

**2024 Annual Report**  
presented at the  
**Annual Parish Meeting on February 4, 2024**



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Collect for the Church: Gracious God, we pray for thy holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. Amen. BCP, 816

## **Your Elected Servants for 2023**



**We thank the retiring members of the vestry for their faithful service:**  
Megan Bounous (2021), Sarah Davis-Stober (2021), David Rees (2021), and Tony Simones (2021)



### **We thank the Executive Committee for 2023:**

Tony Simones Sr. Warden (2021)

Mike Reeves Jr. Warden (2023)

Ron Webb, Treasurer (non-vestry)



**We thank the continuing members of the vestry:**  
David Carr (2022), Mark Coggeshall (2022), Kristin Hayes (2023), Tim Ireland (2023), John Kazee (2023), Mike Reeves (2023), Laurie Saunders (2022), and Linda Shillito (2022).

**Calvary Episcopal Church  
2024 Annual Elections and Meeting Agenda  
February 4, 2024**

- 1. Opening Prayer (with remembrance of the departed)**
- 2. Suggestion of a Quorum**
- 3. Reading of the minutes of the 2023 Annual Elections and Meeting**
- 4. Election of a Secretary**
- 5. Nomination of Candidates for Vestry and Delegates to Convention**
- 6. Appointment of Tellers of Election**
- 7. Election of Vestry Members**
- 8. Senior Warden's Report**
- 9. Treasurer's Report – Ron Webb  
2023 Financial Results and the 2024 Budget**
- 10. Building and Grounds Report**
- 11. Rector's Report**
- 12. Other Corporate Business**
- 13. Saints of Calvary Silly Awards**
- 14. Benediction and Doxology**

## *~ Remembering those who died in 2023 ~*



*Rose Marie Willis*

*Valerie Hess Kewley*

*Barbara Ann Nickerson*

*Catherine Ann Billings*

*Richard Tully Hazell*

*Hal Hayes Williams*

*Sandra Elizabeth Gordon*

*The Rev. Martha (Marty) Byer*

*Carol Gault Lane*

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

*BCP, 498*

**MINUTES from the Annual Elections and Meeting**  
**February 5, 2023**  
By Tom Frankman

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by Rev. Ann Dieterle, Rector

1. Opening Prayer by Rev. Dieterle (with remembrance of the departed)  
Prayers of dedication to the church and to the parish were made, as was a prayer remembering parish members who died in 2022: Laura Rollins Napier, Florence M. Mueller, Lydia Schoene, Evelyn Marjorie Peck, Ron Lister Hansing, David Horner, Mary Louise Bussabarger, Harriet Martin Riggs, Laura Lee Hager, Reba Nelson Cassin, Barbara Spande Overby, Brian Andrew Bevin and Thomas Ellis Lauer.
2. Motion of Parliamentary  
A suggestion a quorum was made by seconded. No objections.
3. Reading of the minutes of the 2022 Annual Elections and Meeting  
Rev. Dieterle noted that the minutes of the 2022 Annual Elections and Meeting were in the 2023 meeting packet. The reading of the minutes was waived; motioned by Dennis Gagnon, second by Kristina Detmer. Minutes accepted as presented.
4. Election of a Secretary  
A motion to nominate Tom Frankman as Secretary of the meeting was made by Rev. Dieterle and seconded by Annette Webb. Motion approved.
5. Nomination and Election of Candidates for Vestry and Delegates to Convention  
The elected class for the 2023-26 vestry terms were Kristen Hayes, Tim Ireland, John Kazee and Mike Reeves.

The candidate for a one-year term as Diocesan Convention delegate (Tim James) and alternate delegates (Lynn Frey and Susan Hart) were presented and unanimously accepted.

6. Rector's report  
Rector Dieterle said there would be cleaning in the parish kitchen on March 18. The youth group and children's ministry were discussed. Working with smallest children be engaged in the church to help them become disciples.

Dieterle stressed that it was important for members of the church to be gentle with ourselves and compassionate with one another as we determine our direction as a church.

7. Senior Warden's Report  
Bob Worley thanked those he served with for three years as Senior Warden, including his mentor as Senior Warden, Lisa Schenker. Worley noted that the Vestry was proposing a budget that with a loss of more than \$100,000. Repairs and deferred maintenance were two of the reasons for this. Worley said that the Vestry supported a path of growing the parish.

## 8. Treasurer's Report – Ron Webb

Webb said the church has 111 pledging units (the same number as the previous year) and almost \$30,000 more pledged. The current total pledged is \$407,567.14. Webb noted that the parish received a Payroll Protection Program grant.

Webb reviewed income for 2022, 2023. Webb noted that the parish has met the criteria for the federal Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) in 2021 and 2022; no PPP funds budgeted for 2023. Income from the diocese for half of the curate's salary for 2023.

Budgeted expenses included \$12,000 for maintenance, \$13,000 for insurance and \$20,000 in utilities. The amount spent on communications going down since less will be spent on equipment. \$638,311 total expenses budgeted for 2023.

## 9. Junior Warden's report – Building and Grounds

Susan Hart thanked Mike Reeves, chairman of the Building and Grounds committee, for his work on multiple projects. Hart noted that the parish's 46 heat pumps are reaching the ends of their usefulness. Gutters and downspouts were also seen as upcoming expenses. Fire doors and elevator repairs are also needed.

## 10. Benediction and Doxology – Prayer given by Rev. Dieterle, Doxology sung by Ed Hanson.

# 2023 Rector's Report - The Rev. Ann Dieterle

2023 was a great year for Calvary!

I want to start by acknowledging the wonderful staff that we have here. In addition to those of us whom you see on Sunday mornings: Revs. Josh & Beth, our music team of Ed and Barb, and our newest team members Daniel Guthrie and Matt Williams; Connie Carpenter keeps the office running smoothly and Craig Pepmiller always has a creative fix for various building quandaries we encounter. There are also a lot of people whose work happens mostly behind the scenes but whose work you'd notice if they were missing. The Altar Guild and the tech ministers immediately come to mind.



A special thanks to the Vestry who put in a lot of hard work this past year.

So what did we? A lot, actually. This isn't a complete list, and some of it might be noted in others' reports, but here we go:

- We had a second year at the Mid Missouri Pride Fest and participated in the parade for the first time.



- We took part in Gun Violence Prevention Awareness Day in the Diocese of Missouri and sent 50 letters to the legislature, asking them to assign bills to committee in a timely manner so that the democratic process had time to work.
- We started 2 Sacred Ground Circles as part of the Becoming Beloved Community initiative within the broader Episcopal Church.
- EYF became ELFY (Episcopal Lutheran Fellowship of Youth). Our middle and high schoolers have enjoyed gathering with the youth and leaders from St. Andrew's Lutheran for relationship building, fun, and faith formation.
- We reinstated Children's Chapel. Special thanks to Ed Hanson who gets us scheduled, and to Mary Paulsell, Haley & Scott Proctor, Teresa Reeves, Linda Shillito, Tony Simones, Kate Waller, and Matt Williams (plus Rev. Josh & me) who serve as chaplains.
- We added a Thursday Night Bible Study to our formation line-up. Thanks to Shilpa and Michael Hatley who provided the inspiration, initiative, and coordination to this ministry.
- We saw the return of the Knitting/Crafting Group. Knitters and crocheters alike are represented and other crafters are welcome. Kirsten Richards has a bit of the Midas touch with rejuvenating (dare I say resurrecting?) ministries like coffee hour and now a Crafting group that meets Saturdays from 2 - 4. Join us! If you'd like to learn, there are several great teachers present and we'd love to have you.
- We had an Advent Quiet Day on December 16th. About 10 of us spent part of a day in quiet contemplation on the themes: Silence, Waiting, and Non-Attachment. The labyrinth was spread out in the Parish Hall for use for prayer, and the whole building became a prayer closet for us. We'll have a Lenten Quiet Day on Saturday, March 9th from 9 - 1:30.
- Design Collaborators (Annette Webb, David Rees, David Carr, Jane Abel, and Megan Bonous) The design collaborators did a tremendous amount of work to reconfigure various rooms and declutter some of the stuff that was no longer in use by the parish. The Parish Hall got a fresh coat of paint, and we also have an art exhibit up that hopefully will be the first of many The campus looks great, and there is more work to come in 2024.
- Calvary OneRead: Last year we read *Good Enough* by Jessica Richie and Kate Bowler. This year we'll read *We Survived the End of the World: Lessons from Native America on Apocalypse and Hope* by Bishop Steven Charleston. Bishop Charleston was the Bishop of Alaska from 1991-1996, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and a Native American Elder.
- We have designated the 5th Sunday of the month for a single combined worship service followed by a potluck brunch. The next time this happens will be Easter Sunday so the exception to the rule will be when it falls on a major Feast Day.
- A Revival with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry was scheduled for Friday, March 15th at the Factory in Chesterfield. Unfortunately, due to Bishop Curry's continued health troubles, the decision was made to postpone the revival until 2025. However, on Saturday March 16th, we have an opportunity to attend an event called "I Love to Tell the Story: Healing in the Heartland." This event will feature former U.S. Senator Jack Danforth, the Rev. Traci

Blackmon, and the Rev. Naomi Tutu, daughter of the late Bishop Desmond Tutu. This will be at St. Timothy's, Creve Coeur from 10 - 4. Keep an eye out for sign-ups for those who wish to attend and carpool.

We also had good Calvary representation on Diocesan Committees:

Rev. Ann is the Chair of the Commission on Ministry (COM), and was the Convener of the Revival Planning Team up until October 2023. Bill Eldridge also served on the Revival Planning Team; Rose Hayden serves on the COM, Rev. Josh, Annette Webb, and Ann Binggeli all served on Diocesan Council. Rev. Josh was also appointed to the Constitutions and Canons Committee, is on the Young Adult Ministry Advisory Council, and will serve as a General Convention Clergy Deputy when the convention is in Louisville in June. Annette Webb also serves on the Gathering Space Task Force, and Ron Webb is a member of the Diocesan Investment Trust Finance Committee. Darlene Hillier-Kaczkofsky is Warden of the Jane Dey Convocation.

Things to look forward to in 2024: A Social Justice and Racial Equity Pilgrimage. The quote for the June trip came back higher than expected, and we are exploring options to make the trip affordable. More to come on that soon.

Calvary Public House: maybe? Grace Church, Jefferson City has a monthly gathering of food, games, and an open mic on the last Saturday of each month. I'm currently exploring beginning that at Calvary.

More opportunities for contemplative prayer.

We are hosting the True/False "Nest." The District is a hub of activity during the last weekend of February and beginning of March due to the T/F Festival and this year we're going to serve as the volunteer hub. Keep an eye out for ways to help out with that. In that vein, we are prayerfully considering how else we might open our building to community partners.

I want to close with a brief description of our worship services and schedule. Many of you might only be familiar with the one you attend most regularly, but we have many opportunities throughout the week to encounter God in community.

## Sunday

8 a.m. is a spoken service in the Church using more traditional language. (with thee/thy/and thou instead of you/your/yours) It includes communion, generally last 45 - 50 minutes, and is also livestreamed on YouTube. The Prayer Book titles it "Rite 1," and it is the closest you can get to what you would have experienced 50+ years ago in the Episcopal Church, back when we were using a Prayer Book from 1928. (the current Prayer Book is from 1979)

10:30 am is held in the Church and has music, communion, and uses more contemporary language. It generally lasts a little over an hour. The Cambridge Choir sings at this service for most of the year. We have a handbell choir that plays periodically at this service, and our hymns are typically from the hymnal that was authorized for use in 1982 with music played on the organ. It is called "Rite 2" and is also livestreamed.

## Monday



6 pm: Campus Ministry Evening Prayer (I'll let Rev. Josh tell you more about that)

Tuesday & Thursday

7:30 am Morning Prayer on Zoom (led by Deacon Beth and Roger Pilkenton)

Monday – Thursday

8 pm Compline, or bedtime prayers, on Zoom (led by Mary Ann Ghosal)

Wednesday

5:30 pm Healing Service with Communion- Held in the chapel, this uses a blend between evening prayer and communion, with healing prayers accompanied by laying on of hands & anointing with holy oil, and occasional acapella music.

### **Senior Warden's Report – Tony Simones**

First and foremost, I want to express my appreciation for being allowed to serve as Senior Warden. It was a privilege and a pleasure to do so. There were so many wonderful aspects to serving in this capacity, not the least of which was working with Rev. Ann, Rev. Josh, and Deacon Beth. These are exceptional people, doing essential work, and it was an honor to work with them.



As I look back over the past year, I see so many wonderful opportunities in our church.

#### **Opportunities for Worship**

- We continued to offer in-person services this year (something which I will never again take for granted after Covid) at 8:00 and 10:30. Our 10:30 service featured Ed Hanson and the amazing choir. We also continued to broadcast our services on the Internet. The people who are involved in this are so good, they make broadcasting the services look effortless. The reality is that it is far from effortless, and their work is greatly appreciated.
- One of the newest worship opportunities is Children's Chapel, which gives our children the chance to sing, to dance, to listen to stories, and to express their understanding of God's love.
- In the early part of the year, another opportunity for worship was the Rite Place service, which featured a more informal and contemporary style, including Ann and Josh leading a conversation and Steve's music. While it has ended, it will always have a place in my heart.

#### **Opportunities for Education**

- The Sacred Ground program would have been important at any point, but that it was offered at a time when some are urging that diversity is no longer an important concept, a time when some states are forbidding the offering of Advanced Placement African American Studies, it is more important than ever.
- The Tuesday morning Bible study has been joined by a Bible study on Thursday evening led by Shilpa and Michael Hatley, a very welcome addition for those of us who cannot attend sessions during the day.
- While Children's Chapel can be seen as worship, it is also an opportunity for education for our children.

### **Opportunities for Service**

This one could take up pages, but I would like to point out just a few:

- Being from the South, where food is such an important part of our tradition, our fellowship, our daily celebration of life, it breaks my heart to think of people who do not have enough to eat. That is why I would like to shine a light on those loving souls who are involved in the filling of the blessing box, who prepare and serve food at Saturday café, and those who make loaves and fishes a reality for those who so desperately need it (you can't spell "loaves" without "love").
- As a former teacher, the work that Deacon Beth and her team are doing with school children at Grant Elementary means the world to me.
- One of the things we struggled with for a long time was not having someone who could monitor the building on Sundays. One of the things we did this year was to hire Daniel Guthrie, who ensures that the building, and more importantly, the people within the building, are safe and secure. He does this important work with a smile, and it is greatly appreciated.
- I would also like to applaud those on the Memorial Garden Committee, as well as all the impressive people who show up when we clean up and spruce up the church building and the grounds.

### **Opportunities to Spread the Episcopal Message**

There are some people who call themselves "Christians" who do and say things that are inconsistent with what Jesus taught. Their actions unfortunately cast a dark cloud over us all. That makes it all the more important to get out and spread the loving and accepting message of the Episcopal Church.

- Episcopal Lutheran Fellowship of Youth does this with an audience that is vital to the continued success of the church: tweens and teens from the sixth grade and up.
- Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry does this with college students, many of whom benefit from a church that accepts them as they are.
- Participation in Pridefest and the Gay Pride Parade sends a powerful message: There are some churches who not only don't condemn you, they welcome you.

### **Opportunities for Fellowship**

- With the return of coffee hour, we now have the chance to talk with our friends and eat the delicious treats provided by the wonderful people who work so hard to make it happen.

- We also have long-standing events like the picnic, as well as new initiatives like the art exhibition, which offers not only fellowship, but also enlightenment.

Connie Carpenter continued her amazing work and frequently helped me to do my work. Our Junior Warden, Mike Reeves, has one of the most misleading titles I have ever encountered. There is nothing “Junior” about what he does. The fact that he keeps this church operating, that he is constantly solving problems, warrants him being called “Essential Warden.” Ron Webb continued his extraordinary work in handling the budget. My colleagues on the Vestry were an endless source of support, encouragement, ideas, and good will that kept me going. I thank them all. Finally, to Bob Worley, thank you for showing me the way.

### **Junior Warden’s and Building & Grounds Report – Mike Reeves**

It’s always an interesting year for Building & Grounds, and sometimes an exciting one (not always a good thing). Some highlights of the year:

The elevator was a source of much trouble in 2022, but our 2023 experience was much better. Only one repair was needed after a city wide power outage in summer and was repaired with a short delay. Always keeping my fingers crossed for a good year ahead for the elevator.



Outdoor cleanups were held, with numerous volunteers helping, followed by a community lunch in the Parish Hall.

Heat pumps are aging and some of them need repairs to keep the Parish Building and Narthex warm and cool seasonally. Considering they were installed in 2003, it’s a surprise that none of our 33 heat pumps failed in 2023. Since these are basically air conditioners with compressors, it’s no surprise when 20 year old units fail, but they’ve held up well recently when the overnight temperature sank to - 12 degrees F. in January - I’m sure we all remember that weekend vividly!

Our 4 new furnaces heating the Sanctuary are working well and should heat us well for years to come. One air conditioner on the South side was replaced in 2023. We’ll find out in April or May whether any of the other 3 units need work or replacement and will act accordingly.

It has been an honor to serve as Junior Warden for Calvary this past year and to care for our old and beautiful church! Our infrastructure systems for heating and cooling are aging and need constant attention and maintenance and eventual replacement. This is a fact of life in older facilities - home, commercial properties and churches alike. The Vestry wants to insure the Church buildings and property are able to serve our parishioners and community for many years to come!

### **Deacon’s Report - The Rev. Beth Simpson**

In last year’s report, I outlined my application to the Diocese for Calvary to become a Jubilee Ministry Center, and it is now official—Calvary is a Jubilee Center! If you have a Facebook account, you can find a page for Jubilee Ministry and follow the work of Jubilee around the Diocese.

We continue our many outreach ministries, and we added a new and exciting ministry in 2023. Calvary is now a Partner in Education with Grant Elementary School. To help us get started, I applied to the Diocese for a New Ventures in Community Ministries grant. At our Convention in November, the New Ventures Committee announced that we would receive the requested \$3,500. To date, we have provided snacks for teachers during teacher training days, and we will be able to pay for background checks for people who have volunteered to work in classrooms. We are planning to stock a pantry with emergency food and other items. Over 20 parishioners are engaged at some level, including regular volunteering in the media center and the cafeteria. We will pay for Talking Horse Productions to present a play at the school in the spring. There is plenty of work to go around! Weekly updates will appear in the weekly newsletter's "Our Piece of the PIE."



The diocesan Task Force on Hunger announced this week that we have been awarded \$1,200 to help stock our Blessing Box. The extra funds will enable us to provide more high-protein foods for the many people who stop at the box every day. Volunteers who stock the box each day report that it is always empty when they arrive. Sarah and Clint Davis-Stober and family shop for supplies for the Blessing Box. Your donations of money and high-protein foods are always welcome.

Another new ministry is our support of The Journey, a newly planted church in Fulton. The Journey gathers in the building that was once St. Alban's. Many of the worshipers live at Bridgeway Residential Care. Several are unhoused, and some are community members who are looking for Jesus. All find Him there. Calvary has been providing a meal one Sunday evening each month, and several of us enjoy worshipping there before the meal. Worship is at 4:00, and dinner is at 5:00. Everyone is welcome!

A faithful team of parishioners continues the years-long tradition of leading worship at The Bluffs, a long-term care community with 132 residents. We gather with residents the third Sunday of each month to sing, pray and reflect on the Scriptures. Barb Berwin, our organist, accompanies hymns, and Jessie Dresner, Gail Garey, Roger Pilkenton, Jerry Lucchesi and Sue Cassidy assist residents with song books and visit with them before and after worship.

Calvary has a small group of Eucharistic Visitors who take communion to parishioners who are not able to come to church. At this time, four visitors see eight to ten people each month. Visitors are sent from the worship service with their kits, and they go directly to homes to share the sacrament. Thanks to Roger, Jerry, Trudie and Kathy for delivering this special gift to those who can't be with us in church.

Feeding Our Flock keeps the Calvary freezer stocked with delicious home-cooked meals for people who have had surgery or an illness and are not up to cooking. We can deliver enough meals for a few days, if needed. The entire parish can help by notifying the office or me, if you or someone you know could use a food delivery. Shepherds include Jessie Dresner, Linda Shillito and Gail Garey. If you would like to help, contact Deacon Beth.

Calvary's amazing support of so many ministries, especially those that feed people, continues to warm my heart. I give thanks for you every day. Working on Calvary's staff continues to be a joy-filled experience. We have a lot of fun together and support each other in the work of this very busy parish.

## Associate Rector Report – The Rev. Josh Huber

Let me begin with Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry (ELCM). Looking back over the last 1.5 years, I am amazed at how our little community has grown and developed in a relatively short time. It's not just that more and more students are involved, but that those students are getting to know one another better; are jumping into lead and trying new things; and are growing in faith with one another. Already we have seen each other week-to-week—through all sorts of challenges, tests, let downs, joys, tragedies, and triumphs—becoming a community as we learn, pray, eat, play, and live together. It is a distinct joy, one I am continually surprised and enlivened by, to be a part of this group, witnessing to all the ways God is working in and through us.



Some 2023 highlights include:

- Based on student interest, we began a bible study rooted in curiosity, honest questions, doubt and developing faith.
- We formed TIDES, a coalition of open and affirming campus ministries in Columbia, MO which includes representatives from ELCM along with First Baptist, First Christian, Broadway Christian, and Missouri United Methodist.
- Offered Ashes to Go as well as blessings to students at MU on Ash Wednesday (with TIDES).
- We received a Young Adult and Campus Ministry grant from the national church to help us support and grow our ministry.
- Hosted an extravagantly welcoming and affirming sunset ecumenical 2023 Easter Service in Peace Park (with TIDES).
- At St. Andrew's ELCA (our ministry partner) on Earth Day, we planted the tree (Harold Liberation Treeology) the bishop gifted us at the 2022 Diocesan Convention.
- Provided finals blessings and stress relief—bubbles, free popcorn, and the parachute game—to students on the last day of class (with TIDES)
- Celebrated our first baptism on Pentecost Sunday!
- Along with our ecumenical partner group TIDES, ELCM held its first Fall Retreat. Twenty folks from our various groups gathered at Camp MOCOMI in Henley, MO for a retreat themed “Queerfully and Wonderfully Made.”
- We hosted the inaugural Bizarre Bazaar Vintage Fashion Show to help raise money for local charities.
- We helped plan, organize, and orchestrate Calvary's participation in Downtown Columbia's Living Windows.
- We were accepted as part of The Vinery's 2024-2025 learning cohort. The Vinery is a national organization that provides connections, resources, and space for churches discerning and planning campus ministry efforts. Our lead team (Bill Eldridge, Tara Rindt, and me) will attend our first Vinery annual gathering in late January, where we will meet the rest of our cohort and chart our course forward.
- ELCM became a recognized student organization at MU! This grants our group much greater access to university resources, support, and spaces.

- Overall, 52 different individuals (students, chaplains, and volunteers) participated in ELCM-specific gatherings and events throughout 2023.

Outside of campus ministry, I have continued to enjoy living, growing, and worshiping with the Calvary community. Whether at Sunday services; Tuesday Bible Study; Wednesday Healing Eucharist; volunteering in the community at Grant Elementary or at Saturday Cafe; at our annual picnic or Bazaar; lighting up our church with candles, cookies, and bells for Living Windows; or day-to-day in the office and beyond; I love getting to follow Jesus as part of this church! It is an honor to tell people I'm a priest at the Lil Castle—Calvary Episcopal Church—in downtown Columbia.

Looking forward, 2024 promises to be a year of continuing worship life, faith, community, learning, joy, growth, and exciting new adventures. ELCM will officially enter our fourth semester on January 16; on Easter Sunday, Angela and I are expecting our first baby; and in June, I will help represent the Diocese of Missouri at the 81st National Convention as a convention deputy—just to name a few potential highlights. It has been and continues to be a joy, privilege, and gift from God to be here with you at Calvary. I can't wait to see how the Spirit works among us in 2024 as we continue to follow Jesus together!

## **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH MINISTRIES REPORTS**

### **Christian Formation and Education**

**Episcopal Lutheran Youth Fellowship (ELYF)**: submitted by Rev. Ann Dieterle

In late 2023, our EYF became ELFY (Episcopal Lutheran Fellowship of Youth). This is a partnership between Calvary and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, and after several months we are going strong. We have on average 7 middle and high schoolers and 3 dogs (Gordon, Luci, and Melvin) who meet at Calvary or St. Andrew's on the first and third Sundays of the month from 6 - 7:30. We share fellowship, faith, and do service projects together. Whoever hosts is responsible for the programming, and the adult mentors share in the presentation in a way that models good ecumenism and friendship. There's a curriculum called "Seeds of Faith" that Pastor David Frerichs and Rev. Ann use as the basis for our study and formation time, and we always close with a short devotion time. In 2024 we're going to Columbia Manor (which everyone's invited to at 2 pm on February 4th) and the Mobility Worldwide Factory (March 3). We're also bringing back the Ice Cream Social at the Rectory in 2024 on July 21st, which just so happens to be National Ice Cream Day.

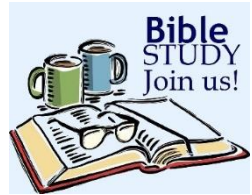


### **Adult Formation:**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**: submitted by Annette Webb



Tuesday Morning Bible Study continues to grow in numbers and spiritually. Rev. Josh led the group in the study of the Books of Acts. The study of Acts will continue through May. Everyone is welcome to join this spiritually led study with very spirited members. Coffee and refreshments are served at each session. The study is held every Tuesday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 101 and by Zoom. Contact Annette Webb if you have questions or interested in participating in the study of scriptures.



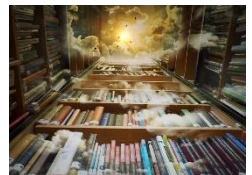
**Thursday Evening Bible Study:** submitted by Shilpa and Michael Hatley

Calvary's evening Bible Study kicked off during Advent. The aim of the Thursday study is to learn from God's word in community. We believe this leads to deeper discovery as the Holy Spirit teaches and encourages every believer; in a group, we benefit from not only the truth of the Word itself, but also from the exhortation and application of the Word alongside others. All of us have unique stories and life experiences; this brings a richness to the study of the Word because we encounter different perspectives on the text. We believe in unity in diversity; following Jesus isn't meant to be a solo endeavor. It's meant to be a way of life that's shaped by a community rooted in fellowship. Do come and check us out!



**Seekers:** submitted by Ron Webb

Seekers is a book club reading and discussing a wide range of books about God, religion, and life. The group met every other Wednesday at 8:30 am throughout the year. The meetings were by Zoom as well as in person. A sample of books read and discussed include "And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle, by Jon Meacham; The Grieving Brain: The Surprising Science of How We Learn from Love and Loss, by Mary-Frances O'Connor, PhD; Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI, by David Grann; White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism, by Robin Diangelo; and The Book of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-Year-Old Man, by David Von Drehle.



## **Mission & Outreach**

**All Saints Bazaar:** submitted by LeeAnn Ball

Some rooms and some product mixes were changed as planning came together for the 2023 annual bazaar. In the spirit of experimentation, and, in some cases returning to some historic sales areas, the bazaar proved to trend toward greater proceeds than in the last few years. Rev. Josh Huber worked really hard to create a fantastic array of vintage clothing and pushed the "walls" of the sale out onto the front porch. Along with the clothing sale, Rev. Josh staged a marvelous fashion show. Tim Ireland and Ed Hansen put together a plant room. New product lines were folded into the "Handmade Room" while the Sweet Shoppe, Book





Room, Church Mice, Candles and the breakfast all held their usual places. The best news is that we earned more than \$10,000 to give to deserving organizations. Congratulations to all who worked so hard!

**Loaves and Fishes:** submitted by Mike Reeves and Louanna Furbee, co-coordinators.

We started Year 4 of the Covid pandemic continuing serving meals and feeding the homeless and hungry members of the Columbia community.

The numbers of dinner guests has been rising through 2023, and some nights of the month see 170+ dinners served to the community. Calvary served 1,410 meals to Loaves and Fishes participants in 2023, an increase of 17% from 2022 and an amazing accomplishment for our Calvary group of volunteers!



We routinely provide a hot entree, vegetable, bread, salad often, hard-boiled eggs, fresh fruit, dessert, coffee, lemonade and bottled water. A vegan item is always offered as well. Almost every food item is prepared by hand at home and brought ready to serve by Calvary volunteers!

We welcome new participants from Calvary! Just check the monthly sign-up sheet by clicking on the link published in a mid-month Constant Contact newsletter. If you are interested in providing food, enter your name in the block for the item you can provide. Please join your friends from Calvary in providing a delicious meal to the homeless and hungry of Columbia!

Many Thanks to Calvary Episcopal Church and the wonderful Calvary people for the continued support and participation in the Calvary Loaves & Fishes Ministry!!!

*Matthew 25:35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink*

**Saturday Breakfast Café:** submitted by Jerry Lucchesi and Gretchen Rohrs

Thank you so much to everyone who gave their time, talent, and treasure to support the 2023 Saturday Café! Our amazing team provided a delicious, home cooked breakfast to 775 guests during the months of July, August, and September. Volunteers supported the Café by purchasing, preparing, and serving food, donating toiletries, and assisting guests at the “free store.” What a blessing it is to love and serve our neighbors through this ministry!



Saturday Cafe 2023 Volunteers: John Bolton, Megan Bounous, Connie Carpenter, Mark and Bettina Coggeshall, Molly Devlin, Ann Dieterle, Trudie Fasel, Victory Fox, Kent Froeschle, Louanna Furbee, Daniel Guthrie, Kristen Hayes, Josh Huber and Angela Page, Tim James, Bob and Kathy Jones, Maureen Lowary, Jerry Lucchesi, Karen Pasley, Mike and Teresa Reeves, Kirsten Richards, Gary and Linda Shillito, Beth Simpson, and Ron and Annette Webb.

**The Wardrobe:** submitted by Charlene Boyes

The Wardrobe is a local non-profit thrift store located on Park Avenue offering gently used, low- priced clothing, shoes, and household items. Organized by churches of Columbia, the organization has been in operation for more than 50 years. Calvary's volunteers serve at the Wardrobe 12 times a year—the first Wednesday of the month. The Wardrobe's proceeds allow it to provide shoe vouchers for in-need school children in the Columbia area. Additionally free clothing and bedding are made available to in-need families. In 2023 more than 850 families were served, and 2,070 shoe vouchers were distributed.



Calvary's volunteers are responsible for staffing and operating the store. Their responsibilities include sales of donated merchandise, sorting and display of merchandise, and depositing funds at the end of the day. Calvary's 2023's volunteers included: Sarah Davis, Micah Davis, Ellis Froeschle, Bob Jones, Kathy Jones, Mary Nesladek, Laurie Saunders, Gary Shillito, Linda Shillito, Kristen Hayes and Charlene Boyes. We welcome anyone who is interested in this ministry to join us as a volunteer!

**BSA Troop 707:** submitted by Mike Currier

Boy Scout Troop 707 was chartered through Calvary Episcopal Church in 1966. Fundamental to scouting is the development of strong character and leadership through outdoor adventure. As such, we camp every month with themes ranging from canoeing to primitive survival (no tents, no utensils). In 2023 there was one scout who earned his Eagle Rank, the highest rank in Scouting. Also, Dylan Torales complete his Eagle project, building bookcases for the CEC music room. The Troop is hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, a popular event that attracts many parishioners on February 13, 2024 from 5:00-7:00 pm. The supper is a fund raising event for scouts who are working to pay their way to summer camp.



## **Pastoral Care**

**Design Collaborators - 2023 activity:** report by David Rees

Charged with continuing work of the original "Decorations Committee" (from the 2005 addition/remodeling to the Parish House and Offices) the work group has three original members - David Carr, Jane Abel and David Rees, who are joined now by Megan Bounous and Annette Webb. We work in concert with Buildings and Grounds, the Junior Warden, the Parish Administrator and the Rector.

Our goal is to make Calvary as welcoming and useful as possible while maintaining an overall aesthetic sense that incorporates unity, credibility and respect for the missions of the church. We evaluate Calvary's work and meeting spaces to make them more functional and welcoming to parishioners and prospective parishioners.

Following our (re)formation in Spring 2023, we did an initial "walking inventory/evaluation" of the church (excluding sanctuary and parish hall basement level) we identified rooms to declutter, simplify, place furniture and wall art so as to provide an upgrade with minimal expense and so far have accomplished our initial goals, but our work continues and suggestions for improvements at Calvary are welcome.

Memorial Garden Committee: submitted by David Carr

The Garden Secret by David Rees 12/4/23

Nestled betwixt and between  
A limestone wall and  
Shiny (but never quite clean) glass,  
Is the final resting place for loved ones,  
And those who were loved but who  
To us may be unknown,  
The Calvary Memorial Garden.

Water gurgles over a rough  
And magnificent rock;  
The sanctuary's stone wall holds  
Brasses validating lives with  
Inscribed dates, come and gone.  
Reid, Spencer, Marshall,  
Patterson, Fallis, Byer,  
Luchessi, Fulweiler, Sessions,  
Bedell, Bryant, Bussabarger,  
Gordon, King, Welliver,  
Minor, Young, Gaebler,  
Godfrey, Digges, Riggs and Bird.  
Names we know, and others.  
One-Hundred-Forty souls,  
and counting.

As an apron decorates and protects,  
Vinca and pachysandra,  
Columbine, some  
Plants of unknown origin.  
(Dare we call them weeds,  
or do they just belong,  
like us all?)  
Blanket the ashes buried beneath.

The cemetery canvas  
Is not without mystery.  
Is that a turtle or a rock?  
What about that baseball?  
Who brought the daffodils?  
Who places the flag?  
All guarded by St. Francis.

Even in Winter some hear whispers  
from sentinel vessels Lady Gaga,  
Aretha, Simon and Garfunkel,  
Carole, Peter Paul and Mary,  
and Cher.

But their flowering voices  
Are loudest in midsummer,  
After the spring plantings  
Are rooted, grown and  
Blooming with such profusion  
That we wonder,  
What has cohort Dave C fed them?

The garden is deceptively busy;  
Daisy chases rabbits back to  
Peace Park.  
Laurie sounds the alarm after spotting a cute  
but hungry trespasser  
(summoning David R.  
to trap the Whistlepig.)  
Linda supplies from her very own garden.  
the needed perennial -  
coral honeysuckle -  
for the new trellis.

Stone masons reset the wall,  
Steadying, aligning, solidifying.

The garden exists not for  
The gardeners to play in the dirt  
Nor to add more tasks  
atop busy schedules.  
(Nor to swill coffee and down a donut.)

The garden is for all.  
A place for fellowship,  
A place for conversation  
With those absent but still with us.

Life is sweet.  
So is the Memorial Garden.

## **Worship**

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:** submitted by Tom Frankman

Izzy Powell and Effie Lietzan joined the crucifer ministry during 2023 and their mothers, Kelly Powell and Erika Lietzan were additions to the lectors. Those interested in joining these ministries should contact Tom Frankman (tfrankman62@gmail.com) for more information.

**Altar Guild:** submitted by Mary Nesladek

Altar Guild members undertake the care of the Altar and make sure the Altar is ready with the correct Liturgical colors and to carry out the wishes of the rector. This includes regular church worship services, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. We also hold three cleanings a year to make sure all the silver and brass shines brightly. We are a group of 14 members with the welcome addition of Eddy Lyons this year. We would like to thank Margaret Hultsch who retired after serving for 28 years as a faithful Altar Guild member and ironing many linens.

We would like to increase our membership, so please let us know if you are interested in joining this group of men and women at the central point of Christian worship.

**Flower Ministry:** submitted by Lisa Schenker

After the 10:30 am Sunday service, members of the Flower Ministry team arrange the Altar Flowers in vases and deliver them to parishioners designated as recipients by the Church Office. The symbolic gift of flowers expresses Calvary's love and care for its members with birthday and anniversary greetings, get well wishes, or simply to say, "Your church family is thinking of you." Flowers are delivered each Sunday, except during Advent and Lent when the Church does not have Altar Flowers. We also deliver Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias to a large number of our church family members, many of whom are homebound.

Currently the Flower Ministry team is composed of thirteen individuals and families, (totaling sixteen people) who help to carry out this meaningful ministry. We'd love to have others join us; please contact Lisa Schenker (liskaschenker107@gmail.com) for additional information.

**8:00 am Usher's Report:** submitted by Tim Ireland

2023 was a year of change for the 8 AM ushers. We were saddened to see the departure of John & Kay Clark from our team, as well as the retirement of Russ Breyfogle. All three were faithful and efficient in performing their duties and with a smile! We were delighted to add Aaron Hodges to the team. He takes seriously his responsibilities and welcomes all with gusto and enthusiasm. Long time ushers Charlene Boyes, Janet Thompson, and Tim Ireland complete our crew of dedicated servants of Calvary. Finally, we remain grateful to Ray Dockweiler who serves as a faithful timekeeper, reminding us to ring the 7:55 AM call to worship bell.

**10:30 am Usher's Report:** submitted by Rose Hayden

Regarding the Rite II Sunday service ushers, the ten Calvary parishioners listed below serve in pairs on a rotating basis: Rune Mussett-Sharp, Judy Thimisch Harper, Mike Reeves, Teresa Reeves, Jennifer James, Tim James, Tim Echternach, David Schenker, Rose Hayden and Meichele Foster. We have been blessed by the willingness of other parishioners not on the regular rotation who have stepped in to serve as ushers when the need has arisen. I intend to offer a brief usher training opportunity following the 10:30am service in February for those who think they might enjoy this ministry of welcome, hospitality and care.

**Annual Report: Music Programs at Calvary:**

submitted by Ed Hanson, Director of Music, Choirmaster

Director of Music Ed Hanson and Organist Barb Berwin continue to lead the music programs at Calvary. Last spring we said good-bye to paid singers Jack Grant and Amy McKinsey, and this fall we welcomed soprano Erin Brage to the choir. Erin is a sophomore voice major at MU. The choir participated in two Evensongs this fall, and we have plans to two more this spring: one in March and one in April. The Calvary Handbell Ensemble continues its excellence, and we saw a record crowd of approximately 250 in attendance for this past December's Christmas Handbell Concert. Ed is planning to begin a new handbell class on Mondays, starting January 26.



Our Sunday Recital Series this past spring featured a concert by soprano Jocelyn Claire Thomas, who resides in Portland, OR but grew up at Calvary. We also welcomed acclaimed French organist Maurice Clerc, and a choral ensemble, "Canticum Novum", under the direction of Jack Grant. This fall, we enjoyed a concert by local AGO members and a concert by Bobby Jo Valentine. We continue to view our music program as a way of reaching out to the community and encouraging new faces to see what a beautiful and welcoming space we have!

## **Administrative**

**Building & Grounds:** Submitted by Mike Reeves - See the Jr. Warden's Report.

**Stewardship:** Submitted by Tim Ireland

Thanks to YOU the 2024 Stewardship Campaign is a success! Our goal of \$415,000 was met, with the most recent tally totaling \$415,982.03 received from 111 pledges.

Many were involved in making the goal a reality. However, special recognition goes to the following:

- The Finance Committee prepared the annual budget from which our campaign goal was based.

- David Rees, Dennis Gagnon, Lisa & David Schenker, Tim & Jennifer James were instrumental in the campaign design. The beautiful campaign brochure was designed by Dennis complemented by the excellent photography of David. The Jameses & Schenkers offered invaluable advice on campaign strategy.
- Ed Hanson suggested that we ask newcomers to speak about their experience at Calvary. Those speaking at the 8:00 service were Valerie Bader, Elizabeth Brixey, Aaron Hodges and Matt Williams. For the 10:30 service we heard from Eddy Lyons, Tony Castro & Fran Colley, Kevin & Diane Montgomery, Mike Hatley & Shilpa Mathai. We also asked long-time parishioners to submit their thoughts in the Wednesday bulletin. They include Ray & Ele Dockweiler, David Rees, Mary Paulsell, and Tom McKenney.
- As the pledges rolled in, vestry members were asked to write thank you notes. However, Lisa Schenker jumped in to launch that effort, writing 12 notes. Thank you, Lisa! A second offer came from Teresa Reeves who loves to write notes! To all I am most grateful.
- Connie Carpenter and her staff have been instrumental in providing clerical support. Much appreciated!

Finally, I recognize with gratitude the role of Reverend Ann whose endless enthusiasm and eternal optimism make all things possible.

**Finance Committee:** submitted by Ron Webb.

The Finance Committee has met several times this past year. The group has been very active in overseeing the financial performance of Calvary Episcopal Church. Members of the Finance Committee are Bob Ball, Connie Carpenter, David Carr, Ray Dockweiler, Susan Foster, Gary Shillito, Angela Page, Rev. Ann Dieterle (Rector), and Ron Webb (Treasurer). Also, Mike Reeves, Junior Warden, has attended meetings. A sub-Committee has coordinated Calvary's Endowments and investments. David Carr is chair of this sub-committee. Other members are Gary Shillito and Ron Webb. In April of 2023, cash was consolidated from various accounts in order to generate a positive return. This was invested through UBS.

**Collect for the Parish:** Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, 817)



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