

Calvary Calling - August 2020 News



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"Come Share Our Joy"

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Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is
understood. When my heart is hard,
break the stone away. When my
heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on
your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord,
let my heart, Lord, let my heart be
good soil.

Pastor's Pen:

As much as we'd prefer otherwise, COVID-19 has pulled up a chair and plans to stay a while. It feels like forever since things were "normal". We now find ourselves in an in between time. We humans do better with absolutes. However, sometimes God calls us to an in-between time, also called an interim time. Often these times are also "thin spaces" when God feels so close. In these interim times we are called to reflect on where we've been and where we're going.

Mark's gospel (5:21-43) tells the story of the healing of Jairus' daughter. Jairus is a leader of the temple and begs Jesus for healing on behalf of his child. Before healing the young girl, Jesus sends the crowd away and hand picks the community that will help and accompany her. He says "Talitha Kum," which translated means "Little Girl, Arise!" And she wakes up-fully alive! I can imagine how uncomfortable her family must have been in that time in between hope and despair. I found new comfort in this gospel story when I discovered that Talitha is a term of endearment, like sweetie or precious one. To know that Jesus regarded her as precious adds a dimension to the story that was previously missing. "Precious one, get up!" Then, surrounded by a community of God's choice, she is restored and made whole. It was this God anointed community that fed and nourished her spirit.

During this holy and appointed interim time, we will feed and nourish one another, all the while discovering where God is calling us in the future. I pray that our normal becomes even better. I thank God for each of you and for the privilege of walking with you.

Blessings,
Pastor Robyn

You're Invited to our first ZOOM Social Hour



Please join your Calvary siblings in Christ for a Friday Fellowship social hour. We need to see each other's faces and reconnect, so log in from your computer, tablet or phone. Here's the link for this Friday, July 31, 7 PM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83608621406>

No password is required

Worship in August

Pastor Robyn Provis will continue to provide Calvary Worship online for at least the month of August to follow State and County guidelines. You can tune in on Facebook, live at 10:00 AM, or check a little later in the day on the website, morrobaylutherans.org, or check your email for the link to the recorded service.

It has not been easy transitioning to online services! Internet and technical difficulties have made the experience less than perfect. Hopefully those problems have been resolved and you are feeling a connection with God and members of the congregation.

Many, many thanks to the following people for making the online experience the best it can be:

- Pastor Robyn for the lively and engaging way she brings us the Word
- Ina Davenport for providing amazing music, sometimes on a portable piano
- The Ministry Assistants, Joyce Bauer and Alice Kolb
- Janet and Sophia Lorenzo for wading through each technical difficulty and recording each service

Online services would be very different without this dedicated team - THANK YOU!

Ministry Exploration Team (MET)

The MET has been meeting regularly, and Pastor Robyn has begun the process of helping us to determine what qualities our congregation most appreciates in a permanent pastor. A sampling of Calvary's members and regular attendees will be interviewed to help answer questions like: Who are we now? What do we treasure about Calvary? What opportunities is God providing us with our neighbors? (God's call into mission) and what are the characteristics a pastor would need to have to help us work in this direction?

The following members have agreed to be part of this process: Gail Brochtrup, Ina Davenport, Nancy Koppl, Janet Lorenzo, Toni Tway, Nancy Padilla, Cindy Haener and Kathie Sperow. Some of you will be hearing from one of these people to set up a time for an interview in a way that is comfortable for you and safe (telephone, in person with distancing, zoom, etc.) If you don't hear from one of them, and you would like to be interviewed please let Gail Brochtrup know.

As you pray for our congregation, please also pray for the members of the Ministry Exploration Team.

Council Highlights

Council met on Calvary's patio on July 9 with face masks and distancing. The Treasurer reports that the current balance in the General Fund is \$17,746. Income is at 53% of budget, and expenses are at 51% of budget. This month we will begin paying our interim pastor (plus the parsonage utilities which were already being paid). These expenses were not included in the 2020 budget.

Office floors were cleaned and they look beautiful, like new! The cost was \$700, paid from the General Fund Maintenance account. Remaining balance in that account is \$800.

Fire extinguishers were serviced last month, and two additional fire extinguishers are required. Waiting for an estimate on the cost.

The Council voted against an in-person coffee gathering, feeling that it is too soon and not safe to resume this type of activity. Bible Study will also continue to be on-line as opposed to in person.

Outside groups have contacted the treasurer asking if they can resume using our building for their meetings. Council voted to allow them to use the patio, bring their own chairs, agree to not use the restrooms and understand that we may have to rescind this offer if the virus worsens and we are forced to shelter again.

August Anniversaries

Nick & Becky Mendoza - 8/18/1984

Darel & Betty Sorensen - 8/19/1961

Jason & Stacey Lange - 8/25/2007

Congratulations!



Compassion Child in Rwanda

Please remember in prayer our compassion child, Charite who lives in Rwanda. At this point, all centers in Rwanda are closed in order to abide by local guidelines. Staff members are still calling and checking in on families, and in some communities they are able to visit children while obeying social distancing guidelines. Because of the generous support of sponsors and donors, they have been able to distribute 73,322 food packs and 100,476 hygiene kits to children and their families!

Change of Address

Jim & Nancy Berg
7873 Marshall Arch Dr.
Mechanicsville, VA
23111



August Birthdays

<i>Mollie Lange</i>	8/3
<i>Nancy Berg</i>	8/4
<i>Nancy Padilla</i>	8/4
<i>Ronnie Smith</i>	8/4
<i>Scott McCorkhill</i>	8/9
<i>August Muff</i>	8/10
<i>Earle Warke</i>	8/10
<i>Kathy Penn</i>	8/11
<i>Betty Sorensen</i>	8/19
<i>David Muff</i>	8/21
<i>Kevin Rocha</i>	8/22
<i>Jim Berg</i>	8/29
<i>Jeff McKee</i>	8/29



New Ramp



Check out the new ramp just completed at the church office building. The old one was ready for a refresh. The new one is ready to carry us into our future.

Two bids were received and the lowest bid was accepted by the Council. The new ramp cost \$1,310 and was paid for using money from the yard sale and the Maintenance Fund.

Thank you to everyone who took part in coordinating the completion of this "grace with space" project.

Prayer Concerns

- ✚ **Heidi Carney** - cancer and cataract surgery
- ✚ **Brenda's Ouwkerk** - aging parents health concerns
- ✚ **Betty Sorensen** - recovering at home after a fall
- ✚ **Mercedes Stevens**, Katie Edson's mom - health concerns
- ✚ **Ken Donohoo** - Starting chemotherapy for blood cancer
- ✚ **Family of Bob Penzel** - health issues
- ✚ **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 routine food donation deliveries soon.



Scriptures for July

August 2

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 23

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Remember In Prayer						1
2 Worship: 10:00 Facebook live streamed Recorded Service will be posted on morrobaylutherans. org and emailed	3 *Richard Williams	4	5 *Diane Williams Bible Study via Zoom 10:00	6	7 *Emma Winter	8
9 Worship: 10:00 Facebook live streamed Recorded Service will be posted on morrobaylutherans. org and emailed	10 *Carla Wixom	11	12 *Bryan Woken Bible Study via Zoom 10:00	13 Council Meeting (Time TBA)	14 *Grant & Patty Anderson	15
16 Worship: 10:00 Facebook live streamed Recorded Service will be posted on morrobaylutherans. org and emailed	17 *Kate Anderson	18	19 *John & Melanie Bachman Bible Study via Zoom 10:00	20	21 *Sheryl Barker	22
23 Worship: 10:00 Facebook live streamed Recorded Service will be posted on morrobaylutherans. org and emailed	24 *Tom & Joyce Bauer	25	26 *Jim & Nancy Berg Bible Study via Zoom 10:00	27	28 *Gary & Gail Brochtrup	29
30 Worship: 10:00 Facebook live streamed Recorded Service will be posted on morrobaylutherans. org and emailed	31 *Aaron Brochtrup					