



# Calvary Calling - February 2020 News

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## Welcome to February!

February Brings an End to Epiphany and the Beginning of Lent. With Easter falling late again this year on April 12th, the season of Epiphany is longer. There are six Sundays in Epiphany which began on January 6. According to *Sundays and Seasons*, published by Augsburg Press, there are more light images than in other years. From Isaiah 49:6, "I will give you as a light to the nations." From various sources including Isaiah 9:2, Matthew 4:16 and Psalm 27, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." And, from Luke 2:32, "A light to reveal you to the nations." "You are the light of the world." "Let your light shine" comes to us from Matthew chapter 5:14-17.

The sixth and final Sunday of Epiphany will be on Feb. 16, followed by the Transfiguration of our Lord on Feb. 23. At the end of February, on the 26th, we will begin our Lenten Journey. Throughout this coming month, may we not only see and feel the power of the light during our worship services, but also may we take that light out into the world around us. And as it is written in *Sundays and Seasons*, "Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's Son, Jesus, the light of the world."

## ELCA Central Coast Cluster

Calvary Lutheran is hosting the ELCA Central Coast Cluster for a meeting of fellowship and food. This is an opportunity to share our stories with Lutheran women from Templeton to Solvang. This group used to meet annually, but a few years ago we stopped and now we miss each other. The hope is that this event will be a new beginning for our ELCA Cluster. The date is Saturday February 15, 2020. The program will begin at 11 AM followed by lunch at noon. Alice will be sharing new information about Katarina Luther whose marriage to Martin Luther makes her the first Lutheran woman. Then we will enjoy some Lutheran humor and end with personal narratives from Lutheran women "in their own words". The menu will be "church basement food" with traditional mid-west recipes. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the binder on Sundays. Also please RSVP to Alice so that we know how much food to prepare. Phone or text: 805-234-7823, or email: amkolb@hotmail.com

## Hygiene for the Homeless

In the month of January, the Outreach Committee collected hygiene items for the homeless shelter in SLO. Thank you Generous Calvary givers!



## Annual Meeting Part II

Annual Meeting, Part II was held on Sunday, January 19. Committees reported on their activities in 2019, and the Congregational Vitality Survey results were explained and discussed. The Congregation voted unanimously to approve the Annual Report. If you were absent on that day, there are extra copies of the report at the back of the sanctuary.

## February Worship

Calvary is pleased to announce that Pastor Liz Radtke is able to stay with us and lead us in worship for the month of February.



## New Volunteer Position

Calvary is looking for a Children's Ministry Coordinator. Leading and teaching our children is one of the most important jobs there is. The right person will be energetic, entertaining, enthusiastic and be able to do the following:

- Enlist at least two volunteers to be available to lead children in Sunday worship if children are present
- Have Sunday School materials ready in advance in the event that children come to church on any given Sunday
- Plan Prayer Pal activities and assign new Prayer Pals as needed
- Plan a monthly (quarterly?) craft or other activity outside of the time of Sunday School
- Plan the annual Children's Christmas Program
- Be aware, and take advantage of opportunities to engage youth in Community activities.

Is this you?! Interested parties please contact Cindy Haener at (805) 801-2199

## Bible Study



Calvary is pleased to welcome Pastor David Ryal from Church of Christ in Morro Bay, to lead us in weekly Bible Study lessons. We will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us each week as we delve into the Bible.

## Calling all Musicians and Singers

Calvary's Contemporary Worship Team, Spirit's Voice has a new leader, Ina Davenport, and she is looking for singers and folks who can play an instrument. If you have musical talent or just want to use your voice to help lead worship and praise, talk to Ina Davenport after service. Let's make a BIG joyful noise!



## Council Highlights

The Council unanimously voted to keep the current officers in place for 2020:

President: Gail Brochtrup; Vice President: Joyce Bauer; Secretary: Janet Lorenzo; Treasurer: Sandy McMillan; Hospitality: Nancy Padilla.

The Treasurer reports that our income for 2019 ended with 79% and expenses at 111%. Expenses were high due to the severance packages given to the Bergs, and a reimbursement to Pastor Berg for his health insurance for December.

Finance Committee reviewed 2019 income and expenses, and discussed potential rental of the parsonage.

Lent and Easter Planning: Council unanimously agreed that the Brunch works best on Palm Sunday as opposed to Easter Sunday. The City-Wide Yard Sale and barbeque is also on that weekend but will be set up in the Parsonage.

Mid-week Lenten Soup Suppers will take place here at Calvary Wednesday evenings from Ash Wednesday (2/26) through April 1. Alice K. will provide a video for each Wednesday that can be viewed in the Fellowship Hall. Ash Wednesday Service will take place here at Calvary, and Good Friday Service will be considered at St. Peter's Episcopal church.

## Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee met on January 12 and approved a final plan for the community library structure. We are looking for a volunteer to build it, and also donations for materials. If you can help with either of these, contact Janet Lorenzo, (805) 234-5089

Work has begun on a new website - see article "New Website" on page 5.

Members attended the Appreciative Inquiry Workshop at Bethel Church. This workshop is actually the first step in the "Living the Resurrection" program. Council has not yet decided to participate in the program, but the information presented in the workshop was helpful and will be used in the near future.

The coffee club is going strong with 5 - 8 members meeting regularly on the second Monday of the month. The next Coffee Club meeting will be at Ascendo Coffee House, 1230 Los Osos Valley Rd. at 9:00. Join us!

## Altar Flower Chart for 2020

The altar flower chart for 2020 has been posted in the back of the church. The cost for providing altar flowers will remain \$25.00 per week. If you would like to provide altar flowers for a particular Sunday, be sure to sign up soon. Flowers may be picked up after the worship service and may be dedicated to any occasion or person by filling out the little card available on the bulletin board by the chart. The church office can also accept your dedication by email or phone as well.

## The Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 26 and we will have our first soup supper of the year that night at 6:00, followed by worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

Beginning March 4 and continuing until April 1, we will dine together each Wednesday at 6:00, followed by a time of learning facilitated by Alice Kolb.

Mark your calendars to join us for these special times of fellowship as we prepare for Easter Sunday, April 12.

## Change of Address

There is no one to collect the mail from the mail box at the church. Please remember to use Calvary's new mailing address:

PO Box 386  
Morro Bay, CA 93443-0386

Thank you!



## Scriptures for February

Sunday, February 2  
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany  
Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15 (1)  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday February 9  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Isaiah 58:1-9a  
Psalm 112:1-9  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12  
Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday February 16  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday February 23  
Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Last Sunday after Epiphany  
Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

Wednesday, February 26  
Ash Wednesday  
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Psalm 51:1-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



## Congregational Vitality Survey

In August of 2019, 38 members participated in a survey to measure the strengths and challenges of our congregation according to the three dimensions: the congregation's connections with God, each other, and the world. The survey participants were 76% female and 24% male. The largest age group was over 65. We have received a report of the findings and want to share them with you.

The report indicates that worship here nurtures faith, is joyful, filled with God's presence and is excited about the future of the congregation. Also that the congregation has a strong sense of belonging, feels supported in using their gifts and feels connected to the wider Christian church.

The results also indicate that we have some challenges: Financial resources, having a sense of mission and leadership that inspires others to actions, and a lack of a sufficient number of people to do ministry well.

As we move forward, the Church Council will continue to communicate with synod staff to find an interim Pastor, as we assess our ability to financially support more permanent leadership in the future.

## City Wide Yard Sale

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 4 and don't even think about leaving town that weekend! Calvary will once again be participating in the City Wide Yard Sale and BBQ. We need all the help we can get, and then some! Start checking your closets and your garage for items you would like to donate. Please be sure all your items are clean and in working order. We have a place to store our goods this year! Please call Alice Kolb, (805) 234-7823 to arrange for pick-up or delivery. Look for a sign-up sheet soon. This is a major fund-raiser for Calvary, so please help!

## New Training for Lay Ministers

Calvary is blessed to have three individuals who assist the pastor with worship services: Alice Kolb, Randy Schuld and Joyce Bauer. In the absence of a full time pastor, we have seen a need for trained people to be able to visit the home bound, and people who are hospitalized and provide them with prayers and also Holy Communion. A local retired Pastor, Russ Gordon, has agreed to come to Calvary and provide training to these three people so that they will be ready when the need arises. We appreciate the gifts they bring to Calvary!

## New Website

A new website is coming soon! We want to thank Mary Rash for helping us out with our old website all these years. She has been a lifesaver. The new website is edited more easily, so it will be updated more often and can be done by volunteers. The name of the website will not change:

**[morrobaylutherans.org](http://morrobaylutherans.org)**

Be sure to check it out - coming soon. Hopefully it will be up by mid-February.

## Prayer Concerns

- ❖ Kathie Sperow - Neck Surgery
- ❖ Carly Muff and Hayden Chrismen as they begin their adult life in the congregation
- ❖ Blanche - Bob Penzel's mother
- ❖ Donna Bono - Ina's sister - Illness
- ❖ Heidi Carney - Cancer

## Meet the Congregation!

This is the first in a series of articles about some very important people - YOU! Our Congregation! Members will be selected randomly each month, and a brief interview along with a photo will be posted in the newsletter. Take time to get to know your fellow members!

### Ina Davenport

Ina has been a member of Calvary since 1981. Her son, Tyler was confirmed here in 1982 and now lives in San Luis Obispo. I'm sure you know that she is also our current Music Director, pianist and organist. She received her musical education at Long Beach State and graduated with a Master's Degree in Piano Performance. Ina lives here in Morro Bay and works at Franklin Real Estate and Rentals. In her spare time, she enjoys knitting, reading, and of course playing the piano!



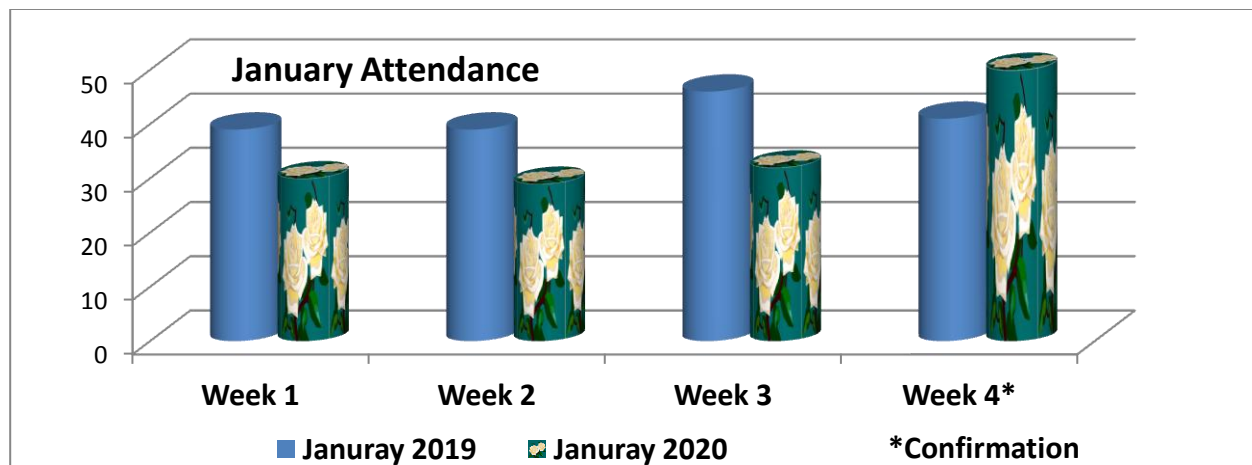
## February Birthdays

<i>Carol Frasier</i>	2/4
<i>Connor Schuldt</i>	2/4
<i>Lanaya Schuldt</i>	2/4
<i>Joyce Bauer</i>	2/12
<i>Sally Warke</i>	2/14
<i>Bill Olson</i>	2/19
<i>Aaron Brochtrup</i>	2/21
<i>Katie Brochtrup</i>	2/21
<i>Jennifer Berg</i>	2/22
<i>David Schafer</i>	2/23



## February Anniversaries

*Kathie & Dan Sperow*  
2/12/76



## Saints in Service - February 2020

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Sandy M.	<b>No Communion</b>		<b>No Communion</b>
	Kate A.			
	Elaine G.			
<b>Altar Guild Set-up</b>	Joyce B.		Kate A	
			Sandy M.	
<b>Altar Guild Clean-up</b>				
<b>Assisting Ministry</b>	Alice K.	Joyce B.	Alice K.	Randy
<b>Pick up Flowers</b>	Gail B.	Gail B.	Cindy H.	
<b>Open/Close Church</b>				
<b>Reader</b>	Alice K.	Katie E.	Alice K.	Randy
<b>Clicker</b>	Gail & Katie B.			
<b>Usher</b>			Gary Orback	
<b>Refreshments</b>	Sandy M.	Gail & Katie B.	Joyce B.	
<b>Greeter</b>	Richard W.	Jennifer K.	Robin K.	Jennifer K.
<b>Flowers</b>			Ina Davenport	

Council Members	Newsletter	Kitchen Crew	Contemporary Worship Team	Nominating Committee
Gail Brochtrup, President Joyce Bauer, Vice Pres. Janet Lorenzo, Secretary Sandy McMillan, Treasurer Nancy Padilla, Hospitality Georgie Tway Cindy Haener Kate Anderson Richard Williams	Gail Brochtrup Janet Lorenzo Nancy Padilla Sandy McMillan	Nancy Padilla Ina Davenport Sandy McMillan Janet Lorenzo Kathie Sperow	Ina Davenport Nikki Rocha Toni Tway Debby Hoeflich Ronnie Smith Alice Kolb Diane Williams	Sandy McMillan Georgie Tway Gail Brochtrup

Outreach Committee	Finance Committee	Endowment Fund Committee	Building & Maintenance	Offering Counters	Altar Guild
Janet Lorenzo Nancy Padilla Joyce Bauer Katie Edson Kathie Sperow Nancy Koppl Richard Williams Ina Davenport Toni Tway	Sandy McMillan Carol Schuldt Brenda Pool Alice Kolb	Kate Anderson Kathie Sperow Bob Penzel Alice Kolb Sandy McMillan	Bob Penzel Ken Brocks Gary Orback Joe Hoeflich	Brenda Pool Sandy McMillan Joyce Bauer Elaine Grawe Kate Anderson	Kate Anderson Joyce Bauer Beth Davis Joe Hoeflich Scott McCorkle Sandy McMillan Nikki Rocha Gail Brochtrup (flowers) Carol Schuldt (flowers)

# February 2020

\*Remember in Prayer

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00	3 *Dan & Kathie Sperow	4	5 *Mary Toepke  Bible Study 10:00	6	7 *Bruce & Bev Torgerson	8 Finance Committee Meeting 10:30
9 Worship Service 10:00  Outreach Committee meeting 11:00	10 *George & Edith Tway  Coffee Club 9:00 Ascendo 1230 Los Osos Valley Road	11	12 *Toni Tway  Bible Study 10:00	13 Council Meeting 6:00	14 *Georgina Tway  Valentine's Day 	15 ELCA Central Coast Cluster 11:00
16 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00	17 *Karen Vail	18	19 *Richard Williams  Bible Study 10:00	20	21 *Diane Williams	22
23 Worship Service 10:00	24 *Emma Winter	25	26 *Grant & Patty Anderson  Bible Study 10:00 Ash  Wednesday Soup Supper 6:00 and Service 6:45	27	28 *Kate Anderson	29