



# THE CALVARY CALLING

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## Pastor's Pen: Be Confident of This. There is holy potential in our circumstances. And we are not alone.

**Philippians 1:6;** *"Be confident of this that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*



I laughed out loud this morning, something I seldom do. One of my friends in Minnesota posted a photo of her fall yard, full of leaves *and* full of snow! She commented, *"Don't know whether to shovel leaves or rake snow."* Doesn't that capture the level of disorientation many of us are feeling as we get closer to the end of this extraordinary year?

The weeks have dragged on *and* sped by! Our normal ways of living in community have changed. We haven't hugged or been hugged in months. We haven't sung our hearts out in church, passed the peace or stood close to one another. We've opened the sanctuary to reduced numbers--happy to see some of our friends and glad others remain safely sheltered at home. However... peeking out from behind this peculiar year is great potential. We can no longer take anything or anyone for granted. And we've been shoved into a level of creativity that has challenged us while also making us proud that we figured out things like Zoom, Facebook live, take-out meals, drive by birthday parties and small outdoor weddings. I'm grateful for all of these things. Apparently these things are on the minds of many.

This week Luther Seminary sent out an email for their 2021 Preaching Conference. It opened as follows: *The church is in decline. We need to adapt to survive. Can the church recapture what it was in the first century—a distinctive community willing to stand against the status quo, to confront the ways of empire, and to embody the gospel? Together, we'll explore how the promise of how the gospel gives hope and shapes ministry for the church now and in the future. (End quote)*

Exactly! 2020 has been, among other things, an opportunity for the church to reboot. Every church is "in interim"! Everyone should be rethinking how to be church together and how to contribute to a better world in Christ's name. We are blessed to draw together for this holy work.

The church may never look like it did decades or centuries before. And that's a good thing! We have the opportunity to listen to the Spirit and shape it for today and tomorrow. We are exactly where we are supposed to be at this point in time. God is with us and *he who began this good work will carry it on to completion*. Of that we can be sure.

In sure and certain hope,  
Pastor Robyn

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**FINALLY! WE'RE  
WORSHIPPING INSIDE!**



We are excited to be able to worship indoors! And we are fully supportive of all who are not ready to gather in groups. Here are the guidelines we will be following on Sundays:

- Everyone must wear a mask
- Everyone must sign a release/waiver of responsibility (once), which is a requirement of our insurance carrier. (This has become a standard requirement in this time of COVID19.)
- Bulletins will be available for your use, or you can download one from the website.
- The restrooms will be closed.
- Pews have been cordoned off to ensure social distancing side to side and front to back.
- No indoor congregational singing is permitted.
- No-touch hand sanitizers are available in two locations.
- The collection plate will not be passed, but will be available for you to drop your offering in.
- A no-touch, self-serve Communion has resumed on the first and third Sundays of the month.



**DON'T FORGET!**

Set your clocks back Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 1:00 AM. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 1, 2020 than the day before. The good thing is there will be more light in the morning!

**Ministry Exploration Team (MET)**

MET interviews should be wrapped up by the end of the month and soon we will have information to share with the congregation. Stay tuned for more news about how we will proceed with value voting

**Reminder**

Don't forget to complete and turn in your Stewardship materials! Bring to church on Sunday, November 1, or put it in the mail.

Please know that it's perfectly understandable if it's better for you to watch the service online. We will continue to broadcast live on Facebook and place a recording of the service on the website afterwards. Our website address is [morrobaylutherans.org](http://morrobaylutherans.org)

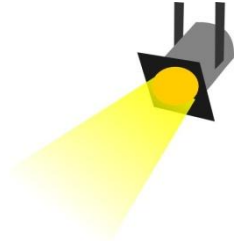
**Meals For The Muffs**



We are looking for folks who are willing to prepare and deliver dinners to the Muff family beginning in December. Janelle is undergoing treatment for cancer and the family would appreciate support in this way. If you are willing and interested, contact Gail Brochtrup at 805-772-0237 or [ggbrochtrup@gmail.com](mailto:ggbrochtrup@gmail.com). Please continue to keep Janelle and her family in your prayers.

## Council Highlights

- The Treasurer reports that the current balance in the General checking account is \$16,247. Income is at 77% of budget, and expenses are at 78%.
- Email addresses are now on the new Accounting system, and giving statements are ready to be mailed. A back-up person is needed to be trained on the new program, and Gary Brochtrup has volunteered
- The answering machine has been switched over to voice mail so messages can be checked daily remotely. Volunteers will be available every day to check messages.
- Endowment Committee: Endowment Fund report has been updated with current values.
- Council voted to revise the Musician's contract for the 2021 budget year to add three days sick leave and reduce the services on Christmas Eve from two to one.
- The Council voted to open the church for the first time on Sunday, October 11 with restrictions and adhering to guidelines provided by the State and County. See article on page 2 for more information.
- There is approximately \$11,000 in the Designated Fund for stained glass. A committee met with Dick William's son-in-law who is a stained glass artist with completed projects nationally. He is willing to work within our budget and is working on a design.



## Outreach Committee

The two wings have been added to the little library structure and are filled with food and books for all to enjoy. Soon a prayer box will be added for people to request that we pray for them or a family member.

Coffee Club is back in the swing of things. Our first outing was at Tidelands Park in Morro Bay. It was decided to add another day so that more people can come. Coffee Club will now meet on the first Monday, and the third Friday of the month. Check the calendar on the website and join us for some lively conversation!



Pastor Robyn shared some details about the upcoming Unconscious Bias Workshop. The group talked about creating a Welcome Statement and how the interim processing Calvary's Mission Statement.

Some of the Lutheran Churches in the area are meeting to determine the best way to help Iglesia. They always need food, and gift cards for grocery stores are very helpful.

Some ideas for outreach in 2021:

- Write a "Welcome Statement",
- "Sunday Undie" - collecting new underwear and socks as well as toiletries for the homeless population,
- keeping the food and library structure full!

# Scriptures for November

November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
<b>First Reading</b> Micah 3:5-12	<b>First Reading</b> Amos 5:18-24	<b>First Reading</b> Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	<b>First Reading</b> Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	<b>First Reading</b> Isaiah 64:1-9
<b>Psalm</b> Psalm 43	<b>Psalm</b> Psalm 70	<b>Psalm</b> Psalm 90:1-8	<b>Psalm</b> Psalm 95:1-7a	<b>Psalm</b> Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
<b>Second Reading</b> 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	<b>Second Reading</b> 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	<b>Second Reading</b> 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	<b>Second Reading</b> Ephesians 1:15-23	<b>Second Reading</b> 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
<b>Gospel</b> Matthew 23:1-12	<b>Gospel</b> Matthew 25:1-13	<b>Gospel</b> Matthew 25:14-30	<b>Gospel</b> Matthew 25:31-46	<b>Gospel</b> Mark 13:24-37



Audrey Forster	11/2
Samantha Rocha	11/12
Joe Hoeflich	11/14
Rosalie Draeger	11/21
Kathie Sperow	11/23
Herb Harsch	11/26
Karen Vail	11/30

Happy belated birthday to Dick (10/9) and Diane (9/11) Williams who have now been added to the birthday list!

## Prayers of Concern

**Janelle Muff** - Cancer  
**Heidi Carney** - Cancer  
**Von Carney** - Illness  
**Ken Donohoo** - Cancer  
**Brenda Ouwerkerk** - aging parents  
**Marcia Shep**, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother broken hip  
**Carrie Forester-Osterthaler** - Broken wrists  
**Betty Sorensen** - recovering at home after a fall  
**Mercedes Stevens**, Katie Edson's mom - health  
**Norma Aparicio**, Nancy Padilla's cousin and family- death of her son, Mauricio  
**Iglesia** - May their needs be met  
**Covid 19** - May those who are infected heal, and may others follow the restrictions to stop the spread.

## A Simple, But Powerful Prayer For You

Dear God, there is a lot happening right now, but in the midst of it all, don't let me forget to acknowledge all I am doing. Don't let me forget to rest, breathe, and just be. Amen.



*Kate & Chris Anderson*    11/7/1985

Calvary will be participating again this year in the **Iglesia Angel Tree**. A list of children will be available soon. You can choose a boy or girl of various ages to "adopt" for Christmas. This has been an especially hard year for the



farm workers and their families, so we are hoping that we can help a lot of children this year! Beautiful handmade Christmas socks will be provided by Brenda Ouwerkerk

and Cindy Haener again this year. Each "adopted" child will receive one of the stockings filled with goodies along with their gifts.

Another way to help is to purchase a grocery store gift card for a family. Presents and gift cards would need to be delivered to Calvary by Sunday, December 13th. If you would like to participate, please let Nancy Padilla know as soon as possible. You can reach her by:

- text or phone: 760-521-1708,
- email: [grandmanancita@gmail.com](mailto:grandmanancita@gmail.com).



**Advent begins**

**NOVEMBER 29th  
STAY TUNED!**

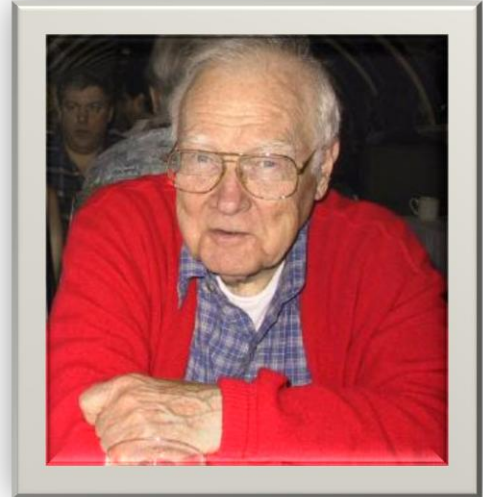
## You Can be the Proud Owner of a Bill Olson Original



Bill Olson was a sought after photographer dating back to his intelligence work in World War 2, but his greatest love was nature photography. His artist's eye meant high standards and beautiful photographs. His family has acknowledged Bill's love of Calvary by donating some of his many works in order to raise funds for the church he loved. Some of the photographs will be kept and hung in the building, and some of them will be sold. Prices for the photographs are \$100 for the larger photos, and \$75 for the smaller photos. The frames are all hand made by Bill himself. A sampling of the photos is inserted above (this is just a sample and not the entire collection). The photos may be viewed in person by appointment. If you are interested in viewing the photos, please call Janet Lorenzo or Pastor Robyn to set up a time. What a great way to help raise funds for Calvary and remember our dear friend Bill Olson. Thank you to Bill's children for donating them to Calvary's future.

**Bill Olson, Obituary** *On September 21 Calvary lost long-time member Bill Olson. Bill was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church for many years and will be remembered fondly by many. A Graveside celebration of Bill's life was held on Wednesday, October 14 at the Cayucos-Morro Bay Cemetery in Cayucos. Pastor Provis officiated and time was set aside for family and friends to share memories of Bill.*

**W**illiam H "Bill" Olson passed away on September 21, 2020 in Morro Bay. He was born in Muskegon, MI and was 100 years of age when he passed. In 1940, he moved to Los Angeles to attend the Art Center School of Design and study photography. His studies, however, were interrupted by World War II. He joined the USAAF and became a Signal Corps photographer and cinematographer. He worked on many training films and filmed combat missions in the Pacific from the nose of a B-25 bomber. He also flew in the reconnaissance version of the B-29 and filmed some of the first reconnaissance missions over Japan. After the war he returned to Los Angeles where he completed his degree in photography from Art Center, using his GI benefits. In 1947, he purchased a graphic arts business in Los Angeles and began his long career in commercial photography, first as a partnership and after 1965 as a sole proprietor. His clients included advertising agencies, architects, and a variety of companies that appreciated the high quality of his color printing, his innovations in print technology, and his meticulous attention to detail. In Los Angeles Bill met his wife Elizabeth "Betty", a registered nurse, and they were married in 1955. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Monterey Park, where they lived for 27 years. Betty provided administrative support for the business, which they operated until 1984 when Bill retired from commercial photography and they moved to Morro Bay. From their new home, Bill continued to sell photographic supplies and provide technical support to his customers. He met many friends on the Central Coast through the sales business who greatly appreciated his advice and knowledge of photography gained through 40 years of experience. Bill kept busy not only with his business but also with continuing his love of landscape and nature photography in Morro Bay, Montana de Oro Park, and surrounding area, taking many stunning pictures of the Central Coast. He volunteered for a number of years as a docent at the park, continuing this work well into his 80's. Already past 75 years of age, he taught himself to use a computer and Photoshop to edit and print digital pictures. He also served in a variety of roles to assist his adopted home town, particularly in water supply issues for the City of Morro Bay. Bill had many interests besides photography, including historical railroading, model trains, war history, classical and swing-era music, and reading. He was an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Morro Bay, and he regularly attended services and events at the church until age-related health problems made it difficult for him to continue. He also was a member of the VFW and an informal veteran's group that met once a week in Morro Bay to swap stories about WWII. Bill is survived by his daughter Deborah and his son Bill. His wife Betty predeceased him in 2013. The family would like to thank Casa de Flores senior residence and all the devoted staff and caregivers there for the excellent care Bill received during the last four years of his life. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to be made in Bill Olson's honor to Calvary Lutheran Church in Morro Bay.



# November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><u>Worship Inside 10:00</u> With Holy Communion Assistant: Alice Kolb</p> <p>Facebook live streamed and posted to morrobaylutherans.org</p>	<p>2</p> <p>*Alice Kolb</p> <p>Coffee Club 9:00 Grassy area by the restrooms in Tidelands Park</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>*Nancy &amp; Woody Koppl</p> <p>Bible Study Via Zoom 10:00</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>*Jennifer Kurrle</p>	7
<p>8</p> <p><u>Worship Inside 10:00</u></p> <p>Facebook live streamed and posted to morrobaylutherans.org</p>	<p>9</p> <p>*Jason &amp; Stacey Lange</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>*Gary &amp; Cindy Lee</p> <p>Veteran's Day  Bible Study Via Zoom 10:00</p>	12	13	
<p>15</p> <p><u>Worship Inside 10:00</u> With Holy Communion</p> <p>Facebook live streamed and posted to morrobaylutherans.org</p>	<p>16</p> <p>*Scott McCorkhill</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>*Jeff &amp; Kea McKee</p> <p>Bible Study Via Zoom 10:00</p>	19	20	21
<p>22</p> <p><u>Worship Inside 10:00</u></p> <p>Facebook live streamed and posted to morrobaylutherans.org</p>	<p>23</p> <p>*Nick &amp; Becky Mendoza</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>*Tyler Mitchell</p> <p>Bible Study Via Zoom 10:00</p>	<p>26</p> <p> <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b></p>	27	28
<p>29</p> <p><u>Worship Inside 10:00</u> Advent Begins</p> <p>Facebook live streamed and posted to morrobaylutherans.org</p>	<p>30</p> <p>*Gary &amp; Eileen Orback</p>					



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