



## Kathy Davidson

### **What personal skills and characteristics are you planning on contributing to the work of Council, if elected?**

The skills I would bring to the council are a passion for working with young people, and my desire to always have serving others in our community be in the fore front of my life. As a retired public-school teacher and mentor to many new teachers over the years, I have dedicated most of my life to a Title 1 school where life was difficult for most families, so teaching was not my only job. I often had to be an advocate for children and families. I was a content trainer and served on more committees than you can imagine!

### **In which of Calvary's many ministry areas have you been most involved?**

My involvement at Calvary has been diverse. I have worked on both the Pastoral Care Committee and the Intern Committee. I have a passion for working in the community. I have worked faithfully with Room in the Inn program and have served meals at PNS. Most of my work has been done with our Calvary youth. I have served for many years as the mentor to the high schoolers who plan and conduct our Day Camp. I have chaperoned several mission trips as well as last year's Youth Gathering in New Orleans. I have been involved with families as part of the family camping cooking team and supporting special projects such as service days and foster care parties. It is an honor to serve in these roles with our wonderful youth and youth director. I also enjoy attending Calvary's Women's Retreats!

### **Which worship service(s) do you typically attend?**

We usually worship at the 9:30 service. If other Calvary commitments keep me from 9:30 I attend the 10:30 or 11:00 services.

### **How long have you been a member of Calvary?**

My husband Buzz and I have attended Calvary for 15 years. We have one son, Jake, who was active in the youth program.



## **Paul Dobbs**

### **What personal skills and characteristics are you planning on contributing to the work of Council, if elected?**

I have a BS in Biology and Kinesiology, a MS, Mid-Management Certification, Superintendent Certification and a Masters in Administrative Leadership. I have coached and taught at various high schools, served as department chairman, high school assistant principal, and associate superintendent and superintendent. I would enjoy the opportunity to utilize my background in administration and working with various groups to assist the Council and Calvary in whatever aspect they deem best. Whatever is necessary to help Calvary maintain our commitment to the congregation, community and outreach opportunities.

### **In which of Calvary's many ministry areas have you been most involved?**

I have enjoyed participating in various programs that exemplify Calvary: Men's organization, adult bible study, workdays, Enneagram classes, Via de Cristo, Men's Small Groups.

### **Which worship service(s) do you typically attend?**

Sharon and I typically attend the 9:30am

### **How long have you been a member of Calvary?**

Sharon and I joined Calvary in 2014, immediately following our first visit – we knew what we wanted and needed.



## **Christy Gibson**

### **What personal skills and characteristics are you planning on contributing to the work of Council, if elected?**

The personal characteristics I plan on contributing to Council are being a good listener, teamwork, honesty, compassion, empathy, hard work, and helping out when I see a need. The skills I plan on contributing are organization and being a team player. These are invaluable to building a strong foundation for any team that leads an organization.

### **In which of Calvary's many ministry areas have you been most involved?**

I've been involved with Stephen Ministry several years ago, Sunday School Superintendent for one year (again, several years ago), 1 term on Church Council (many years ago), Parish Lay Ministry, playing flute in orchestra, singing at 9:30, playing flute and singing at Taize, Assisting Minister, playing handbells, and Intern Committee for the past 3 and ½ years.

### **Which worship service(s) do you typically attend?**

I typically attend the 9:30 service.

### **How long have you been a member of Calvary?**

I was born, baptized, and confirmed at Calvary. I've been a member for 48 years.



## Catherine Gollhofer

**What personal skills and characteristics are you planning on contributing to the work of Council, if elected?**

Should I be elected, I hope to utilize many of my personal life skills such as being organized, patient, reliable, trustworthy and compassionate. Outside of church I am a practicing Occupational Therapist and former Piano Teacher.

**In which of Calvary's many ministry areas have you been most involved?** During the past several years I have had the opportunity to usher Sunday services, allowing me to meet and greet new and current members. As a member of Calvary, I have served and participated in the following ministry areas; Sunday School teacher, Ushering, Hand Bell Choir, Woman's Retreats, Room at the Inn, and a Harpist during Sunday services and other special occasions.

**Which worship service(s) do you typically attend?**

Now that our children have grown, I typically attend the 9:30 service.

**How long have you been a member of Calvary?**

Over 20 years ago my husband, two children and I started attending services at Calvary Lutheran Church and quickly became members.



## Jacob Groening

**What personal skills and characteristics are you planning on contributing to the work of Council, if elected?**

As a teacher and musician, my perspective on patience and grace shapes my worldview. I would bring an awareness of what families are going through, a younger generation's experience in the church, and a passion for worship through music.

**In which of Calvary's many ministry areas have you been most involved?**

I have mainly been involved in the music ministry both as a performer and conductor.

**Which worship service(s) do you typically attend.**

I normally attend the 9:30am service but attend others on festival/feast days.

**How long have you been a member of Calvary?**

I have been a member since 2011.



## **Tricia Huston**

### **What personal skills and characteristics are you planning on contributing to the work of Council, if elected?**

If elected to the Council, I will use the personal skills and characteristics that I developed working as a nurse: patience, good humor, team work, and respectful communication. I will also bring my love of the Lord, and my love of Calvary and its many ministries.

### **In which of Calvary's many ministry areas have you been most involved?**

I've been involved with NEED, Via de Cristo, Lay Ministry, Women's Bible Study, Stephen Ministry, Lector/Communion assistant, WELCA, NT-NL Public Witness Team, and Homebound member visitation. Most involved? Hard to say, maybe NEED, Via de Cristo, Lay Ministry, Women's Bible Study, and WELCA.

### **Which worship service(s) do you typically attend?**

I usually attend the 9:30am service.

### **How long have you been a member of Calvary?**

My husband and I have been Calvary members since 2018, so six years.



## **Bruce Kime**

### **What personal skills and characteristics are you planning on contributing to the work of Council, if elected?**

I have been a Lutheran my entire life and have had the unique insight into many different Lutheran ELCA Churches around the country. We moved from Wisconsin when I was 8 years old to Oregon where I was in a wonderful youth program similar to ours here. I understand the importance of a strong youth program since our daughters benefitted from them also. While in the Marine Corps for 20 years, we moved often and had the opportunity to be a member of several ELCA Churches with great leadership. I have never been on the Church Council but I am eager to serve.

### **In which of Calvary's many ministry areas have you been most involved?**

I volunteer with Room In The Inn during our summer and winter sessions and also volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

### **Which worship service(s) do you typically attend?**

Kay and I attend the 9:30 service and presently volunteer as Usher/Greeters.

### **How long have you been a member of Calvary?**

I have been a member of Calvary since 2010 and can bring my life experiences as a Lutheran, a retired Marine Corps Officer and a retired Airline Captain to the Church Council.



## Allen Kuhns

**What personal skills and characteristics are you planning on contributing to the work of Council, if elected?**

I have served on Church Councils several times in the past and even been Council President. I have served on the Finance committee, Worship & Music and Youth and Sunday School (Education). If elected, I would be honored to serve our Congregation!

**In which of Calvary's many ministry areas have you been most involved?**

I have been involved in the Adult Education and the Calvary Café Crew.

**Which worship service(s) do you typically attend?**

Melody and I regularly attend the 9:30 Service.

**How long have you been a member of Calvary?**

Melody and I joined Calvary on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We have 3 Children- Jennifer, James, John, Son in Law- Joe, 5 Grandchildren- Gaege, James III, Ava, Collin and John Jr and 1 Great Grandson Rowan.





## **Kathy Morken**

### **What personal skills and characteristics are you planning on contributing to the work of Council, if elected?**

I believe that my positive attitude, joyful heart, honesty and commitment to being a team player will contribute to the continued work of Church Council at Calvary, if elected.

### **In which of Calvary's many ministry areas have you been most involved?**

Calvary is involved in many ministry areas that support our community, but the one I was most passionate about was the youth program. Calvary does an amazing job supporting our youth throughout their lives by various Mission Trips, Youth Gatherings and retreats. Calvary instills values and spiritual development to our youth unlike any other church, which is why I wanted to teach Sunday School. It's always been important to me that Calvary kiddos know and feel how much God loves them. I have been teacher Sunday School at Calvary for the last 18+ years and I have enjoyed every minute and every kiddo.

### **Which worship service(s) do you typically attend?**

We usually attend the 10:30 service with the kids or the 11:00

### **How long have you been a member of Calvary?**

My husband Jeff and I moved from Fargo, ND in 1997. We began looking for a Lutheran church we could call home and we visited many and luckily found Calvary and have never looked back. Calvary became our home. Instantly, we were welcomed by other Calvary members and that made us feel like we belonged here.



## Lynn Proctor

### **What personal skills and characteristics are you planning on contributing to the work of Council, if elected?**

As a devoted mother and wife in a blended family, I understand the beauty and complexity of relationships. Every day, I embrace the challenge of balancing the diverse needs of the family, which has taught me the art of communication, empathy, and organization. I have learned to listen attentively and mediate differences with understanding, ensuring that every voice is heard and valued. Leadership is not just a title for me; it's a calling. In my professional life, I work in the ER department of a hospital, and I am with patients during some of their most critical moments. The fast-paced environment demands patience and compassion as I guide individuals through their fears and uncertainties. These experiences have sharpened my ability to assist others during difficult times and reinforced my commitment to encouraging a compassionate community. My journey has equipped me to navigate challenging decisions with clarity and support, making me a valuable asset to the Council. These skills are essential not only at home but also in fostering unity and collaboration within our congregation.

### **In which of Calvary's many ministry areas have you been most involved?**

I have actively engaged with the youth; I am a Mentor for Growing in Motherhood and served as a Sunday school teacher. Each role has reinforced my commitment to nurturing spiritual growth and building community.

### **Which worship service(s) do you typically attend?**

My family and I typically attend the 11 am worship service.

### **How long have you been a member of Calvary?**

I had the privilege to grow up in Calvary and have been a member since 1991, which makes it 33 years.



## Jason Rasmussen

### **What personal skills and characteristics are you planning on contributing to the work of Council, if elected?**

I could contribute my love for God and desire to glorify him by serving his people. I see service as an opportunity to respond in gratitude for the blessings that I have received. I would do so in prayerfulness and humility before God and the congregation. Calvary has blessed my family through three generations, strengthening our faith and nurturing our walk with Christ. I am especially grateful for Calvary's current role investing in the faith of my children. Council would be an opportunity to give back to the community that has made such a meaningful impact in my life, and of my friends and loved ones. I would seek to bring a fresh perspective, while respecting differing views that are naturally present among believers. It is important to me that Calvary continues to be a vibrant community of faith, in an era when church decline has become commonplace. I believe that the council's responsibility is to ensure that Calvary and its members are able to fulfill our mission statement commitment of letting the Holy Spirit work through us, to care for and enlarge the kingdom, deepen the faith of its members, proclaim the good news of Christ's love and forgiveness, and to minister to all people through prayer, sharing, and witness. My heart's desire is to make a positive difference in our community and God's kingdom. I am willing to serve in whatever capacity God sees fit, whether I am called to serve on the council or elsewhere.

### **In which of Calvary's many ministry areas have you been most involved?**

I have been blessed to be involved in Calvary's music ministry by serving as a member of the church choir. I believe that music is a powerful tool to proclaim the glory of God, strengthen his people's faith, and enhance worship. It has enriched my faith, and also given me a sense of community and belonging.

### **Which worship service(s) do you typically attend?**

I typically attend at 11:00.

### **How long have you been a member of Calvary?**

This is my second time as a member of Calvary. I grew up at Calvary, took my first communion and was confirmed here, attending for 12 years, until moving out of the area. I returned to Calvary in 2022 after moving back to Texas.



## Danielle Winnings

### **What personal skills and characteristics are you planning on contributing to the work of Council, if elected?**

As a devoted member of Calvary, I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the church council and contribute to our shared mission. My experiences in both life and career have equipped me with essential skills that can greatly benefit our church community. I excel at identifying opportunities and nurturing relationships, which are crucial for fostering partnerships and enhancing our outreach efforts. I bring strong organizational and problem-solving abilities, coupled with effective leadership skills, allowing me to coordinate initiatives efficiently and ensure they are completed on time and within budget. My collaborative and joyful spirit enables me to connect with individuals from diverse backgrounds, fostering an inclusive environment that embraces everyone's contributions. I am committed to working tirelessly to support our congregation as we serve God.

### **In which of Calvary's many ministry areas have you been most involved?**

I have been most involved with Calvary's Youth Ministry. I have been a Sunday School teacher and volunteer with Calvary youth for over 14 years. I was also on the internship committee for 2 years during Amy Gillespie's and Drew Yoos's internships.

### **Which worship service(s) do you typically attend?**

I typically attend the 11:00 service

### **How long have you been a member of Calvary?**

About 14 years