

# Calvary Life

Thanksgiving/Advent 2019





## THE WELCOME CORNER

Trying something new in our welcoming activities, Anne Scarborough hosted new members and friends at a Coffee, Conversation and Tour between church services. There was coffee and conversation to start, and then the group moved to the Sanctuary. David Taylor provided some church history and the meaning of the icons in the Jesus window.



On Sunday, November 3, the Scarborough's hosted a newcomer reception at their home so our new members had a further chance to meet one another, as well as some Vestry members. Look for these faces and say hello.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

### FRED AND KAY STEINKAMP

Fred and Kay met at Texas Lutheran College in 1974 and married in 1977. They have lived in Fort Bend County since. Fred taught at Fort Bend ISD for 40 years. He was a science teacher, girls' soccer coach, and Science Department Chairman during his tenure. Kay has an accounting degree and worked at Fort Bend ISD and Fort Bend County, retiring from both. They had one daughter and 19 months later were blessed with twin daughters. They have 6 grandchildren ranging in age from 2-9. They both retired in 2015 and moved to Del Webb in 2017. Since retirement they have enjoyed traveling more and spending time with their grandchildren. They are looking forward to getting to know people in their new church family.



### GUY AND PAULA GROSSMAN

Guy and Paula moved to Long Meadow Farms in May 2019 from Spring Branch. Guy grew up in Memorial and Paula grew up in the Sugar Land area. They have 5 children, 2 grandchildren, and 1 grandchild on the way. Guy is retired from the Texas Railroad Commission and works as a consultant in the oil & gas industry. Paula is a retired teacher from FBISD and has worked in private schools for the last 10 years. She is currently working as a substitute teacher for LCISD. They enjoy Aggie football, traveling, and spending time with family, and especially the grandchildren.



### HOLLY, JOHN AND JAMES BRADSHAW

Hey y'all! We are the Bradshaw Family. John is a graduate of Kempner High School in Sugar Land. He then served in the United States Army for over 24 years and retired in October from Fort Bragg. He is now a full-time student at the University of Houston School Of Technology and is enjoying more time at home with the family and growing out his retirement beard. Holly graduated from Fort Bend Baptist Academy and went on to get her BBA at Texas A&M University Corpus Christ. She is getting certified as a teacher in Texas and will be an elementary school teacher at FBISD or Lamar ISD at the end of her student teaching in December. John and Holly have an amazing son, James, who turned four years old in September. James loves going to Montessori School, and he really enjoys the children's Sunday school class and the activities at Calvary. Calvary welcomed us with open arms and gives us the means to get involved in the community. We are excited to put down roots here and show God's love to the people of Calvary and the community.





# THANKSGIVING

In these days of national tension, the words of Abraham Lincoln serve as a reminder of a nation founded in faith and with thanksgiving.

## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: A PROCLAMATION

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OCTOBER 3, 1863

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and even soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite and provoke their aggressions, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict; while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the shuttle, or the ship; the ax has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the battlefield, and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people.

I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

*Abraham Lincoln*



## AROUND CALVARY

### PRESTON STREET GARDEN

The spring work day at the Preston Street Garden was a success with workers from Calvary, First Baptist Church, and seniors from Austin High School. The harvest has been plentiful, and the beds and the orchards are ready for Fall. The hot dogs for lunch were gratefully received! Thanks to all who helped.

### CALVARY NIGHT OUT

The Braman Winery and Brewery was the setting for a large number of Calvary friends gathered for a casual evening of fellowship and maybe some beer and wine tasting. Thanks to Tina Broussard for taking the lead on making this happen.

### YOU ARE NOT ALONE

The Care Team sponsored an informational evening on You Are Not Alone (YANA), an initiative of the Fort Bend County Sherriff's Department. This program follows residents who are alone and/or shut in needing someone to check on them periodically. Sherriff Nels asked for volunteers to become trained for this community service, and the department receives names of family members or friends who might need to receive a friendly phone call or visit.

### BLESSING OF THE PETS

Sunday, October 6, was a busy day. We had a wonderful visit with Bishop Ryan in the morning, and then had the Blessing of the Pets in the late afternoon. Deacon Nancy did the honors.



## BISHOP SUFFRAGAN KATHRYN RYAN VISITS CALVARY

For the first time since her installation as bishop, "Kai" Ryan came to Calvary to baptize, confirm and receive members. She brought a message of gratitude for the good work Calvary continues to do in the community, and expressed her optimism as we continue our search for a new rector. In addition to celebrating at both services, she visited with the Vestry over lunch.

**Baptized:** Zelena Rose Hayter,  
daughter of Terry  
Hater and Elizabeth Reyes

**Received:** Joyce Kerobo  
Laura Reyes

**Confirmed:** Holly Lyn Bradhsaw  
Teri Mason  
Jessica Reyes  
Shirley Tijerina



We celebrated the baptism of Madison Riley Barber on Sunday, November 10.



## EARLY COMMUNION

What angelic faces knelt at the altar rail to receive Early Communion! Betty Anne Taylor, Jeannine Hillis and Rev. Lecia spent several Sundays teaching these young ones about the Sacrament of Eucharist. We congratulate them in taking this step in their walk as Christ's own and we share the joy of their families. They are:

Linden Cain  
Bridgit Harris  
Zachary Lane  
Brad Morris  
Eli Ordaz  
Christian Tellez  
Nicolas Tellez  
Paige Taylor



## SCHOOL IN THE NEWS

### EPISCOPAL SCHOOL SUNDAY

Each year we celebrate Episcopal School Sunday throughout the Episcopal Church, and here at Calvary we are blessed with 180 students who fill the building with laughter and music. They enriched our worship Sunday, November 3, and once again, filled the Sanctuary with song.



### ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

This year's tournament set a new standard for great golfing fun- and fundraising! A HUGE thank you to the Calvary Church for their support in CEP's Annual Golf Tournament. Calvary church members are what make this tournament successful. John Anderson and Frank Plut are School Board members and chair the event. We also have Kathy Haley and Heidi Eland who were on the golf tournament committee. We can't forget all of the church sponsors, golfers and volunteers. Together we hosted 88 golfers and raised approximately \$50,000; \$30,000 of that is dedicated specifically to student scholarships.

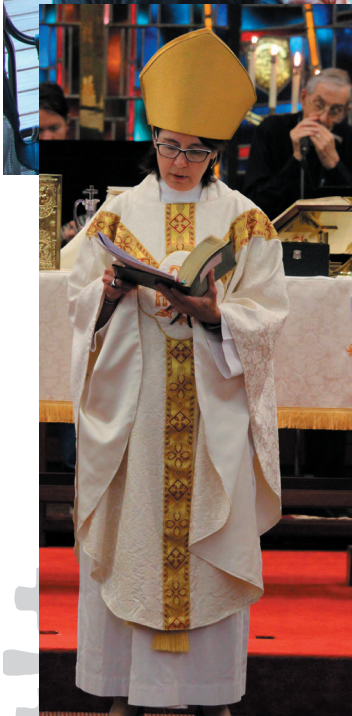




## RECTOR TRANSITION UPDATE

The Rector Search Committee has had several meetings and first selected co-chairs Christian Iversen and Mary Ellen Plut. Christian will be the liaison to the candidates and schedule the interviews. Mary Ellen is managing development of the interview questions, now in progress, and which next need Diocesan approval. The committee seeks your continued support and prayers.

## BISHOP AND RETREAT IMAGES





# Advent and Christmas at Calvary Episcopal Church



## *Sunday, Dec. 1*

9AM

1st Week of Advent - Advent Wreath Making

5:30PM

Blue Christmas Service

## *Sunday, Dec. 8*

9AM

2nd Week of Advent - A Skit: How to Have a Merry Christmas

## *Sunday, Dec. 15*

9AM

3rd week of Advent Cookie Decorating

5PM

Rosenberg Symphonic Band and the CEP Advanced Band

## *Wed., Dec. 18*

8:05AM

Calvary School Lessons and Carols Chapel

## *Sunday, Dec. 22*

10:30

4th Sunday of Advent - Christmas Pageant

12PM

Greening of the Church

## *Monday, December 24*

### *Christmas Eve Services*

5PM

Family Service

10:30AM

Traditional

## *Tuesday, December 25*

### *Christmas Day*

10:30AM

Rite II





# Calvary

Episcopal Church  
and School

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## Vestry

Amber Zentis, Sr. Warden  
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Frank Lemkowitz  
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Don Whitehead

## Officers

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## Newsletter Team

The Members of Calvary

## Church Staff

The Rev. Lecia Brannon, Locum Tenens  
The Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon  
Heidi Eland, Parish Administrator  
Kathy Haley, Financial Administrator  
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John Brun, Organist and Choir Director

Anne Scarborough, Newcomer Coordinator  
Suzette Hillis, Communication  
Betty Anne Taylor, Director of Christian Education  
Sarah Minkert, Safeguarding Administrator  
Jose Portill, Sexton

## Worship Services

### Sunday

8:00 AM Traditional  
9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
10:30 AM Contemporary

### Tuesday

9:30 AM Traditional

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