted around church have a QR code that you can scan to take you directly to our online registration form, or simply follow this link here:

<https://forms.gle/6SJe2efrCXY7MMPo6>

**Save the Date for Chili & Game Day
Sunday, May 18 following worship!**

All are invited to join and celebrate the end of another great year of faith formation and kickoff for summer. Stay tuned for sign up sheet!

SMALL GROUPS & YOUTH INVITES

Walking Small Group

We will resume this month on **Saturday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m. at Rinehart Volunteer Park**, meeting up in the parking lot next to the pedestrian bridge. If you're not on the text group and interested please connect with Sr. Jennie. Invite someone new to join you for a nice walk in the park and conversation. Who knows? Maybe this is an entry point for a new person to become curious about Calvary.

April Youth Easter Party!

For our next Youth Hangout we're having an Easter Party on **Sunday, April 13th at 3:00 p.m.** at Calvary. We'll be dyeing Easter eggs and doing a bunch of fun, silly, games. Be sure to bring a friend!



Winter Adventures Small Group Wrap-Up

We ventured up to Mt. Ashland one more time in late March to take advantage of the multiple feet of snow that recently fell, and will wrap up the winter with a **snowshoe hike at Crater Lake on Saturday, April 5**. If you are new or just had a busy winter and didn't get to partake in any of our winter adventures, please connect with Sr. Jennie so she can keep you in the loop for next winter. Thanks to all who participated this winter!

Hiking Small Group

We will resume with a first hike on **Saturday, May 3 at Lower Table Rock** to enjoy some spring wildflowers. We will offer carpooling and **meet at the trailhead at 8:00 a.m.** If you're not in the text group and interested, please connect with Sr. Jennie. This is a great event to invite someone new to join with you and let them be curious about Calvary through a fun hike and conversation.

Prayer Small Group

Our Prayer Small Group gathers the second Tuesday monthly at 10:00 a.m. Join us and explore new ways to pray! If you have any questions, please talk to Sr. Jennie.

**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8th at 10:00 am.
Hope to see you there!**



UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GPHS Update

Hello:

It's that time of year where the focus leans a little heavy on our seniors. I had 39 but seven graduated early, and I am beyond proud of them. I have 32 left to get to the finish line. While they are on this journey of their right of passage, my goal is to help them experience all the things their peers experience. Senior pictures were set up and taken. I'll make surprise graduation announcements, so they have that memento for themselves and whoever else they choose to give one. Yearbooks have been procured; caps and gowns are waiting to be put on. They'll get to enjoy the senior boat trip and all-night grad party for that last hoorah with friends, thanks to generous donations. Before that, prom plans are well underway.

Years from now after they're long gone from Grants Pass High School, the hope is that they've thrived beyond their wildest dreams. To be able to look back on the fond memories, the caring adults and those senior wishes to be like everyone else and to know they were because people cared enough to help. All this despite all the chaos around them.

Thank you for being a caring partner on their journey.

Cathy Deley
Student Liaison
Grants Pass High School

**LUNCH WITH FRIENDS
WILL BE FRIDAY,
APRIL 4TH
at NOON.
PLEASE JOIN US AT THE TABLE!**



**Attention! New
Banner for
Narthex in
Progress**

The Sunday
school kids
have a vision
for a banner that
will eventually

live just outside the sanctuary next to the side door closest to the sound booth, replacing the current one hanging there. The kids want everyone who enters their church to know they are welcome! They understand it's their job, as well, to be welcoming to visitors. This will take some extra hands, though. This banner will be designed with felt and other fabrics.

**We would love a few interested people.
If you enjoy being around kids and also
like playing with fabric, come talk to
Sister Jennie.**



FYI: There is no **Red Cross Blood Drive** scheduled in April. The next drive will be May 30th, 9:00 am—2:00 pm. Mark your calendars!

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Risen

CALVARY EVENTS & INVITATIONS

BAPTISM OF DEAN BERSAGLIERI



Congratulations to Madeleine Angstadt, Will Boldon, Isaiah Eide, and Evan Strickland, award recipients from the Endowment Fund Committee.

Mid-Week "James" Bible Study



James Bible Study currently meets at 4:00 pm on Tuesdays and 1:30 pm on Wednesdays at Calvary for 12 weeks.

Pastor's Exodus Bible study occurs every Sunday following worship. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S WEEKEND INVITATION!

WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Beyond

Time away to reflect, rest, and renew is what this weekend is all about. The Camp Lutherwood staff will provide leadership for a variety of camp activities, such as archery, the climbing tower, and hiking if you seek some personal challenge. Or enjoy time in the pool, a quiet moment by the creek, or coffee and conversation on the patio. Gathering together in song and community round out this weekend designed just for you. Bring a friend or come on your own; it is a weekend you won't want to miss. Cost includes lodging, meals, and programming.

Weekend Leader To Be Announced!

JOIN US
AUGUST 1-3
COST: \$150



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MORE



SPECIAL EVENT FOR ALL CALVARY LADIES! COME JOIN THE FUN!

Do you have fond memories of camping as a child or young parent? This summer, for two nights at a lovely Lutheran campground (near Eugene), you can partake in a fun ladies' Christian weekend! From August 1-3, you can take time away to reflect, rest, and renew at **Camp Lutherwood**. Leadership is provided for a variety of camp activities, including Bible study time, all meals, dorm-style sleeping accommodations, camp fires, hikes, games, singing, swimming and more! See the flyer above for more details with a contact number/email for registration/questions. This camping experience will give you the opportunity to make new friends or get to know someone better. Carpooling available. Please contact Sister Jennie Myers or Arlette Butler for more information.

MESSAGES AND INVITATIONS

GREETER MINISTRY

*“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing, some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”
Hebrews 13:2*

Serving as a Greeter is a calling and a vital ministry in welcoming every person who enters Calvary. We need you! Greeters welcome our members, friends, and visitors. First impressions are lasting, and we believe Calvary is a sharing and caring congregation open to everyone.

At least two members are needed as greeters each Sunday before service — one at the front church main door, and one at the back door entrance. Greeters provide a warm smile, a handshake, and a friendly welcome to all. It is nice to work in pairs.

GREETER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Wear your name badge, as well as the red “greeter badge.”
- Arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of worship.
- Open the door for each person, if possible.
- Greet each person with a smile, a warm hello, and offer your hand for a handshake.
- Introduce yourself to guests or re-connect with people you know.
- Provide basic church information, such as the location of restrooms, water fountains, nursery, etc.
- Invite guests to print their names in the guest book and direct them to an Usher for a Sunday bulletin.
- Stay at your post until the first hymn has begun, so those who arrive late will be welcomed.

Invite guests to stay for Sunday school, adult Bible study and/or any planned fellowship activities.

If you would like to become better acquainted with those in your church family, serving as a greeter will provide an experience for you and your church family from a whole new perspective! Please sign up on the “Greeters” schedule on the bulletin board by the church office. For more information on how you can become a greeter, contact the church office at 541-479-2577 or Greeter Ministry Chair, Marcia Cottrill. If you are unable to greet on your scheduled day, please find a replacement or contact Marcia Cottrill at 541-218-8540 so she can find a substitute for you.

*“I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.”
Psalm 84:10b*



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!!



FRIENDLY REMINDER, FOLKS: Please do not use your Giving envelopes from prior years. Your Giving number likely changed, and the year on the envelope did change.

We only want 2025-issued envelopes in use. If you have questions, please see Crystal Zimmer.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS)

CBS invites you to join their Bible Study on Mondays from 10:00—11:30 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran. For inquiries or questions, please reach out to Babara Williams at 541-955-4595.

On April 13th, Palm Sunday, Hearts and Hands is having a bake sale. If you would like to bring baked goods, please bring them Sat, April 12th from 10:30-12:00, or before service on the 13th. For questions, please contact Bonnie Lawler at 916-517-9154.



“Community Corner”

Recovering from surgery? In rehab? Need a short-term caregiver? Need a driver?

Sherry Love may be your answer. Sherry provides **respite care** to those in need. While Sherry is not a nurse, she can assist with cleaning, meals, visiting, laundry, shopping, pharmacy runs, etc. This little angel would love to help you during your time of need.

Call Sherry today at 541-821-3294.

(Leave a message if she doesn't pick up right away.)



ROOMS FOR RENT

Looking for a room to rent on a month-to-month basis in a shared home? Sherry Love has a lovely home with two rooms available for rent, utilities included. These rooms are furnished and light house-keeping is included. Laundry service is available at an extra cost.

Rooms are \$850/month.

You may reach Sherry at 541-821-3294 to discuss your needs or if you know someone that is looking for a room/bathroom to rent.

Perfect for traveling professionals, or anyone in need, on a short-term basis!



CALVARY'S CURRENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Calvary Lutheran Church

Financial Bottom Line as of February 28, 2025



As of
February 28, 2025
Actual

Operating Income	\$58,715
Operating & Payroll Expenses	\$67,041
Net Operating Income	<u>(\$8,326)</u>

2025 Benevolence Giving As of February

Oregon Synod	\$2,781
Disaster Relief Budgeted/Designated	\$8,366
Local Benevolence Budgeted/Designated	\$3743

April Celebrations!!!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**Happy
anniversary**

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04/01	Lyle Sprain
04/02	Pat Brown
04/04	Jack Adams
04/04	Beckett Gravelle
04/04	Clay Rounsaville
04/06	Oliver Matthews
04/09	Ron Smith
04/09	Buck Woodburn
04/11	Justin Gindlesperger
04/11	Brian Nantais
04/12	Tobie Baertschiger
04/15	Laura Boldon
04/18	Dave Cook
04/21	Linda Sullivan
04/23	Libbie Nissen
04/25	Kris Panacy
04/25	Tom Wicklin
04/26	Keith Chambers
04/26	Terry Jane Morrison
04/29	John Maas
04/30	John Rentz

04/02 *DICK & LINDA
BUTLER*

04/18 *KEN & LINDA
HOBACK*

**Today
is your
DAY**

April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>Happy Easter</p>		<p>1 3:00 pm Stewardship Mtg</p> <p>4:00 pm James Bible Study</p>	<p>2 9:30 am H & H 10 am W&M 1:30 pm James Bible Study 3:30 pm Praise Team/Choir 5 pm Lent Svs</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 12 pm LWF</p>  <p>11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga</p>	<p>5 Snowshoe Hike at Crater Lake 1:00 pm</p> 
<p>6 9:30 am Service Baptisms of Brian & Jane Smith Sunday School Adult Ed (Exodus)</p>	<p>7 10:00 am CBS 11:00 am Parish Ed Mtg 11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga</p>	<p>8 10:00 am Prayer Group 4:00 pm James Bible Study</p>	<p>9 9:30 am H & H 1:30 pm James Bible Study 3:30 pm Praise Team/Choir 5 pm Lent Svs</p>	<p>10 2:00 pm Countryside Svs 4:30 pm Council Mtg</p>	<p>11 11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 PALM SUN 9:30 am Service H & H Bake Sale Sunday School Adult Ed 3:00 pm Youth Easter Party</p> 	<p>14 10:00 am CBS 11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga</p>	<p>15 4:00 pm James Bible Study</p>	<p>16 9:30 am H & H 1:30 pm James Bible Study 3:30 pm Praise Team/Choir</p>	<p>17 MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:00 pm Service</p>	<p>18 GOOD FRIDAY 11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga 5:00 pm Service</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 EASTER 9:30 am Service Easter Egg Hunt No Sunday School Adult Ed</p>	<p>21 10:00 am CBS 11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga</p>	<p>22 4:00 pm James Bible Study</p>	<p>23 9:30 am H & H 10 am Outreach 1:30 pm James Bible Study 3:30 pm Praise Team/Choir</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga</p>	<p>26 9:00 am Walking Group (Rinehart Volunteer Park)</p>
<p>27 9:30 am Service No Sunday School Adult Ed</p>	<p>28 10:00 am (LAST ONE) CBS — Luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall 11-11:45 am Chair Yoga 12-1:00 pm Yoga</p>	<p>29 4:00 pm James Bible Study</p>	<p>30 9:30 am H & H 1:30 pm James Bible Study 3:30 pm Praise Team/Choir</p>	 <p>CHRIST IS RISEN</p>		



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10:45 a.m. Sunday School

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