



Calvary Calling - March 2020 News

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March Brings Us to the Season of Lent

The season of lights, Epiphany, is over and the season of darkness is upon us. On the first Sunday in March, we will revisit Jesus' forty day time of fasting in the desert. This is the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. Because we are hungry for God's mercy, we will receive the bread of life to nourish us. On March 8th, we will rediscover the story of Nicodemus who was told by Jesus that he must be born of water and spirit. We are reminded of our own baptisms in which we were given new birth as children of God. On March 15th, the story of the Samaritan woman who asks Jesus for water is the subject of our gospel lesson. Worship with us on March 22 as we hear about the man born blind who was healed by Jesus and proclaimed, "I was blind, but now I see." And on March 29, Jesus reveals the miracle of life over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophecy of Ezekiel of God breathing new life into dry bones proclaims God's promise of resurrection. We learn that through baptism, we lose our old life so that we may be raised with Jesus to new life.

According to Sundays and Seasons (published by Augsburg Fortress), this is "an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism." In the weeks to come we will focus upon a deeper understanding of baptism as we "journey toward the resurrection feast. Christ comes among us in word, bath and meal- offering us the life giving waters of God's mercy and forgiveness."



Stewardship during Lent

For many years, Calvary has been collecting donations for a worthwhile organization called Heifer International. Heifer works to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing animals and education to struggling communities. For example: Heifer gives beehives to families in Guatemala who use the honey and wax for income and medicine; families in Rwanda become healthier when they receive pregnant heifers; goats, guinea pigs, rabbits and chickens are frequently given to impoverished families. You can make a difference by picking up a Heifer bank and filling it with coins, bills or even a check. Return it to Calvary on Easter to be part of our stewardship to people and communities in need worldwide!

Iglesia

Iglesia's newsletter listed some items they are in need of this month: Dry beans, rice, Ma Seca flour, white flour, small pasta, sugar, salt, coffee, juice, feminine products, male products, shampoo, laundry detergent, dish soap, bleach, baby diapers (all sizes, especially 5 & 6) and cleaning products. Also donations to provide medical needs are appreciated. Folks at Calvary may wish to give monetary donation to Iglesia, specifically earmarked for "Iglesia medical needs." Thank you Calvary for your compassion! Remember, donations are delivered to Iglesia the first week of each month.

Communion for Homebound

Thanks to Pastor Russ Gordon, we now have two lay ministers trained and equipped to offer Communion to members confined at home or hospitals. We appreciate Alice Kolb and Joyce Bauer for being willing and able to provide this blessing to those who cannot make it to church.

City-Wide Yard Sale

The City Wide Yard Sale is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for Sat. April 4 and start looking for unwanted items you can donate to Calvary. Please be sure the items are clean and in working condition. The Parsonage will be used as the site of the sale this year and we are already collecting and pricing items. Contact Alice Kolb to make arrangements to drop off your donations.

Additionally, our BBQ sausage and bread fundraiser was such a success last year, we will be holding it again this year! Many of our early morning customers come directly from the Fresno area making Calvary their first stop. They are often hungry and thirsty and in need of a break. Look for sign-up sheets soon and plan to roll up your sleeves and help in this important fundraiser for our church.

Children's Ministry

Nancy Koppl has graciously volunteered to organize and plan lessons for the children's ministry. She needs volunteers to make it happen. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3! Here's how it will work:

No planning necessary. After the children's sermon, have the kids help you carry out 3 boxes that have been prepared for you in advance:

1. Box 1: read a short book or 5 min Bible story (in the box)
2. Box 2. - play an active game (everything is in the box)
3. Box 3.- do a table top activity (again it is all in the box!)

When church is over, put everything back in the boxes and let the kids help you put them away so you can enjoy your coffee! If interested, talk to Nancy Koppl and check out our boxes! Make learning about God fun and as easy as 1,2,3 !!!!! Thank you Nancy Koppl!

Mid-Week Lenten Soup Suppers

Each Wednesday evening in March, we will gather at 6:00 for our traditional soup supper potlucks. Sample a delicious assortment of soups and bread along with enjoyable fellowship. At 6:45, Alice Kolb will provide a video series, "Jesus, The God Who Knows Your Name" to be viewed and discussed in the Fellowship Hall. Look for sign-up sheets in the We Are the Church Binder.

Council Highlights

The Executive Council spent some time talking with Mary Stein-Webber and her husband Brian, who are pastors in the area and may be able to help up out until a pastor is located for us.

Treasurer's Report: January income was at 14%, and expenses at 10% of budget. Income was \$6,817, and expenses for January were \$4,479.59. That leaves a net income of \$2,337.41! We're in the black!

Pastor Liz will probably be able to stay with us through March, and maybe longer. Pastor Brown from Hope was interviewed. He would be a good fit for our congregation, but his availability is uncertain at this time.

The Bear Hugs Quilting group has been using our Fellowship Hall for many years free of charge. They currently occupy the top cabinets between the Nursery and Sunday School storage room. Council voted to ask them to make a monthly donation as all the other groups do. Also, the group will try to consolidate their supplies to free up some storage space.

Volunteers are needed to help with the creation of the weekly bulletin, script and Power Point. Alice K. and Kate A. have volunteered to be trained, and Pastor Liz will offer training on creating templates in the Sundays and Season website.

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!



Outreach Committee

The next Outreach Committee meeting will be on March 8, following the service. The committee is happy to announce that Ken Brocks has volunteered to build the library structure that will be located on the corner of the church property and will look like this:



Many thanks to Ken Brocks for volunteering to take on this project.

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.

Palm Sunday Pot-Luck

The final soup supper for this year will be held on Wednesday, April 1 beginning at 6:00. The following Sunday, April 5 is Palm Sunday. Council has voted to hold our annual Lenten Brunch on that date, rather than Easter Sunday, to make it easier for families wishing to hurry off to other celebrations following the Easter worship service. Mark your calendars and join us!

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 March

Sunday, March 1, 2020
Genesis 2:15-17
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, March 8, 2020
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121 (1,2)
Romans 4:1-5
John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 15
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95 (1)
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 19, 2020
2 Samuel 7:4
Psalm 89:1-29
Romans 4:13-18
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Sunday, March 22, 2020
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

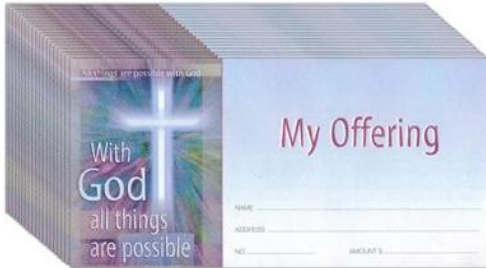
Sunday, March 29, 2020
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

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Offering Envelopes

There are still some boxes of offering envelopes yet to be picked up. You can find them on the cabinet in the Narthex. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience.



Business Advertising Opportunity

Do you have a business or offer a service that you would like to advertise in our newsletter? Calvary will list your business or service information, along with a business card or description in the newsletters. If you're interested, Call Janet Lorenzo (805) 234-5089, or Gail Brochtrup (805) 772-0237.



Prayer Concerns

- Betty Hudson - stroke (relative of Dick Williams)
- Heidi Carney - cancer
- Kathie Sperow - recovering from neck surgery
- Heidi Smith - melanoma
- Katie Brochtrup - migraines

Bible Study



Calvary is pleased and thankful to have 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. This month we are learning about the book of Luke. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us each week as we delve into the Bible.

New Website

The new website is finished! 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

Be sure to check it out!

March Worship

Calvary is pleased to announce that Pastor Liz Radtke is able to stay with us and lead us in worship during the month of March!

March Anniversaries

Gunther & Virginia Junck 3/10/1973
 Alice & Gary Kolb 3/10/1974
 Eileen & Gary Orback 3/11/1968
 Janet & Mike Lorenzo 3/26/1988

Congratulations!

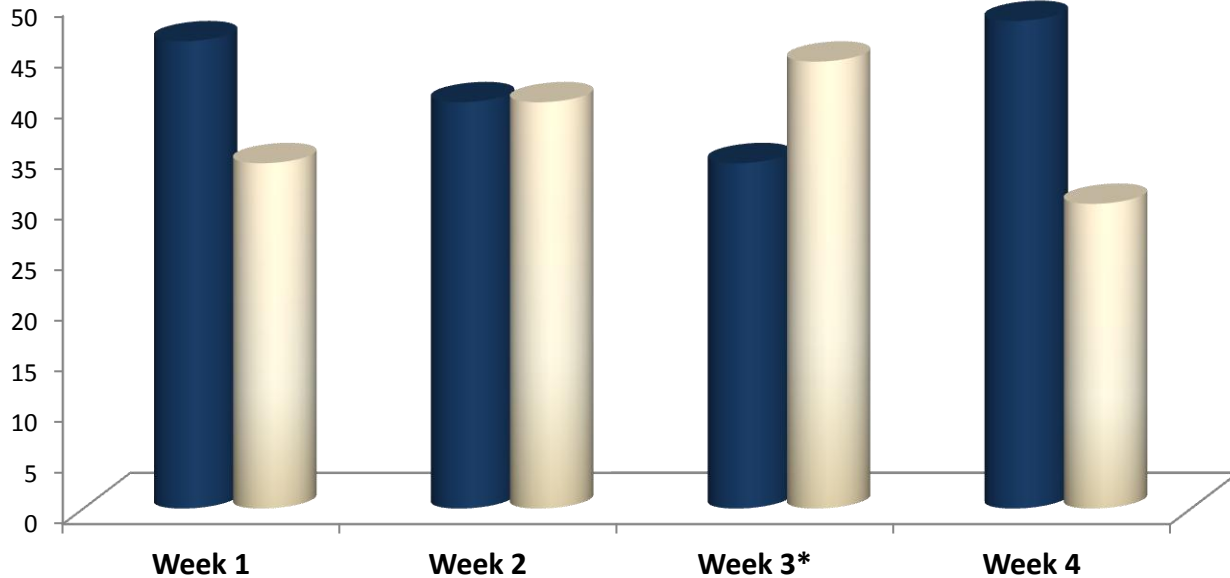


March Birthdays

Carly Muff	3/2
Jim Rash	3/3
Robin Karas	3/4
Georgina Tway	3/4
Sophia Lorenzo	3/5
Alesio Lorenzo	3/6
Randy Schuldt	3/9
Jennifer Christmen	3/13
Jacob Rocha	3/15
Gary Lee	3/29



February Average Attendance



*100th birthday celebration

■ February 2019

■ February 2020

Meet The Congregation!

Katie Edson



You will often see Katie at the pulpit where she reads the scriptures for us. Katie is a long-time member of Calvary (14 years) and is a valued member of the Outreach Committee. She has two daughters, and one grandchild. Katie enjoys hiking, reading, swimming, working out at the gym, and travels to Arizona every five weeks to care for her elderly mother.

Audrey & Ron Forster



Audrey & Ron Forster have been members here at Calvary for 27 years! You can find them seated in the very back of the church on Sundays, and when they are not there, they are missed! They have three children, nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. They live here in Morro Bay and enjoy sitting on their front porch, greeting the neighbors and other passersby! Maybe you have been greeted by them?

Richard Williams



Richard (Dick) Williams is originally from Parma Ohio. He lives in Morro Bay with his daughter Gretchen and her husband Ken. Gretchen is a silversmith and creates garden art, and her husband is an engineer who creates prototypes for models. He also lives with his daughter Diane. (See next article about Diane!) Richard has 2 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, and is a WWII vet with the US Navy. Thank you for your service Dick!

Diane Williams



For those of you who don't know, Diane Williams is Richard Williams daughter. Diane loves to sing, and she studied under Dr. Bray, the organist in their church in Parma, Ohio. She also likes to crochet and has made several small stuffed animals and some small blankets that she donated to the Animal Shelter. Diane sings in the "Sprit's Voice", Calvary's Contemporary Worship Team. We are so happy to have her and hear her wonderful voice every Sunday!

Saints in Service - March 2020

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Communion Assistants	Joyce B.	No Communion	Kate A.	No Communion	No Communion
	Elaine G.		Sandy M.		
	Sandy M.		Janet L.		
Altar Guild Set-up	Joyce B.				
Altar Guild Clean-up					
Assisting Ministry	Joyce B.	Alice K.	Joyce B.	Randy S.	Alice K.
Pick up Flowers	Cindy	Gail	Gail	Carol	Gail
Open/Close Church					
Reader	Katie E.		Joyce B.	Randy S.	
Clicker	Gail & Katie B.	Gail & Katie B.	Gail & Katie B.	Gail & Katie B.	Gail & Katie B.
Usher		Gary O.		Gary O.	
Refreshments		Nancy P.		Joyce B.	
Greeter	Richard W.	Jennifer K.	Robin K.	Jennifer K.	Jennifer K.
Flowers	Alice Kolb		Kate Anderson		

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 Valerie Donohoo Ken Donohoo	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) Cindy Haener (flowers)

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*Remember in Prayer

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00	2 *John & Melanie Bachman	3	4 *Sheryl Barker Bible Study 10:00 Soup Supper 6:00	5	6 *Ton & Joyce Bauer	7 Finance Committee Meeting 10:30
8 Worship Service 10:00 Outreach Committee meeting 11:00	9 *Pastor Jim & Nancy Berg Coffee Club	10	11 *Gary & Gail Brochtrup Bible Study 10:00 Soup Supper 6:00	12 Council Meeting	13 *Aaron Brochtrup	14
15 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00	16 *Katie Brochtrup	17	18 *Ken Brocks Bible Study 10:00 Soup Supper 6:00	19	20 *Von & Heidi Carney	21
22 Worship Service 10:00	23 *Debbie Chrismen	24	25 *Travis Chrismen Bible Study 10:00 Soup Supper 6:00	26	27 *Jennifer Chrismen	28
29 Worship Service 10:00	30 *Jean Clemons	31				