## Every Member – Please Read!

For the last 15 years, since 2008, whenever you – the saints of God, have gathered together to receive God's Word-and-Sacrament gifts in Worship, I have asked you, "Our mission here at Mt. Calvary is…?" And you have boldly and confidently proclaimed, "Sharing God's Word. Serving All."

That Mission has served us well, in serving the Lord in Ft. Lupton and the surrounding area. Why? Because it is <u>God's</u> mission for His Church, <u>not</u> our mission; and <u>not</u> our church!

"Wait a minute," you might be tempted to say. "How can you say that this is not <u>our</u> church when we are the people who are 'members'; when we're the ones doing all of the work?"

I get it. And please don't think for a minute that I don't think that each and every one of you is a precious and crucial part of this church. Because you are! You are deeply appreciated beyond what you can imagine. But even more, you are crucial to, and appreciated by the Lord – not because you're so great, but <u>because</u> Your God and Savior is so great! He's the one who, in Jesus' parable of the seed teaches us that God alone is the one who grows you, me and all souls in <u>His</u> Church to be harvested for eternal life by His grace (Mk. 4:26-29).

So, why did I urge <u>everyone</u> to read this article? Because we are planning a very special event for <u>every single</u> <u>member</u> of Mt. Calvary to celebrate God's work among us. We need you to take part in this special event on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. We're calling it "<u>God's Vision</u> – Our Future".



Everything will be provided: great catered food, child-care (if needed), and a special guest facilitator, Rev. Billy Brath to lead us in prayerfully considering the future that the Lord has for us, His special people here in His Church! This event and the activities that will follow it will be one of the best opportunities where God will use your thoughts and ideas, along with those of each member at Mt. Calvary to help us collectively understand God's direction for the future of His ministry among us and in our area.

You see, in Jeremiah 29:11 the LORD says, "For I know the plans <u>I have for you</u>, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, <u>to give you a future and a hope</u>." Though we hear promises like that often from politicians and others in our world, this promise is 100% dependable because it's God's promise to you, me and the rest of the saints at Mt. Calvary. Notice in the graphic above that "God's Vision" is first and it is bold, just as it must always be. Then see that "our future" is in the shape of the cross.

Without God's vision for us in Jesus' saving work; without Him including us in the cross of Christ, none of us has a future worth consideration, do we? But, because Jesus died thinking specifically about us, we now bask in and reflect His light in all that we are about every day. His future and His hope for us is glorious beyond imagination.

Don't worry, we're not changing God's mission for us at Mt. Calvary. We're involving all of His people here so that we can move forward in His mission in the most faithful and effective way possible.

So <u>please mark your calendars</u> on January 14<sup>th</sup> (the time will soon be determined) so that you will not miss out, and so that we will not miss having you with us. You and your ideas <u>are</u> that important to us all!

Shining in the joy of Jesus and His light,

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