



Calvary's Crossroads

From the Pastor's Desk...

There is something about turning the final calendar page in a year. It is inspiring, exciting, challenging. It may be worrisome or dreaded. It may carry a sense of uncertainty. Or perhaps it is a combination of all of the above.

Turning the page from December to January challenges us to pause and reflect. What has this last year been about for us? Who have we met? What have we done that has been creative or exciting? What has pushed us out of our comfort zone? Who has touched our lives? Whose lives have we touched? Who have we lost this past year? Who have we gained? What have we learned?

Turning the last page of the calendar also pushes us to vision towards the future. Over this coming year what will we do again? What will we do differently? Who will we get to know better? What are the things we are most excited about? What are we most dreading? What do we most hope to accomplish? What is our hope for the days and year ahead?

Just over a dozen years ago I first saw the production, "Rent." It was captivating in that it showed both the great successes, the pains, the losses, the gains, the love and the friendship of a year. And the cast lifted these thoughts in the song "Seasons of Love," as they sang out,

525,600 minutes, 525,000 moments so dear. 525,600 minutes - how do you measure, measure a year? In daylight, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee. In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife. In 525,600 minutes - how do you measure a year in the life? How about love? How about love? How about love? Measure in love. Seasons of love.

It is exciting to think that just a year ago I was preparing to unpack my boxes here at Calvary—lining the bookshelves; putting up pictures; starting to settle into this new space and new community.

It is incredible to think that we have been journeying together for the last year—getting to know each other; laying the ground work for next steps; talking about and living our faith and life in community.

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As we move into the next 525,600 minutes we will be challenged to both reflect on where we have been and where we are going. It is my hope and prayer that we will be pushed, all of us, to live out our faith intentionally. We will be asked to make bold steps that will move us into the future.

Over the course of the coming year we will be asked to intentionally invite others to be part of this community—to share the “good news” with our friends, our neighbors, even strangers. We will share the good news that each person is wonderfully made and incredibly loved by God. We will proclaim Jesus’ message of compassion and love to both neighbor and stranger.

We will be challenged to give as we are able to this community. Are you or your family able to commit a little more time to develop a particular program? Financially is it feasible to challenge yourself to give more so that we can continue to create opportunities for ministry and community that do justice and care for those in need (both inside and outside of our doors).

We will be met again with what it means to be community. Together we will find ways to further enrich the community that is here, but also to connect with those who don’t know about this church here on the corner...or have never heard of Lutherans before...or have been turned off to organized religion...or are simply searching for something that might give meaning.

It has been exciting to settle into this last year together. Now we have the opportunity to both reflect and to dream—and ACT! In how we look to and live those 525,600 minutes and the seasons ahead of us, we will truly create a time and a place for love.

In grace and peace...and inches, miles, and cups of coffee.

Pastor Brad

January 24th 9:00 AM at Calvary

“Join Rick Steves as he explores the most surprising and fascinating land he’s ever visited: Iran. In this ground-breaking travel video special, you’ll discover the splendid monuments of Iran’s rich and glorious past, learn more about the 20th century story of this perplexing nation, and experience Iranian life today in its historic capital and in a countryside village. Most important, you’ll meet the people of a nation whose government has so exasperated our own.”



In the second of the two Adult Forums on January 31 we will view parts of Rick Steves’ lecture on his “Personal Impressions of Iran.” Rick says, “I hoped to enjoy a rich and fascinating culture, to get to know a nation that’s a leader in

its corner of the world (and has been for 2,500 years), and to better understand the 70 million people who call this place home. My trip to Iran taught me things I could only understand by actually traveling there. First, I learned how thankful I am that I live in America instead of Iran. Yet I also learned that the vast majority of Iranians would choose to live nowhere else but their country. Throughout my trip, I kept thinking, politicians come and go, but the people are here to stay.” While I didn’t like Iran’s government, I gained an empathy and a deeper respect for its people. My initial fears about the place were overcome by the hospitality, spontaneity, and curiosity of the people. I found that while most Iranians didn’t like America’s government, they genuinely like Americans.”

In discussion we will consider Islam in Iran, parent’s concern about protecting their children from harmful forces, the Iranian dress code and policies regarding women and ways in which everyday people (who aren’t politicians or journalists) can challenge Americans to better understand our world.

Don’t miss “RICK STEVES’ IRAN” at Calvary 9:00 AM January 24 and 31.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Can you help a fellow parishioner get to church on Sunday morning, and/or for special services, especially in the evenings?

We have members who do not have transportation and also who do not want to (or are unable to) walk or drive at night. Hopefully, we can find drivers among ourselves who can help out either on a regular basis or occasionally.



Please call the church office (827-2504) if you are able and willing to pick up one or two people on Sunday morning and bring them to church and back home again.

Also, if you are also able and willing to help out for special services, especially now as we look ahead to Lenten evening services in a couple months, let us know that as well.

We will then have a permanent list of drivers whom we can call upon to help get all of our members to church services and special events.

Thanks so much for seriously thinking and praying about offering yourself in this important service ministry.

How I Share

by Christian Moberg, age 6

I get my allowance on Sundays. My mom gives me ten quarters. I put seven quarters in my "spend" bank, two in my "save" bank, and one goes in my "share" bank. I wanted to help people who need food, so I took nine dollars from my share bank. I went to the store with my mom and I got spaghetti, baked beans and corn, too. I also got soup, canned fruit, and macaroni and cheese. Then I brought all the food to church and put it in the food shelf basket for people who don't have enough to eat.



Epiphany Worship Service Wednesday, January 6, 2010 6:00 p.m.

On the 12th day of Christmas... was the Calvary Epiphany Worship Service! Come and join with the community in celebrating the arrival of the magi and the last "official" day of Christmas. The worship service is from 6:00-6:30 p.m. with cider and cookies to follow.

Also, for those interested in assisting we will take down the greenery and decorations following the worship service.


YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN A PILGRIMAGE FROM PARIS TO MUNICH IN SEPTEMBER 2010



Ten years is a long time to wait! The play is about to begin... and we have your ticket(s)

to the world-renown Passion Play held only once every decade in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau in 2010. Join us on a journey of faith from Paris through the wine country of France and on to Germany. We'll visit cathedrals, wineries, museums, and castles along the way. Space limited to the first twenty who send in reservations for our travel seminar **Sept. 9-19, 2010.**

Pastor Rick Rouse has been leading inspirational study tours to the Middle East and Europe for over twenty years. He and his wife, Beth Lewis, will be joined by fellow tour host, Dr. Ken Bakken, a physician and pastor in Seattle. Arrangements are being made through Group Travel Directors of Minneapolis. Contact us for a brochure at rwrouse@comcast.net or check out the brochure online at www.GTD.org (Group #100901). You can also check the bulletin board or church office for a brochure.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Happy New Year! Church Offices Closed
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:00 a.m. Education Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship 3 p.m. Bagpipers		8 a.m. - 4 p.m. UAA Pre-School 10:00 a.m. Miter Circle 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis 6:30 p.m. Social Justice Committee	9 a.m. - 4 p.m. UAA Pre-School 11:30 a.m. Ruth Circle 6:00 p.m. EPIPHANY Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Church Choir 7:00 p.m. TCW Choir	9 a.m. - 4 p.m. UAA Pre-School 2 - 3:30 p.m. Parenting Oasis 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi 7:00 p.m. Crossroads Board Meeting 7-8 p.m. Bagpipers	9 a.m. - 4 p.m. UAA Pre-School	9:00-noon Food Shelf 8 a.m. - noon TCW Choir 10:00 - noon Masons 10-11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 a.m. Education Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Visioning Team 3:00 p.m. Bagpipers	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 6 - 10 p.m. Every Church & Peace Church	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:30 p.m. Wor- ship & Spiritual Care Commit- tee	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:30 p.m. Church Choir 7:00 p.m. TCW Choir	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Executive Committee 7-8 p.m. Bagpipers	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School	9:00-noon Food Shelf 10 - 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Parenting Oasis
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 a.m. Education 10:15 a.m. Worship 3 p.m. Bagpipers	Church Offices Closed For MLK Holiday 6:30 p.m. Mission Support	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6 p.m. Property Committee	9 a.m. UAA Pre School 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:30 p.m. Church choir 7:00 p.m. TCW Choir	9 a.m. UAA Pre School 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi 7-8 p.m. Bagpipers	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School	8:30 a.m. UAA Board Mtg. 9:00-noon Food Shelf 9 a.m. - noon TCW Choir 10-11:30 a.m. Tai Chi 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Parenting Oasis
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:15 a.m. Worship 3 p.m. Bagpipers 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING 3 p.m. Bagpipers	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 6:00 p.m. Church Council	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parenting Oasis 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School <i>Contributions for February Cross- roads Newsletter are due today.</i>	9 a.m. UAA Pre-School 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:30 p.m. Church choir 7:00 p.m. TCW Choir	8 a.m. UAA Pre-School 2:30 p.m. UAA After-School 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi 7-8 p.m. Bagpipers	9 a.m. UAA Pre School 9 a.m. Friday Workers <i>February Crossroads Newsletter distributed</i>	8:00-noon Food Shelf 10-11:30 a.m. Tai Chi 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Parenting Oasis

Worship Leaders

Date	Deacon	Acolyte/ Communion Assistant	Lector	Usher	Sacristan	Sound Board	Coffee Hour	Nursery
Jan. 3rd	George Robson	Judi Linder Michael Weber	Irv Elliatt	Michael Luedtke Lisa Luedtke	Steve McCarthy	Kim Zeigler		Gary Nelson Sarah Zeigler
Jan. 10th	Sam Robson	Chris Robson Jeri Schultz	Josh Moberg	Pam Tilgath Darold Luzé	Ramona Starks	Aaron Gebauer		Steve McCarthy Robbi Bergan
Jan. 17th	Jennifer McCarthy	Loren Woodman Damon Van Duzen	Kendra McCarthy	Steve McCarthy Neeve McCarthy	Ramona Starks	Gery Nelson		Josh Moberg Sarah Lahr
Jan. 24th	Danielle Hill	Josh Moberg Michael Weber	Michael Downs	Brian Aust Ellot Aust	Sam Robson	George Robson		Kim Zeigler Teri Schweizer
Jan. 31st	Chris Robson	Eric Paulsrud Sarah Lahr	Ramona Starks	Daniel Huff Benjamin Huff	Sam Robson	Kim Zeigler		Aaron Gebauer Jennifer McCarthy



Editor note: In the December issue of Crossroads, the last paragraph ran away. Here is the complete introduction to the Knowlen family.

Amy Knowlen moved to Minneapolis 22 years ago to attend the University of Minnesota. She earned a BA in International Relations and later returned to school to pursue an ESL teaching license from Hamline University and a Master of Education from the University of Minnesota. For twelve years Amy was an ESL teacher in the Minneapolis School District and currently teaches at Edison High School.

Amy and her husband Michael decided to buy a house in the Powderhorn neighborhood, a block and a half from Calvary, in 2001. This is where they are raising their children Alexander, 8 and Venice, 5. They are proud, active members of this community, and feel so blessed to have found a church home right down the street.

Amy's interests include travel, learning about other languages and cultures, reading, outdoor activities, cooking and scrapbooking.

Alex is in 3rd grade. He loves reading (especially Harry Potter), swimming, learning Chinese, riding his bike and camping.

Venice is in kindergarten. She loves princesses, doing crafts, playing make-believe, camping and kitties.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Judy Askelson - cancer treatment/health
- Nancy Grover-cancer
- For friends of our congregation with health needs, including: Alfheid, Emma, Phil, Kyle, Andre, Barb, Shari, Jan, Amaya, Kelly, Phyllis, Ardell, Bill, Lynn and Doris

Happy Birthday

Rachel Bjorhus	1/1
Caleb Moberg	1/8/07
Mona Eastman	1/11
Johanna Aust	1/14/04
Jeri Schultz	1/17
A.K. Vincent	1/18
Martha Rixmann	1/19
Jackson Robson	1/27/05
Carolyn Youngbauer	1/28
Michael Downs	1/29
Michael Knowlen	1/30
dorothy lasher	1/31
Deb Paulsrud	1/31
Gary Nelson	1/31



Calvary Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 31, 2010, following worship

All who are able are invited to be part of the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 31, following worship. We will begin with a potluck (bring a dish to share) and will then move into the business of the congregation: hearing highlights from 2009, update and next steps from the Visioning Team, reports from Council, Committees, and Pastor, election of new council members, and final vote on the revised Constitution and by-laws.

Child-care will be available. Mark your calendars for this event in the life of our community.

Thanks

During this time of thanksgiving, we would like to recognize the Thrivent Financial congregational coordinators who volunteer in your church. Calvary's coordinators are Nancy Lee Nelson, Judi Linder and Deb Paulsrud. We are thankful for these members and acknowledge their service.

Bruce Nicholson
Chairman, President & CEO
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Giving Thanks for the Welcome

Please join us for the 5th annual RIC Festival Worship "Coming Whole, Coming Home".
Saturday, January 23, 4:30 p.m.
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2730 E. 31st St., Minneapolis.
Rev. Brad Froslee will preach.
Light supper & rich fellowship afterwards.

A celebration of the Reconciling In Christ program sponsored by Lutherans Concerned/Twin Cities. For further information check out www.lc-tc.org

Thank you for the response to donating cookies to the Aliveness Project for their Holiday baskets. Calvary donated 71 dozen cookies! ~ Carole Chalman

Thank you for supporting the Fair Trade Fair held at Calvary this month. The artists from around the world appreciate your purchase of their work and the recipients of your gifts will too. ~ Karen Rudrud



Thank you to all the children and adult volunteers who brought Christmas to life with the pageant "Christmas Around the World"! More photos are on the church website: www.CLChurch.org

Annual Meeting & Potluck

January
31st
following
worship

Reduce Your Footprint

What You Can Do

- Watch out for "**phantom**" appliances that use electricity even when they don't look like they're on. A good example is your cell phone's charger -- unplug it when you're not using it to save energy.
- **Computers** use a lot of energy: turn yours off when you're not using it, or set it to automatically go into "sleep" mode when it's not in use. The monitor alone uses 60% of the energy needed for your computer's operation.



When you're in the market for a new one, buy a laptop instead of a desktop: they use less energy.

- Wash a full load of **laundry** -- it's the best use of water and energy. Also, wash your clothes on the "cold" setting -- your clothes

will get just as clean, and as much as 90% of the energy used by washing machines goes into heating water. Instead of using the dryer, air dry your clothes on a drying rack. If you use the dryer, clean out the dryer lint before each use to boost efficiency.

- If you have a **dishwasher**, use it. Washing dishes by hand uses more hot water. Fill it full before running it and air dry the dishes by opening the door after the wash cycle is finished to save even more energy.
- Use **rechargeable batteries** rather than throw-away batteries. They are more cost effective and better for the environment.
- **Turn off lights**, even if you'll only be out of the room for a few minutes.
- Take a **shower** (short ones!) instead of a bath -- showers use less hot water.
- Use your **microwave**. Microwaves use a lot less energy than ovens and stoves. Or use a toaster oven rather than the larger oven.
- **Check your tires** -- your gas mileage is better when tires are properly inflated.

- Replace the light bulbs in your house with **low energy bulbs**. They are more expensive, but last 8 - 15 times longer than regular incandescent light bulbs.
- Take **re-usable shopping bags** with you to the store. If you're only buying one item, refuse the bag and carry it.
- Buy food **locally** -- the closer it's grown, the less energy is used to get it to you. And it supports local farmers.
- Plan to **drive less** -- plan gatherings so that people can walk, bike, take public transportation, or carpool.
- Volunteer to help clean up **reusable plates, silverware, and cups** after church events.
- Start a **compost pile** for food waste and use the compost to feed a garden.



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'IN THE CITY FOR GOOD'

Dare to Dream

January 26

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Earle Brown Heritage Center
 Brooklyn Center

It takes courage to step out of our comfort zones, learn about new cultures and extend ourselves as good neighbors to others who may not look like us. Might we in the Church today, dare to dream how we can make a real and lasting difference?

Join us for an inspiring and thought-provoking conversation. Cost for the day is \$20 per person. Advanced registration and payment are required through mail or online (preferred) at www.faithinacity.org. Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 12 to assure your place at this important event. Questions can be directed to Deborah Hultner at 612-358-2495. This event is sponsored by Faith in the City and LINC-Twin Cities.

The Practice of Word & World

You are encouraged to read and ponder the Scripture readings for worship.

<u>January 3</u>	<u>January 6th</u>	<u>January 13th</u>
Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:1-9	Isaiah 58:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 2:14-17 Luke 2:15-17,21-22
<u>January 17th</u>	<u>January 24th</u>	<u>January 31</u>
Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 Cor. 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Jeremiah 5:1-3, 5:8-10 Psalm 73 Cor. 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Cor. 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30