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Knowing Jesus, Making Jesus Known*



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# The Epistle

# July 2019



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## From the Office of Pr. Kevin Kaiser

### A Word about Giving

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)*

I know it may be a bit bold for me to write about money so soon, but believe it or not, people have been asking me what to do about money here at Calvary. Of course, there are some projects to fund, and things to replace, but let's talk about the basics. Even if the answers are complicated, the main questions about money and the church are simple.

How much? How often? Why?

First, let me tell you what my reaction is to any gift of any size that you contribute to any purpose here at Calvary: THANK YOU!

We have come through about ten very difficult years of ministry here. We have survived, and one of the many ways God has caused our survival is by inspiring so many of you to support Calvary with your financial gifts. Last year's giving, though not up to budget, was enough to keep us from dipping into emergency backups. Perhaps with new leadership on my part, and renewed generosity on yours, Calvary will be well-supported in the years to come. Whether you give \$1 or tens of thousands...thank you!

The answer to how much you give depends on your circumstances. I can't say what is right for all people, but I recommend giving a percentage of your income rather than a fixed dollar amount. I give 10% of my salary to Calvary. Giving a percentage rather than a fixed amount allows you to give generously within your means. As you aspire to give more, increase the percentage according to the Spirit's leading. No matter how large your gift, we thank you for giving!

As for how often, I recommend giving whenever you get money. I give an offering to Calvary every two weeks when I get my paycheck. Giving regularly (rather than one-time or annual gifts) allows Calvary to steward your gifts and use them as our bills come rather than hoping

for a bailout during an emergency, or windfall at the end of the year. Those who can give larger amounts of money can do so without overwhelming our financial decisions. Those who give smaller amounts of money may do so knowing that their regular gifts contribute greatly to this ministry throughout the year. Of course, memorial and gifts from trusts or estates will be one-time or annual, and we expect that. Whether you send a check, use Simply Giving, or drop coins in the plate, regular giving helps you to budget your gifts, and Calvary to steward them. No matter how you give, we thank you for giving!

Why should you give? Well, the answer to this could be almost anything! Are you grateful? Do you want to honor someone you love? Do you want to share the joy of something great that has happened to you? Do you think Calvary is important to this community? A financial gift is not the only way to celebrate these things, but it is a good way. I can also tell you some bad reasons to give. Never give because you are guilty, fearful, or manipulated. As the Bible says, give cheerfully and not under compulsion. Your gifts to Calvary are intended to be part of your worship to God...a celebration of God's great love poured out to you through Jesus Christ, and your support of the mission of Calvary to share that great love with the world around us. Whatever your reason for giving, we thank you for giving!



There is one last little question: What if I cannot give? If you are unable to give money to Calvary, you will not be turned away. Rich and poor attend the same worship service. We offer the same funeral service and meal for a rich dead man as a poor dead woman. The wedding of a rich couple may have some extra luxuries, but the vows are the same. Rich people and poor people have the same potential to let their relationship with money hinder their relationship to God, and the same potential to keep money in the proper perspective according to the guidance of God's Holy Spirit. Never let money, too much or too little, keep you from being part of Calvary or any other congregation of Christ's church. Your money may support the church, but you *are* the church.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS 2019!!**

**WHEN:** July 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**TIME:** 9:00am to 2:00pm Monday –Thursday and Friday 9:00am – 12 noon

**CLOSING PROGRAM:** Friday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am – The campers will be singing the songs they have learned for family, friends, and the community. A light luncheon will follow the program.

Once again we are teaming up with Luther Park Bible camp to provide a super fun VBS day camp. **All campers need to bring a sack lunch Monday thru Thursday**, a mid-morning snack will be provided.

**Campers 3 years thru 1<sup>st</sup> grade** will be hanging out at **Splash Canyon**. Campers will strap on their life jackets for a rip-roaring river ride! Campers will plunge into learning about God's promise on life's wild ride, through music, crafts, science, games, play, fun and fellowship with other campers.

**Campers 2<sup>nd</sup> grade thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade** will be led by the Luther Park counselors. The theme this year is; **Where All are Blessed: The Kingdom of God**. Campers will have the opportunity to explore and expand their faith through music, worship, Bible studies, crafts, recreation, fun and fellowship with the Luther Park staff and other campers.

VBS is offered at no charge, but donations are always welcome! Registration forms are available in the church office and this Epistle. ***To help us plan better please have registrations filled out and returned to the church by July 14<sup>th</sup>.***

### **Ways you could help out with camp:**

- Be a volunteer – help with lunch supervision, playing games, aid in teaching.
- Bring morning snack for campers – enough for 30 campers
- Provide housing for the Luther Park team. – 3 young adults.
- Provide sack lunches for the Luther Park team.
- Provide dinner for the Luther Park team

Please see the volunteer sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Please contact Connie Visger or Julie Hermeier with any questions.

**Housing for the 3 Luther Park counselors** will be needed Sunday through Thursday the week of Vacation Bible School. If you would like to host them, please contact Julie Hermeier or see the volunteer sign-up sheet in the narthex.

### **Volunteers are needed!**

- Snack for VBS students – Monday thru Friday
- Lunches for Luther Park Counselors – Monday thru Thursday
- Dinner for Luther Park Counselors – Monday thru Thursday

### **Upcoming Events**

**Stanley Breeze Memorial**, July 2; Vis. 10 AM.

**Quilters** will meet on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> in the church basement.

**Nursing Home Visitation – Spooner, Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM.** Join us as we spend an hour sharing stories, singing favorite hymns and songs, enjoying fellowship with our nursing home friends. If you need a ride or would like to ride share, contact the church office and arrangements will be made.

**Theology on Tap – Bootleggers** on Hwy 53 just north of the Washburn/Douglas County Line, **Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 pm.** A great opportunity to share what's on your mind or to just listen with other Christian friends while enjoying a beverage or a bite to eat. Feel free to drop in at any time during the evening – guaranteed to involve some ideas to think about.

**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS OF MAY 31, 2019**

**Council Meeting**

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Checking Account – Unrestricted Funds  
\$30,347.38  
Checking Account – Restricted Funds  
\$14,776.86

**Total Assets**

**\$45,124.24**

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

Current Liabilities

Social Security Tax  
\$ 151.95

**Total Liabilities**

**\$ 151.95**

Equity

**Unrestricted Equity**

Retained Earnings  
\$32,808.68  
Net income or (loss)  
-\$2,461.30

**Total Unrestricted Equity**

**\$30,347.38**

**Restricted Equity**

Building Fund  
\$ 9,027.17  
Youth Fund  
\$ 3,004.28  
Sunday School  
\$ 1,005.32  
Relief Fund – Tim McCoy  
\$ 543.57  
Memorial Flowers (Poinsettias &  
Lilies)  
\$ 261.50  
Garden Group  
\$ 783.07

**Total Restricted Equity**

**\$14,624.91**

**Total Equity**

**\$44,972.29**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

**\$45,124.24**

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

Present: Dennis Visger, Pastor Kevin, Jim Quick, Sandy Ericson, Martha Larson, Emily Schaefer, Sue Lord, and Roger Wojt.

Absent: Bob Hasse

Emily made a motion to approve May's minutes; Martha seconded; motion approved.

Agenda Approved.

Pastor said he will be gone either the last week of July or the first week of August.

The Property Committee: Curt Olson, Terry Lucia, and Roger Wojt met on Wednesday and did a walk-thru at the church to decide what should be done now and what order things would be done. A list to follow:

Tabulators:

June 23-Martha and Sue

June 30- Sue and Jim

July 7- Bob and Sue

July 14-Sandy and Dennis

Nominations for President of the Council: Martha nominated Dennis, Sue seconded; approved unanimously. Jim nominated Martha for Vice President; Sue seconded; approved unanimously. Jim nominated Sandy for Secretary, Sue seconded; vote passed.

Pastor said a closing prayer.

We adjourned at 6:25

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Ericson, Secretary