



## Lent at Calvin

By Pastor Zach Washburn

March 6 marks the beginning of the season of Lent, during which we fast and reflect in preparation for celebrating Jesus' resurrection. We will begin this season as we did last year with a series of gatherings, listed below. Our purpose for these gatherings, and for the season of Lent as a whole, remains "[pull a weed, plant a tree](#)", from Psalm 1 and Jesus' parable of the sower in Mark 4, especially 4:18-20.

In fasting, we set aside things which occupy space in our lives, space that could be more fruitful if occupied by God. We set aside those things, not for the sake of testing our endurance, but in the hope that God will come to occupy that space. Fasting information and guidelines that we shared last year are on the entry table at church.

## All-Church Retreat April 5-7

Calvin and Oakville Pres. will gather at Camp Attitude Friday 4/5—Sunday 4/7. The program includes meals, games and three teaching sessions. This will be a great opportunity to get to know our brothers and sisters at Oakville and enjoy a time of rest together. Meals and childcare will be provided. You're invited to attend the whole retreat or for the day on Saturday. Carpooling is encouraged. The cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per family if paid before 3/24. Sign up at church on Sundays or click on [this link](#).

We encourage everyone in two fasts - one for the initial four-day period between the evening of Tuesday, March 5 and the afternoon of Saturday, March 9, and one for the longer period of March 7 until Easter, on April 21. We pray this time will bring us together as a church and remind us of how central God is in our life together.

### First week of Lent events

#### Tuesday, March 5

6 p.m., Pancake supper  
7:15 p.m., Lenten service

#### Wednesday-Friday, March 6-8

Prayer meetings in sanctuary  
3/6, 6 a.m.; 3/7, 7 p.m.; 3/8, 12 noon

#### Saturday, March 9

12 noon, prayer service  
1 p.m., soup and bread lunch  
Sign up at church on 2/24 and 3/3

## Welcome New Members!

What a joy to welcome new members to our congregation. In December, we welcomed Andy and Melba Lingenfelter, Patti Russell, Enrique and Kay Semadeni, Dylan Limit, and Jonathan Wiliusa. In January Taylor and Rachael Johnson, Vania Halim, and Elvin Dermaga (pictured below) became members.



## Calvin Hosting May Presbytery

Calvin will be hosting Presbytery Thursday, May 16– Saturday, May 18. This is a gathering of EPC leaders from churches in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, and No. California. It will involve meetings on those dates, as well as a worship service Friday evening. We are partnering with Oakville Presbyterian in this effort, and look forward to the chance to work with them. Please mark your calendars, and contact Janet Magedanz, who will be coordinating our efforts, to let her know of your availability.

More specifically:

- \* We will be providing 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, and 1 lunch, as well as snacks, for up to 140 people.
- \* We need 2-3 people to plan food with a few Oakville members.
- \* We need people to cook (some may be done at home), serve, and clean up.
- \* Begin baking and freezing cookies and muffins now for snacks/breakfasts.
- \* Volunteers needed on site during the meetings to answer questions, restock restrooms, etc.
- \* 3-5 potential host families
- \* Set up crew Thursday evening; clean up crew Saturday afternoon



*Prayer Grandparents and children enjoyed a Valentine's feast on February 10.*

# Children's Ministry Spotlight: Nursery & Preschool

By Laura Magedanz

You may have noticed some work going on in some of the rooms around the church. As we've been gaining more kids, we've been expanding our children's programs and classrooms. The former prayer room will be multi-functional as an infant/family room and mini-classroom. We are looking for a couch to make this a comfortable

room for nursing mothers or fussy children. Both this room and the nursery are being updated with new paint, cubbies and cabinets. The kids classroom is becoming more preschool friendly while some children's supplies are moving into the conference room. The library has been re-located to the current prayer room. Thank you to all those who are helping with these projects!

## Annual Meeting Check Out Our Follow Up Church Library

**Elders:** Tim Eby, Ken Roth, and Callie Newton were elected for 3 year terms.

**Deacons:** Enrique and Kay Semadeni were elected to 3 year terms.

**Nominating Committee:** Doug Oxsen and Michelle Schultz were elected to the nominating committee.

Many thanks to retiring elder Dick Carozza and retiring deacons Sue Carozza, Linda Keller, and Donna Roth, as well as Ineke Loux and Audra Mote who stepped down due to moves out of state.

This year's elders are: Tim Eby, Janet Magedanz (treasurer), Mel McCracken, Callie Newton, Ken Roth, Dennis Schultz (clerk).  
This year's deacons are: Paula Hewitt, Aaron Newton, Maggie Polizzo, Enrique and Kay Semadeni.



Our church library/prayer room is now located at the end of the office hallway (except that children's books and bibles are in the conference

room). We have many resources available, including devotionals, commentaries, classic and current Christian theology books (from Bonhoeffer to Graham to Keller), fiction, parenting, biographies, and magazines. We also have several bibles in various versions. Feel free to browse, borrow, and donate to the collection. If you know someone that needs a bible, we may have an appropriate version to give. We also continue to put books in our library/prayer box by the community garden.

## Darkness to Light: Potluck & Presentation March 10, 5-7:30

Parents, grandparents, and children's ministry volunteers will want to make time to attend this presentation by ABC House in Albany focused on how to keep our children safe from sexual abuse. Dinner will begin at 5 and the presentation will begin at 5:30. Childcare will be provided. Please sign up at church on Sunday or contact the church office to let them know you are attending so we have enough handouts. For more information, check out the ABC House website ([abchouse.org/](http://abchouse.org/)) or talk to Vanessa Washburn.

## Kitchen Update

We are moving forward with plans to renovate the church building's kitchen. The elders have set a maximum budget of \$150,000 for the project, and we are in the process of hiring an engineer and designer. We hope to be able to present a plan soon. Checks to Calvin with 'Kitchen renovation' in the memo line will be used to fund this work.

## Women's Retreat Saturday 3/23

Women, save this day for a mini-retreat in town—an opportunity to spend the day together building our relationships with one another and with Jesus.

## Annual Christmas Pageant



*Our annual pageant was enjoyed by many on December 23. Special thanks to Aaron Newton for debuting our star costume. CKC also caroled at the Corvallis Manor.*

