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Church

10:00 a.m. Fellowship10:30 a.m Adult Education

10:30 a.m.. Connect Tweens Time

(1st and 3rd Sunday)

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September 2017



The Giving Garden

Yields a

Bounty!

Happy Birthday:

Scott Borek 9-8
Aurel Mason 9-8
Lee Badger 9-10
Greg Savage 9-15
Barry Harris 9-15
Heather Johnson 9-16
Val Larson 9-18

Pastor Matt 9-20
Kerry Blettner 9-24
Samantha Dawson 9-27
Jean Voights 9-27
Barry Harris 9-15
Heather Johnson 9-16
Val Larson 9-18

Happy Anniversary

Don Weber 9-19 Forrest Chapin 9-19

Louise & Dick Varner Susan & Dennis Wilson

9-5 9-28

Aurel & Loren Mason

9-18



Monumental Conflict



Throughout August the news was filled with images of large groups protesting either in favor of, or against the removal of civil war monuments and the removal of the confederate battle flag from public spaces. The controversy at times has erupted into violence and brought to light all sorts of debate about the motivations behind the civil war and the actions taken by "heroes" on both sides of the conflict. As I watch, read, and listen to the conversations regarding these monuments to the United States' broken past, I find myself dismayed to find that from all sides there seems to be an attempt to simplify and cleanse our history. It seems we are missing an opportunity to really engage in a discussion of who we are, but rather we try to shout one another down. With this in mind, I will wade into the murky waters and probably ruffle a few feathers.

Some preliminary thoughts: The controversy surrounds monuments and symbols of the civil war and any discussion regarding the civil war needs to remember that war is evil. Sometimes war is necessary, but it is always the result of evil and the fruition of evil. The civil war was particularly devastating, with more American soldiers dying, nearly 500,000, in the civil war than any other war we have engaged in.

The slavery which was foundation for much of the United States economic success was evil and absolutely vile. I don't know of another place or time in history were human slavery reached such depths of depravity. The scale, violence, hopelessness, and racial subjugation of the chattel slavery in the United States is unmatched.

The motivations for fighting the civil war were impure and varied on both sides. There were many who fought for and supported the Union forces who were fully in favor of slavery, while there were others on the Confederate side who opposed it. Clearly, the defense of institutionalized slavery was a significant motivation for the Confederates, but that does not automatically mean that the Union motivations were purely altruistic. Robert E. Lee wrote his wife that slavery was evil¹, while Abraham Lincoln clearly saw people of color as an inferior.

Preliminaries over, may the feather ruffling begin...

(1https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/18/us/robert-e-lee-slaves.html?ref=todayspaper)

War Time U.S. Mi	litary Deaths
Revolutionary War	4,435
War of 1812	2,260
Indian Wars	1,000
Mexican War	13,283
Civil War	498,332
Spanish-American War	2,446
World War I	116,516
World War II	405,399
Korean War	54,246
Vietnam War	90,220
Persian Gulf War	1,565
Global War on Terror	6,852

The confederate war monuments, and the confederate battle flag represent people who were willing to give their lives to defend their convictions as to what was socially, morally, and economically best for our country. My conviction that many of those convictions, particularly beliefs which view people of color as inferior to people of European ancestry, to be not only incorrect but evil. I believe the Christian scriptures, human history, and sociology have all proven that human slavery, in all forms, is evil. It would be easy to assume that all of the men and women who supported slavery and benefited from it were evil. It would be really wonderful to view the history of American slavery through black and white lenses, then we can clearly put ourselves on the side of the good-guys and the Robert E. Lees, Confederate Soldiers, and Southern slaveowners on the side of the bad-guys. Us versus them. Life is easier that way.



But I think that history shows that many, if not most of those who supported the confederacy, and American slavery, really thought they were doing the right thing and believed they were defending a moral order established by God. People will do a lot of very selfish and evil things as long as it will benefit them. Very early on in the civil war it became clear that the Civil war was going to be a losing proposition for everyone. Yet, Confederate families continued to make sacrifices and give their lives. Their convictions led them to believe that they were defending not only themselves but what was morally right.

For me, the confederate battle flag and the monuments scattered around this country commemorating heroes of the confederacy serve as a reminder that good people sometimes hold convictions which are not only incorrect, but evil. There are things that are worth fighting for and things that are worth dying for, but too often we allow our-

selves to make sacrifices on the altars of personal convictions which we have left un-scrutinized. When good people hold to beliefs that are incorrect, we can end up making very bad decisions.

⁶ Rejoice always,¹⁷ pray without ceasing,¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit.²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil. ²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 5:16-23 ESV)

As Christians, we are called to live lives that are filled with examination. This includes the examination of our convictions, even our religious convictions. There are many who teach in the name of Jesus who are not giving Jesus' teachings. And so, we are called to live in community holding everything accountable to the totality of God's revelation to us in the Holy Scriptures, and particularly to the testimony of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is my experience that when we actively do this, we find that many of our convictions change over time. The more we open ourselves up to the convictions of others, the more we find clarity in our own beliefs and the actions we take based on those beliefs. In the slave-owning south, many held to the convictions of the society around them without testing those convictions. Do I do the same?

We are also called to examine our own complicity in the things that are broken in the world. There were many northerners who supported the union who were deeply complicit in the evil slavery that was taking place in the south. Southern slavery in many ways enabled the entire United States to enjoy the kind of economic success which allowed for the country to survive the first tenuous years of its existence. We often find ourselves in a similar situation. Our lives are made better by unjust systems which are a part of our society. In what places are we called to take a stand and fight for justice?

When I, by the grace of God, enter into eternity, I expect that even having lived a life of self-examination I will see that there were places that I should have believed and acted differently. By all accounts, Robert E. Lee was a Godfearing man who took his faith very seriously. He, I expect, was heartbroken when he learned where his convictions were in error. This is why we cannot rely on our own perfection to earn God's love and grace. It is God himself who sanctifies us completely so that when our Lord Jesus returns we are found blameless.

There is an opportunity that exists whenever we find ourselves looking at our nations many symbols of the civil war: 1)To embrace them as a reminder of our total dependence on Christ, and 2)to use them as an impetus for us to engage in our own self-examination. To completely erase these symbols from our society is to pretend that our history is one that is black and white, and to presume that we are on the side of good. To me that would be a loss. Let us remember our history with clarity so that we can live out our future with equal clarity. Instead of fighting for the removal of these symbols why not fight to tell the whole story of the Civil war, and the story of our Savior who has loved us and blessed us, in spite of our nation's sin.

Pastor Matt

September 16th, for the <u>INSTALLATION OF Bishop Kristen</u>
<u>Kuempel</u>, a choir is needed. Wear something red, and show up at St. Mark's in Spokane by noon that Saturday, to practice the song written and provided for the occa-





sion. Come early, as practice is 12:30 to 1pm, with the auspicious occasion beginning at 2pm. Aurel and Loren will have the music (to be copied) and you need to have a black or dark folder to enclose it in! Wear cool clothing, as it should be warm!

God's work. Our hands.

When: Sunday, September 17

9:00 - Special Worship

10:30 - Service Projects

Each September, ELCA congregations around the country celebrate "God's Work Our Hands Sunday." It is a chance for 100's of thousands of Lutherans to take on projects to benefit the communities around us.

This year Calvary will be celebrating our partnership with the Post Falls Food Bank. Leslie Orth, the food bank's Executive Director, will be with us.

You are invited to bring non-perishable food items for a special offering. After worship will assemble weekend nutrition kits to be distributed to school children in need. Some will head out to the garden for a special time to harvest produce, and others will take on a handful of simple projects at the foodbank itself.



Thank you for supporting Post Falls Food Bank, Leslie Orth, Director





October 2017 DATE\$ 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

Oct 8-15 Family Promise week

Oct 9, Team meetings 6 pm, Council 7pm

Oct 14-21, Pastor Matt on Vacation

Oct 17 World Mission Prayer Group 3:30pm, Tuesday

Oct 29, Reformation Sunday





The Village at Orchard Ridge Presents **P.E.A.C.E. Aging Workshop** (Professionals Easing Aging Concerns Thru Education)

DID YOU MISS the **P.E.A.C.E.** workshops last spring? No Worries! There are two more scheduled this fall. Mark your calendar to attend one of these informative workshops:

- ⇒ Saturday, September 16th (hosted by Christ the King & Lutheran Church of the Master) held at Christ the King Lutheran Church (1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, CDA) -or-
- ⇒ Saturday, September 23rd held at St. George's Catholic Church (2010 N. Lucas St., PF)

Both workshops are from 9:00-2:00 p.m. (Check in at 8:30 a.m.)

This FREE workshop is especially designed to help caregivers or adult children of an aging person, the middle age as they plan for their own future, outreach ministers or those who visit the homebound, and those in this special season in life.

A panel of local experts featuring Dr. Susan Melchiore, of OnSite for Seniors, will educate on the unique challenges of the aging process. To register, or for more information, email cdafrontdesk@theorchardcda.org or call 664-8119.

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



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, 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."

Buna's Story:

At the age of 18, Buna ran away to escape her father's beatings. She lived at a temple, and word spread and other men living at the temple began abusing Buna. Finally, after eight years, she ran away. For over a week, Buna lived in the woods and ate dried leaves and rice paddies. Then in desperation she returned to her village. Buna's aunt and sister gave her money to open up a small tea shop. A man who came to her shop told her about the opportunity for good jobs in India and she agreed to go with the man.

Once in India, Buna was sold to a brothel. "My life was difficult," says Buna. "I have been in brothels and many times I tried to commit suicide." Each time this happened, the brothel owner beat her. Older women who lived in the brothel encouraged Buna to remain strong. After 22 months, Buna contracted tuberculosis and HIV and had large abscesses on her body. Since she was too sick to work, the brothel owner kicked her out. Buna made her way to Kathmandu and checked into a hospital. There she met Shanta, who was having surgery at the same hospital.

Shanta told Buna that she would care for her. Shanta brought Buna to her home before PRC was formed. Every day Shanta gave Buna food, changed her dressings on the abscesses and prayed for her. Buna became an advocate against trafficking, and her goal is to educate rural populations about the tricks traffickers use. "I walk house to house and say, 'If new faces come to your village with the promise of good jobs in India, please do not believe them.'" People ask how she could know about this and she replies, "'They told me the same things and took me to India and sold me into prostitution. Now I am HIV positive. I have come to share with you to save you from the same fate.""

Buna lives and works as a house mother in Chitwan, where she mentors the girls and teaches them how to knit bags and purses to sell at the market. Through determination and hard work she is no longer defined by her illness. Buna is very proud of her story. She believes that because she shares it, others will not have to endure the hardships that she has. Buna has found peace. "I would like to go to every country to tell my story," she says.

Thank you for your continued support, and God bless you.

Shanta



This last Family Promise at Calvary had a good group of volunteers (numbering over 20) who cooked, provided meals, and stayed overnight with our guests.

We had 5 very grateful guests, and some entire families who came and enjoyed their time with our guests—getting to know them, and playing games with them!

We will do this again in October, so stay tuned, and remember 'but for the grace of God go I'. You are a blessing to Post Falls families in dire straits.

Joan Shatzka, coordinatior from Calvary

THANK YOU FOR BEING A SUPPORTER OF Calvary Missions!

Photos by Cathy Bayes:

The Giving Garden

Crew, during the

August Heat, most

wearing their

Thrivent Shirts,

that say:

"Live Generously!"



Ice Cream Social: a big "Thank you" to the congregation for a successful Ice Cream Dime Social. Over \$202.00 was raised for campership fund! Thank you So Much!!!

And a big 'thank you' to Darin, Sonja and Rylee for serving up the treats!

 Sept 10 is <u>Fall into Fall Sunday</u>. We will have student and teacher recognition, as well as another Ice Cream Social during coffee hour.

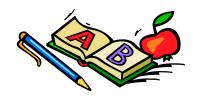


- Friday Sept 22nd is Cardboard Box City, at the Community Methodist Church in Coeur d'Alene.
 This is a one night event at 1470 W Hanley, where you can come sleep in a box, join in the soup kitchen line, or sponsor someone who will participate. Register at www.familypromiseeni.org. Registration begins 3pm Friday, 9/22!
 - Saturday Morning, Sept 30 is <u>Fall Work day</u> at the Church. The Property and Maintenance team will have a variety of cleaning and light maintenance tasks that need to be done before winter sets in. Please plan to participate. This is a fun event and much needed in the care of our building and grounds.

Communion and Worship service gifts: We have the opportunity to help with the purchase of new communion ware and other items for our sanctuary. Your gifts will match the \$800 already set aside for these projects, and is a part of our Commemoration of Reformation, our 500th anniversary this October! The items we are replacing are old or in disrepair.

If you would like to help with these projects, please indicate "Reformation Projects" on your check or offering envelope.

Student Prayer partners: Again this year, we will be matching up our students with adults who commit to pray for them throughout the school year. Please consider participating in this ministry to our young people. There is a sign-up sheet available or you may contact the church office or Kathy Darrar. You may sign up for a particular child you feel a connection to or allow the youth team to match you up.



CALVARY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

2017

Wow, where did the summer go? Thank all of you for choosing Calvary Lutheran Preschool. We are really looking forward to having a fun and exciting year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call your child's teacher.

In September, we will be learning our classroom rules and procedures. We will be going over the letters A, B, & C, the numbers 1 &2, scissor safety, and learning to recognize our names.

Our Bible verse: "I praise you because I am wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14

Upcoming events for September will be:

Sept. 6th - First Day of Preschool

Sept. 14th - Picnic in the Park. We will not be having regular preschool on this day. We will meet at the park from 9:30 to 11:30. Snacks and water will be provided. If it is raining, we will have our regular preschool.

A couple of reminders:

Please don't forget to bring your child's picture in for his/her cubby. It gives them a sense of ownership for their cubby.

Don't forget to take your child to the restroom prior to preschool. This is very important for us in the morning. Please do not just ask them, as many will see the toys and say no, actually take them to the restroom to try.

Some students like to bring a change of clothes to have at the preschool throughout the year. These clothes can be put in a bag to hang on their coat hooks. This is helpful if a child has an accident or spills their juice, etc.

September tuition is due on the 10th of September, please bring it in by next Tuesday.

Thank you, Mrs. Meehan

CALVARY NEWS

Caring and Fellowship

As the school year begins, we will be increasingly busy with our Caring and Fellowship team, with mothers and caregivers tea (Sept 21st) at the preschool, and getting prepared for the

Christmas gifts for the Orchard Ridge residents. Let Pat Goss or Pam Arnold know if you would like to be part of blessing others!



Bible Study

The group will resume Bi-

ble Study again this month, but have decided to call it 'Audrey's Study', in honor of Audrey McGrath who passed away in March. Audrey was a librarian, and kept us mindful of our studies, of the power of the written word, and of the value of the Bible in our lives. We will be studying 'the Prophets', so plan to attend every Wednesday 2:30-3:30!

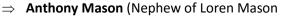
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When you **#StartWithaSmile**, Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase price to Calvary! Bookmark the link: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-0395063 and support us every time you shop. All your eligible shopping will benefit us at Calvary. Thank you for your support, and for helping Calvary while you do the usual shopping online!

<u>Training:</u> Jeanne will be at Nashville, TN for training in CDM+, on behalf of Calvary, Sept 10-19th, (and seeing family in Chattanooga) returning to the office 9/20! Leave notes for her of things you need addressed!

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)



- ⇒ 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, (McGrath's nephew)



Golden Agers Day Out:

September 19th, Tuesday, is a time at Camp Lutherhaven that you won't regret. Call for reservations: 866-729-8372, ext 119.

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

Sept 21st

E-mail: office@calvarypostfalls.com.

Please continue to Pray for the following requests:

Herb & Vicki for blessing and prayers while dealing with cancer (Brenda Doggett)

For Hope (Cj Meek)

Dianne Schumann in the passing of Sam Johnston (Linda Fleming)

Praises for Mike's health, and new job opportunities (Kathy Darrar)

Prayers for Everett's sister Cheryl, with loss of her son Patrick (Arnolds)

Thanksgiving that Frank's current treatment is working! (Linda Fleming)

Thankful for all my blessings (Donna Nelson)

Dora Meehan (Meehan family)

Duncan Carroll for safety while fighting forest & wildfires (Judy Stebbins)

Neil for healing from illness (Kathy Harris)

Healing for Violet Maynard (Linda Borders)

Brenda and Jonathan for healing (Forrest Chapin)

For Ron's recovery after neck surgery (Jean Voights)

For Jill McGrath-Berra as she returned home to Australia (McGraths)

Prayers for family of Audrey McGrath, as they will be living apart again(Jill Berra)

Nel Lokteff for complete recovery (Judy Stebbins)

Judy Stebbins, for healing (Anna Marie Halpern)

For relief from pain and healing for her spine (Nancy Savage)

For comfort for Greg with loss of his mother (Savages)

For the well-being of our church (Forrest Chapin)

For peace, strength & comfort after Carl's passing (the Harmon family)

For healing for Jayda Harmon (Venus Harmon)

For Bill Whalen, who lost his wife unexpectedly to a major stroke (Don Weber)

David and Jennifer Hunter, with healing from Cancer (Carol Hunter)

For Gabriel Harris, healing from surgery (the Harrises)

For Anne, (Joan's friend) with cancer (Joan Shatzka)

For strength & understanding for 2 uncles and many cousins in the loss of Joan's 2 aunts (Joan Shatzka)

For all our friends who are grieving the loss of loved ones, especially Bill Whalen & Judy Evans (Webers)

Ruth for health (Forrest Chapin)

For the health of my family (Forrest Chapin)

All our firefighters throughout the Western U.S.A.

For Tyler's mom, for wisdom for her doctors, and for healing for her (Joan Shatzka)

For the safety of our country (Donna Nelson)

Peace & strength for Vicki with passing of beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend: Herb (Brenda Doggett)

Bob for healing (Johanns)

Comfort and peace for the family of Bill Johnson

Dan Meek and family

Sept	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday		A U G U AA 7am Giving Garden 7-9	L S	AA 7am	Giving Garden 7-9 -Fit & Fall Prev 9:30	1 -AA7am CRAFT NITE 6-10	2
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Sunday	17 God;s Work, Our hands Service ministry JEANN	-Giving Garden 7-9	19 -Men's discussion 8am -Fit & Fall Prev 9:30 -3pm World Mission Prayer team -Golden agers Day Out, Lutherhaven	20 AA 7am	21 Giving Garden 7-9 -Fit & Fall Prev 9:30	22 AA 7am CARDBOARD BOX CITY, CDA, comm. Methodist Church	23
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CONNECT	Kathy Darrar, Don Weber	NONE	Kathy Darrar, Don Weber	NONE	
CHILDRENS	L Johann, CJ Meek	Jodene Meehan, Kathy Darrar	Kathy Darrar & Linnea Johnston	Jodene Meehan, Kathy Darrar	
ALTAR GUILD	Dennis Wilson	Joan Shatzka	Kathy Darrar	Dennis Wilson	
COUNTERS	Carol & Margret	Linnea	Cory & Friend	Linda & Ryan	
FLOWERS	"Thanks for family", from Linnea Johnston		In honor of grandson Gabriel's birthday, Kathy&Barry Harris		
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Barry & Kathy Harris, Kristin Erickson	Brenda Doggett, Linda Fleming	God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, With Nancee Dole, Ralph & Marie	CJ Meek, Tim & Val Larson	
USHERS	Uptagraffts	Cory & Dan English	CJ Meek & Heather Johnson	Joan Shatzka	
READER	Cory English	Linda Johann	Sally Holtz	Barry Harris	
SONG	Kevin McGrath	Loren Mason	Kevin McGrath	Loren Mason	
MUSIC	Loretta Pontier	Linda Borders	Loretta Pontier	Loretta Pontier	
DATE JUNE	Sunday Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24	SUNDAY Oct 1

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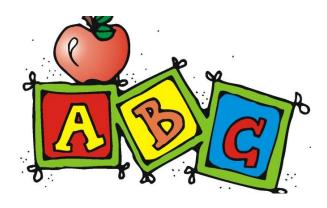
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CALVARY'S PURPOSE STATEMENT:

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

COME WORSHIP WITH US!