

Seniors on the Move with Jesus



To love and serve God, each other, and our community

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June 2026 - Senior Highlights

Potluck – June 11th in MPR

Outing – June 25th – Picnic @ Lee Karstens

Social event/games – June 18th

Fridays at 9am

Breakfast Social - Tim's Café, Orting

Thoughts from Mark

Our May potluck was truly one to remember. Our special guest, Peggy Collins, shared some special music and led us in worship. It was a truly blessed time and if you weren't with us, you missed a true blessing, and we hope to see you at the next potluck in June.

I often struggle with how to share my faith with others. Do you face the same challenge? How do I share my faith with others without alienating them in any way or be rejected myself? I have to believe that to some extent we all face this in our faith walk. Recently I did something that I had never done before. I was on my back lying on the surgery table in the operating room prior to receiving a full knee replacement. Just prior to being put under I asked if I could say something to all who would be present during my surgery. There were around seven people in the room and to my surprise they all stopped what they were doing to listen. I told them that several people were praying for a successful surgery and a full and speedy recovery. Not only that but people were praying for them to have their best day in the operating room ever. You could have heard a pin drop. I told them it was time for me to take a good nap and for them to have a great day.

I felt an amazing peace for having shared my faith in this manner. I had thought about it before hand and wasn't sure if I would do it. I am so glad I did. I would encourage you, in whatever way God leads you to share your faith with others. Regardless of where they are in life, whether they realize it or not, they need Jesus.

1 Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

Mark 5:19. Jesus tells the man he healed, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

We hope to see you at the next potluck.

Mark

Hope for Parents of Prodigal Adult Children

By Pastor Dr. Brent McDaniel

One of the deepest pains many parents of adult children quietly carry is the heartbreak of a prodigal son or daughter. Adult children may drift from faith, family, healthy relationships, or godly values. Some distance themselves emotionally; others become trapped in addiction, destructive relationships, bitterness, or spiritual apathy. For loving parents and grandparents, the grief can feel overwhelming. Yet Scripture reminds us that God specializes in pursuing wandering hearts.

Perhaps the most well-known biblical example is found in Luke 15:11–32, the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Jesus describes a father whose son leaves home, wastes his inheritance, and falls into despair. Yet the father never stops loving or hoping. Luke 15:20 (NIV) says, "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him." The father's posture was not bitterness, manipulation, or shame—it was watchful compassion and readiness for restoration.

Many parents mistakenly believe they must "fix" their adult children. However, both biblical wisdom and family systems research remind us that healthy change rarely comes through control. Dr. Edwin Friedman, a respected family systems counselor, emphasized the importance of maintaining a non-anxious, loving presence within difficult family

relationships. In practical terms, this means parents should remain emotionally steady, prayerful, and loving while refusing to enable destructive behavior. This balance is essential. Galatians 6:5 (NIV) reminds us, "for each one should carry their own load." Adult children must ultimately make their own choices and bear responsibility for them. Loving parents can offer support, encouragement, truth, and grace, but they cannot force repentance or spiritual renewal.

At the same time, Scripture calls believers never to abandon hope. Proverbs 22:6 (NIV) says, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it." While this is not a rigid guarantee, it reflects an enduring biblical principle: seeds planted in faith often remain alive beneath the surface long after parents can no longer see them growing.

One of the most powerful ministries parents can offer prodigal children is consistent prayer. Monica, the mother of Augustine—the influential early church theologian—prayed faithfully for her rebellious son for many years before he came to faith in Christ. Her perseverance became a testimony of God's redeeming grace. James 5:16 (NIV) reminds us, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

Parents should also seek opportunities for gentle reconnection. Rather than leading with criticism, arguments, or guilt, strive to create safe pathways back home. Romans 2:4 (NIV) teaches that "God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance." Adult children are more likely to return when they encounter humility, warmth, listening, and unconditional love.

This does not mean ignoring unhealthy boundaries. Sometimes love requires firmness, especially when addiction, abuse, or manipulation are present. Yet even boundaries can be communicated with compassion and dignity.

If you are grieving a prodigal child today, remember this: your story is not finished. God sees your tears, hears your prayers, and continues working even when you cannot see it. Keep loving. Keep praying. Keep the porch light on. The same Father who welcomed the prodigal home still pursues wandering hearts today.

June Scriptures

Prov. 3:5, Ps. 56:3-4

The word "Trust" is on our computer monitor and refrigerator. "Trust" signs have been there for over 3 years now as a visual reminder to trust God. They are a visual aid to cue our minds to rely on God in the everyday as well as the challenging and hard moments. Proverbs 3:5 reads "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*" Yes, we can rely on Google, medical apps and other people's stories to give us a sense of comfort in our mind. This could be a medical diagnosis, a surgical procedure, or any other area that is battling in our mind. We are not to lean on our own understanding or own insight.

Three years ago, I went through a stem cell transplant for a blood cancer that was beyond my understanding no matter how much I read, studied or listened to my medical team. It was a matter to "Trust God" no matter what. Prov. 3:6 reads "in all your ways submit to him, and He will make your paths straight."

He will make your ways straight and often remove obstacles that block the way. The Lord will guide us, but we must submit and surrender to Him. When we are afraid or anxious, God tells us what to do in Psalms 56:3-4. "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid." I challenge you to submit yourself to the Lord and TRUST Him. DJ

Recent Senior Activities

Calvary Seniors,

The purpose of this column is to recap the events from the previous month and let you know about events that are not part of our regular schedule. That could be a movie night, Date night, bowling night, anything that we Seniors do for fun.

For May I'm sad to say we did not have any other events other than our regular schedule events. But I would like to comment on our Outing for May.

This was the Seniors trip to Mud Mountain Dam in Enumclaw. One thing that makes this outing different from others is that this is a way the Senior leadership team to gives back to the Senior group by providing the hamburgers and hot dogs.

Condiments and dessert were provided by the Senior Group.

Rick and Denise Eakins were the leaders for this outing



and did all the leg work. The cooking duties were done by my master chef Ricky and the hamburgers, and hot dogs were burnt to perfection! Not really! The food, games and fellowship was amazing. Speaking of games, we played bingo, cornhole and pickleball. Be sure to check out the Senior Facebook page to see pictures online.

The perfect weather that we had was great. The building that we schedule for this event was covered yet open on three sides and even had clean restrooms, so we were set no matter what the weather was.

What else do Seniors need? The summer months are coming up fast and we will have more events. Please always keep a copy of the Senior newsletter with you so, you will not be left out or check the Calvary Seniors Facebook page for pop up and scheduled activity posts. As we move forward with things to keep us Seniors busy let us know what you want to do and maybe just maybe we can make that happen.

Blessings Alan/Nancy



June Outing at the Lake

Once again, Lee Karsten has graciously invited us to his place on Lake Tapps for a BBQ. The date is June 25th. The Senior fund will be used to provide hamburgers, hot dogs and brats as well as buns and cheese for the burgers. We will need you to bring the condiments and side dishes. Please sign up at the next potluck to share what you intend to bring. Parking at Lee's is limited so please carpool from the church if possible. Meet there at 11:00 AM with an 11:15 departure or meet at Lee's at 11:30. Boat rides are also possible. Unintentional baptisms are also possible if you get too rowdy.

Crazy idea to think about – An ocean cruise in September of 2027. Ideally, (1) no airfare (2) easy access from Sumner, (3) No kids running around – hence September when most are back in school (4) not terribly expensive (under \$2,000 per person for the basic room and dining options). Holland America has this type of trip and price.

Connie and I have done 13 cruises so far. Some with family or friends and some just us. It is nice to go with a group, and this would be an easy one to do. I will have a sign-up sheet at the June potluck for those interested – or give me a call.

Gary Walker

Upcoming Activities/Events

Dr. Brent McDaniel to speak at the June 11th potluck

BBQ at Lee Karsten's place on June 25th

Tacoma Rainiers Baseball Game July 28th

Month	2026 Outings	Leader
June	Picnic at Lee Karstens	Ken W & Mark J
July	Rainiers Baseball Game	Gary
August	Point Ruston	Wanda
September	2 Day Orcas Island Trip	Mark & Delda
October	Harvest Festival	
November	New Day NW	Tami
December	Scrooge & Christmas Lights	

***Items in purple still need someone to lead*

June Recipe

Cream Cheese Coffee Cake

Ingredients for coffee cake base:

- 1½ cups yellow cake mix
- 1 pkg. dry yeast
- 1 cup flour
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup warm water

Ingredients for cream cheese filling:

- 2 - 8 oz. pkgs. of cream cheese
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 Tab. Flour
- 1 Tab. Lemon juice

Coffee Cake crumble topping:

- 6 Tab. Margarine or butter and remaining cake mix

Glaze Ingredients:

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 Tab. corn syrup
- 1 Tab. water
- 1 Tab. lemon juice

Directions: In a large bowl, mix 1½ cups cake mix, yeast, flour, eggs, and warm water for 2 min. at medium speed. Spread mixture in a greased 9"x 13" pan. Blend cream cheese filling ingredients and spread on cake base mixture in pan. Make crumble topping and crumble over cake mixture. (Add more margarine or butter or water if cake crumble topping is too dry).

Bake for 40-45 minutes at 350F.

Make glaze and drizzle over cooled coffee cake. Variation: Use ½ tub prepared vanilla icing heated in microwave and drizzle over cake. Serve coffee cake while still warm or reheat in the microwave. Store coffee cake in refrigerator.

Are you Looking for more to do?

Consider checking out a Senior Center near you

Auburn Senior Center

808 9th St SE
253-931-3016

WWW.Auburnwa.gov/seniors

Bonney Lake Senior Center

Open M-F - 8am - 4pm
19304 Bonney Lake Blvd
253-863-7658

Puyallup Activity Center

Open M-F - 8am-5pm
230 West Pioneer
253-841-5555

Orting Valley Senior Center

Open Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm - 360-893-5827
120 Washington Ave N (meals)
112 Varner Ave SE (activities center)
www.seniorcenter@orting.wednet.edu

Sumner Senior Center

Open M-F - 8am-4:30pm
15506 62nd St Ct E
253-863-2910

Tacoma Senior Centers

Beacon Senior Center

Open Mon & Tues 8am-3pm
415 S 13th St
253-301-3369









Pt Defiance/Ruston Senior Center

Opens at 9am
4716 N Baltimore
253-756-0601

Here are a few local Senior Centers that are in our area. I also have a printed list of senior centers in Pierce County; I plan on putting current newsletters somewhere they'll be available for people to look at. Most senior centers offer a hot meal for seniors Monday – Friday for a donation but will provide a meal even when someone is unable to donate. There are also some Senior Centers which will deliver a meal if you can't make it in to get one. Some food bank will also deliver groceries to someone who can't make it in to pick up groceries.

If you're looking for more to do, you could go to your local senior center, register with them and they should be able to mail you copies of their current schedule of events and meals each month. Make some friends, invite them to Calvary seniors' group or to Calvary Church

June 2026 – Calvary Seniors Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 9am Breakfast/coffee Tim's Kitchen, Orting John Rambur 	6
7	8	9 Ron Nelson 	10	11 Potluck	12 9am Breakfast/coffee Tim's Kitchen, Orting	13
14	15	16	17	18 Social	19 9am Breakfast/coffee Tim's Kitchen, Orting	20 Ann Carpenter 
21 	22	23	24 Mike Smith 	25 Outing Carlos Ortiz 	26 9am Breakfast/coffee Tim's Kitchen, Orting	27 Pat Davis 
28	29 Carla Potts	30	Happy birthday & anniversary to anyone we may have unintentionally missed! Have a great June and be blessed! -Nancy Ribera 			

Seniors Connecting Card

Name: _____ Phone: _____ DOB: _____
Mailing Address: _____ _____
Email: _____

Bible Study: Yes Not at this time

Life Group: Men's Women's Couples

I would like to receive the newsletter by email: Yes No

Serving Opportunities Care Shuttle Driver Hospitality Outings

Ideas (Potluck programming, outing ideas, other activity ideas): _____

I need assistance with: _____

Prayer Request: _____

Please tear this page off and turn in at the HUB or take a picture and send to seniors@wearecalvary.com