

# Calvary Episcopal Church Annual Parish Celebration January 21, 2024



Dear Members of Calvary Church,

As we gather together for our annual meeting, it is with a sense of gratitude and reflection that I extend a warm welcome to each one of you. The year 2023 has been a journey filled with spiritual growth, community building, and meaningful connection.

Throughout the year, we have come together in worship, fellowship, and service, embodying the values that make our community so special. From the joyous celebrations at our Pentecost Picnic to the comforting support during the beginning of our renovation project, our shared experiences have strengthened the bonds that unite us.

This annual meeting serves as an opportunity to review the events, achievements, and challenges we faced in the past year. Together, we will reflect on the progress we've made, acknowledge the efforts of our dedicated volunteers, and discuss our vision for the future.

Within this booklet, you will find information on:

Review of Events: An overview of the various events, services, and activities that took place, celebrating the moments that brought us together.

Financial Overview: A transparent discussion about the financial aspects of our church, outlining our income, expenses, and any upcoming initiatives.

Spiritual Reflection: A moment to express gratitude for the spiritual growth and shared faith experiences we've encountered throughout the year.

As we begin this new year, let us approach it with open hearts, embracing the diversity that enriches our congregation. Your input and perspectives are invaluable, shaping the direction of our shared journey.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Calvary Episcopal Church family. Your commitment and presence contribute to the vibrant tapestry that defines us.

I look forward to our time together and the positive energy that will emerge from our collective reflections.

Blessings to you all.

In Faith and Fellowship,

Fr. Ralph B. Morgan, Rector

Calvary Episcopal Church

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## ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION Meeting Agenda

**Opening Prayer** 

Fr. Ralph

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

Appointment of Recording Secretary	Philp Zanghi
2023 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes Approval	Philip Zanghi
Senior Warden's Report	Philip Zanghi
Treasurer's Report	Scott McLemore, Treasurer
Outreach Committee Report	Roy Haley
Calvary Foundation Report - Elections	Betsy Zanghi
Calvary Episcopal Preparatory Report	Dr. Maria Fondon
Rector's Report	Fr. Ralph
Acknowledgement of outgoing Vestry members Marian Briscoe, Meagan Milford, Philip Zanghi	Fr. Ralph
Recognition of New Vestry Members Brandon Campbell, Steve Evans, Lori Hoy, Ashley Vakulenko	Fr. Ralph
Commissioning and Blessing of the Vestry	Fr. Ralph
Announcement of Wardens for 2024	Fr. Ralph
Special Recognition: Church Mouse Award	Fr. Ralph
Closing Prayer	Deacon Nancy

## CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2023 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

Fr. Ralph Morgan called the meeting to order at 9:17 am and led the congregation in prayer.

Kathy Haley was appointed recording secretary for the 2023 meeting.

A motion was made by Dorothy Lyons and seconded by Fred Steinkamp to accept the minutes of 2022 Annual Parish Meeting. The motion passed.

#### Sr. Warden's Report

Susan Grotte gave an overview of our life together at Calvary in 2022. She thanked all committee chairs and committee members for their dedication and service to ministry. She also thanked all the vestry members for their leadership in 2022.

#### Treasurer's Report

Scott McLemore presented the Finance Committee Report. He reported that we received 89% of 2022 pledge commitments however we also received 133.3% of the plate offerings that were budgeted. The total revenue for 2022 was down by 3.3%. The total expenses for 2022 were up by 2%. This resulted in a net deficit budget of \$61,790. The vestry passed a zero-balance budget for 2023.

A motion was made to accept the 2022 treasurer's report by Marion and seconded by Dorothy. The motion passed.

#### Outreach Committee Report

Roy Haley presented the Outreach Committee Report. He gave the highlights from 2022 and thanked all the volunteers who support all of Calvary's outreach ministries. He encouraged everyone to get involved and to read the reports in the Annual Parish Meeting packet. Rev. Nancy Wilkes gave a presentation on Laundry Love. They served 220 families and washed and dried 1300 loads of laundry which is more than they served in past years. They are building relationships within the community and learning of specific financial needs that they may have. The parent organization of Laundry Love has partnered with Earth Breeze, a laundry detergent company, to give out free laundry soap. Laundry Love received \$2,000 in donations from the parish and spent \$4000 total including budget.

#### Calvary Episcopal Church Foundation

Betsy Zanghi, foundation president, presented the report on behalf of the CECF. The Calvary Foundation supported the church in 2022 by giving grants totaling \$42,115. Revenue in 2021 from the columbarium and memorial gifts totaled \$23,614 and administrative expenses totaled \$432. A designated gift of \$1,048 was given for Camp Allen Scholarships. She thanked the board members for their commitment to the Foundation. There are 2 vacant director positions to fill. The nominees are Charlie King and Ron Best. Charlie and Ron were unanimously voted in for 3-year terms.

#### Rector's Report

Fr. Ralph gave his report. He started by saying it's an honor and joy to be at Calvary because of the people of the parish. He discussed the main things that have happened within 2022. The first being that John Brun was hired full time as the Parish Administrator. Dr. Maria Fondon has been hired as the head of Calvary Episcopal Preparatory and Chris Bradley is the new president of the CEP School Board. He thanked Reb Scarborough for all the work he has done to improve our audio/visual capabilities. He also thanked Mary Lane for setting up our Sunday breakfast. Ross Elkins has agreed to be the Saturday 5pm worship leader. Will McClellan and Josh

Grotte will lead the youth group. Christian Iversen has retired from being the treasurer and was presented with a gift of appreciation. Scott McLemore will replace Christian as treasurer.

#### Calvary Episcopal Preparatory Report

Dr. Maria Fondon gave the Calvary school report. Calvary enrolled 55 new students in the fall of 2022 with a total enrollment of 203 students. They are wait lists for certain grades. Service projects are very important to the students on every grade level. High School placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in state for the TAPPS One Act Play. They also earned best actress in the state for 2022. Football and volleyball earned league championship. Calvary will be hosting PSIA this year. The annual golf tournament earned \$50,000. Dr. Fondon said she is blessed to be at Calvary and thanks everyone for their support and guidance.

#### Recognitions & Announcements

Fr. Ralph recognized the outgoing Vestry members –Susan Grotte, Bob Todor and Christian Iversen. He introduced the new Vestry members –John Bradshaw, Brandon Campbell, David Cook, Oscar Lozano, Sonia McGrath, Meagan Milford and Fred Steinkamp. Philip Zanghi will be senior warden and Fred Steinkamp will be junior warden. Fr. Ralph commissioned the 2023 vestry.

Fr. Ralph then presented Irene and Christian Iversen with the Church Mouse Award.

Rev. Jeremy Bradley closed the meeting in prayer at 10:27 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Haley

## **SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT**

For me, today is the culmination of a four-and-a-half year period of accelerating involvement at Calvary. Beginning back in June 2019, I agreed to help with the set-up and execution of a parish survey, which would kick-off the process of the search for a new rector. From there, I continued on helping a team create the parish profile and served on the search committee until we formally recommended Fr. Ralph in August 2020. The journey could have peaked there, but Fr. Ralph, in the way he does, asked if I'd consider running for Vestry. So here I am three years later, ending my term as Senior Warden.

Increasing my involvement in the church has been such a blessing in a way I never could have expected. Time consuming, and challenging, for sure, but nonetheless a blessing. Never before have I felt so connected to the church. Never before have I felt the church's successes so much as if they were my successes. The church's problems; as if they were my problems. I have an immense amount of pride in what we've been able to accomplish over the last year:

- Supporting Jeremy as a curate, ordinate, and seeing him off to St. Mark's
- Kicked off and celebrated a capital campaign Celebrating the Legacy, Building for the Future, in which congregant pledges are raising over \$1M
- Kicked off the renovation project scoping, navigated with architects and construction firms, stabilized the foundation, and received Vestry approval to proceed with construction
- National Night out and supporting the School's fall festival amazing examples of our ability to connect with our surrounding community
- Several new Sunday school class offerings for adults and children
- Making the Connection membership class
- Stewardship campaign Rooted in Faith and dinner at Brookwood Community
- Ashes to go, a Lenten supper book series, Chili cook-off, blood drive, retreat at Camp Allen, Lessons and Carols, and so many more amazing Calvary Life Ministries and Outreach Initiatives

Calvary is defined by its members. The quantity and quality of outreach we are able to carry out is exactly what we put into it. Sunday worship, the effectiveness of and participation in our youth programs, our inward and outward facing ministries – is what we put into them. The funding for all of those efforts, our clergy, keeping the lights on in the building – there is no mysterious source behind the scenes that keeps us going week to week, year to year – it is exactly, and no more than, our annual pledges and plate offerings. The next report in the agenda is the Treasurer's report, where you'll see how we landed for 2023, and the forecast for 2024. I'll note plainly that our operating budget actuals for 2023 ended with a deficit, continuing a trend from 2022. The finance committee and Vestry are examining detailed line items as well as overall strategy to recommend a sustainable 2024 budget with a reduced deficit. The incoming and 2024 Vestry will be charged with ensuring we are on a course to do great things – to show up on Sundays and make sure we can keep the A/C operating during summer, yes, but also to be a force for God's work in this community for years to come.

With God's help, I have absolute confidence that we are perfectly positioned to meet this challenge. You've heard, will continue to hear today, and can see in your report packets about all the wonderful things we accomplished last year, and plan for next year and beyond. We're gaining, and retaining, new members and families. We as a congregation are acting on our ambition to do great things. I led with my story because my hope is for each member of this congregation to have a true sense of ownership in this church - this building, our strategy, our outreach, our future. You will see in your packet a simple survey, and I encourage everyone to

complete and return it so that your voices are heard. Keep it anonymous or leave your name if you'd like. Fr. Ralph or the Vestry would love to follow up with you if you would like that. I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Vestry and represent the members of this church over the last three years - it truly has been a blessing.

Philip Zanghi - Sr. Warden

## JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

When I became the Junior Warden in September of 2022, I was unaware of all the repairs and upkeep involved in maintaining the extensive properties of Calvary. Thank the Lord that Calvary has John Brun who with Jose Portillo's help is able to keep a 70 plus year old building in great shape. This year with the renovations beginning we have tried to only address the problems that would not solved by the renovation or that could not wait until the renovation takes place. I will only address a few of the major maintenance issues that we addressed this year.

John, Jose and I have worked hard to clean up the church storage areas and the vacant lot behind the parking lot. We removed the half fence that was falling down and did an initial trimming of the trees on the lot. We cut down the dead trees and have the lot looking good except for the old garage-type building on it which we will remove when we have dumpsters on site for the renovation. We removed everything from the Church's half of the garage storage area and rewired the lights then reorganized the storage area and disposed of the outdated paint.

John and I went to Home Depot and purchased the materials to put up the six poles for banners for events like Ash to Go. John and Jose dug the holes and poured the concrete around the plastic sleeves for the poles so that they can be put up and then removed latter.

On April 1<sup>st</sup> we had a great turnout of 17 people to clean-up the church. We washed windows (inside and outside), cleaned and polished doors, power washed sidewalks, brick columns and facia, and cleaned off the coffee bar. Later in April Rev. Jeremy reported two leaks in the rear of the chapel. One leak near the stained-glass window in the back of the chapel. A second leak where water was running down the brick of the square brick column to the left of the two back heavy chapel doors. John removed debris from the outside gutter but with the next rain we found out there was still a leak. Jose and John filled the downspout with water and discovered that the internal piping/gutter drain which runs inside the wall is rusted out and that the water is leaking inside the wall. It is not a roofing leak. The Drain is 3" wide so John ordered a 2.5" wet/dry vac hose, clamps, and a 4" to 2.5" converter. April 25<sup>th</sup> Jose and John ran the hose through the broken pipe, cut the converter to fit, and caulked it in. It is a temporary fix until the gutters are removed.

As I turn over my Junior Warden duties to Oscar Lozano, I look forward to continuing as a member of the Vestry. I also look forward to worshiping in a beautiful, refurbished sanctuary where Calvary can continue to be a warm and welcoming home for worship and a wonderful place to partake of the loving fellowship that we all enjoy.

Fred Steinkamp Jr. Warden

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We only received 90.3% of the 2023 Pledge Commitments, however we did receive 112.8% of the plate offerings that was budgeted. Therefore, our total revenue collected for 2023 was 93.2 % of amount budgeted.

Total revenue was 3.7% below budget. Total expenses 2.9% under budget. The operating expenses for church usage were 50.0% under budgeted. Ministries expenses were 5.7% below budget. Diocesan Assessment was on budget. The church was left with a net deficit budget of \$6,790 for 2022. The vestry had pass balanced budget for 2023.

A 2024 balanced budget was presented to and passed by the Vestry.

The 2023 budget shows a decreased revenue of 4.2%, a decrease in operational expenses for church of 9.5% and a decrease in Mission and Outreach programs of 5.7% when compared to the 2023 budget.

We currently have a 98.8% Pledge Commitment (107 pledges) of the 2024 budgeted pledge number.

	2023	2023	2024 Proposed
		Annual	Annual
	YTD Actual	Budget	Budget
Re <b>venues</b>			
Plate Offerings	\$ 90,282	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Pledge Commitments	510,613	565,000	538,000
Total Offerings	\$ 600,895	\$ 645,000	\$ 618,000
Investment Income	-	150	-
Church usage	125	250	250
Bishop Quinn Fund	35,406	40,534	750
Designated Income	24,865	30,350	28,000
Restricted Release			25,006
Total Revenue	\$ 661,291	\$ 716,284	\$ 672,006
Expenses			
Vestry Oversight			
Insurance	25,996	22,680	30,400
Office and Administration	43,332	37,450	43,000
Buildings and Grounds	58,507	70,035	60,950
Employee Compensation	433,943	444,902	384,107
Vestry and Stewardship	7,155	8,500	8,500
Finance Committee	6,187	5,000	5,850
Total Vestry Oversight	\$ 575,120	\$ 588,567	\$ 532,807
Mission/Outreach Ministry	30,857	33,056	39,300
Calvary Life Ministry	16,980	18,245	17,450
Worship Ministry	17,640	14,400	18,900
Formation/Spirituality Ministry	7,532	14,550	14,500
Diocesan Obligations	47,466	47,466	49,049
Total Expenses	\$ 695,595	\$ 716,284	\$ 672,006
Net Total	\$ (34,304)	\$-	\$ -

## ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith just as you were taught, abounding in Thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6-7

The theme "Rooted in Faith" led our walk through our annual giving campaign. John and Dorothy Lyons, cochairs, spoke to us about returning our abundance from God, to God, through time, talent and treasure. And what words of inspiration we received from Bishop Doyle when he shared so openly with us at our annual stewardship dinner at The Brookwood Café.

Many thanks to the members of the Stewardship team, to John and Dorothy, and to all of you for sharing your abundance with Calvary.

	2024 Pledge	2023 Pledge	2022 Pledge	2024 New Pledges
General Fund	\$532,050	\$527,306	\$511,790	\$20,000
Number of Family Units	107	111	111	10

## INTO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

#### VISION

Inspired by the Holy Spirit to serve God; we are the hands and feet of Christ in our community. We know our neighbors and are known by them. We provide opportunities for everyone to work together to restore relationships and build new ones.

## **ACTION TEAM**

The Calvary Action Team was formed to help our parishioners, their families, and members of our community in need of assistance with minor home repair, moving items, or clean up. In 2023 we were able to assist a parishioner move some items. We also helped with Attack Poverty home repair projects.

Please contact Roy Haley (281) 871-8172 if you need assistance with your home or if you or your group want to volunteer.

## ATTACK POVERTY + FRIENDS OF NORTH RICHMOND

Calvary led the Friends of North Richmond's Mission Week Kids Camp and provided funding and volunteers as well. We also helped fund their Thanksgiving Breaking Bread event held over Thanksgiving which fed 150 families from the community.

Calvary and the Calvary Foundation funded kitchen cabinets for two Attack Poverty home repair projects located in the Richmond area. Calvary volunteers helped to install the cabinets and showed up for multiple paint days at both locations as well. These volunteer days are sent out to the Calvary Action Team – please sign up if you are interested in serving on these types of projects.

Attack Poverty has provided volunteers for multiple workdays at the Preston Street Community Garden in 2022 and already have multiple serve days planned for 2023.

Please contact Roy Haley (281) 871-8172 if you want to get involved with Friends of North Richmond or other Attack Poverty locations/programs or go to <u>www.attackpoverty.org</u> for more information.

#### **BLOOD DRIVES**

We had 4 blood drives in 2023. It was another great year with Calvary donors coming through in full force. We had one drive that brought out 34 donors which was one of the largest blood drives in 15 years. The drives for the year brought out 100 donors resulting in 115 donations with 345 lives saved. The blood drives dates for 2024 are February 4th, April 28th, August 4th and November 3rd. -Frank Plut

## CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY

We want to thank our Calvary Family for your continued participation in this special ministry. You may not receive thank you notes but so many happy children and grateful parents had a merry Christmas because we opened our hearts and wallets. We have been organizers of this event for 25 years and especially this year appreciate all of you for stepping up to make this another success!

We could not have succeeded without the help of Debbie and Ray Pohler. They enthusiastically went the extra mile this year and we appreciate their involvement.

Whether you are an adopter or make a financial donation you know that this ministry is special. We had fewer children and families this year ... 112 children in 41 families. We had a learning curve with several new nurses. We will need more participants next year so hoping that more of you will join us for Christmas 2024. Early sign up is Rally Day. Come and talk with us. – Mary Ellen & Frank Plut

## **HELPING HANDS**

Throughout 2023 Calvary donated \$2000 to support the ministry of Helping Hands. We also donated over 500 hundred pounds of food and personal care items in 2023 with the monthly drives in July - October. The garden donated over one thousand pounds of fresh food to Helping Hands.

This ministry is a viable outreach into our community. Helping Hands assisted 16,830 households in 2023. This number is down from 22,274 in 2020 during the pandemic shutdown. Thankfully, fewer people need assistance. However, Calvary 's ministry through Helping Hands is still needed in our community. -Lois Essells

## **KAIROS**

This year KAIROS was able to hold three KAIROS WEEKEND RETREATS. Jester Three had one retreat and Carrol Vance held two. Each retreat was attended by 42 Brothers in white. Our church provided and spent \$950 for our KAIROS Ministry. Thank you for your generous donations to KAIROS for meal tickets and additional funding. The Brothers In White always appreciate the artistic place mats set before their meals. Each retreat was supported by PLACEMATS and PRAYERS from our church members and kids. Once again the Prayer Chain Links surrounded our large auditorium as they were hung during our presentation. Your Prayer Presence was felt as the Holy Spirit was felt by all participants. Calvary also had a few participants in the KAIROS GRADUATION CEREMONY. As always, you are invited to our next Graduation at Carol Vance Unit, Richmond on March 8th.

We are thankful that Calvary has continued to support KAIROS through all these years and each of these retreats. God's work in the prisons continues because each of you believe that His Gospel is important for ALL PEOPLE, definitely those men and women in prison. Their success both inside and outside the prison walls is a documented fact. God still works miracles...and He uses you to do some of them.

Thank You, Calvary, Thank You God - Dave Essells

## LAUNDRY LOVE

The Laundry Love Initiative began about twenty years ago in Ventura, California with a mission to wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and/or families living in poverty. There are now Laundry Love locations throughout the United States. You can read more about the initiative at www.laundrylove.org.

Laundry Love seeks to bring economic relief by giving the individual or family the option to redirect funds toward food, medical, gas or transportation costs or other everyday necessities. From the infant to the aged, and across a broad spectrum of ethnicity, culture and personal story, Laundry Love strives to nurture the well-being of each person through intentional networking and friendship.

This is a ministry of presence. We do not handle the participant's laundry; our role is to provide detergent and money for the washers and dryers while offering kindness and non-judgmental conversation. It is through these conversations that additional needs are identified.

In 2023 the people of Calvary helped 332 families by washing and drying 1,697 loads of clothes and bedding. Donations from the congregation, and the volunteers who help on laundry day, make this ministry possible.

The Calvary Laundry Love is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Bubble Spin Washateria in Richmond. - The Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon

Serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord, not men. (Eph. 6:7)

## PRESTON STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Preston Street Community Garden (PSCG) had a record 2023.

In spite of 2023 being the hottest year ever recorded for our area, with 39 days of 100 + degree temps, PSCG produced and donated over 3,000 lbs of vegetables (compared to 2,000 lbs in 2022). Record crops of tomatoes, okra, cucumbers, onions, and more were donated to Helping Hands and Nery's Promise. 95% came from 5 (10'x20') production beds, and the balance from individual beds.

This could not have been accomplished without wonderful volunteers from our garden and the community.

We currently have 4 scheduled workdays throughout the year- the last Saturday in February, the first Saturday in March, and the last Saturday in September, the first Saturday in October. Members of Calvary, our Richmond/Rosenberg community, friends and family, and our gardeners, come to help with garden maintenance, upkeep, and preparing the beds for the upcoming growing seasons.

In 2023, we also had special workdays with hardworking volunteers from Reliant, Attack Poverty, River Point Church, Cub Scout Troop 950, and Scout Troop 1000.

Last week we had Terry High School students, and yesterday, Attack Poverty volunteers join us to help with rebuilding production beds and clearing and prepping gardens for spring.

Our upcoming spring workdays will be Saturday February 24, and Saturday, March 2. We would love to have all of you join us for a morning of fun and work!

This year with the help of donations, along with budgeted funds, we upgraded the irrigation system in the main garden, and purchased materials to replace 3 of the oldest, deteriorated production beds.

The generous contribution from First Baptist Church of Richmond provided 4 pallets of much needed premium soil for our production beds and the Bell Garden.

Garden expansion continues with the addition of 1/2 acre adjacent to the main garden, provided by the Henderson Wessendorf Foundation. The ground has been cleared and leveled, and the area has been fenced. The process of amending the soil has started and will take several months.

Several members of the PSCG committee visited Gods Garden in Missouri City in August for ideas and advice on how to manage and maximize production with row planting. A "Plan of Action" is being prepared to move this effort forward towards the goal of a Fall 2024 production. Additional funding and volunteers will be needed to complete this project. This will greatly increase our production capacity for providing fresh produce to our community.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has volunteered, donated, and prayed for the Preston Street Community Garden.

## THANKSGIVING FEAST

We had a very successful Thanksgiving Feast. We delivered over 700 meals and were able to service an additional charity for the first time with approximately 75 meals. Also included in our deliveries was a dedicated meal delivery to the Women's Shelter, instead of just giving them the "leftovers" as we had done in the past. The congregation stepped up big time and donated more than enough turkeys; both by ordering directly from Clancy's or direct, dedicated donations. We did miss one of the regular schools because they had new personal that were unfamiliar with what we do, and that will be remedied next semester. Also, for next year, we are implementing a new mapping program. -Bill Daw

## CALVARY EPISCOPAL PREPARATORY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING A REPORT ON THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

On behalf of our board, teachers and students, the following report to the church outlines some of the many accomplishments of Calvary Episcopal Preparatory during the 2022-2023 school year. The school community extends sincere thanks to Calvary church members who serve on the School Board for their dedication to our students: Chris Bradley, Amber Zentis, James Milford, Teri Mason, Donna Anderson, Marian Briscoe, Alex Vakulenko and Father Ralph Morgan.

Calvary Episcopal Preparatory enjoyed a year of many successes that includes academic and the arts, character and faith development and service to others. Credit for these successes can be shared by many: our school board, our faculty, and staff, our many parent volunteers, the Calvary Episcopal Church community and most importantly, our outstanding students.

The 2022-2023 school year showed, more than ever before, the dedication, passion, and loyalty our teachers have to Calvary. This year also brought many staff changes including new Head of School and several new faculty and staff. We started the year with re-instituting many of the old traditions tied directly to the Three R's of Reverence for God, Respect for Others and Responsibility for Self.

- Our school continues to welcome and embrace a diverse student population with 48% of our students coming from various ethnic and economic backgrounds. This in includes our growing international population, including students from, China, Nigeria, Taiwan, and Vietnam.
- Service to others is an important aspect of our school. Every grade and student participated in Service Learning, and at least one project for the year.
- Matriculation chapel welcomed 55 new Crusaders to our school in the fall of 2022.
- Calvary has consistently held the 1<sup>st</sup> in District at PSIA academic competitions. This held true in 2022-2023 but Calvary students also earned 2<sup>nd</sup> in State! Calvary had many students place in the top 6 at State level and we had two students earn scholarship money through PSIA.
- High School competed in their second TAPPS One Act Play competition with the play *146 Point Flame*. They won All Star Cast Award, Honorable Mention and All-Star Tech awards.
- Middle School One-Act play, *La Fayette No. 1*, won PSIA district and were State Champion earning All Star Cast and Honorable Mention awards.
- Calvary theater students boasted a fantastic performance of *Wonka*.
- Seven Middle School students, and one High School student qualified for the TPSMEA All-Region Band clinic and concert at Strake Jesuit.
- Calvary earned many art awards including Awards of Excellence, one Gold Medal and a Best of Show at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. In addition, Calvary earned Best of Show at the Fort Bend County Fair and too many awards to count. Another competition our art students compete in is the Scholastic Art Competitions where we earned Gold Key awards, one Silver Key, and several Honorable Mentions.
- Our Calvary Crusader Flag Football won the District Championship.
- We had a record number of students participating in Soccer and Basketball in Lower School and Volleyball, Basketball, Football, Track, Badminton, Archery, Riflery, Cheerleading and Tennis
- Beginning in Kindergarten Calvary students focus heavily on writing, and it pays off when our students are in High School. Calvary earned one Gold Key Medals, one Silver Key Medal and several Honorable Mentions through the Scholastic Writing Competitions.
- Calvary inducted 11 National Junior Honor Society students and 5 National Honor Society students into Calvary's chapter.

- Three CEP seniors participated in the George Foundation's Youth In Philanthropy program during the 2022-2023 school year. This is an honor, but we also had two students earn scholarship money from the George Foundation.
- High School students are earning money for an International Trip every other year. This year they will travel to Greece and Italy.
- Field trips came back strong after COVID. 8<sup>th</sup> graders went to Washington DC, 7<sup>th</sup> grade to the Texas Capital, 6<sup>th</sup> grade to Camp Allen, 5<sup>th</sup> grade to the USS Lexington, 4<sup>th</sup> grade to the Alamo and many field trips for our younger Crusaders
- 43% of 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students placed above the 90% in one or more area on their PSAT tests.
- 58% of Calvary 3<sup>rd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> grade students scored 90% higher than their peers in at least one subject on their nationally normed tests.
- 83% of High School AP students made scores of 3 or more on their final exams.
- Our Annual Golf Tournament, with the continued support of many CEC participants, profited which went directly to student scholarships.
- The Calvary PTO hosted the *Wonka* Auction Gala and is gearing up for this year's *Food & Wine Festival* Auction Gala on February 10. We want to thank the church members for their continued support and participation in our auctions! We hope to exceed last year's goal.
- We are delighted to have many of our school families join Calvary Episcopal Church and proud to have 5 members of our faculty who are also members of Calvary Church.

And finally, Calvary Episcopal Preparatory understands how important it is for parish schools to enjoy a positive relationship with the sponsoring church. CEP would like to sincerely thank Calvary Episcopal Church for their continued support and enthusiasm.

## CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOUNDATION, INC.

The CECF serves as means by which parishioners may financially support the Church now and in the future to meet needs that cannot be met by the operating budget alone, and to provide additional support to the many outreach projects this Parish undertakes. Since receiving our non-profit status from the IRS in July of 2014, we have enjoyed our sixth full year as a functional organization, with a website presence on the Calvary church website (www.calvaryrichmond.org/foundation) and promotional brochures.

Current asset value of the Foundation at close of business Dec 31, 2023:

Edward Jones Advisory Solutions Fund	\$174,379.64	of which \$100,000 is corpus.
Edward Jones Money Market	<u>\$ 10,069.58</u>	
TOTAL	\$184,449.22	

#### **Grants Given:**

\$25,000	From Heritage Fund f	for deposit for pew	refinishing
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Total \$25,000

#### **Designated Gifts Dispersed:**

	\$ 1680	From Youth and Spiritual Formation – from a larger \$7500 designated gift for Camp Allen Scholarships
	\$10,000	From Outreach for Attack Poverty (previously held for Habitat for Humanity)
Total	\$ 2516 <b>\$14,196</b>	From Heritage Fund for Parish Hall AV kit – remaining from 2022 grant

\$ 2485	Memorials Gifts, Estates, and Donations
\$ 7800	Columbarium Payments
\$ 83.13	Amazon Smile
\$10,368.13	
\$492.08	Administration and tax return
	\$ 7800 \$ 83.13 <b>\$10,368.13</b>

**Board of Directors for 2022:** Betsy Zanghi, Charlie King, Lisa Lemkowitz, Kathy Bethe, Dennis Gorka, and Ron Best. Charlie King has left the board, leaving the rest of his 2-year term. Betsy Zanghi and Kathy Bethke have fulfilled the first 3-year term and are eligible for 1 more 3-year term.

#### **Election of Directors:**

The following have been nominated to fill the vacancies: Bob Morris – to fill the remaining 2 years of a 3-year term Kathy Bethke and Betsy Zanghi : their final 3 year terms

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Zanghi – President 2023 Supporting Calvary Episcopal Church, its ministries, and the community it serves

## FOUNDATION REPAIR AND RENOVATION REPORT

It has been almost two years since the investigation of the sinking foundation in the Sanctuary began in earnest. Several engineering studies were conducted to determine the possible causes for the subsidence, the most efficient method of repair, and actions needed to prevent further subsidence. Studies revealed many factors caused the subsidence, including tree roots growing under the slab, irrigation systems pooling water at the slab, insufficient drainage of water away from the building, and a foundation that was not prepared to today's standards. It was determined that the most efficient method of lifting and stabilization of the slab would be via expanding urethane foam injection (URETEK).

In March of 2023, the Sanctuary was vacated, pews removed and sent off for re-furbishing, carpet removed, and asbestos containing floor tiles removed all in preparation for the foundation lifting. After the slab was lifted and stabilized, measurements were taken, and retaken several months later to ensure that no further subsidence was occurring. Since that time, two rounds of tree root pruning have been conducted to discourage their growth under the slab. Irrigation heads that were placed adjacent to the slab have also been removed.

After several months of project development to define the scope, and the architects and civil engineers working with the city to come up with the best way to handle the drainage issues, we are ready to begin the final phase of construction. To date, the chancel furniture has been removed, the audio-visual system has been taken down and put in storage, the organ pipes removed or protected as needed, and the music closet vacated, all in preparation for the removal of asbestos containing drywall.

You will probably see our contractor AXIS setting up construction fencing and support buildings within the next week. Actual construction should begin in early February and is anticipated to last 7 months. There will be periods of time when Travis Street parking may not be available, but we appreciate your flexibility. If you have any questions, please contact any of our renovation committee members: Betsy Zanghi, Fr. Ralph, Oscar Lozano, Amber Zentis, James Milford, Reb Scarborough, Roy Haley, or Susan Grotte.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Zanghi, Renovation Committee Chair

## **WORSHIP MINISTRY**

## A/V MINISTRY

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the Audio/Visual (A/V) Ministry at Calvary Episcopal Church for the year 2023. The A/V Ministry Team has been dedicated to enhancing the worship experience and community engagement through the seamless operation of audio and visual systems during various services and events at Calvary.

#### 2023 Highlights:

- 1. Sanctuary Renovation Project:
  - Provided consulting and design for A/V support for the future state of the sanctuary.
  - Upgraded the Parish Hall to support Live Streaming services and events during the sanctuary construction period (January August 2024).

#### 2. Expanded Live Streaming:

- Utilizing the same A/V equipment from the Parish Hall, we successfully Live Streamed services from the Family Life Center during special occasions, such as Pentecost.
- Implemented new streaming software (OBS) during Advent, enhancing user-friendliness and providing a more professional look and feel to our Live Streaming services.

#### 3. Enhanced Sound Quality:

• Implemented improvements in sound quality within the Sanctuary, ensuring a more immersive worship experience for our congregation and online viewers on YouTube.

#### 4. Collaboration with Calvary School:

• Continued coordination with Calvary School, facilitating their regular use of our A/V systems for educational and worship purposes.

#### 5. Team Development:

• Continued efforts in recruiting and training new A/V team members, ensuring a skilled and dedicated workforce to support our growing technological needs.

#### 6. Live Streamed Events:

- Successfully Live Streamed a total of 111 events throughout the year (total of 4037 views):
  - Sunday services: 96 (69 avg. online views over 7 days)
  - Funerals and Memorials: 5 (64 avg. online views over 7 days)
  - Special Events: 10 (42 avg. online views over 7 days)

As we reflect on these accomplishments, we express our gratitude to the entire congregation for your ongoing support. The success of the A/V Ministry is a testament to the collaboration, dedication, and shared commitment of our team and the wider Calvary community.

Respectfully submitted, **Reb Scarborough,** *A/V Ministry Team Leader* 

## LAY READERS

We currently have 18 active Lay Eucharistic Ministers in the rotation.

There are 18 Lectors.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Doherty

## CALVARY LIFE

## CALVARY OUT & ABOUT

Calvary Out & About is when our Calvary family goes out and about in the world, enjoying fellowship, fun, and social events. In 2023 (and January 2024) here are just a few of our outings:

- CAST Theatre productions of <u>Doublewide</u>, <u>Texas</u>, <u>Peril on the High Seas</u>, <u>The Curious Savage</u>, and <u>Walter's Gift</u>, preceded by dinner at Ol' Railroad Café;
- Stages Theater production of <u>Always...Patsy Cline</u> following a brunch at Backstreet Café;
- Buffalo Bayou Boat Tour with a Houston historian to point out landmarks, followed by dinner at a Houston speakeasy in Market Square;
- Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern Illuminated Winter Wonderland, January 6, 2024; and
- Bishop Curry's movie, <u>A Case for Love</u>, January 23 at 4:00, followed by an open house at the Morgan Rectory.

In 2024 we will experience <u>Sister's Irish Catechism: saints, snakes, and green milkshakes</u> at Stages Theater, where everyone's favorite sassy nun Denise Fennell will provide interactive instruction. Calvary has also purchased season tickets to the CAST Theatre 2024 lineup – the next show is <u>Barefoot in the Park</u> on February 2, 2024.

In April we plan to again go on the Buffalo Bayou Boat Tour, by popular request. Other ideas include:

- ➢ Brewery Tour
- ➢ Winery Experience
- National Museum of Funeral History in October, combined with a haunted house and Witches Brew Market
- > Dunham Bible Museum at Houston Christian University
- XFL Houston Roughnecks Game
- Plays at AD Players, including <u>Driving Miss Daisy</u>, April 17-May 12 and <u>Fiddler on the Roof</u>, June 26-August 4

If you have an idea for Calvary Out & About please contact social instigator Terri Morgan.

## PASTORAL CARE TEAM

The Care Team provides pastoral care to the people of Calvary in a variety of ways.

During Advent the Care Team furnished an Angel Tree. Anyone in the congregation, who wished to do so, could write the name(s) of departed loved ones on an angel and place it on the tree.

Card Ministry – In 2023, Care Team members sent approximately 180 greeting cards of Get Well Wishes, Thinking of You and Sympathy Cards, and 500 birthday cards.

The *Journeying Through Grief* booklet program was available to a number of participants this past year. These booklets are mailed to members of the congregation who have experienced a death in their family.

The Care Team is responsible for and provides support for Walking the Mourner's Path. Mourner's Path is a series of eight workshops available to those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to provide shawls to our clergy. The shawls may be given to recipients of clergy pastoral care when making home or hospital visits.

On Rally Day a number of parishioners signed up to assist the Care Team as we continue to provide meals to those recovering from illness or surgery, and to provide transportation for medical appointments. Not counted are the many phone calls made to shut-ins, or those recovering at home or at facilities, which are made by the Calvary Care Team. - The Reverend Nancy Wilkes, Deacon

## ST. CLARE'S NEEDLEPOINT GUILD

In 2023 the St. Clare's Guild continued to stitch ornaments for our church family, including:

- Shell ornaments for all persons baptized at Calvary;
- A heart wedding ornament for Steven and Allison Bradley;
- Descending dove cross ornaments for all persons confirmed at Calvary;
- A Jesus window ornament for Bishop Fisher who came to Calvary for confirmation; and
- Many special-order ornaments which were designed, stitched, and finished by members of the Guild.

Additionally, the St. Clare's Guild stitched and learned how to finish standup nativity pieces which were used to decorate our sanctuary during Advent and our children's altar during Christmas and Epiphany. This set includes a shepherd, an angel, three magi, a sheep, a goat, a donkey, Mary and Joseph, a drummer boy – and, of course, baby Jesus.

In 2023 the Guild was blessed to have canvases designed by our own Calvary artist Jan Yurasek, embroidery work done by Robin Garcia, and finishing work provided by newcomer Sue Ross. We had several new stitchers join us, and it has been a joy to watch them take off as they try new stitches and use their creative gifts.

The St. Clare's Guild is committed to service and outreach. The Guild served our church family by providing ornaments and the nativity set and by decorating the Crismon tree. From the sale of special-order ornaments, the Guild raised \$2,500 which it will donate to Nery's Promise, a non-profit ministry dedicated to serving children in our community. The Guild is thankful for those who purchased ornaments, which allowed us to not only serve our church family but also to support an important outreach ministry.

In 2024 these saintly stitchers plan to raise funds to refurbish Calvary's chapel kneelers so they will be ready when the sanctuary re-opens after construction is completed. Everyone is welcome to join the St. Clare's Guild on Thursdays from 9:00 to noon in the Conference Room. No previous needlepoint knowledge or skill is required – just a desire to enjoy fellowship and help work on projects that will bless our Calvary family. And if you have a scheduling conflict on Thursday mornings, we will happily coordinate to get you projects to work on. If you think stitching isn't your thing, we still have a place for you be a part of the Guild by taking our stitched pieces and turning them into finished ornaments. No previous experience is required for anything our St. Clare's Guild creates – just a willing heart.

## **FORMATION**

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

A changing of the guards happened for our Children's Ministry. Kay Hardee built up a robust and loving program for our youngest church members. She helped train Holly Bradshaw as the new Children's Minister. Holly is excited to carry on traditions and find new and exciting ways to show the love of Jesus to our children. With the help of the amazing volunteers (current and the new ones that will sign up today \*wink wink\*), we are creating an environment that teaches, uplifts, supports, and guides the children in our church family and the visitors that come through those open doors.

#### Nursery is for ages birth thru Pre-school from 7:45 a.m.-12:00 on Sundays or at other necessary times.

Our Nursery creates a warm and welcoming environment for our youngest members. Children in the nursery are engaged in age-appropriate activities, listening to children's Christian music, and reading Bible Stories. Snacks and juice are provided in the nursery.

Calvary caregivers are screened and study the Safeguarding Handbook. They have been furnished with Calvary Logo T-shirts to help parishioners identify them as our nursery workers.

We hired two new nursery workers. This allows for sick day coverage and more opportunities for childcare during evening and nighttime church events.

Extra safety measures have been put in place. We lock the outside doors at 10:45 to the Austin Street entrance during the 10:30 service to limit street access and provide more safety forour children. We have sign in sheets and info sheets for parents to fill out when dropping their children off in the nursery. The Vestry Person of the Day checks in on the nursery often and provides the workers with cell numbers to reach them in case of an emergency or concern that needs immediate attention.

#### Children's Chapel during the Sunday 10:30 service for children K thru 5th Grade

Children's Chapel allows our school-aged members to learn the Gospel in a fun and informative format. We meet in the Conference Room after processing in from the Church during the "Gloria". Our curriculum is "Creative Ideas for Children's Worship" Year A B & C. It follows the Liturgical Calendar of the Episcopal Church, and the lessons revolve around the Gospel chosen for that week. An average of eight children attends each Sunday.

## Children's Sunday School is held Sundays between the 9:30-10:15 services for children K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Sunday School is guided by capable volunteers committed to Christian Education for their own children and the Calvary family as well. Prayer is an integral part of our Sunday School program. Our attendees have fun and fellowship while completing crafts related to our weekly lesson.

Throughout the year, Sunday School attendees participated in activities celebrating the seasons of the church:

- Every Wednesday evening during Lent, families came together at Calvary for dinner and lessons for all ages.
- Palm Sunday- Children processed in and around the church with palms and playing instruments.
- Easter- Easter Egg hunt for over children of all ages
- During Sunday School time throughout Advent families participated in Advent Wreath decorating, Cookie Decorating, and making ornaments and preparing for our Christmas Eve Live NativityScene.
- On Christmas Eve the congregation witnessed our live nativity scene with Mary and Joseph, a real live Baby Jesus, Shepherds, Lambs, Wisemen and Angels. The format of this event was a "pick up pageant" allowing any child in attendance to participate.

#### **Early Communion Class:**

In the spring, we offer a 7- week Early Communion Class for children ages 5-11. This class taught participants about the sacraments, the importance of Communion and the proper way to receive the Sacraments. The 2024 Early Communion class began on January 7, and will end March 10<sup>th</sup>. On March 17, 2024, the children will participate in a Early Communion service at the 10:30 service.

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

The Men's Ministry led by Guy Grossman has been active this past year and is looking forward to more fun, fellowship, and study this coming year. If you would like to join us for any of the activities that are on a regular schedule, please just show up. Also, be on the lookout for new activities and outings in 2024, maybe even a men's retreat! Rumor has it, this use to be a popular activity for Calvary Men.

Here is our ongoing schedule. No sign-up needed – just show up!

Taco Tuesday	@ Rudy's on 59	7:00am	Every Tuesday unless notified
Bible Study	@ Calvary Conf. Rm	. 7:00am	Every Wednesday except holidays
Chill n' Grill	@ Different homes	6:00pm	Every Second Thursday

If you would like to be on a list that receives a text message the night before each event, please let Guy or

Fr. Ralph know.

Guy Grossman	gmgrossman@aol.com	832-795-4149
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Fr. Ralph Morgan <u>morgan@ces-richmond.org</u> 281-797-5246

## **YOUNG ADULTS**

The Young Adults at Calvary, ages 20-39, had a wonderful Spring semester filled with fun and fellowship. Starting off 2023 with a wine tasting at Braman Winery, then a service day in partnership with our very own Preston Street Community Garden. The group also went axe throwing which was made for an axe-cellent adventure. The group then venture into the community by hosting a family Eucharist and picnic at Sugar Land Memorial Park; which was a wonderful exposure to the community and a beautiful breezy day to be amongst God's creation. We ended the Spring semester by throwing a few strikes and gutter balls at the local bowling alley.

During the summer we held two events with water being thrown around, a pool party and the blessing a new home, which were wonderful opportunities to gather together for fellowship and support. For the Fall semester, we held our annual, Holy Guacamole event, to kick-off the fall semester, which focused on the group taking ownership of the ministry outside of Rev. Jeremy's leadership. One successful event was held in October, Game Night, was a community event sponsored by the young adult group for all to gather in the Parish Hall to play board games and eat delicious food. With the transition in leadership, the Young Adult ministry is now in the process of discerning what is next for this ministry moving forward.

## YOUTH - EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY)

Howdy!

2023 was quite the year for Calvary's youth group. At the start of the year we had around 3-6 regularly attending youth, and by the end of the year we had 10-12 returning youth regularly attending our bi-monthly meetings. While only meeting every 2nd and 4th Sunday has been hard on some, we have been able to remedy the gap by cooking breakfast for the church every 3rd Sunday of the month and would be honored to continue to serve the church in this way. Any feedback or recommendations on last years breakfast accommodations would be greatly appreciated.

A regular youth meeting usually starts with fresh hot pizza and some ping pong games, followed by a half hour lesson, and then some sort of fun activity. The kids have really enjoyed having a space to make their own, and have loved the recent updates we have made. We are currently in the process of adding more personalized decorations to help them feel even more at home in the EYC Building.

We have had lessons over faith, community, prayer, and much more. Last year each lesson was focused around a single word/idea. Diving into scripture, and using open ended questions to drive discussion between the youth. Most recently we discussed when to turn to God. Which got the youth thinking about how it is important to praise God through the good and the bad, and not just seek him in times of need.

Last year we also attended Missionpalooza with 6 of our youth! Each of them had a wonderful experience and would happily share their experience with you if you ask them! We spent time mixed among other Episcopal youth groups across SE Texas, painting homes, helping at food pantries, and we did steal one day to go to Schlitterbahn... Looking forward to 2024 the youth would love to attend again, but will need to fundraise in the Spring to help support the cost. Other Churches in the Diocese have used Sponsorships to help support the youth's mission trips, and I would love to attend a general meeting to go over this idea with the Vestry to try and get approval to share it with the church.

Aside from Missionpalooza, the year ahead holds a lot of fun for Calvary's youth group. We will be hiking on the Brazos River in the spring, as well as some exploration and art at the annual retreat at Camp Allen (if we go in 2024). We have many lessons planned and will be driving conversations around the importance of community, support, and forgiveness and understanding. If any adults would ever like to attend youth to see how we have grown, please let me know and we would be glad to add them to the guest list!

Best Wishes,

Joshua Grotte & Will McClellan (Josh & Will)

## **NEWCOMER NOTES AND MORE...**

I have almost completed twelve years as your official Newcomer Coordinator. As you know, everyone is called to exhibit hospitality, and Calvary does that especially well. My job is made much easier by your gracious welcoming spirit. It doesn't hurt that newcomers receive homemade jam followed by bread delivered to their home. A special thank you to Shirley Tijerina and Teri Mason for their enthusiasm in leading this effort.

- On February 19, we had a big day, hosting our second annual Chili Cookoff. The Parish Hall was full of many delicious chilis for the judges and the congregation to enjoy.
- In February and March Fr. Ralph and Reb Scarborough led a 5-week Confirmation Class in preparation for Bishop Fisher who visited March 26. He performed 5 Baptisms, 6 Confirmations, 2 Receptions and 4 were presented for re-affirmation- plus 6 walkup reaffirmations. What a wonderful day!
- In March we held 5 Wednesday evening Lenten Suppers. We studied and discussed the book <u>Why I</u> <u>Might Have Killed Jesus and You Might Have Too</u> by David Nelson-- with the author visiting us that first Wednesday.
- April and November Fr. Ralph and Terri with vestry help hosted our bi-annual Welcome Party in their home. A total of 20 guests and many volunteers enjoyed snacks and hospitality.
- We celebrated Mother's Day in May with Buntini cakes and Father's Day in June with specially made popcorn.
- In May we celebrated Pentecost in a big way with another large service in the gym followed by a picnic on the playground with the delicious meal provided by the Jonathan and Brooke Iversen.
- July brought a return of the Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser and Bingo as well as the Space Cowboys night out.
- Women's Bible Study ran in the summer and again in the fall. Jan Shultis led the group with much discussion and scripture sharing. Both ended with a shared meal in the Parish Hall.
- The end of August once again brought Rally Day. A wonderful day of sharing our ministries and getting new volunteers.
- In September October we held 4 Making the Connection Classes during the Sunday School hour. This class was well attended, and many new people learned more about Calvary, and all things Episcopal. Different teachers shared their knowledge with the Newcomers, and I know they appreciated it. To delve further all members and newcomers might consider taking the upcoming Confirmation Class. This will be on Saturday, February 17, 8:30AM- 1PM. This will prepare you for confirmation/reception if you desire.
- December brought our Advent activities: Wreath Making, Ornament making, Cookie Decorating and Pageant preparation. We decorated lots of cookies and this year we had cute colorful boxes to take our cookies with us. These were a big hit for the adults as well as the children. Following the Cookie Decorating that evening we had a special choral program (Lessons and Carols) led by John Brun. The singing and scripture reading were beyond wonderful. This program was followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall. Many volunteers worked to make the Parish Hall look wonderful and the food, cookies and Apple Cider tasted delicious.
- Breakfast (following the first service) and Cookie Time (following the second service) continued in full force all year long. The Scouts served us breakfast (egg tacos) on the first Sunday and the Youth volunteered to make pancakes the third Sunday. In addition, Mary Lane oversees breakfast and she and her volunteers are busy getting that fruit and goodies put out for all to enjoy. Mary can always use more help please let her know if you are available.
- The AV team broadcast both Sunday Services and many Memorials and Special services. This is a wonderful offering for those across the country and nearby who cannot attend. The Sunday services averaged 69 views per week.

#### Finally, the STATS! Since January 1, 2023:

We collected greeter cards or information on 54 visitors.

17 Families/singles joined Calvary (24 adults with 8 children)

## WELCOME 2023 NEW MEMBERS

Bau & Gabi Betancourt (Augustin, Arturo, Adrian) Bruce & Vicki Bornefeld Lauren & Jonah Bradley Jerry Crawford Tom Draper Jonry & Cinnamon Edralin Steve and Leigh Ann Evans Andrew & Mari Furukawa Gary Gant Rex & LaQuana (Giana) Betty Johnson Brent Matthes Sue Muerdler Jan Shultis (Kalyn) Niki Wright/Josh French (Aiden, Archie) Peggy Wyatt Max Zollner

Anne Scarborough - Calvary Newcomer Coordinator

## 2023 PARISH STATISTICS

#### <u>Baptisms</u>

Alicia Ascencio Kennedy Anne Broerman Declan James Dunford Dominic Martinez Saul Martinez Sophie Martinez Willow Martinez Brenton Matthes Everett Middendorf Sergio Ray Robles III

#### **Confirmed**

Alicia Ascencio Conrad Donaldson Sam Duckett Steve Evans Saul Martinez Bill Soller

#### **Received**

Jerry Crawford Christi Dunn

#### **Reaffirmed**

Brandy Donaldson Leigh Ann Evans Janet Soller Max Zollner

#### **Those We Love But See No Longer**

Jack Carlisle Jordan Ann Crowe Randell Dukeminier Terry Kambhu Rudy Lara Evangeline Lawson

#### **Calvary Episcopal Church**

Mission Statement: Calvary welcomes and embraces all who join us in doing the work of Christ in our community.

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<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	<u>Worship Ministry Con't</u>	<b>Outreach Ministry</b>	<u>Formation</u>
Jim Grotte	• Music:	ACTION Team	·Advent and
Frank Plut	SNL	Tim Hillis	Lenten Programs
Oscar Lozano	Ross Elkins	Roy Haley	Fr. Ralph Morgan
Vestry Liaison	POGS	• Blood Drive	• Christian Education Adult
Fred Steinkamp, JW	Will Mason	Frank Plut	Fr. Ralph Morgan
<b>L</b> -	8AM Choir		Rev. Jeremy Bradley
Calvary Episcopal Church	John Brun	<ul> <li>Community Garden</li> </ul>	Rev. Nancy Wilkes
Foundation	<ul> <li>Handbell Choir</li> </ul>	Rick Lane	<ul> <li>Confirmation</li> </ul>
Betsy Zanghi, Pres.	Paula Smith	<ul> <li>Christmas Adopt-A-</li> </ul>	Reb Scarborough
Lisa Lemkowitz,	• Sunday Prayer Team	Family	Fr. Ralph Morgan
Treasurer	Mary Katherine	Plut's and Pohler's	Safeguarding
Kathy Bethke	Maldonado	• Friends N. Richmond	God's Children
Dennis Gorka	• Ushers	Roy Haley	Kathy Haley
Charlie King	Anne Scarborough	Helping Hands	• Young Adult Ministry
Fr. Ralph Morgan	Vestry Liaison	Lois Essells	Rev. Jeremy Bradley
1 0	Sonia McGrath		• Youth/EYC
<b>Canonical Ministries</b>	Meagan Milford	<ul> <li>Kairos Prison Ministry</li> </ul>	Joshua Grotte
• The Vestry	Weagan Willord	David Essells	
Executive	Calvany L ifa	<ul> <li>Laundry Love</li> </ul>	Will McClellan
Finance	<u>Calvary Life</u>	Rev. Nancy Wilkes	Rev. Jeremy Bradley
Building/Grounds	Bread Ministry     Shinlar Tilining	• Scouts	Childron's Minister
0	Shirley Tijerina	Jim Kidda	Children's Ministry
• Calvary Epis. Prep.	Terri Mason	• Thanksgiving Feast	• Children's Chapel
School Board	Breakfast Ministry	Bill Daw	• Children's Christian Ed.
Fr. Ralph Morgan	Mary Lane		<ul> <li>Christmas Pageant</li> </ul>
	• Bridge Group	Vestry Liaison:	<ul> <li>Early Communion</li> </ul>
Chris Bradley, Pres.	Peggy Clingenpeel	David Cook	• Easter Events
Vestry Liaison	Sheila Phillips	Rick Lane	Holly Bradshaw
Marion Briscoe	• Bunco	Oscar Lozano	-
	Susan Grotte	Man'a Miniatur	Vestry Liaison
<u>Finance Committee</u>	<ul> <li>Calvary Out &amp; About</li> </ul>	Men's Ministry	Greg Bethke
Charlie King	Terri Morgan	• Taco Tuesday	John Bradshaw
Philip Zanghi, SW	• Care Team	Fr. Ralph Morgan	Brandon Campbell
Scott McLemore,	Nancy Wilkes	• Men's Grill n' Chill	
Treasurer	• Cookie Ministry	Guy Grossmann	
Don Bagozzi	Anne Scarborough	Fr. Ralph Morgan	
Marian Briscoe	Marketing	• Men's Bible Study	
Robert Tellez	Amber Zentis	Fr. Ralph Morgan	
Vestry Liaison	Needlepoint Ministry		
Greg Bethke	Julia Case	<u>Women's Ministry</u>	
	Terri Morgan	<ul> <li>Women's Bible Study</li> </ul>	
JW=Junior Warden	• Parish Retreat	Jan Shultis	
SW=Senior Warden	• Parish Retreat Susan Grotte,	<ul> <li>Daughters of the King</li> </ul>	
	• Parish Picnic – TBD	Jeannine Hillis	
<u>Worship Ministry</u>			
• A/V Ministry	Rally Day		
Reb Scarborough	A. Scarborough		
Acolytes	Walking Mourners Path		
Meagan Milford	Rev. Nancy Wilkes		
Frank Plut	• Website		
Rev. Jeremy Bradley	Suzette Hillis		
• Altar Guild	• Weddings/Memorial		
Daphne Lane	Receptions		
• Flower Delivery	Dorothy Lyons		
DOK-D. Lyons	• Welcome		
Greeters	Anne Scarborough		
Anne Scarborough	Vestry Liaison:		
• LEM	John Bradshaw		
Wendy Doherty	Debbie Pohler		
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## **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Calvary Worship Service Times 8:00 AM Sunday – Traditional Service 10:30 AM Sunday – Contemporary Service 5:00 PM Sunday – Sunday Night Alive Informal Service