

ANNUAL REPORT

2020



Calvary
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*“To reflect Christ’s image through inclusive relationships,
unconditional love, and joyful service.”*

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Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday January 31, 2021 ♦ 11:00 am via Zoom
AGENDA

Prayer

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes from 2019 Annual Meeting - January 26, 2020

Slate for the Vestry and Convention Delegates/Alternates

Vestry Member Reports:

- Senior Warden
- Stewardship
- Welcome
- Formation
- Outreach
- Events
- Buildings and Grounds

Treasurer's Report

Presentation of 2020 Budget

Old Business

New Business

Election of Wardens, Vestry, Convention Delegates/Alternates

Necrology

Closing Prayer and Dismissal

2019 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2020

Attendance - 41

Mother Mo opened meeting with prayer. Ken Pardue called the meeting to order at 10:25am. Liz Brezinski was appointed as secretary for the meeting. Minutes from 2019 annual meeting approved as presented.

Ken Pardue discussed Vestry positions: Stephenie Castle and Lauren Szady finished their terms. New Vestry members announced: Joe Latona, events and Marilyn Stein, formation. Both new members voted onto vestry unanimously.

Mother Mo announced 2 new leadership positions: Liaison for YMCA and liaison for RENEW. Kate Pierson as agreed to be the YMCA liaison position. Liaison for RENEW position is still open.

Ken Pardue: presented delegates and alternates for Special Convention for Electing new Bishop and the Diocesan Convention. All delegates and alternates were approved as presented.

Mother Mo: New liaison positions created to grow our relationships with the YMCA and RENEW. The Courageous Love Initiative was developed to create meaningful relationships with those who are not like us: RENEW Church, ISD.

Our Vestry is working to help the congregation live into our mission statement. Vestry retreats, quarterly breakfast services.

Committee reports

Sr. Warden – Ken Pardue. 2019 was a year of change. Combining to 1 service. New relationships with YMCA and RENEW Church. Mother Mo was able to become full-time via Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Would like to be able to support Mo as full time on our own. Breakfast service – will bring us all together. Embracing change as we grow as a parish. One of the challenges put forth: discerning our "IT". Upcoming Lenten project fundraiser.

Stewardship – Jim Filkins. Goal was set at \$157,000. While we didn't reach that, our pledge total just over \$150,000 for 2020. Substantial increase over 2019. Thank you for the generosity of the community.

Welcome – Tom Cephlecha was absent from meeting. Main points: looking for more ushers. He will also be having a meeting at his home in the next few months to tweak the hospitality.

Formation – Lauren Szady. Sunday School is going well. Hired new teacher, Victoria. Curriculum is fun and engaging. Adult Formation struggled in 2019 with all the other changes happening. Advent series with Dr. Bischoff went well, a Lent series coming up. Please fill out formation survey and return to Marilyn Stein.

Outreach – Jan Bruesch Jan was absent from the meeting. Mother Mo touched on main points - \$ raised in 2019. God is blessing CLI and we have a wonderful opportunity for so many Outreach programs through CLI. Ashes to Go, serving over 100 at the train station. PADS no longer at First Church due to lack of volunteers.

Events – Stephenie Castle Thank you to Joe Latona for taking on the Events vestry position. Thank you to Maggie Nolan for all her help. Note from Mother Mo – CLI events have not been publicized well enough.

Buildings and Grounds – Drew Nolan Thanks to Bruce and Audrey, Donald Castle, Maggie, Austin Nolan. Very busy year for B&G, MANY projects taken care of in 2019. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding. Many inspections needed to be done as they hadn't been done on the proper schedule.

Finance and Treasurer's Report – Lisa Pardue Ken said a special Thank You to Lisa for her time and dedication to the finances. We ended 2019 at an \$8,000 deficit for the total income. We had a pledge deficit of \$10,000 (meaning that we did not collect the total that was pledged).

- \$20,000 grant from Bishop.
- Salaries – over budget (moving Mo to full time)
- B&G over budget, but it was money that needed to be spent.
- Reviewed cash statement for 2019 and budget for 2020.

Grant from Bishop is only through 2020. We need to keep an eye on the \$\$ so that we can keep Mother Mo on as full-time. In 2020, the first time we have budgeted a dollar amount for Outreach. Budgeted \$4000, \$2000 of which is coming from a surplus from 2019.

New visitor, Chris, offered his HVAC services.

Music - Jason Hill Thank you to Jeri Kellan and Audrey Schuurmann. Thank you to everyone who volunteered as puppeteers on Christmas Eve.

Book Group – Marilyn Stein Great group, always welcoming more. If you are interested in Book Group at a time other than what is established, please let her know.

Lisa – thank you to Finance Committee (Ken, Jennifer, Jim Filkins, Mo)

Carla Castle – if you have a prayer need, please contact Mother Mo or whomever you are comfortable telling. Those prayer requests are sent out via text immediately, and those prayers are lifted up. Reach out to Carla, Jan, office, DoK for prayer.

Magdalene House Chicago – Gwen O'Loughlin Thank you to Calvary! Opening the house in 2020. Special thank you to Mary McGowan (Joe Latona's mother who just passed). She always asked about MHC.

Old Business – transitioned to one worship successfully.

New Business – adding TV screens in the sanctuary to be used to enhance worship. There is a committee working in conjunction with RENEW Church to discern how to add the screens appropriately.

Necrology

Prayer for those who have passed in 2019: Joanne Lovig, Marsha Valentino, Debra Sue Williamson, Carol A. Jans, and Megan Smith O’Leary. Special prayer for Mary Beth McGowan who passed on Jan. 22, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 11:20am

PARISH LEADERSHIP 2020

Senior Warden.....Ken Pardue

Junior Warden.....Jennifer Hentrich

Terms Ending January 2021:

- Jan Bruesch, Outreach
- Lisa Pardue, Finance
- Tom Ceplecha, Welcome

SLATE FOR PARISH LEADERSHIP 2021

Senior Warden.....Jennifer Hentrich (term ends January 2022)

Junior Warden.....Jim Filkins (term ends January 2022)

New Vestry Members:

- OPEN, Outreach
- Lisa Pardue, Finance
- Jeri Kellan, Stewardship
- Jan Bruesch, Welcome

Continuing Vestry Members:

- Jim Filkins, Junior Warden (term ends January 2022)
- Drew Nolan, Buildings & Grounds (term ends January 2022)
- Joe Latona, Events (term ends January 2023)
- Marilyn Stein, Formation (term ends January 2023)

Liaison for Tri-Town YMCA: Kate Pierson

Delegates to Diocesan Convention ♦ November 2021

Delegates: (3)

Alternates: (2)

PARISH STATISTICS

Membership end of 2019 = 174

Membership end of 2020 = 156

Additions	Removals
Baptism: 1	Deaths: 3
Confirmation: 0	Moved: 3
Newcomers: 0	Inactive: 12
Pledging Units for 2020: 42	Pledging Units for 2021: 41

Average Sunday attendance: 42

Lowest Sunday attendance: 24 (*January 19, 2020*)

Highest Sunday attendance: 59 (*January 26, 2020*)

(Attendance figures based on services January 5, 2020 - March 8, 2020)

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, parish membership and Sunday attendance figures may not be accurate.

VESTRY REPORTS

Senior Warden Report

2020. Let me say it again, 2020. What a bizarre year.

At the end of 2019 and the beginning of 2020 Mother Mo and the vestry were working hard on discovering Calvary's "It". We had a handful of off-sites and help from Pastor Tim at Gloria Dei. I felt, and think that most vestry members would agree, that we were making great strides. There was tremendous interaction that carried over from 2019 retiring vestry to 2020 newcomers. Interaction that normally takes several months to create was clicking right off the bat.

We held a fund-raising dinner in March for Immigrant Solidarity DuPage to kick off our Lenten Project. The dinner and the Lenten project were hugely successful. The Lenten project helped Calvary to develop and improve our relationship with ISD.

Then COVID hit and all facets of life, including church activities, came to a screeching halt. I remember feeling like a character from the "Left Behind" series helping broadcast Sunday services on Facebook Live in the early days of the pandemic. Jennifer Hentrich and I had weekly phone calls with Mo to check in and see how things were going, discuss ways to help our parishioners and the community and generally make sure that Calvary kept being Calvary.

What I discovered is that YOU kept Calvary going. We had so many people step up and try new things to keep Calvarians engaged. A few examples included:

Liz Brezinski put together a calling tree that allowed us to talk and check in with each other.

Marilyn Stein started streaming a morning devotional once a week.

Several flat Jesuses made tours to our homes. Several of you took photos with them and sent them on their way. Oddly, none of them have made their way back to the church. Perhaps they are wandering somewhere for forty years...

Several members assisted with the food drives hosted by the Courageous Love Initiative with the assistance of the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Calvary also donated funds to supplement the drives with supplies such as diapers, formula, and toiletries. Thousands of families in need were served.

We also had several people make masks for our community and provide them to the YMCA so they could continue to serve our community.

The Calvary book club continued to meet quite effectively via Google. If anybody would like to join this group please reach out to Audrey or Bruce Schuurmann, Marilyn Stein or Lisa Pardue.

Your vestry started meeting via Zoom. It was weird at first, but people quickly acclimated and that great interaction we had early in the year picked up after just a few video meetings.

You all continued your financial support with pledges and donations. Our treasurer, Lisa Pardue, who's praises I cannot sing enough, continued to get all of our monthly financial statements out. Not every parish in the diocese did.

We got to come back to in person worship in early summer and it felt good. I didn't realize how much I missed interacting with you all on a weekly basis.

Just when I thought it couldn't get any weirder, Mother Mo resigned. While I was very excited for her new opportunity, I was like now what do we do?

First off, it's great being part of the Diocese of Chicago. Reverend Andrea Mysen from the Bishop's office got on calls with Jennifer and me and helped guide us on how to engage supply clergy and we've had wonderful support from Father Weaver, Mother & Father Green and Father Pruitt.

We've been blessed that Father Pruitt has felt so engaged with us, that he will become our priest in charge in mid-February. If you haven't heard one of his sermons, please sign into Facebook when he starts. I cannot tell you the number of people that have said "it feels like he is talking directly to me".

I would like to thank Joe Latona and Liz Brezinski for putting on a great going away video gathering for Mo. They also did a great job with a virtual Nativity play.

I began this report by saying that we were looking for our "It". While we have not come to any conclusions, I know that you all are a big part of Calvary's "It".

It's you that step up when called on.

It's you that reaches out to others around you.

It's you that makes me proud to be a part of Calvary in the community.

It's you that gets it done.

We need all of you more than ever to continue to make Calvary a great place to worship. I thank you for having me as part of the Calvary family for so many years and I thank you for having me as your warden for the past two years.

Ken Pardue

Stewardship

In 2020 Jim Filkins continued as the Stewardship Committee representative on the Vestry and Marilyn Stein continued her service as a committee member. Elizabeth Cherian left the Stewardship Committee.

The Stewardship Committee chose “Showing God’s Love Through Prayer and Service” as the theme for Calvary’s 2021 stewardship appeal. We hoped that this theme would reflect what we as a community of faith were doing and would continue to do throughout the pandemic. Our theme appears on the signs near Calvary’s front and rear entrances and were posted on August 9, 2020 to coincide with the return to limited in-person worship services. We chose the color green for the lettering to highlight new growth and renewal, as well as to call attention to the new theme.

Our Stewardship Appeal formally began Sunday, September 20, 2020 and ran through Sunday, November 1, 2020. We used the updated pledge form we had introduced in 2019 with the addition of audio/visual volunteer as another activity for which one could volunteer given our need to video stream worship services. We continued to emphasize that stewardship embraces not only a financial commitment, but service as well. We introduced a new stewardship collect for the liturgy during the Stewardship Appeal.

Over the summer, the Stewardship Committee updated our various “Impact Statements.” These statements were published in our e-news bulletin and on colored inserts in the worship service bulletins each Sunday during the weeks in September and October when we returned to limited in-person services. We wanted to show our parishioners how their pledges were sustaining what Calvary was doing for our own community, for the Diocese of Chicago, and for outreach beyond Calvary and Lombard as the pandemic continued.

During our 2021 Stewardship Appeal, we heard “Ministry Minute” speakers share with us during our Sunday service what Calvary means to them and how Calvary has helped them during the pandemic. We also printed their presentations in the e-news bulletin. A huge Thank You to Jennifer Hentrich, Liz Brezinski, Kate Pierson, Marilyn Stein, Bill Kendall, and Don Bradley for their inspirational and heartfelt expressions of what Calvary means to them!

The finance committee set a 2021 budget goal of \$173,000. Although we did not reach our goal, with God’s help we received \$135,256.00 in pledges. Calvary is blessed to have such a generous and dedicated congregation.

I have now completed my second year as the Stewardship Committee representative on the Vestry. Although I will continue on the Stewardship Committee in 2021, Jeri Kellan will be taking over from me on the Vestry as I move to the position of Junior Warden. I want to thank Mother Mo, Ken and Jennifer, and the other members of the Vestry for their continuing encouragement and support. Last, but by no means least, I am deeply grateful for the help and support of my fellow committee member Marilyn Stein. Thank you all so very much.

Jim Filkins

Committee Member: Marilyn Stein

Welcome

The welcome group consists of Greeters (ushers), coffee hour host, and coffee hour clean up as well as providing cakes and coffee for special events. We have continued to see the volunteer list for the welcome group shrink, however, we hope to re-build the ranks when we're allowed to re-open the church without restrictions. Job duties and job instruction sheets have been developed and placed in the narthex of the church for usher/greeters and in the kitchenette for coffee hour hosts and clean up persons.

For the first few months of the year we continued to serve "I have a bean" coffee as well as selling coffee beans from them. I have a bean is a second chance company employing formerly incarcerated people allowing them an opportunity to rebuild their lives. Also, by selling bags of whole bean or grounds from them allowed us to make a little money to offset the cost of purchasing grounds for our consumption. Hopefully they survive this down year and we will continue to be able to support them when our coffee hour resumes.

Tom Ceplecha

Please see updated Usher Duties document

Formation Ministries

Youth Formation

Sunday School was very touch and go throughout 2020 but we stuck through it and worked together to get through COVID the best we could.

January:

- Gifted the kids *God Believes in You* book
- Faith bracelets
- Kids reached marble goal and were rewarded with a slime day and ice cream treat

February:

- Prayer pillowcases tie dye project
- Burned ashes outside for Ash Wednesday with lesson starting Lent

March

- Lent/Easter lesson "footprint to God" craft

April

- 3 videos online

May

- 2 videos online including Mother's Day tribute and craft

June

- 1 online video, Father's Day tribute

We tried to stay in touch over the summer. I invited moms and kids over for swimming.

September

- Outdoor activity: chalk the walk with positive thoughts and prayers on church grounds

October

- Fall in Christ scavenger hunt through Lilacia Park
- Outdoor Bible charades with shaving cream
- Salt dough cross craft

November

- Family video and activities sent to kids

December

- Family activity worksheet sent to kids
- Nativity ornaments craft sent to kids

Victoria Sowa

Adult Formation

Formation took a virtual turn in March of 2020, as in-person classes and study groups had to be adapted to the challenges of the pandemic. Nonetheless, it was a year of spiritual growth and I am very grateful for the opportunity to have been involved over this past year and into 2021!

Bible Study:

Deacon Marvin led two Bible studies this year, one in the summer on the Book of Acts and one in the fall on the Book of Daniel, using Zoom. After an introduction and some guidance from Deacon Marvin, members of the class took turns preparing chapters each week to teach each other. The class had 8-10 regular attendees who looked forward to meeting and grew closer over the course of the study group.

Devotionals:

Mother Mo began doing devotionals on Facebook Live several days a week at noon in the Spring using Forward Day by Day, and at her request I began doing a weekly morning one using the same format, continuing to the present. These devotionals center around reflections on a Bible verse from the Lectionary for that day, and include discussion and prayer. I've found this practice to be a good way to deepen my appreciation of Scripture and to connect with Calvary members in an encouraging way. Because the devotionals are recorded on Facebook Live, they can be viewed at any time. In the month of December, the morning devotionals had a FB "Reach" of 50-80 views.

Book Group:

Beginning in March, the Calvary Book Group began meeting monthly via Zoom, then with Google Meets. In keeping with the nationwide reckoning with racial injustice, we decided to spend most of the year becoming more informed by reading books both historical:

Why We Can't Wait by Martin Luther King
The Autobiography of Malcolm X as told to Alex Haley

and more current:

White Awake by Daniel Hill;
The Road to Healing: A Civil War Reparations Story by Ken Woodley;
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates;
This Land is Our Land: An Immigrant's Manifesto by Suketa Mehta,

as well as a work of historical fiction:

The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead.

For solace and encouragement, we read:

Sing to the Lord an Old Song: Meditations on Classic Hymns by Richard Schmidt

--and enjoyed a virtual duet by Bruce and Audrey! We finished the year with two books that focused on being Christ followers in the world: How do we welcome others into our church family?

The Simplest Way to Change the World: Biblical Hospitality as a Way of Life by
Brandon Clements and Dustin Willis

And, how do we respond when God calls us to love, but nationalism calls us to war?

Broken We Kneel by Diana Butler Bass.

Book Group had a regular attendance of 5-7 members.

Looking Ahead to 2021:

We hope to have another weekly evening Bible Study of the Book of Mark, beginning in Lent, but the date, time, and leadership are to be determined at this point.

I am planning a Lenten Lectio Divina (“Holy Reading”) Formation study, with help from Stephanie Castle, Gwen O’Loughlin, Carla Castle, and Jim Filkins. Members of Calvary who wish to participate will receive a Lenten Lectio Divina Booklet with prayers, Scripture, and instructions to do a weekly practice, which they will then share with a “Bible Buddy.” It is our hope that this will connect us more as a community during this special time of preparation for Easter.

It is my privilege to serve on the Vestry as Formation Chair, and I welcome any ideas you have to better equip us to serve Christ in the world!

Marilyn Stein

Calvary Outreach

In 2020, Calvary collaborated with Courageous Love Initiative (CLI), Immigrant Solidarity of DuPage (ISD), Tri-Town YMCA and RENEW Church to distribute food and toiletry items monthly to people in need in the Glendale Heights and Carol Stream. There were monthly meetings with CLI and RENEW church along with Calvary representatives with varying agendas addressing social justice issues. At one time in June, this collaboration of activists fed over 1,100 families in need in Glendale Heights. Those who were active in this ministry were Mother Mo, Kate Pierson, Marilyn Stein and Liz Brezinski.

Other outreach activities closer to home were healing prayer which took place at Calvary weekly where several people from Calvary gathered to pray for needs of Calvarians, not limited to healing, but including other needs personally and for Calvary Church. House Blessing Kits were distributed to families to bless their homes during Lent. Calvary participated in the Community Blood Drive along with the YMCA and collected units of blood from over 100 people.

In the late summer, Calvary collected school supplies for children in need at Madison School. Also, in September, Calvarians participated in Love Your Neighbor Day volunteering to assist those in the community who needed help renovating their homes, because they lacked the physical or financial ability to do so themselves. In November, Calvarians filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritans Purse. This year our boxes were sent to children in the Ukraine. In past years, our boxes were sent to children in Rwanda, Ghana, Togo, Kenya and Madagascar.

Another outreach activity was ecumenical worship with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Downers Grove, sharing music and preaching from pastors from Gloria Dei and Calvary all done virtually due to COVID.

Jan Bruesch, Outreach Chair

Events

Bible Trivia / “Stump the Pastor”

A virtual event was held on 5/19/20. The event was hosted by Liz Brezinski. Participants answered multiple-choice questions sourced by Maria Latona. Audrey Schuurmann won for the most correct answers and successfully stumped the pastor, Maureen O’Connor. The event raised \$100 for Mother Mo’s discretionary fund. An additional Stump the Pastor event is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2021 and Fall 2021. The Fall 2021 event may allow in-person trivia.

Mother Mo O’Connor Celebration

A virtual event was held on 10/24/20. The event was hosted by Liz Brezinski. Participants congratulated Mother Mo on her new opportunities. A game of Mother Mo Trivia was played. A slideshow showing the impact Mother Mo had on Calvary Church and the community was viewed.

Nativity Scene

A virtual event was held on 12/26/20. The event was hosted by Liz Brezinski. Participants acted out a nativity scene to celebrate Christmas virtually. This was an opportunity to socialize with friends and fellow parishioners during a time when we have not been able to be physically together. Hopefully, the Nativity Scene can be performed by children in-person, Christmas 2021.

Postponed/Canceled Events

Regretfully, since March of 2020 due to COVID-19, it has been encouraged or required that people avoid gathering in groups. The decision had to be made to restrict Calvary Church events to a virtual space. Our most popular events did not have an easy path transitioning to virtual events and it was difficult to determine what type of new virtual events would resonate with the parish. Due to COVID-19, we essentially canceled previously popular/successful events such as the Christmas Cookie Walk, Painting Class, Summer Bags Tournament & Concert, Halloween Trick or Treating with the YMCA, and an Art Show.

Tentative Events

In addition to potentially bringing back the events listed as postponed/canceled, once it is safe to do so, future events may include Celebrating the Epiphany (virtual), Anything You’ve Ever Wanted to Know About Being Episcopalian But Were Afraid to Ask (virtual), The Gathering (virtual), Drive-By Pet Blessings on St. Francis Day (socially distanced).

I want to thank the parish for their patience and understanding as I personally had to navigate an especially difficult year in 2020. I look forward to our future virtual events but the return to traditional events potentially this summer will be the most rewarding.

Sincerely, Joe Latona

Buildings and Grounds

This year, even though our building use was minimal due to Covid-19, we still had repairs and maintenance that needed to be done. Unfortunately, I went over my budget, in part due to repairs that needed to be addressed sooner rather than later, and that posed safety issues. The following list is annual maintenance and tests that are required by the Village of Lombard:

- Fire Extinguishers retagged and checked.
- Emergency lights tested and batteries replaced. (as needed)
- Fire alarm and fire pull stations tested. (Fire Marshall on hand to witness test)
- Annual Fire Suppression system tested (Fire Alarm needs to trigger) and circulation test.
- AC/Heating systems serviced.
- Back flow system test.

The following is a list of repairs that were made this year:

- Emergency light fixture replaced
- Roof leak north entrance into the parish hall (double door entry way)
- New electronic keypad was installed and new software uploaded
- 3 windows replaced
- Potholes filled
- AC/RTU needed modified BDF drive (AC unit)
- South side gutter and down spout were replaced. The church downspout was relocated. (this is one of the causes for flooding in the basement)
- Two bathroom faucets replaced, one kitchen faucet replaced
- Coat hangers were installed in the bathroom stalls.
- Rectory 2nd floor bathroom floor repaired and new toilet installed
- Rectory 3 new window AC units installed (donated by a parishioner)
- 2 trees removed after August tornado (Marcia Pardue donated the money for this)
- Retaining wall patched (southside of the Parish hall basement viewed from kitchen and two classrooms)
- East side fire door in the basement, door and frame replaced
- South side basement fire door, rain guard installed

Throughout the year, Maggie and I also dealt with flooding in the basement- particularly this spring when we set 3 consecutive records in the past 3 years with rain fall amounts. I would like to thank Maggie, Austin, Rich, Don, Linda Szady (House of Glass) Bruce & Audrey, Donald & Stephanie, Mother Mo, Priscilla, and Liz for their help. Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or can help. Thank you and pray for me and our buildings.

Thank you and God Bless, Drew Nolan

Finance:

As we all know, 2020 was not like any other. Many organizations have suffered financially from the pandemic. I was very concerned that would be the case for Calvary too. However, I need to thank everyone for continuing to meet your pledge to Calvary. We received 92% of the money pledged in 2020. I appreciate everyone making the effort to mail your checks or go online and set up your donations. It makes a big difference to a church our size.

We also benefitted from the Bishop's Grant for \$20,000. We received these funds to support our Rector's full-time salary and benefits. We also received \$24,931.02 from the PPP program through the Small Business Administration and we were notified as of 12/23/20 that our loan was completely forgiven. These funds allowed us to pay all our employees throughout the pandemic. I would like to thank Ken Pardue for preparing the PPP documents and spreadsheets to submit to the bank. His assistance was greatly appreciated.

I am happy to report that we ended the year with \$41,355.13 in net ordinary income. However, we will need to reserve funds to be used for a new rector's salary and benefits. We had a pledge goal of \$173,000 but received \$132,056 in pledges for 2021.

One of our great successes this year, we raised \$6286.83 for Immigrant Solidarity DuPage during our Lenten Project. I want to thank the many volunteers that helped with the Dinner Party fundraiser that kicked off our Lenten Project. There were over 30 people involved in making this event possible. I want to specifically thank Jennifer Hentrich, Audrey Schuurmann, Jim Filkins, and Marilyn Stein who helped me discern the direction of the project and were a great support throughout the process.

This year we received \$8646 for the Rector's Discretionary fund, with a huge increase in support during the pandemic. A significant portion of these funds were used to support those who were greatly affected by job loss. We supported the food drives and supplied diapers, baby formula and toiletries to help these families. The Rector dispersed \$8737.76 in 2020 to assist those in need.

We also helped 2 families in the amount of \$1254.98 from the Love Fund. We received \$1000 in donations to the fund in 2020.

As part of the Courageous Love Initiative (CLI), we received a Vitality Grant through the Diocese of Chicago for \$11,250. CLI used \$3553.48 for their projects in 2020 and a balance of \$7696.52 remains for new programs in 2021.

I would like to thank Audrey Schuurmann for her dedication to scheduling the counters each week. I cannot thank Audrey Schuurmann, Grant Ianelli, and Pat Cekal enough for their assistance in getting all the money counted and deposited in a timely manner.

I also need to thank my finance committee for the time they have spent discerning our finances and how we should use them in 2021. Thank you to Ken Pardue, Jennifer Hentrich and Jim Filkins for the hours you spent with me going over the numbers to prepare our 2021 budget.

Please review the following pages for the Operating Performance and Cash Position reports as of 12/31/2020 and the 2021 budget. Feel free to contact me at any time with questions about your pledge or Calvary's finances.

Faithfully yours, Lisa Pardue

(Insert Financial Reports)

MINISTRY REPORTS

Almoner

This function is scheduled for Tuesday morning in the Rectory between the hours of 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. We distribute gift cards for gas and food, purchased from the Rector's Discretionary Fund, to those needing assistance.

John Jaska led this ministry until COVID shut down Calvary in March. Once Mother Mo and Liz Brezinski returned to the office in June, they helped distribute gift cards. When Mother Mo resigned, the ministry was put on hold. Calvary's future rector will discern the direction of this ministry at Calvary.

Altar Guild

This year brought many changes to Altar Guild, just as it has brought changes to Calvary and changes to our daily lives. After returning from a short suspension of church services, Altar Guild was back on with new guidelines for Altar and Communion set up, modified to keep parishioners and clergy safe. Modifications include Altar Guild members using gloves and masks for handling and set up of communion vessels, wine, and Host. Use of individual, disposable communion cups set in a communion tray. Use of gloves or tongs by Priest to distribute Host. Guild members main tasks of caring for the Altar remain the same, including preparing the Altar and setting up communion every Sunday in addition to weddings, funerals and additional services held during Lent and Advent.

Current members are Ada Carrasco, Carol Halla, Kate Pierson, and Jennifer Ceplecha. Marilyn Stein graciously continues her service to this ministry by laundering the Altar Linens. A true blessing! The Altar Guild was lovingly led by Marianna Holm for the better part of 2020 (and several years prior). Marianna stepped down as Chair in November, passing the torch to Jennifer Ceplecha.

The peace and tranquility of spending time preparing the Lord's Altar is a great joy to me. I pray that others in our congregation will feel called to this ministry. If you would like to learn more about Altar Guild and what we do, please contact Jennifer Ceplecha.

Jennifer Ceplecha, Altar Guild Chair

Art Fair

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Art Fair was cancelled.

Ashes to Go

Clergy and lay leaders from Lombard arrived at Calvary at 5:30am to vest and prepare for Ash Wednesday before walking to the Lombard Metra station. It is a wonderful experience connecting with the community in this way. Over 100 individuals were served this year.

Clergy Attended

- Pastor Maureen O'Connor, Calvary Episcopal Church
- Pastor Jill Terpstra, First Church of Lombard UCC

Lay Leaders Attended

- Jim Filkins
- Marilyn Stein
- Kris Hansen
- Elizabeth Cherian

Bagels

Harrison Holm organized the small team of volunteers that were responsible for picking up bakery items at Panera Bread through their “Day End Dough-Nation” program. The volunteers set out the treats for coffee hour and dropped off the remainder at York Township Senior’s Center.

Once the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Calvary made many changes to help keep our community safe. When Panera Bread informed us that they would be resuming the program in July 2020, we had to opt out of the partnership, but we hope to revisit the ministry in the future.

Christmas Baskets

For the past 95 years, ReVive Center’s community outreach includes the Christmas Basket Program, which provides Christmas gifts to families in need.

Calvary did not participate in the program in 2020, largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CROP Walk

No report for 2020

The Daughters of the King

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate but not in communion with it. The Order was founded in 1885 by Margaret J. Franklin at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in New York City. Members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.

Under normal circumstances, the Daughters of the King meet every third Saturday at 10:00 am for a time of prayer, study, and fellowship. This year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we communicated by text, emails, and telephone calls. I have asked our eleven members of the Castle Chapter of The Daughters of the King to share with you how they lived out The Rule of Life in 2020.

- Every morning I take an hour to pray and meditate. I pray for those in need, our world, and give thanksgiving and gratitude for all God's blessings, even during the hard times.
- This year I did a lot of service with feeding and providing essentials to vulnerable families most impacted by COVID. Mostly immigrants in our community who weren't privy to unemployment or any stimulus checks. They suffered the most. I also made it a point to walk alongside our hurting black sisters and brothers as they pled for peace justice and true equality within our country.
- I, too, find myself praying throughout the day. I pray for those on Calvary's prayer list even though I don't get Liz's list - God knows their names. Our world is so broken right now - it needs lots of prayers. We may be a small group, but I take comfort in knowing that our prayers are powerful!
- Because I had no job most of the year, I took long walks in nature. I made that my "prayer time" and intentionally prayed for all those on my list and those that were brought to my attention from all of you ladies. I talked to God a lot this year and actually had some time to listen for His answers.
- I do pray for all the people I know and those that I have been asked to pray for.
- I do most of my prayers throughout the day when I have little breaks. I have been serving food at least once a week to the Community at the school where I work.
- I print out the prayer list that Liz sends out and add new names with needs as they come up. I keep the list by my bedside and another in my work area so I can remember who to pray for and their intentional needs at least twice a day, maybe more. A friend from Alpha said since I had to spend so long in the morning adjusting my back, I had a wonderful opportunity to pray, so that's what I do with some of that down time.
- Daily prayers from the prayer list and beyond. Participating in the bishop electing convention - which was awesome! Donating needed goods (toilet paper, food, etc.) Visiting with my dad when he was in the hospital and errands when he was out.

Working with Marilyn on the Lenten project. And of course, being there for my students and offering my grace, flexibility and prayers - I pray with my lead professor every term for our students.

- I have spent each day in 2020 doing what turned out being the most rewarding spiritual journey of my life - reading the entire Bible. I used an App called "Read Scripture". I worship daily with the Washington National Cathedral Morning prayer service, Calvary's Tuesday morning Forward Reflection with Marilyn Stein, and Calvary's Sunday morning worship service. I also keep my prayer list in the kitchen and pray intentionally throughout the day. I send get well and encouragement cards and make phone visits. I am assisting Marilyn Stein in any way needed with the upcoming Lenten project.
- I pray throughout my day, read my devotional, and pray each night at bedtime.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Castle, DOK president

Jan Bruesch, Ada Carasso, Stephenie Castle, Karen Dakis, Maureen O'Connor, Marianna Holm, Ruthann Janis, Jeri Kellan, Sally McClure, and Maggie Nolan

Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund, established in 2018, continues to grow.

On December 31, 2019, the balance was \$ 5,217.62

We received donations in 2020 of 1,487.00
given in memory of:

Megan Smith, John and Barbara Morrice
Mary Beth McGowan, members of the
Hansen family, Chelle O'Connell, and
Audrey Iannelli

The Common Fund of the Diocese paid dividends of: 148.45

Fund Appreciation Income totaled: 209.34

On September 30, 2020, our balance was: \$ 7,062.41

If year-end financial documents arrive before the Annual Meeting, the final balance will be updated then.

The Endowment Committee (Grant Iannelli, Jeri Kellan, Bill Kendall, Gwen O'Loughlin, and Audrey Schuurmann) was planning to work in 2020 on producing a brochure on how to

remember Calvary in one's will. Unfortunately, the pandemic short-circuited that work, so it will be taken up again in 2021.

Kids Hope USA

Kids Hope USA is a national, non-profit organization which facilitates mentoring relationships with at-risk children through a church-school partnership. Calvary began this ministry in 2018 at Madison Elementary School in Lombard. Calvary's Mentors for the 2019-2020 school year were Bruce and Audrey Schuurmann and Kate Pierson. Prayer Partners were Drew Nolan, Hester Bury and Marilyn Stein. Mentors met with their students from October 2019 until the week of March 9, 2020. Due to the prolonged school closings and continuing uncertainty due to the pandemic, we have decided to discontinue this program.

Kate Pierson

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Calvary's group of Lay Eucharistic Ministers bring the body of Christ to those who are unable to be at church. Once the pandemic hit, this ministry had to be discontinued, but we are hopeful for the day it can be resumed. Thank you to Ada Carrasco, Marilyn Stein, Marvin Neely and Deborah Russell Neely for your service.

Lectors and Chalice Bearers

The monthly calendar of Lectors and Servers was jointly scheduled by Gwen O'Loughlin and Kate Pierson through March 2020. In those days, the church had up to 16 positions to fill each week! When in-person church resumed in the Sanctuary, Kate helped contact the available volunteers for Lector, Intercessor, and Crucifer, based on new COVID-19 protocols. Thank you to all those who have been able to serve this year, performing multiple duties, and adapting to the many changes we have weathered!

Kate Pierson

Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry

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Magdalene House Chicago

2020 BLESSING!

We have a house. The closing was on December 21, 2020. Currently awaiting the approval of the zoning permit which may take minimum 30 days, maximum 90. Now another journey begins, interviewing and hiring a licensed clinical social worker and a Director, decorating, and furnishing the rooms. Then the biggest and best journey of all begins for the women who will make this Magdalene House their HOME. Women who want to heal from abuse, sex trafficking and prostitution. As a Magdalene Congregation, your prayers, monetary donations, and support got us this far and hopefully will carry us further on this journey. Our work is just beginning.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Yes, Love Heals.
Gwen O'Loughlin, Calvary Member and Magdalene House Board Member

Music

As of January 13, 2021, all of these projects are ongoing:

BUDGET: Identifying resources for print music and materials, substitute and supplementary musicians, instrument maintenance and repair, annual licenses and subscriptions (OneLicense, CCLI, etc.).

KEYBOARDS AND MUSICAL EQUIPMENT: Which keyboards work, which need to be serviced (organ); inventorying music stands and other equipment.

MUSIC LIBRARY: Creating a digital database for easy, remote access.

CHOIR MEMBER OUTREACH: Introducing myself to individual members in person and via email. Exploring ways to build community over virtual platforms while we wait to resume in-person singing.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Introducing myself to area musicians to share resources and ideas.

COVID BEST PRACTICES: Monitoring reports and studies from various agencies and institutions, including the Archdiocese and DuPage County Health Department.

Sabina L. Lilly

Nursery

Our nursery attendant, Brooke, did a wonderful job of taking care of Calvary's youngest members during worship each week. The families with small children were so grateful to have a familiar face each Sunday. The nursery closed in March when the pandemic hit, and is yet to re-open. Brooke left to attend Illinois State University in August.

Liz Brezinski

Prayer Blanket Ministry

The prayer blanket ministry at Calvary continued in spite of the COVID pandemic, although the process was modified to keep volunteers safe healthy. The material was purchased, then cut, then tied individually. Then the blankets were blessed during Sunday service. Volunteers in this ministry are Jan Bruesch, Gwen O'Loughlin, Marianna Holm, Lisa Pardue, Carol Halla, and Mother Mo O'Connor. The Calvary prayer blanket ministry brought a physical reminder of God's love to 15 people in 2020.

Tri-Town YMCA Liaison

This new position was formed for Kate Pierson to collaborate with YMCA Director Sarah O'Donnell on family events, and to coordinate church volunteers to assist in YMCA children's programs. When COVID-19 hit, the YMCA focused on arranging daily meal distributions through the schools and then in collaboration with the Northern Illinois Food Bank during the summer. Kate volunteered through the Y to distribute meals at various sites from March until school officially resumed at the end of August. Sarah O'Donnell is a dynamo and I am sorry to lose this partnership opportunity, with their move to St. Alexander's school in Villa Park.

Kate Pierson

Vegetable Garden

Gardens grow just fine during a pandemic! In 2020, the two raised beds behind the rectory yielded 90 pounds of fresh, organic produce for the Lombard-Villa Park Food Pantry. We also produced about 10 pounds of tasty bites for the local squirrels. Thanks to Audrey Schuurmann and Hester Bury for tending and harvesting the garden!

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.

Mary Beth McGowan

Chelle O'Connell

Eleanor Alberts