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February 2017



A blast from the past!

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

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Happy Birthday:

Christine Cook 2-2
 Carole Fredekind 2-6
 Sam Badger 2-9
 Kathy Harris 2-13
 Ralph Meyer 2-17
 Ron Skinner 2-20
 Diane Wallace 2-24
 Brenda Howard 2-26
 Jimmy Strelec 2-27



Margret Evenson 2-28
 Donna Nelson 2-28

Happy Anniversary

Jean & Ron Voights
 2-12
 Nancy & Greg Savage
 2-14
 Richard & Diane
 Wallace 2-14

Staff

Pastor: Matthew Erickson
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 Choir Director: Aurel Mason
 Preschool Director: Jodene Meehan
 Preschool Teacher: Krista Moler
 Teacher Aide: Brenda Howard
 Teacher Aide: Jody Laufenberg



Valentines Day Myths



Valentines Day commemorates the day on which St. Valentine was martyred for his faithfulness to Jesus and while there are lots of legends about St. Valentine which may or may not be true, those legends could never be as pervasive as the mythology our culture has created around this holiday. Valentine's day has in many ways become for our society a no win situation. For those of us who are married, or in a significant romantic relationship, it provides an opportunity to express our appreciation for the other, and perhaps an excuse to take a night out. These, of course, are things that we should be doing regularly anyway, and very often it means more, and costs less, do express these feelings on days other than Valentine's day. For those of us who are not in a romantic relationship, or whose spouse has died, Valentine's day can serve as a painful reminder of what the world tells us we are missing. There are some falsehoods perpetuated by Valentine's day that should be rejected.

Valentine's day perpetuates the idea that we as human beings are only complete if we have a romantic partner. This is a lie. Each of us was made in God's image completely perfect in and of ourselves. We know that God made us just right in and of ourselves (Psalm 139) and while in marriage we are told that the "the two become one flesh," this does not mean that either of the two were less whole on their own. It really is a wonderful thing to be comfortable with one's self and to know that you don't need another person to be complete. Romantic love is nice but it is far less valuable than love of one's self. After all we are called to love our neighbor as our self, and how is that possible if we can't first see ourselves and love ourselves the way that God loves us.

LOVE
YOURSELF

The second myth perpetuated by Valentine's day is that love is a feeling. In our culture, we often talk about falling in love and how love gives us wings or makes us feel all squishy inside or other such nonsense. Those are not bad feelings and they can be a stepping stone towards love, but love, from a biblical perspective is always lived out. In fact, love is lived out even particularly when we don't feel those nice feelings. Love is lived out in doing things to care lift up and care for those around us. When Jesus instructs us to love our enemies, he is indeed speaking about those who persecute us and those who are trying to do us harm. However, it also means doing kind and loving things for our sister our close friend, or even our spouse when we find that we are so angry at them we could just scream. When we choose to do caring and helpful things for those people we are upset with we find that we cannot help but see them more the way God does. After all the hallmark of God's love for us is that even when he is rightfully angry with us he loves us and gives us good things.

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

- Romans 5: 8-10

Love is not epitomized by feelings which come and go like a summer breeze, love is epitomized by the way we treat others.



There is a third myth that is perpetuated by Valentine's Day. Retailers would like for us to believe that we can replace loving words, loving care and time spent in one another's company with the giving of extravagant gifts. Gift giving is good and holy, and for some people receiving and giving gifts is an important part of how they express their love, care, and admiration for others. Gift giving is good, but it is no replacement for other forms of love and affection. This is true for romantic relationships, familiar relationships, professional relationships, and even casual relationships. Gifts at best can only share love when they are combined with other forms of loving action. A listening ear, a gentle touch, helping with a project, kind words, and acts of service are all essential if we are going to share the love of Christ with those God has put into our lives.



While Valentine's day in the United States has become predominately a means by which to manipulate people in to spending money, it is not completely without value. There are several legends about St. Valentine. In fact, we are not sure which St. Valentine the holiday is named after and we have no way of verifying which of the stories are true or not, but all the stories about St. Valentine have a common theme: followers of Jesus are called to find ways to tell people about God, and care for others even when doing so will get them in trouble. Legends of St. Valentine include that he stood up to a Roman Judge who worshiped false Gods and helped that Judge to learn about Jesus, even when his life was threatened. This may have included the miraculous restoration of a young girl's sight. Other legends tell of how Valentine continued to help young couples in their faith and performed illegal marriages at a time when young peasant men were not supposed to be getting married because that might make them less effective soldiers. Ultimately, we do know that more than one Christian, with the name Valentine, was martyred by the Roman Government because he refused to serve the Roman Gods. It is safe to say that Valentine lived out Calvary's mission: "To tell of Christ's love as we care for all people and God's creation." In this season, overflowing with pink hearts and cheap candy, why not take a moment to find a way to live out that mission yourself.

Your Valentine,

Pastor Matt



Mabel Wilkerson

Calvary Church lost a lovely member, Mabel Mae Messall Hawkins Wilkerson on January 21st, 2017. We held a service for her on January 28th, and it was well-attended, by many friends in the community.

Born in Sykeson, North Dakota in 1924, she worked on her family farm in the Dakotas till she married Orville Hawkins in 1942. They had 4 children, and moved to the Kingston area in 1952. She belonged to a sewing club, and enjoyed crocheting, gardening, and embroidery! She was well known for her cooking: her donuts, Christmas candies, cinnamon rolls, biscuits and gravy...and no one ever left the table hungry.

When Mabel's husband was killed in a logging accident in 1963, she met Phil Wilkerson in 1967. They retired to Lake Pend Orielle, and then later moved to Post Falls. Mabel was very active in the Dorcas Quilting group at Calvary. When Phil passed away in 2000, she stayed at her home till she had a massive stroke—and later moved to Pacifica Assisted Living Facility in Pinehurst.

To make a donation in lieu of flowers, the family would like to contribute to Calvary Lutheran Church or to Hospice House of North Idaho. Check on her obituary at www.yaatesfuneralhomes.com. Mabel leaves such an empty spot in this congregation and we will miss her wit, work ethics and wonderful talents.

DO YOU REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE, AND THESE TIMES?



Red team has Mary Hess .



Blue Team has Loretta Pontier, Carol Uptagrafft



Green Team with Jan Johnson



Yellow team: Linda Fleming, Bernita Carlson, Coach Brandon Carlson, and Gail Gutterud

The GOLDEN GIRLS Basketball teams: Many of you will remember these special teams from years past, who raised money and food for the Food Bank. The Yellow team was victorious, as you can see by their medals! Hurrah Golden Girls! Each team had 2 players in their 50s, two in their 60s, and one in their 70's. Way to go---Age does not preclude activity, or even AWARDS. Thanks to Linda Fleming for the photos....you can see her in there along with other members and former members as listed above.



CAMP LUTHERHAVEN

- ◆ Annual meeting for the Camp, Lutherhaven Ministries, on June 3rd, at 1:45 pm in the Zoerb Chapel. As a member congregation, you are invited to submit nominees to the Board of Directors.



March 2017 DATES to remember

*Monday, Wednesday & Fridays —AA uses fellowship hall for meetings 7am

**Tuesday morning 8am, Men's Discussion Group

***Tues & Thurs morning 9:30, Fit & Fall Prevention

&& Bible Study, 2:00 Wednesdays, "Women of the Bible "

****Logos for kids, at Calvary 3:30 each Wednesday!

- ◆ March 1, Ash Wednesday
- ◆ March 2, Dr Seuss pajama party preschool
- ◆ March 3, Craft Night 6-10 pm
- ◆ March 8th, 15th, 22nd Soup Supper 6pm with Lenten services 7pm
- ◆ March 13, Team meetings at 6pm, Council at 7pm



THE VILLAGE AT ORCHARD RIDGE

(formerly Coeur d'Alene Homes/Heritage Place)

DID YOU KNOW **The Village at Orchard Ridge** is currently accepting applications for our independent senior living? The Grove (former Heritage Place) provides HUD-subsidized, income-based affordable housing for those 62 years of age and older. Tour our lovely campus and see all that we have to offer: 702 W. Walnut Avenue, Coeur d'Alene.

Visit our website at www.theorchardcda.org, or contact Diana at dabken@theorchardcda.org, or 664-8119 ext. 214 to schedule your tour today.

*From **The Village at Orchard Ridge** (The Garden/Assisted Living),*

624 W. Harrison Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



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."*

"For I am about to do a brand new thing. See I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness for my people to come home. I will create rivers for them in the desert." Is: 43:19

Pabisara lives with her husband and three year old daughter in one of the poorest districts in Nepal. As it is very close to the India/Nepal border it is a prime target area for traffickers. She and her family had very little to live on, altho her husband runs a small meat shop. So when a trafficker came offering \$300 a month to work as a nanny or maid, Pabisara left with him. She only wanted to support her family, but once across the border they met up with 3 other girls. They were taken to Delhi, India, and held in an apartment, while false passports and travel arrangements were made to get them to Dubai to be sold as sex slaves.

In 2016, a PRC rescue team raided the apartment, and brought Pabisara back to Nepal. The PRC Board decided to help her get set up with a means of earning an income, rather than having her go back to her family immediately: The board provided her with a chicken coop, 500 baby chicks, and an immediate market once the chicks mature: each can be sold for \$2-3 each! Since her husband has a small meat shop, they can sell the birds in his shop—so now she is making more than \$300 a month and can be home with her husband and her daughter!

The PRC staff asked Pabisara recently, if she would go to Dubai, and she said she would never leave again. They asked her if she would go for \$500, and she emphatically said "NO". She is very grateful for the opportunity to earn good money, and to be reunited with her family—but one important thing is missing in her life, and that is Jesus. Pray that she and her family will get to know the ONE who rescued her from slavery, and wants them to know the absolute freedom that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

Blessings from Carmen Gronewold, PRC North America Associate Director



Family Promise®

At Calvary we hosted a family over the Christmas holiday, and that was a blessing: made real with a baby on the way (born early January)...Thank you for your help in hosting February 5th thru 13th! **Be**

Host Congregations

- Calvary Lutheran Church
- Community Presbyterian Church
- Community United Methodist Church
- Dalton Gardens Church of Christ
- First Baptist Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- Lake City Community Church
- Peace Lutheran Church
- Prairie Avenue Christian Center
- Post Falls Seventh Day Adventist
- St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- Trinity Lutheran Church

Support Congregations

- Calvary Christian Fellowship
- Camp White
- Christ the King Lutheran
- Faith Presbyterian Church
- Lutheran Church of the Master Hayden Seventh Day Adventist
- Unity Spiritual Center of North Idaho

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A SUPPORTER
OF Calvary Missions!**



Flowers for Remembrance, Flowers for Blessings, Flowers for.....

We all have someone who has blessed our lives. We all have an event that we would like to remember. Maybe it's a birthday, a wedding anniversary or any date that you would like to have remembered. Our flower chart, at the end of the fellowship hall, is for you. Sign up on any Sunday, or multiple Sundays, throughout the year.

I will create a special fresh flower arrangement for that Sunday. After worship please take the arrangement home to enjoy. The cost is \$24.00 payable to Kathy's Designs. Please pre-order with cash or check to Kathy Darrar. I will provide you with an invoice, marked "paid", for the order.

If you would like to provide your own flowers, please sign up on the flower chart and write "own" on the left side of your name. This way I know you are providing them yourself. Please have your arrangement on the pedestal to the left of the lecturn before service starts.



I look forward to enjoying the significance of each flower arrangement by either providing them for you or enjoying the flowers you bring on Sunday.

Please call with me with any questions: Kathy Darrar 777-8288

CALVARY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2017



Thank you to all our parents and grandparents for helping with our snow/pajama day. We couldn't do it without your help! The weather cooperated and our children had a wonderful time. The Super 1 field trip is always my favorite! Thanks to all our parents who attended. It is always a fun and interesting field trip.

In February, we will be learning the letters O, P, Q, and R and the number 6. We will continue to work on our scissors, writing and phonemic skills. We will be starting to work with the preschoolers on sorting and patterning skills. Look at the Games idea for the week, it deals with these skills.

⇒ Our Bible verses are:

Proverbs 17:17 – “A friend loves at all times.”

Galatians 5:13 - “Serve one another in love.”

Upcoming events for February:

February – Parent’s Tea/Cookies at 11:00 –

Come early to pick up your students for a fun fellowship time with other parents.

February 14th - Classroom valentine’s parties - We will be decorating cookies, watching a movie, and passing out valentines to open at home. Please bring valentines for 14 students in Mrs. Meehan’s class and 14 students in Mrs. Moler’s class. Please sign the valentines, but do not write out to whom each valentine is given.

March 2nd - Dr. Seuss Day/Pajama Day –

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss’ birthday. We will send out more information later.

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be available for Calvary Family members in February. This includes returning students, siblings of past students, and families of our congregation. We will be sending out registration forms for students that will be returning next year or siblings of past students, please return these forms with a copy of the child’s immunization records and the \$50 nonrefundable fee as soon as possible. If you do not receive the registration form, please let us know. We will open up registration to everyone else in March.

REMINDER: February tuition is due on the 10th . Thank you!!!

Games...Games...Games... Use buttons, cereal, keys, toys, etc. Start with a simple A-B-A-B., and an A-B-C-A-B-C... pattern. This is great for math skills.

Thank you,

Mrs. Meehan

CALVARY NEWS

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)

Charles Markley (Grandson of Betty Markley)

(Australian Military)

Zac Berra, (Audrey McGrath's grandson)



Your deadline for events or articles to be put into the March newsletter, please bring them to Jeanne Barrett-Usher at the office, or e-mail them to her by February 21st. E-mail: office@calvarypostfalls.com. **THANK YOU!**

Caring and Fellowship:

*Dear Ladies of Calvary Lutheran,
Thank you so much for your generosity
with our residents this Christmas! Their
Christmas baskets turned out so lovely and
were such a joy to hand out! It makes
the residents feel so loved to have our
sponsor churches provide for them in this
way. Thank you!*

*God Bless,
Hally Johnson*

from: The Village at Orchard Ridge

Please continue to Pray for the following requests:

Prayers for family of Kenny Boller in his recent passing (Darrars)
Loren Mason, Sr., for health issues (Mason family)
Grace Anderson (Venus & Carl Harmon)
Teigan for health (Werners)
Darlene Durkin with her health (Linnea Johnston)
Pam Borek for healing (Anna Marie Halpern)
Elaine Smith for comfort (Piper Smith)
Doug (mother Margret)
Healing and growth for Brinda and Jhonathan (Forrest Chapin)
Kristen, Allsion, Daniel & Deide for support (Loretta Pontier)
Frank for strength & comfort (Linda Fleming)
Prayers for Gina as she now has a liver issue (Darrars)
Prayers for the preschoolers, the staff and parents
Mike and family, for comfort & healing (Meehans)
Carl Harmon for strength & healing (Pastor Matt, Harmons)
Baby Grayson & family (Taylor Werner)
Angel , sister Cari (Taylor Werner)
For my mom, Audrey McGrath for healing and comfort (Jill McGrath Berra, and McGrath clan)
For the family holding down the fort, back in Australia, Frank Berra (Jill McGrath Berra)
For Danielle for her healing after surgery (Meehans)
Praises for wisdom for Danielle in her testing (Meehans)
Cliff Harmon healing from knee surgery(Harmon family)
For comfort for family of Ron Smith, with his passing (Judy Stebbins)
Comfort for Aunt Elaine and friends with the loss of Uncle in Cereal, Alberta (Kathy & Sally)
Praises for Gabriel Harris continued well-being as he deals with cystic fibrosis (Kathy & Barry Harris)
For healing for Audrey (McGraths)
Prayers for Michael Wern (Elfi Bussman)
Prayers for healing after surgery for Judy Stebbins
Pastor Larry Cudmore for strength & healing (Borders)
Cory Anderson for healing from heart surgery (Strelecs)
Andrew with concussion (Autumn)
Comfort for family of Mabel Wilkerson
Comfort for the family of Eugene Romeu
Comfort for Joan and family with Ray Shatzka's passing
Comfort for the family of Lois Olson with her passing
George Moffitt (Varners)
Bob & Cheryl Flores for health & healing (Flemings)
For daughter Emelia coming to visit grandma Audrey, for travel mercies (Jill McGrath Berra)

February	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Jan 29 Annual Church Meeting	Jan 30	Jan 31 -Mens Discussion 8 -Fit & Fall Preven 9:30	1 Bible Study 2:30 LOGOS 3:15-6:30	2 -Fit & Fall Preven 9:30	3-Craft Nite 6-10 Grade School Camp Wkend Lutherhaven	4
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	26	27	28 -Mens Discussion 8 -Fit & Fall Preven 9:30 -Giving Garden mtg.	March 1 Bible Study 2:30 LOGOS 3:15-6:30	March 2 -Fit & Fall Preven 9:30 Preschool Dr Seuss Day!	March 3 Craft Night 6-10	March 4

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DATE	MUSIC LEADER	SONG LEADER	READER	USHERS	FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	FLOWERS	COUNTERS	ALTAR GUILD	CHILDRENS CHURCH	CONNECT TWEENS
SUNDAY Feb 5	Loretta Pontier	Kevin McGrath	Barry Harris	Pat & Carol Uptagrafft	Violet Maynard, Jim & Donann		Linda & Ryan	Dennis Wilson	Jodene Meehan Kathy Darrar	Kathy Darrar, Jimmy Strelec
SUNDAY Feb 12	Linda Borders	Loren Mason	Kathy Harris	Jimmy Strelec, Ray Shatzka	Jodene Meehan, Val & Tim Larson		Carol & Margret	Joan Shatzka	Kathy Darrar, Linnea Johnston	NONE
SUNDAY Feb 19	Loretta Pontier	Kevin McGrath	Violet Maynard	CJ Meek	Linnea Johnston, Cory & Dan English		Linnea & Donann	Kathy Darrar	Sally Holtz, Sam McGrath	Jimmy Strelec, Kathy Darrar,
SUNDAY Feb 26	Linda Borders	Loren Mason	Pam Arnold	Pat Goss, Joan Shatzka	Sally Holtz, Mike & Chris Cook		Cory & Carol M	Dennis Wilson	Linda Johann, Taylor Werner	NONE
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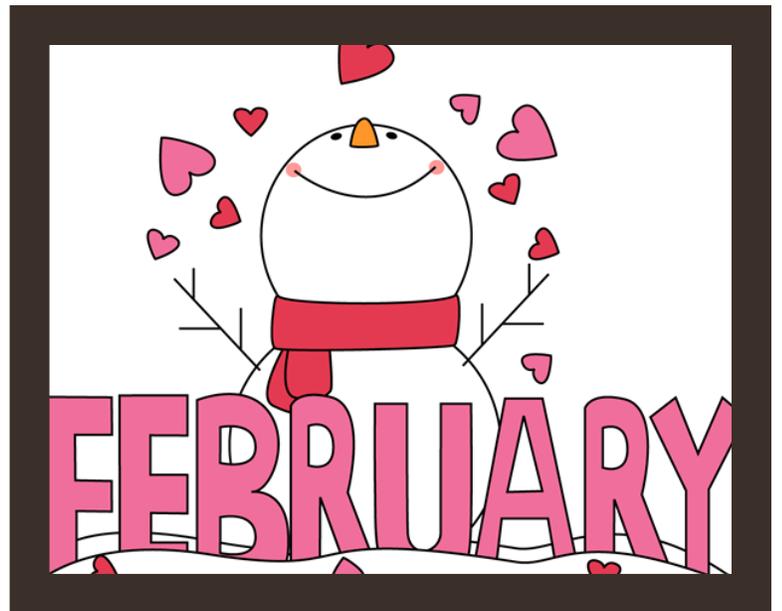
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CALVARY'S PURPOSE STATEMENT:

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

COME WORSHIP WITH US!