

# senior adult connect

A Monthly Newsletter for Senior Adults at Calvary Church

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## Spot light on Al & Nancy Boucher

**BORN & RAISED** Nancy grew up in the northeast suburbs of Minneapolis with her two older sisters, younger brother and hard-working scientist dad and stay-at-home mom. She has memories of bike-riding in the summer, hanging out with friends in the neighborhood, and their special Saturday night supper of beans and wieners – a carry-over of her dad's Coast Guard days. She remembers helping her dad with oil changes and car repairs, going on family picnics, and camping trips. While there were many good memories, there was little to no talk of God or Jesus.

Allan grew up in New Brighton and Blaine. He was the third child and only boy of his full-time working mom and construction worker dad. He has good memories of visiting the farm up north where he got to milk cows and taste fresh baked bread right out of the wood-fired stove. Allan's family attended a Catholic church in New Brighton on Sundays and attended catechism, but Jesus was not present in his home during the rest of the week.

### LOVE STORY & WORK LIFE

Allan and Nancy grew up in the same neighborhood. His house was 763 steps away from hers, something he would know as their paperboy. They met in third grade and were always together since they went to the same school, lived in the same neighborhood, and rode the bus together. They finally started sitting next to each other on the bus in high school and dating their senior year. Their first date was ice-skating. His parents were upset when he gave Nancy his class ring. It cost \$36!

Allan and Nancy graduated together, got engaged, and were married June 20, 1975 in front of the Anoka County Court Commissioner. Allan credits caring teachers and his uncle for guiding him to a career in electronics. After living in three states for work, they returned to Blaine, and in 1979 started a family. As Nancy shared, many decisions were made without Christ and they felt something important was missing.

While purchasing a used pickup truck, a "religious" guy invited them to his church, close to their White Bear home. They started attending and learned about a personal relationship with Jesus. Allan and Nancy both accepted Christ and were baptized in August 1984. Their daughter and son both accepted Christ, and their family attended the church for 24 years. Nancy was blessed to share the Gospel with her mom and sister, and she rejoices that she will see them in Heaven someday.



### CALVARY CONNECTION

Allan and Nancy came to Calvary Church when their church decided to relocate and the drive seemed too far. They found true warmth and felt drawn by the messages. They joined the membership class and learned of the rich heritage of Calvary Church, becoming members over 13 years ago. They enjoy being involved in the prayer ministry at Calvary every week.

**FUN NOTE** Because they were married in front of the Anoka County Commissioner, their friends gave them a wedding ceremony in a church for their 25th anniversary. They knew that God had brought them together and felt his blessing, but to have the pastor pronounce them "husband and wife" in a holy union felt wonderful. They have been married 47 years.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Don't forget to spring ahead one hour on March 12!

# From Pastor Ralph

As I write this article, our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Christ, are under attack by the Russian army. They are fighting for their country, their freedom, and their faith. It is hard to believe and impossible to accept that this conflict, this war, is being perpetrated in our world today. In spite of all of humanities "progress" and "enlightenment" we still have one nation seeking to impose its will on another.

As followers of Christ, we shouldn't be surprised. Our Lord told us that, "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come." And yet, we hear about what is happening in Ukraine and we are shocked, grieved, and dismayed.

In many ways—it seems surreal.

I heard a woman being interviewed by the local news about the conflict in Ukraine. She grimaced as she proclaimed, "it's awful but what can I do?" As Christ-followers we certainly have several options that we could share with her.

First and foremost, we can pray, pray, and pray again. Pastor Shawn asked us to pray for Ukraine a couple of weeks ago and again over the weekend in an email. It was great to see many of you gather to pray as a church family this past Sunday. We need to pray for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters. We need to pray for the leaders of Ukraine, especially for President Zelenskyy.

We need to lift up our sister church in Zolotonosha and pray for the seminary in Kremenchuk. We need to pray that Putin will relent from this evil war. We also need to pray for our nation and its leaders. Pray that our President, his Cabinet, the Congress, and our military will have the wisdom, courage, and fortitude needed to act swiftly and justly in defense of Ukraine. Pray that "we the people" will seek God's face and pursue His righteousness in this time of world conflict. And may we, Christ's disciples, truly be salt and light in a dark and dangerous world.

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## SENIOR ADULT LUNCH

Lunch followed by an interview with Calvary Church Senior Adults Pastor Ralph Gustafson and his wife Lyn.

Lisa Horsager, Calvary Church Elder, will also give an overview of the Imago Dei Ministry.

**COST** \$11—pay at the door

**Thursday / March 10**

12-2pm

Roseville Campus

## FINANCIAL SEMINAR

Senior Adults are targeted by fraudsters to exploit them in many ways, including financially. Being financially safe and wise in today's world is imperative. This seminar will show senior adults how financial abuse happens, provide prevention strategies, and safeguards. No cost.

**Wednesday / March 23**

2-3pm

Roseville Campus

## SLIPPER FORMAL

This intergenerational event is for Grades 7-12 and those 65 and over. Wear your finest attire and fluffiest footwear for a (sorta) formal banquet. There will be dinner, games, prizes and great intergenerational conversations!

**COST** \$10—pay at the door

**Saturday / April 2**

4:30-6:30pm

Roseville Campus

## REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**Registration required for the Senior Adult Lunch (by Monday, March 7), Financial Seminar, and Slipper Formal.** Call the church office (651.487.2855) or register online ([calvarychurch.us/connect/events](http://calvarychurch.us/connect/events)).

## GONE HOME

**Heaven welcomed home another of our Senior Adults.**

**George Posavad** on February 10

 Calvary Church

**Roseville Campus** 2120 Lexington Ave N / Roseville, MN 55113

**White Bear Campus** 4604 Greenhave Dr / White Bear Township, MN 55127

## SENIOR GET AWAY

Come find renewal for your heart, soul, and mind as you enjoy the beauty of God's creation at the Billy Graham Training Center.

**October 10-12**

This senior get away will be scheduled based on interest. Please contact Pastor Ralph to express your interest as soon as possible.