

# The Calvary Connection

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## Give Me a Second Helping of That!

I learned that if one wants to have a very successful brunch, ask Debby Peters to make homemade blueberry pancakes. Hot off the griddle and not long on our plates, Debby's blueberry pancakes were the main ingredient of our Second Table Brunch last Sunday. Thanks to Debby and all the cooks who contributed egg casseroles, muffins, fruit, and more. And thanks to Cindy for organizing Second Table. If volume of laughter and conversation is any indication of a healthy community, we're doing just fine.

For those who are new to Calvary (The Big Red Church), Second Table is part of our work with Alverno College to move from classroom to table-based Christian formation. While we will continue to offer classes and book studies (two

studies are in the works at the time of this writing) our primary efforts at Christian formation, after worship, are at Second Table. Here we practice the four abilities we identified with Alverno College faculty and consultant, Sandy Graham. We build community and friendship as we work together to set up for and clean up after the meal and as we use the Story Corp questions to encourage one another to share our stories. We practice prayer as we all participate in the table graces that begin and each meal. We practice a ministry of compassion as we welcome all to our tables, including those who are not in a position to contribute food. And the bible stories, offered in a reader's theater style or as short skits, help develop our biblical and theological literacy.

While classroom based Christian formation offers us opportunities to study and analyze biblical texts and themes and so increase our knowledge and understanding, table-based Christian formation uses participation and interaction to help us grow in the likeness of Christ. We learn compassion not only by reading the biblical texts that describe Jesus' compassion, but also by practicing compassion with one another. We not only read that Jesus called his disciples and future followers friends, we offer ourselves in friendship to one another as we set up for and clean up after our meals, and as we tell our stories and listen to the stories of others. Young and old, with much or with little to offer, at Second Table we do and as we do, we grow. The next Second Table is October 11.

~ Pastor Mark

## Mr. and Mrs. Unity

Are you in an ecumenical marriage? For example, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic; Lutheran and Presbyterian; no church background/other church background/came to Calvary... etc. The Wisconsin Council of Churches and Cardinal

Stritch University are sponsoring an event this September 27-28 on what ecumenical marriages can teach the larger community about unity. If you would be interested in serving on a panel and talk about your own ecumenical marriage, please contact the church

office by Sunday, September 20, and we will pass your names along to Rev. Steve Kuhl, Professor of Theology at Cardinal Stritch University. You do not need to be a Calvary member to participate! 414-271-8782 [calvarymilwaukee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:calvarymilwaukee@sbcglobal.net)



Angela Iannone as  
Katharine Hepburn

### In Tandem Theatre presents *Tea at Five*

Milwaukee favorite Angela Iannone captures the fiery spirit of Katharine Hepburn in this one-woman show that recounts her journey from a well-heeled Yankee childhood to winner of four Oscars. Ensclosed in her beloved Fenwick home, Ms. Hepburn reflects on the dizzying heights and emotional lows of her upbringing, her adventures in show business and her heartbreaking romance with Spencer Tracy.

*Tea at Five* runs from October 9-25, with a Pay-What-You-Can Preview on Thursday, October 8 at 7:30 pm.

For tickets and more show information, including a Study Guide and full synopsis, visit [www.intandemtheatre.org](http://www.intandemtheatre.org), or call 414-271-1371.

All shows at the Tenth Street Theatre, 628 N. 10th Street (in the lower level of the big red church!)

### This Space for Rent!

Got a story? Report it!

A bit of news to share? We're all ears!

Pictures from your latest trip? Can't wait to see!

Your kids' latest "artwork"? We'll frame it!

A good joke? Bring it on!

Looking to buy, sell or swap something? Let everyone know!

Send it on in! Email your newsletter items to:

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Taizé Prayer Service  
At Calvary Church

### Poetry Corner

*Earth is crammed with Heaven,  
And every bush aflame with God,  
But only those who see take off their shoes.*

Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-61)\*

*When a group of people are sailing in a boat,  
none of them has a right to bore a hole under his own seat.*

Israel Meir ha-Kohen (1838-1933)\*

\*Quoted in The Green Bible, New Revised Standard Version. HarperCollins, Publishers

## Taking small steps

My basketball coach, when he was about 50, took up the guitar. And he used his experience of learning the guitar to teach us about learning and that small, regular actions can have large, lasting results. He said when he decided to learn the guitar, he promised himself he would practice at least 15 minutes every day. Some days he practiced over an hour and some days 15 minutes was all he could squeeze in, especially during basketball season. He demonstrated the first chord he learned, and then the next chords, and then some strumming techniques, and finally, some fairly fancy picking techniques. In just one year he had gone from a beginner who didn't even know how to hold the guitar to someone who could play along with many songs on the radio -- all from practicing 15 minutes every day.

Many of you have expressed a desire to integrate prayer into your day and have asked me for prayer resources. I have three resources to suggest but first, a review of the lesson of my basketball coach. Promise to pray 15 minutes every day. It could be the first 15 minutes after you get out of bed. Or, the 15 minutes it takes you to drive to or from work each day. Or 15 minutes during lunch. You can even divide the 15 minutes: 5 minutes with every meal, or 10 minutes in the morning and 5 minutes before bed. One can chant the Psalms, read the lectionary texts, follow the daily office, or use a devotional booklet.

15 minutes every day, and in a year, who knows what new heights and depths our souls will reach.

Here are some resources I have used or that have been recommended by colleagues:

[The Green Bible.](#)  
Harper Bibles.

Sold at Amazon ~ \$16.17

The Green Bible is the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible with texts about creation and stewardship of creation printed in green. It includes "The Green Bible Trail Guide which leads readers through a selection of Bible passages touching on six green themes that appear throughout the biblical narrative".

[Book of Common Worship Daily Prayer,](#)  
Leatherbound.

Westminster/John Knox Press.

Sold at Amazon for ~ \$19.96

The Book of Common Worship Daily Prayer has orders for morning, midday, evening, and night prayers, canticles, and most of the Psalms. The Psalms are printed and pointed for chanting and several chant forms are offered at the beginning of the Psalm section.

[A Guide to Prayer for All God's People.](#)  
Norman Shawchuck and Reuben Job.

Sold at Amazon for ~ \$10.88.

This little devotional book includes an order for daily prayer that includes lectionary readings, several excerpts from the works of religious writers, and a suggested hymn.



***"15 minutes every day, and in a year, who knows what new heights and depths our souls will reach. "***



- Mark McDonough

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Calvary Church is a Christian Community organized around three words:  
gathering, shaping and sending.

**GATHERING** is more than getting everyone in one place; it is also an attitude of welcome and hospitality. It means noticing one another and taking time to learn each other's names and stories. It also means removing barriers: in our building and in our personalities.

**SHAPING** is our word for intentionally striving to grow in the image of Christ. Through worship, education opportunities for all ages, active participation in the mission of the church, and fellowship, we hope to make our lives more like Christ's.

**SENDING** means just that; we believe God gather and shapes us to send us out to love as God loves. In our homes, our work, our communities, and our world, we try to make life on earth as it is in Heaven.

Whether you are looking for a Christian community or just passing through...  
please visit us - you are welcome here!

## SEPTEMBER 2009

**Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat**

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|   |    | 1   | 2<br>Morning Prayers<br>7:30am<br>Labyrinth<br>5:30-7:00 pm  | 3<br>Ave practice<br>5:30-7:30 pm  | 4<br>TST Gallery 6pm<br>Wedding rehearsal<br>6pm                  | 5<br>Wedding 3:30pm<br>Wedding rehearsal<br>6:00pm |
| 6<br><b>WORSHIP</b> 10am<br>(Shertz baptism)<br>Wedding 4:30pm              | 7  | 8<br>Ave worship<br>8:00 pm                                 | 9<br>Morning Prayers<br>7:30am<br>Labyrinth<br>5:30-7:00 pm  | 10<br>MCO rehearsal<br>10am-4:30pm | 11<br>MCO rehearsal<br>10am-4:30pm<br>Wedding rehearsal<br>6:00am | 12<br>Wedding 2:30pm<br>MCO concert<br>7:30pm      |
| 13<br><b>WORSHIP</b> 10am<br>SECOND TABLE<br>TST Cabaret Series<br>7:00pm   | 14 | 15<br>Ave worship<br>8:00 pm                                | 16<br>Morning Prayers<br>7:30am<br>Labyrinth<br>5:30-7:00 pm | 17                                 | 18<br>Wedding rehearsal<br>6:00pm                                 | 19<br>Wedding 2:00pm                               |
| 20<br><b>WORSHIP</b> 10am<br>Session meeting<br>Ave practice<br>5:30-7:30pm | 21 | 22<br>Ave worship<br>8:00 pm<br>Lego Project<br>3:00-4:30pm | 23<br>Morning Prayers<br>7:30am<br>Labyrinth<br>5:30-7:00 pm | 24<br>Lego Project<br>3:00-4:30pm  | 25<br>Wedding rehearsal<br>6:00pm                                 | 26<br>Wedding 2:30pm                               |
| 27<br><b>WORSHIP</b> 10am<br>Ave practice<br>5:30-7:30pm                    | 28 | 29<br>Ave worship<br>8:00 pm<br>Lego Project<br>3:00-4:30pm | 30<br>Morning Prayers<br>7:30am<br>Labyrinth<br>5:30-7:00 pm |                                    |   |  |