



Calvary Calling - May 2020 News

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He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

A word from our Council President, Gail Brochtrup:

I don't know about you, but Easter was very different for my family this year! Social distancing meant that we could not gather with our church communities, our friends nor our families. That fact alone made it feel surreal. However, thanks to the efforts of Pastors Liz and Ryan Radtke and others, we had "church" and devotionals. Ina played music for us, and Holy Week was foremost in our hearts as it should have been. I give thanks for many things, and technology is one of those things! The telephone is another thing which is helping us to reach out to all our members and friends of the congregation in a meaningful and loving way. As we move forward into May, and the conclusion of the season of Easter, let us continue to embrace technology and the telephone, until such time that it is deemed safe for us to gather together once again!

I would like to share this with you from Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2019:

- May 3rd marks the 4th Sunday of Easter. This day is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday" and highlights Jesus as the Shepherd of us all. The 23rd Psalm reminds us that the Lord is our shepherd and we shall not want.
- May 10th is the 5th Sunday of Easter. We continue to celebrate the 50 days of Easter, and this day's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house.
- May 17th is the 6th Sunday of Easter. We hear that "Jesus did not abandon his followers" and "as Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us all as the Spirit of truth."
- May 21st the Ascension of our Lord occurs, marking 40 days since his resurrection.
- May 24th is the 7th Sunday of Easter. "We gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world."
- May 31st is the final Sunday in May when we celebrate the day of Pentecost. "Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts, the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people."

May God bless us all with faith, patience, courage, humility and peace in the name of God the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit. Blessings, and Happy Easter!

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NOTE: Pastor Ryal is providing Bible Study via telephone conference on Wednesdays at 10:00. Please contact Alice Kolb, (805) 234-7823 for directions on how to join.

NOTE: Nick and Becky Mendoza are keeping Lolo's open (by themselves) for take-out orders. Their catering menu is available as well and items on that menu are discounted by 20%. Hours: 12-8, Monday - Saturday, closed Tuesdays, Sunday 12-7.

Letter From Pastor Liz Radtke:

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It was just a little over a year ago that I was sitting down to write my farewell newsletter article as my time with you was drawing to a close. And as you might have heard this past Sunday on our Facebook Live worship service, or when you receive a phone call from the church leadership checking in on you, I am now writing my second farewell letter to you.

It is with a grateful, yet sorrowful, heart that I write this newsletter article to let you know that I am resigning as the Supply Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church. My husband, Ryan, has accepted a call at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mechanicsville, VA, and I am currently in conversation with another congregation in the Virginia Synod. Bishop R. Guy Erwin of the Southwest California Synod and his colleagues have already started to assist Calvary through the transition ahead and I am excited to see where the Spirit will be leading you next.

My last Sunday with you, if we are able to gather in person, will be Sunday, May 24th; however, if we are still meeting virtually, then my final Facebook Live worship service will be on Sunday, June 7th.

I am grateful for the time and work that we have shared together. You have lifted my heart continually and renewed my love of being a pastor and of worshiping and working alongside a group of faithful people to further God's will in God's world.

Calvary is an amazing congregation, God is very active here, and I can't wait to see how God will be let loose in this place in the future. I am encouraged that Calvary is beginning a process called Living the Resurrection, and it will be through this process that you will be able to decide who Calvary is, what the values and passions of Calvary are, and then determine how those things intersect with the needs of Morro Bay. What is exciting about this process is that you will be able to claim Calvary's identity, and so when it comes time to start the search for a new pastor then you will be able to find a pastor who will dovetail with your values and passions and will work with you to take Calvary into a wonderfully unexpected and exciting future. I know that God will continue to be at work with all of you, whatever comes next.

In preparation for this transition, I do need to be clear that once my time is complete at Calvary, I will no longer be your pastor. I will not preside at baptisms, weddings, or funerals and will not be available to provide pastoral care. In light of this transition, I will also be reevaluating social media relationships and making changes that are in the best interest of whomever succeeds me as the pastoral leader at Calvary.

I give thanks to God and to you that I have been able to share my gifts and ministry alongside all of you and that you have welcomed me so warmly both times I have been in your midst. I will definitely carry Calvary with me in my heart as we head into our next adventure. These new adventures that we are all embarking on call to mind a favorite prayer of mine that I think is fitting for both you and for me. It is the closing prayer from the Vespers service in the ELW, and it says: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you for the time we have shared together. I will miss you deeply, and will remember you fondly.

Trusting in the love of Jesus,
Pr. Liz Radtke

Easter Cross

A Big Thank You to Nikki Rocha and Family for decorating the Easter Cross!



Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee has not met due to the Covid-19 sheltering at home.

Living The Resurrection

Many of you may recall that Calvary participated in a survey last Fall. That survey is the starting point to a revitalization program called Living the Resurrection.

The next step is to hear from each and every one of you. We need everyone's input! We are developing a very short three question survey designed to get to the core of our life at Calvary. Sometime between the middle and end of May, you will receive a call from a member, probably the same one who has been calling to check on you all these weeks. We will appreciate your open feedback.

Edie Orloff Concert

Due to the uncertainty of when the sheltering at home will end, the Edie Orloff concert that was scheduled for May will have to be postponed.

Reminder: Important Tips to Keep You Safe:

1. **HANDS** - Wash them often.
2. **ELBOW** - Cough into it.
3. **FACE** - Don't touch it.
4. **FEET** - Stay more than 6ft. apart.
5. **FEEL Sick?** - STAY HOME!

Council Highlights

The Council met via Zoom on April 22. The Treasurer reports that income for the month of March 2020 was \$5010.00 and for April is \$4275.00. Total income is 35.47% of our budget for 2020, and expenses are 23.94% of our budget for 2020. The COVID-19 shelter in place order has reduced some expenses. However, we are still paying our 3 employees, Ina Davenport, Mark Orback, & Sophie Lorenzo, their full salaries while this order is in place as they are all three still working. We have applied for the SBA-CARE Payroll loan from the government. At this point the bank has acknowledged receipt of our application but no other updates. There is no guarantee that we will receive the loan (which would cover up to 8 weeks of payroll expense and maybe a portion of our utilities per the application information).

Pastor Liz's last day with us will be May 24. After that, there will be various supply pastors scheduled each Sunday. The schedule will be posted in the monthly newsletter. Pastor Liz will assist us with implementing the Appreciative Inquiry Process.

Council voted to proceed with cleaning the carpet in the Fellowship Hall.

We have permission from Thrivent to spend the gift card given to us to pay for the barbeque on items to clean and sanitize the buildings.

May Anniversaries

Alice & Jim Dallmann-Mang
5/6/2000

Mary & Jim Rash
5/24/2008

Congratulations!



May Birthdays

<i>Beth Davis</i>	5/1
<i>Titan Chrisem</i>	5/3
<i>Bruce Torgerson</i>	5/3
<i>Jim Dallmann-Mang</i>	5/9
<i>Deborah Olson</i>	5/11
<i>Stacey Lange</i>	5/14
<i>Becky Mendoza</i>	5/16
<i>Nick Mendoza</i>	5/22
<i>Patty Harsch</i>	5/24
<i>Maggie Muff</i>	5/24
<i>Laverne Draeger</i>	5/27
<i>Charles Rice</i>	5/27
<i>Katie Edson</i>	5/28
<i>Emilee Lange</i>	5/30



Calling All Graduates!

Do you know someone who is graduating this spring? If you would like to acknowledge them, send their name to Gail Brochtrup or Janet Lorenzo by May 22 and we will announce their accomplishment in the June Newsletter.



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Change of Address

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Scriptures for May

Sunday, May 3

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Sunday, May 10

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 17

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 24

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 31

Acts 2:1-21
Numbers 11:24-30 (alternate)
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Acts 2:1-21 (alternate)
John 20:19-23
John 7:37-39

Prayer Concerns

- Heidi Carney - cancer
- Kathie Sperow - recovering from neck surgery
- Harry, Kathy Sperow's father - his wife crossed over because of the Virus, and he is also positive, 96 years old, and struggling with the loss of wife
- Brenda's Ouwerkerk's mother -serious health concerns
- Corona virus- may those who are infected heal and may others follow the restrictions to stop the spread. May our government and law makers made good decisions, and may our health care workers and first responders get the tools and equipment they need to keep themselves safe while helping others.
- Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz - Pray that they are safe and provided for and that we may resume food donation deliveries soon.

May 2020

*Remember in Prayer

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 *Elaine Grawe	2
3 - Sermon on Hope FB Page 10:00, on Calvary FB page and website 11:00	4 *Bruce & Cindy Haener	5	6 *Victor Hansen	7	8 *Herb & Patti Harsch	9
10 - Sermon on Hope FB Page 10:00, on Calvary FB page and website 11:00	11 *Joe & Debby Hoeflich	12	13 *Bob & Sharron Jackman	14 Council Meeting via Zoom 1:00	15 *Gunther & Virginia Junck	16
17 - Sermon on Hope FB Page 10:00, on Calvary FB page and website 11:00 Or services resume at Calvary if shelter at home is lifted!	18 *Judy Kalin	19	20 *Robin Karas	21	22 *Alice Kolb	23
24 - Sermon on Hope FB Page 10:00, on Calvary FB page and website 11:00 Or services resume at Calvary if shelter at home is lifted! Pastor Liz's Last Day With Calvary	25 *Woody & Nancy Koppl	26	27 *Jennifer Kurrle	28	29 *Jason & Stacey Lange	30
31 - Sermon on Hope FB Page 10:00, on Calvary FB page and website 11:00 Or services resume at Calvary if shelter at home is lifted!						