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Calvary Life

SUMMER

Calvary Episcopal Church and School
Summer 2017



Baptisms



Eli Stepanovich Cherry

Elijah Thomas Hightower

Emma Leigh Gaskamp

June James Zahradnik

Those We Love but See No Longer



Nick Powell – March 12



Dianne Michele Morgan – May 8



Gwendolyn Cooley – June 16



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Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near. Joel 2:2

Dear People of Calvary,

In my first Clergy Corner for Calvary Life last summer, I wrote that I was on a long and winding road with Calvary Episcopal Church as the latest bend in the road. I am one year into my tenure as your Curate at Calvary and a year further on the road. First, please accept my gratitude for the many gifts of support and love I am offered here. Calvary is the community where my formation and practice of being a priest and pastor of the church is happening each day. My experience and knowledge of what it means to be church is deepening in new and joyful ways!

Secondly, Calvary shares in my growth by walking the road beside me. Every conversation and moments of sharing, every education class and meeting, every sermon, every baptism, wedding, funeral and Holy Eucharist are steps forward in learning about church and spiritual leadership. I look forward to continuing our walk together as disciples walking with Jesus. That on our walk together we will listen, be curious and keep our hearts and minds open to all Jesus teaches us about living the Christian life.

Last month, I had the opportunity to be the Chaplain-in-residence at Camp Allen for a week and attend the Festival of Homiletics the following week. Each week presented something different, yet both were fruitful as this year of curacy ends. To have time to think and pray, read and reflect, hear inspiring sermons and lectures is a necessity for every clergy person. Thank you to Fr. Paul, Calvary and the Diocese of Texas for providing me this time away.

Camp Allen in the piney woods near Navasota, TX is the perfect setting for rest and reflection. I jokingly said to some of you who asked about my week there that the quiet surroundings allowed me to have a single thought that I could follow all the way through. In every joke, there is a bit of truth. The slow and steady rhythm of each day with morning and evening prayer, sitting by the lake and walking in the woods gave me time to reconnect with my own rhythms of spirituality. Reflecting on this past year while contemplating the future are helpful to focusing on the road ahead.

The Festival of Homiletics brings together the best and brightest preachers and teachers to cities across the nation for 5 days each year to celebrate and enrich preaching in the church. This year's festival in San Antonio was as close as I have ever been to one. I saw live and in person several preachers and theologians whose works I've studied such as Walter Bruggemann, Barbara Brown Taylor, Will Willimon and Brian McLaren. While these might not be household names, their inspiration and influence to preaching and theology is ever present in the church. I also heard preachers and teachers new to me from other traditions and ethnicities whose powerful gospel message comes through lives so different from mine. To be amidst people devoted to the word of God encourages me to a life of the same. To be a preacher and teacher of the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ is vital work of a priest and pastor.

Finally, my second of year of curacy will be an exciting time as I continue to build and strengthen my gifts and skills at Calvary. I will be part of a new group made up of current curates and other priests new to the Diocese of Texas with the purpose of preparing us for our next calls in the church. I ask your prayers for this time of transition for me and Matthew. Whatever the future holds, Calvary gives us sure and steady footing for our long and winding road ahead.

Blessings,

Dev. Lucia

Calvary Reaches Out: Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity envisions a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Seeking to put God's love into action, their mission is to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope. Beginning in January 2017, Calvary joined a new home construction project sponsored by St. Laurence Catholic Church of Sugar Land. St. Laurence could not have been more welcoming! For four months, Calvary and St. Laurence volunteers worked together to build a home for Lisa Haywood in North Richmond. But Lisa was no idle spectator as the home progressed from bare slab to studded walls and eventually to finished home with a lawn and new trees. A full-time working professional and mother of two young boys, Lisa still found the energy to nail, saw, caulk and paint on her new home every Saturday.

In March, Calvary was asked if we would be willing to sponsor a lunch for the construction crew. Carol Freeman volunteered to lead the lunch brigade and the people of Calvary responded with enthusiasm. We collected over \$500 in donations and were able to feed not one, but two Habitat crews working on side-by-side sister projects on Carver Avenue! Now that the final coat of paint has dried and the last piece of sod has been watered in, we want to express our gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this project, whether in the role of construction volunteer, or lunch team member, or through your monetary donations and prayers. You are the hands and feet of Christ!

For those who want to participate in our next Habitat project, please stay tuned. Christ Church of Sugar Land is starting a new build in North Richmond this fall and we hope to join that effort. In the meanwhile, St. Laurence will continue its critical repair ministry on a weekly basis. Contact Dan Bradley at 281-770-6711 or MDBradley05@gmail.com for more details.



Pictured: Carol Freeman, Tricia King, Jeanine Hillis, Chris Bradley, Susan King, Dan Bradley, David Essells, Tim Hillis, and Catherine Clark. Not pictured: Oscar Lozano, John Lyons, Eric Cain, Kathy Bethke, and Terry Jordan.

EfM Graduation

Congratulations to Mary Katherine Maldonado, Calvary's newest graduate of EfM! Education for Ministry (EfM) is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based on small-group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 80,000 participants in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service. EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together. If you are interested in becoming a part of the EfM program, please contact Dan Bradley or John Lyons.



Calvary Connection Weekend

New and long-time Calvary members joined together for Calvary Connection weekend.

This was a fun and informal way to explore the basics of the Christian faith, the history of the Church and Calvary, and the Episcopal form and style of worship. A fun time of learning was had by all through a variety of presentations including skits, a BCP Trivia game and a fashion show.



Pentecost Picnic

The all-church Pentecost Picnic was a great time had by all!



Senior Sunday

Congratulations to Calvary's newest high school graduates. May God bless the next steps in your journey!



Lizzie Lemkowitz



Richard Cook



Charlotte Jobansen

Blanket Ministry



A few years ago, the Daughters of the King began a ministry to pray for all of our high school students on a daily basis. Jeannine Hillis introduced the idea and the DOK said "Yes, absolutely". We call this the "blanket ministry" since we cover our

students in prayer.

Parents of incoming freshman and any new high school students, please pick out a cross you think your son/daughter would like. In the fall during worship, you will present those crosses to your children. We hang them on the Narthex wall for the four years, and these students are prayed for every day. When they graduate, they are given back their crosses in a special presentation. We hope the students will keep their crosses and remember how loved they are at Calvary where ever they go for the next step of their life journey.

Until now, the crosses hung on the wall with no explanation. This year, Dianne and Mark Duncan helped design and make the beautiful signs we now have.

At the urging of our current high school students and Tim Hillis, we decided to also put the prayer from the BCP that we pray over our youth at each presentation.

PRAYER FOR YOUNG PERSONS

Book of Common Prayer - 1928

God our Father,
 you see your children
 growing up in an unsteady and confusing
 world. Show them that your ways give
 more life than the ways of the world,
 and that following you
 is better than chasing after selfish goals.
 Help them to take failure,
 not as a measure of their worth,
 but as a chance for a new start.
 Give them strength
 to hold their faith in you,
 and to keep alive their joy in your
 creation;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

School in the News

The fourth annual Calvary Episcopal Preparatory Drama Club, also known as Calvary Episcopal Players, musical extravaganza of the Lion King Jr. featured 100 students in show stopping costumes and production numbers. An all-volunteer endeavor, parents, teachers, administration and community members come together to create a one of a kind school based production. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade audition and prepare for this all-encompassing show. This year Calvary Episcopal Players initiated a complete backstage student managed tech crew led by Trampus Marek which included set changes, lights, and music queues. Meanwhile on stage, students meet the challenge of presenting Broadway scenes and tunes to a new level. This is the first year the responsibility of the run of the show fell on the shoulders of students. The motto is 'we don't do school productions, we just do productions in our school.' Students are already looking forward to next year's production of Beauty and the Beast and continued sold out performances.



Washington, DC Trip

Headmaster, Mr. Malcolm Smith has taken his sixteenth group of Calvary Episcopal Preparatory students to Washington D.C. The group, accompanied by parent chaperones, toured the historic sites in Philadelphia, then Gettysburg, before heading into Washington, D.C. 8th grade Calvary students work hard raising over half of the cost for the trip but they also prepare academically. By the time they go to Washington, D.C. they are knowledgeable about the historic significance of the sights, allowing for an unforgettable week of learning and fun.



Lunches of Love

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade Calvary Episcopal Preparatory Crusaders teamed up recently to spend a morning of service at Lunches of Love at First United Methodist Church in Rosenberg, where they produced 2,200 lunches for students in our area. Lunches of Love provides free nutritious sack lunches to Fort Bend County students who might otherwise go hungry during extended school holidays and weekends. Students at Calvary all participate in service projects throughout the year with the mission of giving back to the community.



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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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Vestry

Jewlon Morris, Sr. Warden	Oscar Lozano
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