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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/ Children's Church

10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m Adult Education

10:30 a.m.. Connect Tweens Time
11:30 a.m. Tweens Intro to the Bible

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October 2015



Happy Birthday

Phyllis Knox	10-1	Noah T. Werner	10-24
Pamela Arnold	10-8	Elfi Bussman	10-24
Kim Badger	10-9	Louise Varner	10-24
David Triber	10-14	Linda McGrath	10-25
Harvey Mutch	10-16	Jacque Olson	10-26
Carolyn Gerhard	10-19	Darren Triber	10-27
Susan Wilson	10-20		

Happy Anniversary

Jimmy & Donann Strelec 10-1 Ruth & Greg Gfeller 10-22

Kathy & Barry Harris 10-21

Do Christians Celebrate Halloween?



Halloween has become the second most lucrative holiday of the year for retailers. Second only to Christmas, Americans will spend billions of dollars on decorations, costumes, party supplies, and, of course, candy. There are many Christians who shy away from Halloween because they see it as a time when our society glorifies "demonic" creatures like witches, zombies, vampires and the like. While I understand the concern, I simply don't think many kids who dress up like a vampire really want to be a vampire, or that wearing such a costume is a gateway towards devil worship. The number of people in our country who really worship Satan or demons is incredibly small and I feel such fears are misplace.

On the other hand the American excesses of Halloween play right into one of America's greatest most common and practices of idolatry. When we engage in excess we are really worshiping ourselves as false Gods. Excesses including drunkenness, gluttony, lust, excessive spending, excessive hording, and excessive indulgence in cultural festivals are

all either long term or short term attempts to escape, or set to the side the difficult realities of our lives at the expense of others. When we spend too much money or time on our Halloween celebrations, to the point that we go into debt or take away from other priorities we are making sacrifices to ourselves.

In contrast to America's excessive celebration of Halloween the ancient Church used All Saints Day (November 1st) as on oppor-

tunity to celebrate the examples of Christians who money, social position, and even their lives so that church used All Saints Day as an opportunity to to praise God for all of the Christians who had on to them.

As you are getting ready to celebrate Halloween shop and put together some great costumes. Pick your neighborhood. Get a few decorations that add to them from year to year. But please don't inappropriately. And more than that, don't forget important saints in your life that have gone before and grandparents that told you about Jesus. everything because of their trust in Jesus.

Pastor Matt



had gone before them and sacrificed their time, they could be a blessing to others. The ancient spur themselves on to more sacrificial living and given so much to pass the Gospel of Jesus Christ

this year enjoy yourself. Go to your favorite thrift out some special treats for the trick-or-treaters in you can use year after year and reuse them, even celebrate in a way that cost you or your family to wake up the next day and thank God for the you into eternity. Thank God for your parents Thank God for the Christian martyrs who gave

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 1st

Please send Pastor Matt the names of saints that you would like us to remember on All Saints Sunday, especially those who have died in the last year. Either e-mail him at

office@calvarypostfalls.com, or turn in a list to Jeanne in the Calvary Church office.



100% OF EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN TO CALVARY BEYOND \$120,000.00 WILL BE GIVEN TO OTHER MINISTRIES.

- If \$120,000.00 is given to Calvary's general fund it will allow us to meet all of our financial obligations, invest significantly in our ministry, and minimize or eliminate any use of reserve funds.
- \$120K would represent giving of \$10,000.00 over and above the \$110,000.00 our budget counts on us receiving this year.
- One of Calvary's long term financial goals is to give more generously to ministries beyond ourselves.
- This challenge represents an opportunity to trust God by making giving a priority.
- 60% of funds, in excess of \$120K, will be given locally to the <u>Union Gospel Mission's</u>
 Women and Children's Center.
 - This local Christian ministry helps stop the cycles of addiction, abuse, and homelessness by providing services to women and children.
- 40% of funds, in excess of \$120K, will be given to a <u>new ELCA congregation</u> being formed in the Wenatchee Valley.

Introduction to the Lord's Supper Class



What: Learn about Holy Communion

Who: Kids 2nd Grade and Older with

an adult.

Friends are welcome.

When: Sunday, Oct. 25 –

11:30 to 2:00

Cost: Free (lunch included)

RSVP: Please call the office so we can

get a head count for lunch.

While Calvary invites children of all ages to participate in the Lord's Supper we also encourage children to grow in their faith and understanding by regularly participating in various "Faith Stepping Stones." These classes help children to grow in their understanding and appreciation what God does for us when he gives himself to us in Holy Communion. During this class we will eat lunch, bake bread, read scripture together and play a game together. Anyone in 2nd grade or older who has not participate in this class before is welcome to participate. Of course you are welcome to bring friends.

Logos Has Returned to Calvary Lutheran: Over the last couple of years a handful of

students from Calvary have participated in this program as it was hosted at Community Pres. Several adults from Calvary dove in and helped out. This year we are sharing the ministry more fully with Community Presbyterian. The first half of the year will be hosted at Calvary, and after Christmas, Logos will be hosted at Community Presbyterian. We encourage you to invite the children in your life to participate in this program. Bring your kids, invite your grandchildren, welcome your neighbors.

Children who are in Kindergarten through Fifth grade are welcome to participate. Logos is after school on Wednesdays, running from 3:15 to 6:30, and dinner is included. The time is filled with play, worship, Bible exploration, and a family style meal. If you are looking for an area to help in, you can sign up to help with doing dishes, or provide dessert. (The dessert can be dropped off any time during the day on Wednesday, in the office.) Look for the sign up boards in the social hall, and your help is very much appreciated!





Wednesdays: 3:15 to 6:30

K - 5th Grade

Registration Required: 773-5321

WORSHIP • EXPLORE THE BIBLE • EAT DINNER



November DATES to remember......

*Monday, Wednesday & Fridays —AA uses fellowship hall for meetings 7am **Wednesday afternoons 3:15 to 6:30 LOGOS in Fellowship hall

- All Saints Sunday, November 1st~
- Election November 3rd, all day!
- Craft Night November 6, 6-10pm
- Team meetings, November 9th, 6pm
- Calvary Companions November 17th, 7-8:30
- Bible Study each Wednesday 1:30pm 'Revelation'
- CONNECT study for the Tweens, 10:30 Sundays
- Tweens Intro to the Bible, 11:30-2pm w/ lunch!



Over the last few years our Children's Church program has been extremely successful. Dozens of young kiddos have been made to feel welcome at church while the adults that brought them were free to relax and enjoy the sermon without worrying about their kids.

What: Crazy Fun Sunday School

Who: Kids 10 years old and up.

When: Sundays at 10:30

Where: Calvary Youth Room in the

Basement.

We now have a growing number of students who are 10 years old or older, who are ready to stay in church

for the entire service but would like to have something special for themselves. This is where Sunday School fills an important need. So, we are now offering Sunday School for kids over the age of 10! The class will begin at 10:30 and will run parallel to adult education and will be led by Kathy Darrar, and Ron and Nicole Skinner. They will be using a curriculum designed especially for inquisitive, fun loving tweens that uses entertaining videos to introduce each weeks Bible story. Quite simply this is a class designed for our tweens to explore their faith in a safe, fun, entertaining environment.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study Takes on Revelation!

What: Wednesday Bible Study

Who: Adults of all ages.

When: Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

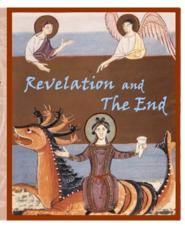
Where: Calvary Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

Peace NOT Fear

Exploring the book of Revelation through 1st century eyes we find peace and hope rather than fear.

Revelation Bible Study Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

All are welcome.



The afternoon Bible Study arrived at Revelation last spring (after going

thru the rest of the Bible), and the group was eager to study this exciting book! We have moved the Bible study's time so that we are meeting a little earlier now, at 1:30, and we plan on going about an hour and fifteen minutes long. JOIN US! Pastor Matt makes Revelation understandable, and exciting at the same time!

Examining the Religions Next Door

Adult Education Series - Sundays at 10:30

Why do they do that?

Are my neighbors Christians?

Don't we worship the same God in different ways?

What do I say to the people at my door?

So what?

Mormonism: Sept. 20, Oct. 4 & 11 Jehovah's Witnesses: Oct. 25, Nov. 1 & 8



Blessing of the Animals:

On October 4th, we had families bring their pets, stuffed animals, and a miniature pony! It was a lovely chance to see the beloved animals in our church families, and to have them blessed, as was done in the ministry of Saint Francis of Asisi.

The Preschool 'choir' sang "All Gods Creatures Got a Place in the Choir", which lent to the specialness of the occasion!







- ⇒ Lutherhaven's Fall Cut, Crop & Quilt Retreat is just around the corner: November 6-8, for crafting, quilting, and scrapbook project s that you have! Pause for meals, worship and devotions, and enjoy each other's creations! Call for questions, 1.866.729.8372, ext #119.
- ⇒ Men's Fall Retreat at Lutherhaven! Beginning November 14th, come just for the day, or for the weekend. Speaker is Father Rick Gantz, former director of university ministries at Gonzaga, and VP of Community Relations and University Chaplain at Maryhurst University. He is director of Saint Peter Faber Institute in Portland, and is a provocative speaker, and lives across the lake in Coeur d'Alene!

Weekend details:

- 1)Saturday 9am-7pm with 2 meals and 2 keynotes: \$50
 With optional recreation, or help with Pinecrest Lodge Remodel
- 2) Add Friday nite stayover \$25 add on.
- 3) Add Saturday nite stayover, with Sunday brunch and worship=\$30 add on.
- 4) Full weekend, \$105 (2nites, 4 meals, snacks & program....and be totally blessed!



DID YOU KNOW that your church is one of 22 member churches that partners with The Village at Orchard Ridge in our charitable and caring mission "to provide a faith-based loving home that honors older adults"?

DID YOU KNOW that we are blessed to be celebrating our 94th year? We have a long history of providing a loving, nurturing, Christian-based environment to our senior residents. It's a commitment we do not take lightly, and it's a commitment we intend to keep!

DID YOU KNOW that our 12-acre campus offers:

The Grove at Orchard Ridge low-income HUD subsidized independent living options

The Garden at Orchard Ridge award-winning assisted living and memory care

For more information, call Connie Wills, Admissions Director at 664-8119, or visit our website at www.theorchardcda.org or "like" us on Facebook.



News from Peace Rehabilitation Center in Nepal.

Calvary supports Peace Rehabilitation Center through benevolence giving, and also in our prayers. To learn more, talk to Cory English, Dennis Wilson, Kathy Darrar, Audrey McGrath, or Pastor Matt. You can find out more by visiting the webpage, www.peacerehab.org. Psalm 106:10 "He saved them from the hand of the foe; from the hand of the enemy he **redeemed** them."

Peace Rehabilitation Center is currently doing the groundwork to rescue 20 plus gils from India. They have built a good relationship with an organization in India that will help with the paperwork and documents needed for the courts once the girls are rescued. Please pray the girls they have located will not be moved before the rescue can happen and the Lord Himself would orchestrate the whole process so there will be no glitches that prevent it from happening. We thank you for your gifts and prayers that make these rescues possible! It costs about \$1,250 to rescue one girl, with half of that being legal fees and the rest split between housing and food while waiting to get the documents they need to take the girls back to Nepal— and then transportation for their return.

The staff at Peace Rehabilitation Center would like to thank you for your prayers during their earthquake and relief efforts. The Lord truly blessed the work of their hands and the dollars you gave to support that work. Just recently, the government gave awards to 5 of our staff for their selfless and courageous work in helping earthquake victims in the hardest hit area.

Thank you again for your partnership,

Sincerely in Christ,

Carmen Gronewold,

PRC North America Associate Director



BUILDING A BRIGHT FUTURE:

Often our former guests will check in with us and let us know how they are doing. One former guest came to us with his young son. The father loved his son and wanted to do better for him. So, the dad enrolled in GED classes and with the help of FPNI, he got his son into childcare. If you hosted anytime during this time, you would see him studying right after dinner determined to succeed.

Later, after they exited the program, the son went to Head Start and Dad continued to go to North Idaho College. Dad got on the Parent Council of Head Start and continued to better their lives. He completed his coursework at NIC and did very well. He is now eligible for a merit scholarship as well as other financial aid to Gonzaga University.

He and his son are in stable and sustainable housing. He is holding his own financially but did not have the resources needed to replace the front brakes on his car to get him to school safely. Silver Lake Auto inspected the brakes for free and donated their labor costs and discounted the price for good quality parts. Silver Lake Automotive has always been a great supporter of FPNI. There was still a cost of \$265.21. We were able to access KROC funds and the Deacon's at First Presbyterian Church donated \$165.21 to complete the deal. Blessings were complete.

This guest has accomplished a great deal since leaving the program and he publicly gives credit to Family Promise of North Idaho for turning his and his son's lives around.

By Sandi Kroll, Family Services Coordinator

THANK YOU FOR BEING A SUPPORTER OF Calvary Missions!

Calvary Companions news:

CALVARY COMPANIONS has resumed meeting the third Tuesday of the month, 7:00-8:30 p.m. So that's Tuesday, October 20 this month.

The group has asked for presentations on the subject of death and dying. So Chaplain Everett Arnold will begin to share theories and working theology from his experience of ministry to 500 dying persons in 10 years as chaplain in a Lutheran retirement center.

Anyone is welcome to attend. Our Calvary Companions will welcome you. We meet in the church library.

Blessings, Everett and Pam Arnold



Please continue to Pray for the following requests:

Jack Brawner for comfort and healing from Cancer (Harrises)

Doug Kaufman (Sunny Fagan)

Prayers for our marriage and all marriages (Cheryl & Eugene Romeu)

Aaron & family for healing (Varners)

Grant Turner for healing (Pat Goss)

Sister Shirley Rathbun in Moscow, for healing from cancer (Betty Markley)

Bobby Quested, healing for her knee (Sunny Fagan)

Mandy for peace with results of biopsy (Joan Shatzka)

Helen Knott for healing (Audrey McGrath)

Healing for Ray Shatzka (Joan Shatzka)

For Kari (Joan's daughter), and wisdom for her doctors (Joan S & Ryllee Kaup)

Gina for healing after Lung transplant (Darrars)

For John and caregivers as Gina heals from lung transplant

Daughter (Kathy Ashley Meyers) with new baby needing prayers (Sunny Fagan)

Matt for courage and faith during Robyns healing after transplant! (Darrars)

Thanksgiving for healing, and prayers for continued health for Robyn (Darrars)

For donors families after generous donation for Gina and Robyn's transplant

For dad Jimmy to have a better knee (Celsey Strelec)

Donna for peace, and strength to overcome health issues (Borders)

Akira Strelec on beginning studies at Eastern Wash University (Strelec family)

Rhyna Guidice in safe travel and much-needed rest (Strelec family)

Praise for Kyura's recent success (Cory English)

Prayers for Kyura's strength & peace (Cory English)

Health for the Borek family (Anna Marie Halpern)

For the military, officers and their families to be safe (Taylor Werner)

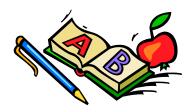
Baby Olivia (Carole Fredekind)

Mabel Wilkerson for continued health(Linda Johann, David & Darren Triber)

Kristen Diede for strength (Jim & Lo Pontier)

Healing for Ruth, her hands and fingers (Forrest Chapin)

Ron Reinhart (The Blettners)



CALVARY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

It was a bummer that we had to cancel the day at the park, but it will be fun getting know everyone at Paul Bunyan Days! We will be celebrating many of the American Legends of past. We also had a great time when Mrs. Mina came into the preschool to read to us.

In October, we will be learning the letters C, D, E, & F and the numbers 1-2. We will also be working on our cutting skills, learning the colors; orange, yellow, and black, and practicing writing our names. We will be sending a homework page home throughout the school year. It will be worth a stick towards the treasure box, if the students return it completed. Please continue to reinforce the skills your student is learning at preschool with games and activities at home.

Our Bible verses are:

Genesis 6:22 – "Noah did everything just as God commanded him."

Genesis 15:6 - "Abram believed the Lord."

Upcoming events for October will be:

- Oct. 1st **Paul Bunyan Days** We will need parent volunteers to help run the different stations. We are also really excited for our special guest!
- Oct. 4th **Blessing of the Animals at the 9:00 Service** Any students who can attend are asked to bring a stuffed animal to bless. They will also be leading the congregation in a song. Pets may also attend service on that day to be blessed.
- Oct. 8th **Preschool Picture Day** We will be taking pictures of the children in the morning along with a classroom picture. Forms will be attached to this newsletter.
- Oct 15th **Carver Farms Field Trip** we are going to the farm to pick pumpkins and so much more. We will need drivers. More information will follow.
- Oct. 29th **Harvest Festival** We will dress up as our favorite book character, make spiders to eat and watch a short movie.

Reminders:

Don't forget to bring a picture for your child's cubby. This helps them to know which cubby is theirs until they are able to read their own name.

October tuition is now due. Thank you!

Games...Games...Games... Play "I Spy..." in the car with your child, but instead of using letters use colors. For example: "I spy something that is blue..." The answer is the sky. This will keep them busy, and you will be reinforcing what they are learning at preschool.

Thank you for all the you do!!! Jodene Meehan

CALVARY NEWS

Caring and Fellowship Team

The next big event for which Caring and Fellowship Team is preparing is the Calvary Thanksgiving Dinner in our Fellowship Hall after Worship Service on the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day, which is Sunday, November 22, 2015. There will be sign-up sheets on the table in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, November 1, so that dinner attendees may indicate what Thanksgiving dish they wish to bring. This event is a great fellowship opportunity for Calvary members and close friends, and we know from past years, that many will come!

Thursday, October 22, is the date of this school year's first Coffee and Cookies Event, which Caring and Fellowship Team provides for the Mothers and other Caregivers of our Calvary Preschoolers. The Preschool schedule was so happily busy during September, that Caring and Fellowship could not have the Coffee and Cookies fun! It was decided not to attempt to have Calvary women attend the Assembly of Women of the ELCA-Northern Idaho/Eastern Washington Synod in Spokane on the first weekend of October, because the cost was prohibitive. But Pamela Arnold did phone the treasurer of this Synodical Women's Organization to explain our nonattendance. She promised to keep us posted on future events, which are less expensive.

Out Team discussed the feasibility of having a very basic version of the Ladies Tea in the Spring of 2016. Carole Fredekind is resigning from this volunteer position after years of exemplary work, and it will be very difficult to replace her. Thank you, Carole. And if there is anyone in the congregation, who would like to work with our Team on the Tea or even chair a committee to plan, etc. the Tea, please contact Pamela Arnold (509-828-3439 ramelap@gmail.com.)

(Pamela Arnold is Church Council Liaison

for Caring and Fellowship Team)



Please pray for United States Military including:

Andrew Uptagrafft

(Son of Carol & Pat Uptagrafft)

Marcus Baker (Grandson of Mary & Tex Hess)

Mamie English Cisneros

(Daughter of Cory & Dan English)

Anthony Mason (Nephew of Loren Mason

Brian Page (Nephew of Audrey McGrath)

Kristina Borek (Daughter of Pam & Scott Borek)

Maxwell Paul (Nephew of Tina & Mike Irwin)

Jason Irwin (Nephew of Tina & Mike Irwin)

Jesse Ost (Grandson of Erna Ost)

Donny Fillman (Nephew of Linda Fleming)



Your deadline for November events or articles to be put into the November newsletter, please bring them to Jeanne Barrett-Usher at the office, or e-mail them to her by October 23rd!!!

E-mail:

office@calvarypostfalls.com.

OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
World Mission Sunday	AA Mtg 7am	-Mens Discussion 8am -Fit & Fall proof 9:30 -Ephesians study 10:15	-AA Mtg 7am -Bible Study 1:30 -LOGOS 3-6pm	1 -Paul Bunyan Days at Preschool -Fit & Fall Proof 9:30	2 -AA Mtg 7am -Craft Night 6—10	т
4- Blessing of the ANIMALS -CONNECT 10:30 -Adult class 10:30 -Tweens 11:30-2	5 -AA mtg 7am -Red Hat Flappers 12 noon	6 - <u>Men</u> s Discussion 8am - Fit & Fall proof 9:30 -Ephesians study 10:15	7 -AA Mtg 7am -Bible Study 1:30 -LOGOS 3-6 pm	8 -Fit & Fall Proof 9:30 -Book Club 7pm	9 -AA Mtg 7am	10 WEDDING held at Calvary
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TWEENS	Ron & Nicole Skinner	Kathy & Meribeth	Ron & Nicole	Kethy & Meribeth	
CHILDRENS CHURCH	Jodene Meehan, Dopnann Strelec	Jimmy Strelec & Kathy Darrar	Kathy Darrar, Linnea Johnston	Sally Holtz, Sam or Ryan McGrath	
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Darrar	Dennis Wilson	Joan Shatzka	Janie Hirth	
COUNTERS	Carol & Margret	Audrey & Donann	Cory & Meribeth	Linnea & Linda	
FLOWERS					
FELLOW- SHIP HOSTS	Kristin Erickson, Kerry & Vicky Blettner	Linda Johann, Pat & Carol Uptagrafft	Janie Hirth, Jim & Loretta Pontier	Pat Goss, Dick & Jan Harris	
USHERS	CJ & Dan Meeks	Pat Goss & Joan	Forrest Chapin & Ray	Pat & Carol Uptagrafft	
READER	Barry Harris	Kathy Harris	Loren Mason	Violet Maynard	
SONG	Kevin McGrath	Loren Mason	Kevin McGrath	Loren Mason	
MUSIC	Loretta Pontier	Linda Borders	Loretta Pontier	Linda Borders	
DATE	SUNDAY October 4	SUNDAY October 11	SUNDAY October 18	SUNDAY October 25	

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We are called to tell of Christ's love as we care for all people and God's creation.

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