

Calvary News Update – November 2019

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I kinda liked this article someone sent me. It's not an excuse for the pastor's failings, just a statement of facts. – Pastor Joe

Here are 12 things a church pastor cannot do...

By Chuck Lawless – February 6, 2017

1. **Read minds.** Everybody knows that, but many church members hold pastors accountable for unstated expectations.
2. **Be everywhere.** No human being can be every place at once, yet some members still get angry when pastors have to say “No.”
3. **Change hearts.** Only God can do that.
4. **Know everything.** Most pastors study hard, but nobody can answer every question someone asks.
5. **Please everybody.** Even Jesus couldn't do that.
6. **Live sinlessly.** Nobody can. Including you. And me. We're all sinners.
7. **Grow churches.** If the church does grow, it's because God does it.
8. **Multiply dollars.**
9. **Escape mistakes.** All of us will mess up sometime, often unintentionally and even unknowingly.
10. **Avoid favoritism.** Pastors minister to everybody, but having better (and best) friends is natural.
11. **Reveal everything.** No matter how much you may want to know the details, pastors may not be in a position to tell you.
12. **Ignore sin.** Pastors must address this issue, even when it's not popular.

Say a prayer for your pastors today. They have a tough job.

Martin Luther: on Spiritual and Physical Life

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to Spirit. – John 3:6

We can't feel the new birth or the spiritual life with our five senses. We can't see it. The spiritual life will endure, while the physical life will one day end. Our lives on earth will eventually become like dust, which is blown away and never be seen or felt again. Then only the spiritual life will remain. We will be raised from the dead and will come alive once again.

We can't see or understand this spiritual birth. We must simply believe it. What is born of the Spirit is spiritual, and the primary benefit of this new birth is the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Nevertheless, Christians still have an external existence. While they live here on earth, they are

nurtured by a mother and father, eat and drink, wear clothes and shoes, have a house and garden, and own money and property. They view all of this as if they were guests who were traveling through this to another city—their true destination. When they arrive there, they will no longer care about the places where they stayed along the way. During the journey, they were always thinking, “Today I am a guest. Tomorrow, I will continue my trip.” In the same way, a Christian also thinks, “Today, I am a guest here on earth. I eat and drink here. I live honorably and modestly in this life. But tomorrow, I'll proceed on my way to an eternal life in the kingdom of heaven, where I am a citizen.” So Christians also journey through this life. When they come to the end of this life, they will let go of everything physical and enter a spiritual life that will never end.

Oktoberfest

Left: Greta Witt helps Grandpa Bob make dumplings.
 Right: Our former Pastor Jay Eberth (right) pinch hit for an ailing Pastor Joe, and joined us for dinner.



Thank you to Greta Witt for giving our Sunday School room a seasonal update! (Thank you to Mike Johnson for supplies.)



An AALC Regional Gathering was held at Calvary on Oct. 17. Karol Holmquist and Orlando Hash attended as representatives for Calvary. Pastor Joe served in his role as the AALC Secretary. Thank you to our volunteers on the kitchen and tech support crews! (photos by Karleen Witt)



Let Us Pray for One Another:



Please pray each day for the following people of Calvary who have special needs: Fred Hall, Sandy Hall, Orlando Hash, Sally Kahn, Jack Lightfoot, Chris Steiner-Lightfoot, Bill White and Kay Witt. Please pray for Pastor Joe Marsh, for God's powerful guidance. Also please pray for other family and friends: Pastor Tom & Mary Aadland, Debbie & John Amacher, Marcie Ann Coville, Dan & Dawn Hall, Pastor Jay Eberth, Scott McClure, Rita Schenk, Dawn Stewart. If you know one or more people on the "other family and friends" prayer list in this newsletter, and you think that their names should continue on the list, please let the church office know not later than Nov. 20 so that those names will not be removed from the list.





**What's Going On?
 Newsletter**

**Submissions to
 church office by Nov. 20.
office@calvarystpaul.org
 or 651-698-6138**


Sunday Morning Fellowship Serving
 November 2019
 Tammy Downing
 Barb Ruuska

NOVEMBER 2019

3 Return to Standard Time

 Standard Time
 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
 10:00 am Worship Service
 Choir Sings
 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship
 1:00 pm Karen CRC Worship
 Ushers: Charlene & Mark Carter
 Reader: Betty Anfinsen

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Laura Hammans
 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
 10:00 am Worship Service
 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship
 1:00 pm Karen CRC Worship
 Ushers: Karol Holmquist / Sally Kahn
 Reader: Sandy Hall

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 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
 10:00 am Worship Service
 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship
 Choir Practice
 1:00 pm Karen CRC Worship
 Ushers: Gretchen & Bob Fett
 Reader: Bob Witt

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 9:00 am Adult Bible Class
 10:00 am Communion Service
 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship
 Choir Practice
 1:00 pm Karen CRC Worship
 Ushers: Matt Taylor /
 Reader: April Taylor

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 10:00 am Worship Service
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Sally Kahn
 Girl Scouts 6:00 pm

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 8:30 am Prayer Meeting

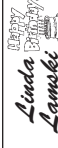
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Linda Lamke
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 AA Meeting - 7 pm


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Peter Bauer
 AA 9am-3pm
 Karen CRC 6-8pm

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 Recovery Group 7:00 pm


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2 Boy Scouts
 Karen CRC 6-8pm

 Standard Time
 Fall Back
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Kathy Haley
 Recovery Group 7:00 pm

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Mike Johnson
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Couples Retreat
 Couples Retreat 9:30am-4:00pm
 Karen CRC 6-8pm

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Address Service Requested
Time Dated Material - Please Deliver Promptly

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Give Thanks

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, Nov. 27 • 7:00 pm

Lend Us Your Voice!

The Choir will sing on the **FIRST SUNDAY** each month.
On the **THIRD** and **FOURTH** Sundays, we will practice following worship.
~ Join Us! ~

Standard Time

"Fall Back"

Set your clock **BACK** 1 hour when you go to bed Saturday night, November 2

Thank you!
to everyone who helped with Fall Clean-up Day. We did some preparations for winter, and also some concrete repair and outside painting. Lunch was provided by Karol Holmquist.

