

# ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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Calvary Episcopal Church  
Core Values

- \* We are a compassionate and welcoming church that respects, connects and cares for one another.
- \* We joyfully share our abundance and gratitude to God by serving our community and the world, striving to make a difference.
- \* We celebrate traditions to pass on to the next generation with faith, prayer and our commitment to God.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
A G E N D A  
January 29, 2017**

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Closing Prayer and Dismissal



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Calvary Episcopal Church, Lombard, Illinois  
Minutes of the Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016

Senior Warden Jim Adamson called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Nicki Jaska was appointed as secretary for the meeting. There were approximately 52 people in attendance. The minutes of the 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Election of Wardens, Vestry, and Convention Delegates**

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried to accept the slate of Wardens, Vestry, and Convention Delegates presented by the nominating committee as follows: Lisa Pardue, Senior Warden; Audrey Schuurmann, Junior Warden; Joe Augustine, Building and Grounds, 3-year term; Ken Pardue, Finance, 3-year term; Carla Castle, Stewardship, 3-year term; Tom Ceplecha, Welcome Ministry, 3-year term; and Schuyler Roberts, Youth Representative, (appointed by the Vestry), 1-year term. Tanisha Nelson, Grant Iannelli, Lisa Pardue, Convention Delegates, 1-year term.

**Pastor's Report**

Pastor Emily heartily thanked the following with a commemorative Calvary flashlight for helping to shine Calvary's light in our community: Bruce and Audrey Schuurmann for the Art Fair at the Lombard Christmas Mart along with artists Don Bradley, Hester Bury, and Amy. Carla Castle and Audrey Schuurmann for the new photo directory and Carla Castle for inspiring us to send holiday greeting cards to veterans at Hines Hospital, John Horn for arranging for District 44 Superintendent Michael Robey to join us for our Backpack Blessing. John Horn, Dave Pardue, and Jeri and Ross Kellan for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Kim Lombardi and Linda Szady as Sunday School Superintendents. Tanisha Nelson for getting Calvary onto a local volleyball court. Jake Lombardi for getting his friends and neighbors into our Lenten fundraiser by dyeing his hair purple. Robin Augustine and Emily Prasad for making Calvary known to the Iocavore and garden communities and bringing big crowds and lots of publicity and setup help for the Farmers' Markets with a bonus thanks to Audrey Schuurman for the garden club. Marianna Holm for our sign ministry and making our altar shine. John Jaska for PADS.

**Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the 2016 Budget**

Ken Pardue led a discussion of the past year's operating statement and the coming year's budget and the challenges we will be facing with continuing deficits.

**Ministry Reports**

Senior Warden Jim Adamson asked each Ministry Coordinator to stand and be recognized and to make any additional comments to their printed reports. Recognized were Ross Kellan, Bagels; Gwen O'Loughlin, Chalice Bearers and Lectors; Jeri Kellan, Music; John Jaska, Outreach; Don Bradley, Events; Kim Lombardi, Church School; Carla Castle, Daughters of the King; Jean Morris, Lay Eucharistic Ministry; Tanisha Nelson, Formation; Audrey Schuurmann, Stewardship; Ron Seger, Ushers.

**Calvary Futures Discussion**

Pastor Emily set forth 5 questions for discussion in small groups which were then presented to the meeting as a whole. The questions resulted in active dialogue with several suggestions. Pastor Emily asked the congregation to commit to have continuing conversations throughout the coming months in an effort to meet our oncoming challenges.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – Pastor Emily announced the formation of a Calvary scholarship for high school seniors of \$1000 funded by the Love Fund. Thanks to Rachel Bonarek for inspiring and leading the effort to develop the scholarship, and Audrey Schuurmann for her help initiating this program.

**Remarks of the Retiring Senior Warden**

Jim noted how he had enjoyed serving on the Vestry and as Senior Warden and thanked all the Vestry members for their contributions. He stressed that the challenge in 2016 is more than money but includes time and talents to keep it going for a strong and vibrant community.

**Remarks of the New Senior Warden**

Lisa stated that she will miss Jim but is looking forward to the new year. She noted that Jim should expect frequent emails and presented him with a thank you gift.

**Necrology**

Pastor Emily led the Necrology prayer for Robert Buege, Kent Grobe, and Virginia Lotz. The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer and dismissal at 12:15.

Nicki Jaska

Secretary

**Calvary Episcopal Church  
2016 Summary Operating Performance to Budget  
December 2016**

	Dec 16	Budget	\$ Over Bud...	Jan - Dec 16	YTD Budget	\$ Over Bud...	Annual Bud...
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
Pledges	7,350.00	10,613.67	-3,263.67	118829.00	127364.00	-8,535.00	127364.00
Plate Offerings	4,168.86	1,833.33	2,335.53	23,213.80	22,000.00	1,213.80	22,000.00
All Other Income	3,448.48	3,166.66	281.82	17,076.62	7,000.00	10,076.62	7,000.00
Gift Card Program - B & G	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,967.34</b>	<b>15,613.66</b>	<b>-646.32</b>	<b>159120.42</b>	<b>156364.00</b>	<b>2,756.42</b>	<b>156364.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
<b>Fixed Costs</b>							
Salaries	3,972.14	9,156.43	-5,184.29	109108.08	110378.00	-1,269.92	110378.00
Diocesan Pledge	1,693.92	1,693.92	0.00	20,327.04	20,327.00	0.04	20,327.00
Utilities	1,045.58	1,000.00	45.58	10,358.52	12,000.00	-1,641.48	12,000.00
Communication	214.08	208.30	5.78	2,893.18	2,500.00	393.18	2,500.00
Insurance	0.00	592.00	-592.00	20,214.18	18,182.00	2,032.18	18,182.00
Rector's Expenses	0.00	291.67	-291.67	298.22	3,500.00	-3,201.78	3,500.00
Pension Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,320.00	13,320.00	0.00	13,320.00
<b>Total Fixed Costs</b>	<b>6,925.72</b>	<b>12,942.32</b>	<b>-6,016.60</b>	<b>176519.22</b>	<b>180207.00</b>	<b>-3,687.78</b>	<b>180207.00</b>
<b>Variable Costs</b>							
Office Expense	681.04	385.67	295.37	8,539.82	6,500.00	2,039.82	6,500.00
Outreach	100.49	166.67	-66.18	833.56	2,000.00	-1,166.44	2,000.00
Fellowship	89.94	41.67	48.27	568.76	500.00	68.76	500.00
Congregational Developem...	13.50	20.83	-7.33	480.70	250.00	230.70	250.00
Worship	0.00	166.66	-166.66	2,071.13	2,000.00	71.13	2,000.00
Music	0.00	208.33	-208.33	684.84	2,500.00	-1,815.16	2,500.00
Formation Expense	0.00	500.00	-500.00	2,132.62	6,000.00	-3,867.38	6,000.00
Events	0.00	0.00	0.00	-200.00	0.00	-200.00	0.00
Building & Grounds	0.00	833.34	-833.34	5,012.28	10,000.02	-4,987.74	10,000.02
<b>Total Variable Costs</b>	<b>884.97</b>	<b>2,323.17</b>	<b>-1,438.20</b>	<b>20,123.71</b>	<b>29,750.02</b>	<b>-9,626.31</b>	<b>29,750.02</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>7,810.69</b>	<b>15,265.49</b>	<b>-7,454.80</b>	<b>196642.93</b>	<b>209957.02</b>	<b>-13314.09</b>	<b>209957.02</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>7,156.65</b>	<b>348.17</b>	<b>6,808.48</b>	<b>-37,522.51</b>	<b>-53,593.02</b>	<b>16,070.51</b>	<b>-53,593.02</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Other Income</b>							
Unbudgeted Income							
Designated Gifts	899.70	0.00	899.70	17,094.15	0.00	17,094.15	0.00
<b>Total Unbudgeted Income</b>	<b>899.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>899.70</b>	<b>17,094.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,094.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>899.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>899.70</b>	<b>17,094.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,094.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>							
Unbudgeted Expenses							
Discretionary Expense	431.00	0.00	431.00	5,192.77	0.00	5,192.77	0.00
Designated Funds Used	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,164.81	0.00	17,164.81	0.00
Prayer Blanket Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	187.37	0.00	187.37	0.00
<b>Total Unbudgeted Expenses</b>	<b>431.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>431.00</b>	<b>22,544.95</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>22,544.95</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Trfs to Balance Sheet Accts	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3,110.30	0.00	-3,110.30	0.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>431.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>431.00</b>	<b>19,434.65</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,434.65</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>468.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>468.70</b>	<b>-2,340.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-2,340.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>7,625.35</b>	<b>348.17</b>	<b>7,277.18</b>	<b>-39,863.01</b>	<b>-53,593.02</b>	<b>13,730.01</b>	<b>-53,593.02</b>

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Calvary Episcopal Church  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of December 31, 2016

	<u>Dec 31, 16</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Discretionary Checking - 6433	294.45
Gift Card Account - 1162	3,557.25
Operating Ckg - 5/3 Bank 7000	18,825.00
Savings - 5/3 - 7154	<u>41,095.83</u>
Total Checking/Savings	63,772.53
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	<u>4,605.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	4,605.00
Other Current Assets	
Other Receivable	207.18
Prepaid Expenses	<u>241.71</u>
Total Other Current Assets	448.89
Total Current Assets	<u>68,826.42</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>68,826.42</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Prepaid Pledges	5,040.00
Restricted Funds	
Discretionary Fund	508.00
Garden	64.29
Love Fund	20,136.30
Outreach - PADS	1,400.00
Outreach Other	348.70
Rector Discretionary	433.00
Youth Group	<u>3,882.02</u>
Total Restricted Funds	<u>26,772.31</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>31,812.31</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>31,812.31</u>
Total Liabilities	31,812.31
Equity	
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	-26,772.31
Unrestricted Net Assets	99,044.43
Net Income	<u>-35,258.01</u>
Total Equity	<u>37,014.11</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>68,826.42</u></b>

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

I find it hard to believe that a year has passed. We started 2016 talking about change and I never thought that we would have already made so many significant changes as we begin 2017.

I want to thank the vestry for their diligent work this year. At the Annual Meeting last January we passed a budget with a proposed deficit of \$53,000. If income and expenses were as projected for 2016, we would end the year with less than \$10,000 in unrestricted savings. That meant we needed to plan a 2017 budget without a deficit! We started by evaluating the most significant expenses to the church, our building and our priest. It was difficult to imagine life without our property and it was even more difficult to think about life without a full time priest. We formed sub committees, one group to speculate how we could be Calvary without our current facilities, what would we use for worship space or fellowship? How would people in the community know we existed if we were not at our current location? The other sub-committee tackled the questions on how we could operate without a priest. Who would handle our worship, take care of us in times of crisis, who would handle the day to day business of running a church? These discussions allowed our vestry to get in touch with how we felt about change and allowed us to accept that some change was inevitable.

Once the vestry had wrapped our heads around the idea that we could no longer operate as we had for so many years, we set out to communicate to the congregation what we had to do. Thanks to Tom Coplecha who organized our June Dinners with the Vestry so that we could have a setting to talk openly and in fellowship. Our dinners were not only informative but delicious thanks to John Jaska's excellent cooking. We followed up in August with Breakfast with the Vestry so we could keep everyone informed about the progress we had made in evaluating the possibility of the sale of the Rectory property, the real possibility of no longer having a full time priest and going to part time, and the development of new ministries so we were more visible in our community. We were blessed by a Sunday visit from Bishop Lee in October, in which he affirmed our direction and encouraged us to continue to thrive. We ended our months of meeting and eating with one more Parish Breakfast in November to launch our season of transition.

At the end of September Pastor Emily announced that she had accepted a call to Moorestown, New Jersey, and would be leaving in mid-November. All the talking and planning we had done over the previous months helped us decide to seek a part-time interim priest and to form a Search Committee to find a permanent part-time rector. On November 13 we said good-bye to Pastor Emily in true Calvary fashion, with great worship and good food.

Our Stewardship Committee, under the leadership of Carla Castle, prepared an excellent campaign to help us look at "What has God done for you? What have you done for God?" We heard from several parishioners during our Ministry Minutes about what God has done for them in their life as well as how their ministry at Calvary has influenced their lives as well. We also had others share their stories in the Crossroads newsletter. Thanks to all those who shared so much of themselves. Our pledge drive was a huge success due to the diligent work of our Stewardship Committee! We go into 2017 confident of the support we need for all of our ministries under the leadership of a part-time priest.

Although we spent a lot of time talking about money, the life of the church was not focused on money. We started the year with another successful **Indoor Farmers Market**. Thank you to Emily Prasad and Robin Augustine for coordinating this event. We had another successful **Lenten fundraiser** to help Magdalene House Chicago with \$6550 raised. In early May we awarded our first **Calvary Scholarship** to Annie Vitti. Later in May we had our first Garden **Sunday**. We worshipped on the front

lawn of the church, dedicated the Church School Garden to raise vegetables for the Lombard/Villa Park food pantry, and had a picnic in the backyard of the Rectory. We donated 81 pounds of vegetables throughout the spring, summer and fall. What a great ministry! Thank you to Robin Augustine, Caleb and Henry for all your hard work. In June, our **J2A class went on pilgrimage** to New Orleans and not only had their own spiritual growth but learned about a new culture and made some new friends. This trip would not have been possible without the dedicated leadership of Hester Bury and John Horn. In August we continued our tradition of the **Backpack Blessing** and donating school supplies to Madison Elementary School. We hosted an excellent **Art Fair** in November, which brought 1000 people through our doors, thanks to the hard work of Bruce and Audrey Schuurmann. We also bought Christmas gifts for the Cathedral Shelter **Christmas Baskets**. We had a very successful **Cookie Walk** at the beginning of December, thanks to Karen Dakis' excellent leadership. Thanks also to Tom Ceplecha, Jennifer Hentrich and Todd Roberts and the new J2A class for standing in the cold to offer hot drinks to the crowds and encourage them to head inside. We had a paper bag **Christmas pageant** this year. As the kids entered church they were given a bag with a costume. They were directed in acting out the Christmas story by Deacon Mo and Father Jim Leswing. It was a lot of fun to watch! The pageant would not have been possible without the hard work of Audrey Schuurmann and the assistance of Jennifer McIntosh. We rounded out the year with **Maureen O'Connor being ordained** at the Cathedral. What a proud moment for all of us at Calvary!

This fall we launched three new ministries, Alpha Marriage Course, Tot Town and Helping Hands. The Marriage Course hosted six couples for seven Sunday afternoons of fellowship and growth. Tot Town began in December, opening our Parish Hall for 2 hours each Thursday morning to community toddlers and preschoolers and their adults. It has been well attended by a wide variety of Lombardians. Helping Hands has compiled a list of volunteers and is just beginning to get requests for aid. I am excited to see how these ministries will grow and the positive impact we can have on our community. Thank you to Jan Bruesch for facilitating the Alpha Marriage Course, to Emily Prasad for the Tot Town leadership and to Jennifer Hentrich for working so diligently on Helping Hands.

I want to end this report with a special thanks to Audrey Schuurmann. I cannot even express how grateful I am for her leadership, guidance and dedication. She was definitely not a Junior Warden but a true co-warden and it was an honor to work with her this year. Calvary is fortunate that we will have her as our leader heading into 2017. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us this year.

Yours in Christ,  
Lisa Pardue

## BAGELS

We would like express our sincere appreciation to the following Calvarians for their faithful stewardship with the Bagel Ministry this past year.

Bravo and a standing ovation to: Hester Bury, Ada Carrasco, Patti Grobe, Marianna and Harrison Holm, Jeri and Ross Kellan, Maureen O'Connor, Naren Prasad, Nancy Magurno, and Marilyn Stein.

A huge thank you to Audrey and Bruce Schuurmann for their wonderful assistance with this ministry.

A special thanks to retiring Bagel Ministry Member Patti Grobe for all of her fine work for Calvary.

The Bodacious Bagel Team is open to everyone in the parish and we welcome new members to this ministry. Please contact Ross Kellan at rkellan@ameritech.net or (630)932-1867.

## CHALICE BEARERS AND LECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

Let me start by saying thank you to all who serve on these two ministries. Your willingness to serve makes Sunday mornings run smoothly for our priests. They can always count on you.

However, both of these ministries need more volunteers.

At the 8am service, there is one chalice bearer and one pop up.

There are 5 lectors and one additional seasonal lector for the summer.

At 10:15am, there are currently 3 chalice bearers and 5 pop ups.

At 10:15am, there are currently 7 lectors.

As you can see, we need your help. This is a very easy and rewarding ministry. Many hands make lighter work for all. If you would like to serve as a chalice bearer or lector, please let Mother Mo or Gwen O'Loughlin know. Please prayerfully consider joining.

Thanks again for all you do. It is really appreciated.

## CHURCH SCHOOL EDUCATION

Calvary Church School is committed to the youth of this Parish. Thank you to all the teachers who prepare lessons every week and engage our children in the learning of God's love. What we do would not be possible without the generous volunteers who make Sunday School a reality: Beth Fuller, Ken Pardue, Tiffany Balsitis, Stephanie Castle, Hannah Dakis, Bruce Schurrmann, Jennifer Hentrich, Todd Roberts, and Taylor Balsitis for helping out in Catachesis. Thank you to Audrey Schurrmann and Marueen O'Connor for planning and executing this year's Christmas pageant. Special thanks to the volunteers of all ages that made our Christmas pageant as unique and special as always. We would also like to thank the families who participate in our Sunday School program each week. The children are the future and we are thankful for your commitment to our Church School program.

Kim Lombardi  
Church School Director

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." ~Nelson Mandela

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

During our monthly meetings the Daughters of the King have discussed Andy Stanley's series titled "Christian: It's Not What You Think" and Rick Warren's series: "What On Earth Am I Here For" based on his book, The Purpose Driven Life.

During March we welcomed Father Russ and Heidi Smith who are SAMS missionaries to Chile, South America. The Daughters of the King sponsored a Family Day with Missionaries. Parishioners and guests learned Spanish songs, crafts, and enjoyed wonderful food!

In April we had a luncheon to say goodbye and happy retirement to our dear friend and DOK of many years, Patty LeBlanc and her husband, Dennis.

Marge Davis and Carla Castle prepared Karen Dakis and Ruthann Janis during a three month study preparation to become Daughters of the King. Karen and Ruthann were admitted to the Order on September 18th during the 10:15 service with our Diocesan president May Anstee attending. A reception followed.

In November, Jan Bruesch invited missionary Kim Sanford to speak to our chapter and guests. Kim and her husband Collin and young sons serve God in Muslim communities for Greater Europe Missions. Kim spoke to us about their evangelism work in Lillie, France.

In December, The Daughters of the King joined Calvary parishioners for Maureen O'Connor's Ordination to the Priesthood at St. James Cathedral, Chicago.

We would like to invite any woman of the parish to join us for our regular meetings which are held in the parish hall the third Saturday of every month at 10-11:30am. Our meeting includes a short business meeting, prayers for those in need, and followed by a study. Please see Jan Bruesch or Carla Castle if you have any questions.

### **Members of Calvary's DOK:**

Jan Bruesch, Ada Carrasco, Carla Castle, Stephenie Castle, Karen Dakis, Marge Davis, Marianna Holm, Ruthann Janis, Jeri Kellan, Sally McClure, Tanisha Nelson, Maggie Nolan, Maureen O'Connor

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Bruesch, Co- President

Carla A. Castle, Co-President

## DISCRETIONARY AND LOVE FUNDS

Calvary has two funds that assist people in financial need.

The Love Fund is designated for members of the congregation, and members of their households, for grants to meet emergency and one-time-only needs. These funds are drawn from designated gifts by members and friends of the congregation. In 2016, the Love Fund received \$1,740 in gifts and disbursed \$5,418.70 in aid, plus \$1,000 to support two seminarians and \$1,000 for the Calvary Scholarship to a high school senior.

The Discretionary Fund is used to provide small-scale immediate assistance to people in the wider community (Lombard and neighboring towns) who need assistance with train fare, gas money, groceries, medication, and occasionally temporary shelter. These funds come primarily from the open plate offerings on the first Sunday of each month. In 2016, the Discretionary Fund received \$3,690 in offerings and disbursed \$4,070 in aid.

Now that we no longer have a rector to distribute aid from the Rector's Discretionary Fund, the vestry appointed John Jaska to serve as Calvary's Almoner. He spends Tuesday mornings in the rectory dispensing aid to the homeless and needy. The church staff is also prepared to handle requests that come in at other times.

## EVENTS

Another year has come and gone at Calvary bringing with it another year of fun activities with lots of parishioners getting involved.

January saw the very popular Winter Market organized by Emily Prasad. We literally packed the church hall with parishioners and their friends who came to get great buys on fruits and veggies.

February was to be a high point in our events with another popular Trivia Night. Unfortunately due to low attendance, the event had to be cancelled. Maybe we'll do better in 2017.

We had a successful White Elephant Sale in March and kudos to all who helped make it work.

In May God smiled on us and brought beautiful warm weather for our annual church picnic held in back of the church. With homemade root beer for the kids and specially brewed regular beer for the adults, it was a wonderful day. A very special thanks to Tom Cephlecha for the liquid refreshment and to all the folks who helped set up, cook, eat, drink and clean up afterward. A great time was had by all!

The month of September saw the annual pet blessing organized by Nicki Jaska and Sandy Bradley and held at Lombard Veterinary Hospital conjunction with our neighboring churches. It's always fun to see the variety of pets that show up to be blessed and even more fun to see how they all get along with one another.

The months of November and December brought two very special events to Calvary. The first was our second annual Art Show organized by Bruce and Audrey Schuurmann. For the second year in a row, over 1000 people came through the doors of the church hall to view and purchase artwork done by Calvarians and their friends. And hot on the heels of the Art Show was another long time favorite, the Calvary Cookie Walk, once again organized by Karen Dakis. This year was another success with lots of happy people bringing homemade cookies to buy and enjoy. Unfortunately this is Karen's last year organizing the Cookie Walk and I want to thank her for all her years of hard work that made our cookie walk so fun and successful. When you see her please let her know we'll miss her. Anyone care to take her place? It will be big shoes to fill!

On the horizon for events: Chili Cook-Off and Pre Super Bowl Party with more homemade brew by Tom Cephlecha and lots of great chili to sample. Don't miss it!

If I have missed thanking anyone, I apologize and it's because so many of you have done so much to keep our events successful. Thank you all for all your time effort and help.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Bradley

## FORMATION

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for their time and patience with me during formation last year. As always it was great to have the opportunity to share something different and new with everyone.

Formation was cancelled from Sunday after Thanksgiving until the Sunday after New Years Day. During formation we watched various Bible videos and slide shows with group discussion questions afterwards, listened to different topics from different guest speakers, and shared stories while we signed/made cards for veterans at Hines Memorial Hospital.

Leaders of formation:

Marilyn Stein

Tanisha Nelson

Love conquers all, Tanisha Nelson.

## LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

What does it mean to be a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)? The LEM is a member of Calvary who takes the sacrament of communion and the sacrament of his/her personhood to members of Calvary Church who, for whatever reason, cannot attend Sunday worship.

Every Sunday when the church school is being dismissed the Eucharistic Minister for that Sunday is called to the altar to receive the Pyx containing the consecrated host and the name(s) of church members we are to visit. The word Pyx comes from the Greek meaning box or receptacle. We take communion to members of Calvary Church who, for whatever reason, cannot attend Sunday worship. In addition to the Pyx with the consecrated host, we have a service for home communion that is particularly useful to a new LEM. This is not supposed to be a social visit, although it can turn into one, especially if you know the person well.

We read the Collect and Gospel for the day, join hands for the Lord's Prayer, administer the sacrament, and close with prayers. We adjust the service to meet the needs of the individual. In addition, if there is someone else present, we invite them to join us in the service.

Thank you to the LEM ministers for being willing to take communion to our shut-ins every Sunday. If you are interested in being a Lay Eucharistic Minister, please let Jean Morris know so you can be added to the schedule.

## MUSIC REPORT

Calvary's Choir has enjoyed another great year of musical performances, with 36 anthems sung this year. My deepest gratitude goes to the following people:

Don Bradley	Bill Kendall
Jan Bruesch	Joanne Lovig
Carla Castle	Nancy Magurno
Pat Cekal	Maggie Nolan
Lee Davis	Drew Nolan
Grant Iannelli	Audrey Schuurmann
Ross Kellan	Bruce Schuurmann
Annie Vitti	

I am also so grateful for the brass players from Elmhurst College and for Ross Kellan for directing this group, which has enhanced our services at Easter and Christmas.

Here are quotes from some of the members as to what choir means to them.

"Belonging to the choir is like being in a family. It's fun and I enjoy singing."

"To be able to sing God's Word carries me through the week. I miss it in the summer."

"The people in the choir make me feel at home and like I belong here. The music we sing sticks with you through the week and keeps the service alive."

"Being in the choir is a great means of enhancing my faith. It has been a great experience over the years."

"It is said that he who sings, prays twice."

I thank the choir for their hard work and true dedication to the music program at Calvary. This is a very special ministry. The choir and I want to thank the Clergy and Vestry for their continued support. We greatly appreciate the wonderful comments and kind words we have received from our Calvary family for the anthems we perform throughout the year.

Anyone high school age and above (or with previous singing experience) is invited to be in the choir. We rehearse each Sunday morning (Sept. to May) from 9:05 to 10:10 in the Choir Loft. New members are always welcome to join us and enjoy the fun and fellowship each Sunday morning.

Jeri Kellan, Music Director

## OUTREACH

We were busy in 2016. We did have enough to keep us busy which included:

- 1) Christmas Baskets - We completed the 2016 Christmas Basket on December 4th. Everything was picked up on Monday. Many thanks to all who contributed time and contributions.
- 2) PADS - PADS was held every month except in August. We have on average 6 volunteers from Calvary working in this worthwhile project. We serve an average of 60 dinners and that many for breakfast. Everyone we serve is very thankful and appreciative for the support.
- 3) Helping Hands – Committee Chair: Jennifer Hentrich
  - a) This project is coming together. There will be more publicity on this in the near future. Anyone interested in helping Jennifer, volunteers are welcome.
- 4) Tot Town. – Committee Chair: Emily Prasad.
  - a) Things are going well! There were just under twenty children the first week and about ten the second week. The second Thursday was very cold, which we expect was why numbers were down. We had a lot of positive comments from the families on both days.
  - b) We could still use two or more volunteers who are willing to help once a month. Setup and cleanup is very quick, so the time commitment is only from 8:45-11:15.
  - c) If people want to help but cannot volunteer on Thursday, there are some donations that would be helpful. We are using baby wipes and disinfectant wipes to keep things clean. We could also use wooden train/truck if people have things at home to donate or would be willing to pick up small sets while doing their holiday shopping. IKEA, Target, and Aldi have had inexpensive sets in the past and all wooden train sets are compatible.
- 5) ALMONER Duties – This function is scheduled for Tuesday Morning between the hours of 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. I see about ten needy individuals. It is a humbling experience. An **almoner** is a chaplain or church officer who originally was in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. The first deacons mentioned in Acts 6:1–4 dealt with the distribution of the charity of the early Christian churches to needy members. The title *almoner* has fallen out of use in English, but its equivalents in other languages are often used for many pastoral functions exercised by chaplains or pastors.
  - a) Historically, almoners were Christian religious functionaries whose duty was to distribute alms to the poor. Monasteries were required to spend a tithe (one tenth of their income) in charity to the poor. Bishops kept their own almoners and almoners were attached to the courts of the Kings of France. Charles VIII of France had a Grand Almoner in his employ.
  - b) In the United Kingdom, the Marquess of Exeter also holds the title of hereditary Grand Almoner. Today, however, one of the most prominent such offices is that of the Lord High Almoner in the

Church of England. The holder of that office, as of 2015 John Inge, Bishop of Worcester, is responsible for organizing the Queen's annual distribution of Maundy money.

- c) The almoner remains an active and important office in the livery companies of the City of London. In Masonic Lodges, the almoner's duty is to oversee the needs of the Brethren within his Lodge. He is the contact for charity and looks after the welfare of the members, including visits to the sick, aged and infirm.
- 6) We had several breakfast meetings in 2016. These were used as an opportunity to get the parish together to mix. We may schedule more in 2017.

2017 should be another active year.

Respectfully Submitted.

John Jaska.

### STEWARDSHIP

Our stewardship theme for 2016 was determined in March and a sign was placed by our church driveway exit and it was moved periodically to draw attention to the theme: What has God done for you? What have you done for God? Throughout the year articles written by parishioners were published in the Crossroads Newsletter pertaining to our Stewardship theme. I'd like to thank the following people for participating in that endeavor: Audrey Schuurmann, Jan Bruesch, Ross Kellan, Grant Iannelli, Karen Dakis, Marilyn Stein, and Andrew Nolan.

In April our new Stewardship committee was formed of Jan Bruesch, Ross Kellan, and Marilyn Stein with Carla Castle as vestry chair. We have met every first Sunday since May to make plans for our Annual Stewardship Appeal. The committee determined that we would begin the fall campaign earlier than ever before at Calvary. We decided to start in September on the 11th and continue eight weeks through October 30. One component of the Stewardship Appeal would be eight weeks of "Ministry Minutes "during worship time at both services. Eight individuals were selected to cover various topics during that two months. Our committee would like to thank the following Ministry Minutes speakers: Carla Castle, Karen Dakis, Donald George Castle, Jan Bruesch, Ross Kellan, Tom Ceplecha, Hester Bury, Grant Iannelli

We also want to thank Audrey Schuurmann for letting us use her Stewardship "Sound- bites" from 2015 with our 2016 editing. These appeared every week in the Thursday E News and in Sunday bulletins during the 2 month Stewardship Appeal. We also included them in the September and October Crossroads. We hope the parishioners found them informative.

At the halfway mark of the Stewardship Appeal our committee members made nearly 30 reminder phone calls to people who had not yet turned in their pledge forms.

Hand written thank you notes were mailed to those who pledged for 2017. Fifty family/individual units have pledged \$139,000 and we have used this figure to determine Calvary's 2017 budget.

I enjoyed serving our Lord this year in a position I never envisioned saying "Yes " to. God gave me all I needed to serve as Chairman by providing me with his servants of the Stewardship Committee, Pastor Emily, our wardens, and vestry this year.

I PRAISE GOD and give him thanks because I know and believe that:

"All things come from thee O Lord. And of thine own have we given thee." Amen

Respectfully submitted by,

Carla A. Castle, Stewardship Chair

## USHERS

Are you tired of just sitting in a pew? Would you like to get up and move about during worship? Well here's your chance to do just that, and help out with a ministry at Calvary. As always we are looking for more ushers, for both the 8 am and 10:15 am worship services at Calvary. While we have several volunteers we could use a few more ushers. If you are interested please let Mother Mo or myself know. At this time, I would like to say a big THANK YOU to:

Tim Cortesi, Grant Iannelli, Don Edyburn, Tanisha Nelson, Marilyn Stein, Tom and Luke Cepelcha, and Bruce Schuurmann. Welcome to Naren and Peter Prasad, and Steve and Jackson Fuller.

Ron Seger

## BUILDING & GROUNDS ANNUAL REPORT

- Sanctuary Roof:
  - We received wind damage to the sanctuary roof in the spring of 2016. Majority of repairs costs are being covered by our insurance.
  - Permit pulled for Sanctuary Roof.
  - Weather pending, we are tracking to remove and replace the shingles in March.
- Fire Alarm Panel
  - Current panel is working but is showing trouble code due to the old phone line alert system. The Lombard Fire Department has asked us to replace the panel and use a transmitter / radio module alert system.
  - Have quotes completed for replacement of fire alarm panel.
- Thank you to all of those you have helped with the yard and building maintenance over this last year.

Joe Augustine

## **Calvary Candidates 2017**

### **Diocesan Convention Representation – One Year Terms**

**Delegates:** Tanisha Nelson, Grant Iannelli, Stephanie Castle

#### **Tanisha Nelson**

I have attended Calvary for almost four years now. Rusti and I attend many activities/events at the church. Like the cookie walk , Art Fair and Sunday morning Adult Formation.

I am a member of the vestry, Castle DOK Chapter and the Usher Adult Ministry. I have attended DOK retreats, Wednesday night and some Monday nights Bible studies and Thursday nights Gathering Services. Oh yeah I was one out of two that became an Episcopalian by the Bishop in November of 2014 at Calvary.

I volunteer to help set up, clean up or bring a dish for events and activities. I actually helped pray for folks on Ash Wednesday, that was so MUCH fun and powerful. Lets pray for warmer weather this year...

For the rest of my week, I am pretty boring. I either attend Wednesday night community dinner at First Church and Connecting with Love meetings/events.

During the week, I clean, watch TV, exercise/play with Rusti, a little Bible study sometimes, have fellowship with loved ones after Friday night volleyball games, go to the movies, and have little one on one with God in my special way.

Also I still love to visit more than talk to my loved ones via video chat, emails, texting or just on the phone as often as I can.

Ur sista thru Christ, Tanisha N

#### **Grant Iannelli**

Good Day All! I am interested in serving as a lay delegate to the 2017 Diocesan Convention.

I am a cradle Episcopalian, confirmed at St. Paul's Episcopal in St. Joseph, Michigan in 1969. I have been a pledging member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Lombard, Illinois for over 8 years. During my time at Calvary, I was elected to serve as Delegate to the Diocesan Convention for 7 years and elected to the Vestry. Serving on the Vestry as Chair of Formation for 2 years, I was then elected to Junior and then Senior Warden. After "retiring" from the Vestry in 2013, I was called to serve as Project Manager for the Calvary flood remediation project during the summer of 2013. In November 2015, I was selected by the Bishop to represent our Deanery as a lay member of the Diocesan Council. After a year off, I would now like to return to the 2017 convention as a delegate from Calvary.

I am a retired professor of Chiropractic, having owned and operated my private practice for 27 years, and serving as a clinical professor, clinic director and academic department chair for 25 years. I currently am a full-time faculty member of Kaplan University's School of Health Sciences, teaching undergraduate health science courses to online students.

#### **Stephenie Castle**

Hi I'm Stephenie Castle and I am excited to attend the 2017 Diocesan Convention! I worked a table during the 2016 convention for the non-profit I serve, Connecting with Love, and I was intrigued by the convention, so attending 2017 was the next logical step. I am a mother, wife, office manager, adjunct instructor, and non-for-profit board member – so just like most American women I am

a master multitasker! I have been a part of Calvary church for a little less than 13 years and in that time I have become involved as much as possible – I am a Sunday school teacher and Daughter of the King and of course I try to attend all Calvary events that I possibly can! Thank you all for the opportunity for me to attend the 2017 Diocesan Convention!

Wardens - One Year Terms:

**Audrey Schuurmann .....Senior Warden**

Although I have been attending Calvary for only 3 1/2 years, I have had a crash course in all things Calvarian. I was diagnosed with cancer in January of 2015, and experienced the loving concern and powerful healing prayer that Calvary pours out on anyone who needs it. That same January I was also elected to the Vestry to serve as Stewardship chair. I learned all about church finances and Diocesan resources. That summer I worked on the committee that produced our 25th anniversary photo directory, and I was taught all about Calvary’s wonderful history. In 2016, as Junior Warden, I gained a new appreciation for all the people here who deeply love Calvary Church and want it to stay strong and grow. I also learned a lot more about how the Diocese supports local congregations. With your support and with the help of God, I will do my best to serve you as Senior Warden in 2017.

**Hester Bury.....Junior Warden**

Over the 23 years that I have been a member of Calvary, this church community has become an important part of my life, helping me live out my faith. At Calvary I have made many, many friends of all ages and been given wonderful opportunities to serve both within the church and in the wider community. Over the years, I have served on the Vestry and as Senior Warden and taught Church School from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through J2A; I was a member of the search committee that called Pastor Emily in 2008. In 2013-14 I had the opportunity to attend the Diocesan Thrive program, out of which our weekday Gathering worship grew. I serve on the Altar Guild and as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. I currently work as a fundraiser at Northern Illinois Food Bank. As Calvary faces this time of change, I am committed to maintaining the caring, healing community we know and love, so that we can provide a welcoming church home and family for current and future members and a place for our children to grow in their faith. I would be honored to serve as Junior Warden.

**Lisa Pardue.....Treasurer**

I have been a member at Calvary since I was 17 years old. In that time, I have served our congregation in various ministries. I have counted the money, taught Church School, was a J2A leader, was president of the Episcopal Church Women, was the Diocesan United Thank Offering coordinator, served on the vestry as the fellowship chair and most recently served as your Senior Warden. Now, I am ready to take on the great responsibility of serving as your treasurer. Many of you may not know that I am a certified public accountant and am the financial officer for Deery-Pardue (the Pardue family’s manufacturers rep firm) for the last 22 years. This Church has meant so much to me and my family for my entire adult life and I want to help it to keep thriving. I am looking forward to 2017 and seeing what we can do for this church and the community around us.

**Emily Prasad .....**

I grew up in Western Michigan and moved to the Chicago area for college. I've had a variety of jobs from radio announcer to middle school teacher to environmental educator. Currently, I am working as a substitute teacher. I've been married to my husband, Naren, for twelve years. We have one child, Peter, who is in third grade at Madison School in Lombard. I also play viola with the DuPage Symphony Orchestra. In any spare minutes I can find, I like to knit, garden, cook, and preserve food. I am very much looking forward to the chance to serve on the vestry.

PARISH LEADERSHIP 2016

**Vestry**

Senior Warden..... Lisa Pardue  
Junior Warden..... Audrey Schuurmann  
Terms Ending January 2017:  
..... Tanisha Nelson, Formation  
..... Schuyler Roberts, Youth  
Terms Ending January 2018:  
..... Don Bradley, Events  
..... John Jaska, Outreach  
Terms Ending January 2019:  
..... Joe Augustine, Building and Grounds  
..... Carla Castle, Stewardship  
..... Tom Ceplecha, Welcome Ministry  
..... Ken Pardue, Finance  
Treasurer..... Ken Pardue  
Church School Superintendent..... Kim Lombardi  
Director of Music..... Jeri Kellan  
Priest in Charge..... the Rev. Maureen O'Connor

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PARISH STATISTICS

Membership, End of 2015 = 276

Membership, End of 2016 = 228

Additions

Baptism.....1  
Confirmations.....2  
Newcomers.....3

Removals

Death.....4  
Moved.....6  
Inactive Status.....44

Pledging Units for 2016: 48  
Average Sunday attendance: 83  
Lowest Sunday (December 11): 40

Pledging Units for 2017: 50  
Highest Sunday (Easter): 161

NECROLOGY

*O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brothers and sisters. We thank you for giving them to us, their family and friends, to know and to love as companions on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Audrey Iannelli, John Lazanas, John Morrice, Mercedes Vance