



THE CALVARY CALLING

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GOING ON THE ROAD TO HELP OUR SISTER CHURCH

Thank you to the Calvary church family, my family and all the friends who participated in Iglesia's Angel Tree! What a blessing for the families and children we helped!

In total, eight children will receive presents. In addition, ten (10) families will receive gift cards. A total of eighty nine (89) people will receive gifts or gift cards totaling \$875.00!

Cindy Haener and I traveled to Iglesia on December 19th to deliver everything. We were welcomed by Pastor Esteban and his wife Angie, two amazing people. We felt like part of their family. We visited with them after giving presents and gift cards to them. That felt like what Christmas should be!



Nancy Padilla



...About ten years ago pastors and members from the Central Coast



Lutheran churches (including Calvary), gathered to imagine an effective evangelistic outreach to the Latino community in our area. That's when Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz was born. Today Iglesia has more members than many of their sponsoring congregations and they work tirelessly to care for the Latino/Mixteco community, many of whom have been hit hard by COVID-19. Thank you for your support of Iglesia. Iglesia's budget is entirely supported by our conference (Morro Bay to Lompoc).

Pastor's Pen: Shaking off 2020, or not?

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

2nd Corinthians 17:4

Are you ready to say "so long" to 2020? I am and I confess laughing out loud at a cartoon that read *"I'm staying up really late this New Year's Eve—not to see the New Year in but to make sure the old one leaves!"*

The year 2020 has pushed us to limits we didn't know we had. And like the "Etch-A-Sketch" I loved as a child, I was so tempted shake 2020 out of my memory but, no. I really don't want to do that. 2020 has been full of blessings and new skills! One of those blessings for me was the invitation to come to Calvary. You are a wonderful community and I am grateful to walk with you.

This year we've grown closer as church family, blood family and friends despite the separations. We've become more grateful for our health and we've become alert to new perspectives if our health is facing fears hard to name. Life feels more precious than it's ever felt before. It's natural that as our world has faced its own mortality, so would we. You've shared that your prayer lives have deepened which is wonderful! And heavens to Betsy we've learned more than we cared to about technology! Could you ever imagine using "ZOOM" in a sentence and asking friends to tilt their laptop screens so we can see their faces and not their ceilings? And my favorite, "Please mute your microphones" has become a part of liturgical dialogue.

With a new year comes new beginnings-- fresh starts! Please give yourselves a big dose of grace for everything you've accomplished and survived! Now as we enter the season of epiphany opportunities will be everywhere? Epiphany is the perfect time for God to make new creations

out of us! Becoming our best selves is our opportunity to listen for God's imagination for our lives. Being a church in interim gives us an even greater opportunity to reflect on all that we treasure, remember and hope for.

I pray we never forget that our God is a God of new creation, taking chaos wherever it is found and forming it anew. Surrendering to the potter's hand should always be part of a new year. Let's believe the possible and affirm that it's a good year for a good year.

Happy New Year Calvary, *Pastor Robyn*



**"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"**



Look for a ZOOM link to participate in our upcoming congregational meeting, **January 10th at 11:00 AM**, just following worship. We will be voting on the 2021 budget, a copy of which has been mailed to you. We'll also be approving a bylaws amendment shifting us to ONE, not two annual meetings and also some minor constitution changes. A copy of the constitution with proposed changes in yellow can be found on our website, www.morrobaylutherans.org.

Our leadership council is fully staffed for this upcoming year requiring no action. We plan to have a few items of celebration to lift up during the meeting.

MEALS FOR THE MUFFS

Janelle Muff and her family are so very appreciative of our prayers and the generous and delicious meals that have been prepared for them while Janelle undergoes chemotherapy. Keep those prayers coming!

We are looking for folks who are willing to prepare and deliver a dinner during the month of March. Please contact Gail Brochtrup, 805-772-0237 if you can help.



Council Highlights

Because of the COVID surge, we've moved back to online services until further notice.

The Treasurer reports that the current balance in the Chase General Checking account is \$17,509.79 as of December 10th, 2020. Income is at \$73,856.74 (98.91% of 2020 Budget) and expenses are at \$71,167.96 (95.31% of 2020 Budget).

Council reviewed & discussed the proposed 2021 budget. There is a budget shortfall for 2021 of \$7,287. Council requested some changes to the budget to close the gap. The final budget will be shared with members before the Annual Meeting, Part II on January 10.

Re: Iglesia de Luterana de Santa Cruz, we have learned that Pastor Esteban's salary is paid through the synod, with funding coming from each church in the conference. Iglesia is a ministry of this conference. Two years ago, the conference congregations totaled \$36,000 in monies paid to cover his salary. This past year it was only \$9,000. For 2021 the Synod suggests a pledge of at least \$3000 from Calvary and preferably more.

The meeting Part II will take place on January 10, via Zoom. We will vote on elected committee members, the 2021 budget and changing our constitution to having one Annual Meeting, not two.

The Simple Christmas Stocking Project

By Brenda Ouwerkerk

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace”. 1 Peter 4:10

Christmas, 2019 Cindy Haener and I were moved to use our hands and the talents our Lord has given us to create Christmas cheer and handmade stockings for our mission congregation – Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria.



The simple act of needle and thread passing through bright colors of angels, candy canes, snowflakes and Christmas tree fabric got us started. Spending time together measuring, cutting, sewing seams, pressing and folding our creations lead to simple Christmas stockings to hold blessings donated from our Calvary Lutheran Church family and friends. Gift cards, small toys, food, candy and love were poured into our simple vessels.

Into whose hands these simple stockings land is a mystery to us, but the positive connection and nourishment of body and soul of the makers and takers/recipients is strongly felt.

Our creative process is as important as the finished stockings! Cindy and I experience the joy of Christian fellowship and friendship that sewing together brings and using our gifts of time, talent, creativity, an abundance of fabric and enthusiasm that God has provided has inspired us to continue this ministry of the simple stockings.

So far, we have provided 30 stockings and hope to create many more.

My Offering for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Tithes	<input type="checkbox"/> Missions
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Offering	<input type="checkbox"/> Floral Gift
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	<input type="checkbox"/> Easter
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith Promise

Name: _____
Address: _____
Amount: _____

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

Offering Envelopes

Council is in the process of distributing offering envelopes for 2021. When you receive yours, we would appreciate you designating a minimum \$5 donation to cover their cost. Thank you in advance.

January Birthdays

Kate Anderson	1/9
Jennifer Kurrle	1/12
Nancy Koppl	1/18
Nikki Rocha	1/19
Gunther Junck	1/24

January Anniversaries

Nancy & Woody Koppl - 1/31/1987



Prayers

- Heidi Carney - Von Carney passed into heaven on December 19.
- Janelle Muff- cancer
- Family of Ken Donohoo
- Brenda Ouwerkerk - aging parents
- Darel and Betty Sorenson
- Marcia Shep- Jennifer Kurrle's' grandmother-recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Mercedes Stevens- Katie Edson's elderly mother
- Georgina Tway- accepted at San Francisco State University
- Iglesia - May their needs be met
- Covid 19 - May those who are infected heal, and may others follow the restrictions to stop the spread.

Donation to Food Pantry

A big thank you to Lisa Mia, a local realtor who would like to support our effort to keep our library/food pantry stocked with food. She is donating \$250! The donation can also go in part to Iglesia's needs.

From Alice Kolb:

Church and family have always been an important connection for me. I was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Noonan, ND, with my parents and grandmother in attendance. When I first came to Los Osos, to live with my grandmother, we attended the Baywood Park Community Church, but as I was nearing the age for Confirmation, we began attending Calvary Lutheran around 1962. I have been a member since. First, with my grandmother; later, with my mother as she came to visit; and then, with my daughter Kara.

There are no words to express my gratitude to the Pastors and members who have supported me through these years and it is with a sweet sadness that I will no longer be joining you weekly for worship. My son Kris attends Shoreline Calvary Chapel here in Morro Bay, and I now have the joy of standing next to him, as we thank God for His Goodness together.

Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars

Some of you may have insurance or investments with Thrivent Financial. (Many years ago, this organization was called Lutheran Brotherhood.) Presently, Thrivent periodically assigns Choice Dollars which can be given to various charities, including your own church. If you are so inclined, Calvary would benefit from your donation! Contact Thrivent or your agent to learn more.

Obituary for Ken Donohoo

Kenneth Lee Donohoo ,71, of Los Osos, California passed away on December 2.

Ken was born in 1949 to Catherine and Fred Donohoo. A Native Californian, he spent his early childhood in San Diego and Glendora, California before moving to Morro Bay in the early 1960s. He graduated from Morro Bay High School, where he also met his future wife, Valerie. They were married in 1970 and celebrated their 50th anniversary several months before his death. They were blessed with two sons, Heath and Colin.

In his early years Ken worked for the Sun Bulletin newspaper in Morro Bay and as an aide and seasonal ranger for California State Parks both in Morro Bay and Carpentaria. After graduating from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, he completed an internship in lab sciences at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara. In 1973 he was hired as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist at Sierra Vista Regional Medical, working throughout the lab and specializing many years as the lead in the Microbiology Department, where he worked until his death. He never lost his passion for lab sciences and was respected as a resource for this community.

He found great joys in the outdoors. He was an avid hiker, summiting Mt. Whitney twice; cross-country skier, completing two trans-sierra ski trips; and a local surfer. He loved the sea and the mountains and was grateful to live in an area where he could enjoy both in the same day. Travel was another passion, first exploring the USA with his family in his VW camper van and later visiting 57 countries on 6 continents with his wife. Ken was skilled in many areas and was affectionately referred to as our family's "go-to-guy".

He felt a responsibility to contribute to the community and volunteered whenever he could. He was a troop leader with the Boy Scouts of America for many years and initiated a snow camp program in Troop 216. For over 50 years, he was an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Morro Bay. While his sons were young, he coached many of their sports teams and always was their biggest fan.

He was a wonderful husband, father, and friend and will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife, Valerie; two sons, Heath of Atascadero and Colin of Canoga Park; his brother, Mark (Tanya) of Hawaii; his niece, Jamie; two grand-nephews; and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials If desired are requested to Calvary Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 386, Morro Bay, Ca. 93442 or to The American Cancer Society.



PRAYER CHAIN SURVEY UPDATE



So far the survey reveals that several of you are interested in being part of a text message prayer chain. We will continue to look for the simplest way of accomplishing this and announce it after the first of the year. Even if you didn't take part in the survey, you'll still have an opportunity to opt in.

January Scriptures

January 3

First Reading: [Jeremiah 31:7-14](#)

Psalm: [Psalm 147:12-20](#)

Second Reading: [Ephesians 1:3-14](#)

Gospel: [John 1:10-18](#)

January 10

First Reading: [Genesis 1:1-5](#)

Psalm: [Psalm 29](#)

Second Reading: [Acts 19:1-7](#)

Gospel: [Mark 1:4-11](#)

January 17

First Reading: [1 Samuel 3:1-10 \[11-20\]](#)

Psalm: [Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18](#)

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#)

Gospel: [John 1:43-51](#)

January 24

First Reading: [Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)

Psalm: [Psalm 62:5-12](#)

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#)

Gospel: [Mark 1:14-20](#)

January 31

First Reading: [Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#)

Psalm: [Psalm 111](#)

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 8:1-13](#)

Gospel: [Mark 1:21-28](#)

Amazon Smile Just a reminder that donations for Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church are made when Amazon shopping is done at smile.amazon.com. Please take a moment and go to the website and sign up. It's pretty simple and will benefit our church with each purchase made through Amazon Smile!



Framed Photographs by Bill Olson



There are still many of Bill Olson's framed photography for sale. Large pictures are \$100, and small are \$50. The frames were hand made by Bill - what a wonderful remembrance of him.

Please contact Janet Lorenzo, 805 234-5089, or Pastor Robyn if you would like to view the entire collection.



MET Team Update- Time to Vote

Our MET (Ministry Exploration Team) has finished summarizing the interviews that gave responses to the questions of: 1) How you experience God in your life, 2) What you treasure about Calvary, and 3) What are your hopes for the future. The next step is for you to vote on the top responses you most resonate with. Look for a special email or letter asking for your votes. **This is not the end. It is the beginning of refining our hopes into what will eventually be given to pastoral candidates.**

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>*Please remember in your prayers.</i></p>					1 *Toni Tway 	2
3 Worship live-streamed on Facebook 10:00 and posted to website	4 *Georgina Tway	5	6 *Karen Vail Bible Study via Zoom 10:00	7 Council Meeting (Time TBA)	8 *Richard Williams	9
10 Worship Service live-streamed on Facebook 10:00 and posted to Morrobaylutherans.org Annual Meeting 11:00 Via Zoom	11 *Diane Williams	12	13 *Grant & Patty Anderson Bible Study via Zoom 10:00	14	15 *Kate Anderson	16
17 Worship Service live-streamed on Facebook 10:00 and posted to Morrobaylutherans.org	18 *Sheryl Barker Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20 *Ton & Joyce Bauer Bible Study via Zoom 10:00 Inauguration Day	21	22 *Gary & Gail Brochtrup	23
24 Worship Service live-streamed on Facebook 10:00 and posted to Morrobaylutherans.org	25 *Aaron & Cassi Brochtrup	26	27 *Ken Brocks Bible Study via Zoom 10:00	28	29 *Heidi Carney	30
31 Worship Service live-streamed on Facebook 10:00 and posted to Morrobaylutherans.org						



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