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Pastor's Ponderings

Pastor's Pondering – November 2023 “The Tradition of Worship”

I turned on my computer to write this article and, of course, *had* to make sure first and foremost that Facebook didn't have anything important happening. Wouldn't you know it, the meme on the opening screen said this: Tradition is just peer pressure from dead people. My first thought was, “That's a terrible thing to say!” My second thought was, “What's wrong with learning from those who went before us?” This whole year we've been talking about stewardship which, in the context of the Church, is about the management of everything God created in the beginning. There've been a lot of people who have preceded us in this work and we've learned from all of them!

One good example of this is in the “stewardship of worship.” A couple months ago I wrote about how **worship (worth-ship) is about knowing and showing the wholeness and holiness of God's image in each of us**. We often come to “know” God-with-us through the tough parts of life, those times when we simply can't cope but experience God's presence, forgiveness, and love as the foundation on which we can take a next step. We “show” it through praise and prayer in our everyday life. The *world* sees it most clearly when we gather together in worship. A pastoral leader is privileged and blessed to look out at the congregation and see when this knowing comes together with showing in a strong and vulnerable way; someone who has just come through a tough illness or maybe the loss of a loved one displays such dependence on Jesus during worship. At other times in life, faces display the busyness, stresses, concerns, and frustration of daily life. Yet, each face says, “You are God, I am not, help me to value You above all else!”

Here's where I think tradition makes a big difference. Through 2000 years of following Jesus and the 1000+ years of worship before that which centered on the throne of the Tabernacle in the temple, we have honed how best to help people to truly enter the mindset of worship. This has nothing to do with whether the music of a worship service is done by guitar/drums or organ (once upon a time, organs were the latest and greatest new instrument!). It has everything to do with how, throughout the history of the Church, we have determined patterns/actions that lead into a mindset of worship. Basically those actions are:

- gathering in confession (Take off your shoes, Moses, this is holy ground!)
- hearing the Word proclaimed deeply (How can people believe if they don't hear the Word?)
- eating the holy meal together (Do this in remembrance of Me!)
- being blessed to go out with Good News (We proclaim Christ crucified...and risen for US!).

This pattern not something that needs to be recreated in each generation. It is given by God in scripture and polished through practical use. It is meant to be stewarded and that's why your pastor, your SAMs, and your musicians put time and thought and prayer into crafting worship services. And, yes, we do feel the "peer pressure of dead people" because we value how Christian leaders down through the life of the Church have faithfully honed the actions that help everyday people across time and place enter into worship: knowing God's presence and showing the world the source and ground of true life.

I can offer a practical example of the value of tradition from our trip to Germany. (You'll probably get tired of hearing about our trip but it was sooooo cool!) The signs outside of Lutheran churches list the time of "Messe." Yes, the service is still called a "Mass" in German/Evangelical churches! If it sounds Catholic, it's because Luther appreciated the *order* of worship used in his time known as the *Formula missae* (Form of the Mass) and we continue to this day to use it. The musical settings, the amount of congregational singing, the format of prayers, the language in which it is conducted, even the order of things---all these *details* are freely flexible to best connect with the worshippers. But the order for traditional worship still stands, based in scripture and tradition!

If we have any clear view of heaven, I think we find it in Rev. 4-5. There we see all of creation circled around the throne of God where we find the Lamb slain yet risen. Praise and confession is seen as creation bows before God. You see, while worship might come from our past, it is meant for our future! This is one thing that we steward that will NEVER pass away!

Worshipping with you, SAM Jeannine



- *Fellowship, coffee and donuts every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Morning Coffee with Pastor on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Tuesdays with Pastor & Tom on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.*
- *Bible Study on Zoom Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.*
- *Designing Women Thursday's at 9:00 a.m.*



A LOOK *at the* **BUDGET**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER
12TH FOLLOWING
WORSHIP SERVICE

The annual congregational budget meeting will be held Sunday, November 12th following service. Please plan on attending!! Thank you.



HUNGER PROGRAM

Your donations to the Hunger Program will be greatly appreciated especially during this time. We are helping St. John's Lutheran in Stony Ridge and St. Paul Episcopal Church in Oregon with this endeavor. St. Paul needs all items for their food pantry. Also, St. Paul is appealing for cash and help. If you would like to drop off donations at the church, please call the office to arrange a time. Thank you!

CALVARY IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA, CALVARY HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE CALVARYLUTHERANNORTHWOOD AND ON TWITTER AT CALVARYLC. OUR WEBPAGE IS CALVARYNORTHWOOD.COM. FROM THE WEBPAGE YOU CAN SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWSLETTERS AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICES VIA EMAIL.

Morning Coffee

Join Pastor Bob daily
Monday thru Friday at 10:30
a.m. on Facebook.



A Covenant of Companionship

Between Calvary Lutheran Church (CLC) and Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC), Northwestern Ohio Synod (NWOS), Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

And

The People of the Mndani Parish (MP), Dioceses of Dodoma (DoD), Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELTC).

Companion congregational relationships exist for the purpose of strengthening one another for life and mission within the body of Christ. They offer all participants in such covenants the privilege of participating in the life of other congregations within the Church of Christ. Praying together, dwelling in the Word of God through study. All parties are renewed with their own congregational life with an exchange of ideas, the sharing of knowledge, skills, and resources.

This relationship opens our eyes to the global challenge facing the church of Jesus Christ today. Recognizing we are called by God to enter into this global mission together. All parties will benefit from this agreement as it will deepen our commitment and discipleship as individual persons and as collective communities of faith.

Therefore, it is the intent of the people of Calvary Lutheran and Christ Evangelical Lutheran, NWOS and the people of Mndani Parish, Dodoma Dioceses, ELCT to enter into a long term relationship of love and friendship made possible between us of the love we all received from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

COVENANT

That in establishing this relationship we will:

1. Pray regularly for one another that God's Holy Spirit may keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may reach out to all living around us who do not know the Love of God through Christ.
2. Encourage other congregations in our area of influence to enter into arrangements such as this one, so that more congregations may be linked together in mutual love and respect.
3. Enter into a planned process of visitation between the pastors and members of CLC/CELC and MP so that in learning personally from each other we may strengthen each other in faith and witness to the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
4. Encourage the sharing of skills between the communities represented here. These skills are wide and extensive and both parties acknowledge they can learn from their companion. These skills will be used to enhance the overall quality of the ministry conducted by both parties.

We further covenant to establish procedure for and implementation of this document.

Signed this 8 day of May A.D. 2023

Wanda Fisher

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President, Christ Evangelical

President, Mndani Parish

Paula Hudak

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President, Calvary Lutheran

Rev. Robert S. Noble

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Pastor, Calvary/Christ

Rev. Maynard Kipyali

Pastor, Mndani Parish



Maynard S. Kipyali

MNDANI

We do not speak of the relationship between Calvary & Mndani Parish in Tanzania enough. The relationship was recently renewed and including Christ Lutheran as a partner with us. The church is a global church, and we are members of it and this relationship is a reminder to us that there are people in that far away land praying for us. Here is a copy of the agreement that was established in May. Our thanks go out to Megan O'Brien of Luther Home of Mercy who represented our congregations to Pastor Maynard Kipyali of Mndani. Pray for this partnership. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Africa, as they most assuredly are praying for us.

Peace,

Pastor Bob



Altar Flowers

Flower Chart

The 2024 Flower Chart is on the wall in the narthex across from the office. The cost of the flowers will be \$30.00. Flowers are put on the altar for the Glory of God



Altar Care-

We continue looking for volunteers to help with Altar Care! Basic weekly duties are changing paraments as needed, set-up communion and clean up after service. Please let Paula know if you can help. Her phone number is 419-320-0514.



Prayer Chain

*Are you or a loved one in need of prayer? Calvary's Prayer Chain will be most happy to pray for you/them. The person does not need to be a member of Calvary. We include **everyone** in need of prayer! To start a prayer for yourself or someone else, call Charlene at 419-836-1999. When the person no longer needs our prayers, we would appreciate knowing that as well. If you would like to be a **prayer warrior**, please call me at 419-836-1999. Many thanks & blessings. Charlene Hoot*



SERVICE HELPERS NEEDED!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office for anyone interested in Assisting the Pastor, Reading lessons or Greeting friends & guests on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Clione Schneider if you have any questions.



REMEMBER OUR HOME BOUND

- Eleanor Sheronick, 3445 Fleitz Road, Oregon, OH 43616
- Marlene Fouty-Ehrsam, 2466 Luther Hills Circle #66, Oregon, OH 43616
- Mary McLaughlin, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 168, Walbridge, OH 43465
- Janie Kollarik, 30630 Drouillard Road, Lot 9, Walbridge, OH 43465



In our Prayers

Jill Cousino, Bob Joehlin, Marlene Ehrsam, Paulette Colombo, Eleanore Sheronick, Don Koenig, Beverly McIntosh, Emily Hyder-Jasinski, Ava Burkey, Jon Schwandner, Dan Pfouts, Craig Lake, Katie Glenn, Dee Mutchler, William Putnam, Logan Murphy, Wendy Kimble, Lisa Baker, Terry Murray, Dan Skadeland, Betty Messling, Duane Ralston, Shirley Loy, Paul Goodman and Angie Mazey Noesen.

Loaves and Fishes Our “Loaves and Fishes” ministry has a facilitator: Parish Nurse, Jackie Langlois. When anyone in the congregation is temporarily home bound because of an illness or surgery we try to provide meals for about a week. If you are willing to prepare a meal or would be willing to make calls please call Jackie at 419-779-6283. You do NOT have to prepare a gourmet, they can either be home cooked, deli or store bought. As always your help would be greatly appreciated.



**A HUGE Calvary
Welcome to our
newest member
Sue Mazey!**



MEMORIAL DONATIONS

MICHAEL TONEFF

KATHARINE HEINTCHEL, DONNA SANDWISCH, NORMA RYMERS, SUSAN HATHAWAY, GEORGE & WENDY KIMBLE, DENNIS TONEFF.

L. JAMES SCHNEIDER

BARRY & ANN RAMLOW, GWEN NEUNDORFER, DOLORES MUTCHLER, VEL CAMPBELL, MARY JANE JOEHLIN, LARRY & GERRY DOMINIQUE, CLIFFORD & MADONNA BURY, TERRY & SANDY MURRAY, GEORGE & WENDY KIMBLE, JOHN JENKINS, CAROL CORL, GREG & LAVERNE EDWARDS, LUCILLE HOUSEHOLDER, KEN ORRIS, ED & SHARON SCHNEIDER, DON & DIANE GREELESE, MARLENE EHRSHAM.





COMING UP ... NOVEMBER

- NOV. 7TH LAST DAY TO ORDER POINSETTIAS
- NOV. 11TH FIRST COMMUNION CLASS @
CHRIST 1:00 PM
- NOV. 12TH BUDGET CONGREGATIONAL MTG
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE
- NOV. 18TH FIRST COMMUNION CLASS @
CALVARY - BAKE BREAD 10:30 AM
- NOV. 18TH THANKSGIVING BASKET DISTRIBUTION
- NOV. 19TH FIRST COMMUNION
- NOV. 22ND THANKSGIVING SERVICE @ STONY
RIDGE 7:00 PM

COMING UP ... DECEMBER

- DEC. 4TH ANGEL TREE GIFTS WILL BE DELIVERED TO
LUTHER HOME OF MERCY
- DEC. 13TH CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO OUR HOMEBOUND
MEET AT CALVARY 5:00 PM **(ALL ARE INVITED)**
- DEC. 16TH LIVE NATIVITY @ CHRIST 4-8 PM
(COWS, SHEEP, LAMBS AND A DONKEY!)



November Birthday's

Ryan Hotmer	11/2
Cami Corl	11/3
Bob Laforme	11/3
Sherry Koenig	11/4
Emery Wulf	11/7
Ellen Laforme	11/10



Tom & Gina Susor

November 13th

30 years

FINANCIALS

ONLINE GIVING

Calvary has online and mobile options for giving. You can set up an account through the church office to give weekly, monthly or other options. You can also set up an online account by going to our website and clicking on the online giving button.

You also have the option of giving and signing up with your phone or mobile device by downloading the Vanco mobile app.

If you would like assistance in doing any of this, please contact the church office.

Thank You!

Monthly Financial Activity

Balance end August	\$4,863.61
Total income August: With shared cost	\$12,444.64
Total expenses:	\$9,053.65

Council notes: September 2023 meeting

***Pastor's Report:** Reminder Build-A-Bed is October 14, 2023. Provided first communion class schedule. Thanksgiving basket distribution November 18, 2023.

***Old Business:** Budget committee was established. Discussed Christmas Eve service schedule.

***New Business:** Trunk or Treat October 21, 2023 3:00 to 5:00. Gwen will arrange for Angel Tree. Discussed Christmas Caroling, Live Nativity with Christ Evangelical and a Progressive Dinner.

November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office open 10:00-2:00 Coffee with Pastor 10:30 Zoom Bible Study 7:00	2 Office open 10:00-2:00 Coffee with Pastor 10:30	3	4
5 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:00	6 Coffee with Pastor 10:30	7 Office open 10:00-2:00 Quilters 10:00 Coffee with Tom Susor & Pastor 10:30	8 Office open 10: -2:00 Coffee with Pastor 10:30 Zoom Bible Study 7:00.	9 Office open 10:00-2:00 Coffee with Pastor 10:30	10	11 1 st Communion Class at Christ 1:00 Scrapbooking/ Card Club 11-4
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19 Fellowship 10:30 First Communion Worship 11:00	20 Coffee with Pastor 10:30 Council Meeting 7:00	21 Office open 10:00-2:00 Quilters 10:00 Coffee with Tom Susor & Pastor 10:30	8 Office open 10: -2:00 Coffee with Pastor 10:30 Zoom Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	24	25
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Bible Word Search

Name: _____



Names and Titles of Jesus



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Word list:

CHRIST

EMMANUEL

JESUS

KING OF THE JEWS

LAMB OF GOD

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

LORD

MASTER

REDEEMER

SAVIOR

SON OF DAVID

SON OF GOD

