



THE CALVARY CALLING

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Pastor's Pen- "DOING WHAT LOVE REQUIRES: Stewardship 2021/22"

October is stewardship month at Calvary. It's a topic that can make people twitchy, especially IF they believe stewardship is about the church "getting their money." Stewardship is about God getting your heart. Faith in action comes from the heart. In Micah 6:8 we read, "**What does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**" (NRSV). The verses that precede Micah 6:8 show God talking to Israel. In essence God says, "*I have something I need to bring to your attention, a controversy I need to voice, so listen up. What exactly have I done wrong? I am constantly saving you so that you will always remember my righteous deeds.*" What follows are the Israelites asking questions as if they're trying to break the code of what God wants from them. What, O God, are the proper offerings that might be fitting as a response to your saving acts? Is it a year-old calf? Or how about thousands of rams, or ten thousand of rivers of oil? The last verse of the passage — the one most familiar to us — turns the questions asked in verses 6-7 away from their focus on the types of offerings and toward a focus on the type of person.



**God does not want a specific type of offering.
God wants a specific type of person.**

The passage culminates with an answer-Micah 6:8. The people have focused on offerings — small and large. They have emphasized sacrificial worship to the exclusion of justice and kindness. **Doing What Love Requires** is our Stewardship theme this year. Its hope is to focus us on how we can use our resources (our finances and our very lives), to show mercy, to love kindness and to walk humbly. We do this as individuals, but we also do it as organized communities of faith. Financial stewardship stems from our heart for God.


Calvary has a lot to look forward to. The holy excitement of calling a settled pastor is on the horizon. God already knows who that individual is. This year we've faithfully worn our masks to care for neighbor. We've gotten our vaccinations and we've kept our social distance. That's one way we've shown love, mercy and kindness. The next step is to ensure that our ministry as Calvary Lutheran Church of Morro Bay is resourced for the next year and beyond. Expect a letter and a pledge card in the mail. It's signed by each one of your leaders. What if the best is yet to come? Guess what? It is.

In Hope,
Pastor Robyn



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CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Ministry Site Profile has been completed and uploaded to the synod's website. At the October 14th council meeting it will be reviewed and ratified by a vote before going live within the ELCA. Thanks be to God. Calvary is growing forward!

Council Highlights

Pastor would like to know if anyone would like another movie night in the fellowship hall?

Our transition/call committee is in full swing and hopes to complete the ministry site profile (MSP) by the end of September. Once processed by the synod it's possible the call committee could be talking with candidates in October.



Advent begins on Nov. 28. Pastor would like to use a series called, "The Inn: Housing the Holy." A motion was made and passed to allow the purchase of \$79 for the materials.

The Daisy group (a group of young girls organized by Angelina McKee) has been approved to use the patio and office building for their meetings once monthly, and because they have no funding to make a donation they will do chores as they are able, such as cleaning the tables and sweeping.

Outreach Committee



The committee voted to recommend to the Council that the proceeds from selling jewelry at the yard sale go to purchasing "ELCA Good Gifts" at Christmas time. The gifts to choose from provide things like chickens, pigs, fresh water and filters, etc. in other countries. Also approved was a drive for donations for Iglesia for cleaning supplies and other needed items.

The Calvary Member photo wall needs to be completed before we get a new pastor. Most of the photos have been taken by Jim Luke. Kathie Sperow has contacted some of those who have not had a picture taken and asked them to bring a picture of themselves to put on the wall.

Some members have expressed a desire to be trained to take Communion to those who are not comfortable coming to church yet. Pastor will check her calendar and schedule a training the first of November.

Treasurer's Report for August, 2021

Income - \$6,035.00; Expenses - \$5,227.79. Income at the end of August is now at 107.6% of our 2021 Budget for the first 8 months of 2021. Expenses are at 92.4% of the 2021 Budget for the same period.

Scriptures for October

October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

October Birthdays

Lisa Schuldt	10/1
Angelina Rice	10/2
Valerie Donohoo	10/3
Toni Tway	10/8
Mark Orback	10/11
Judy Kalin	10/25
Edith Tway	10/25



October Anniversaries

Jeff & Kea McKee - 10/2/1982
Gary & Gail Brochtrup - 10/5/1991

Memorial Bench

It's here! It's here! Thank you, Ken Brock, for building it for us. Now folks can stop for a rest, or read one of the books from the little library. Now that it is installed we'll work on the memorial plaque remembering several of our saints in light. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the bench and place a plaque in memory of a loved one, contact Janet Lorenzo, 805 234 5089.

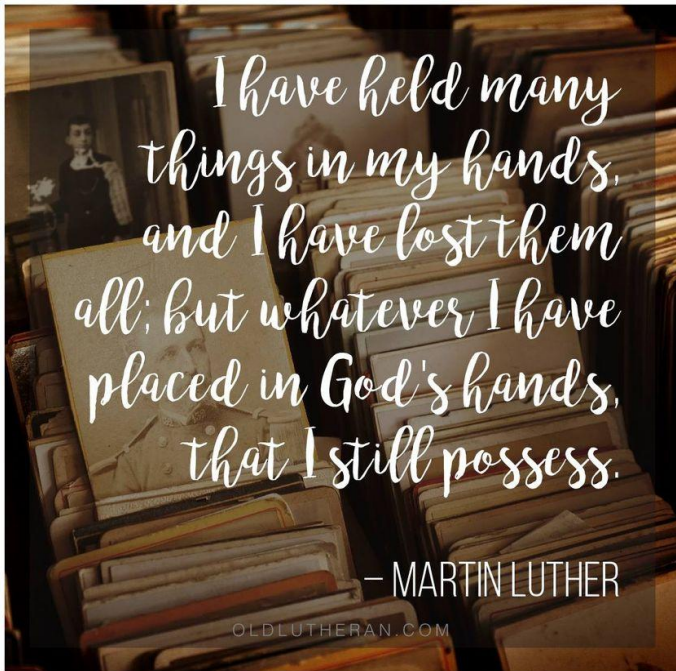


PUMPKIN SHEET CAKE (RECIPE BY REE DRUMMOND, PIONEER WOMAN)

1. Preheat oven to 350 and prepare a sheet pan (11X17)
2. In a medium saucepan: Melt 2 sticks salted **butter**, then add 2 cups **pumpkin puree** (not pumpkin pie mix), ½ cup boiling **water** and 1 tsp. **pumpkin pie spice**
3. In large bowl combine: 2 cups **flour**, 2 cups **white sugar**, ½ tsp. **salt**. Set aside.
4. In medium bowl, combine: ½ cup **buttermilk** OR ½ cup milk and 1 tsp. white vinegar, 2 beaten **eggs**, 2 tsp. **baking soda**, 2 tsp. **vanilla**
5. Pour pumpkin mixture into flour mixture, stir until partially combined. Add buttermilk mixture and stir until fully combined. Pour onto prepared sheet pan and bake for 20 minutes. Cool fully before frosting.
6. To make **cream cheese frosting**, use one stick of butter and 8 oz. of cream cheese, both warmed to room temp. Mix in 1 tsp. vanilla and a little milk as you beat in 1 lb. powdered sugar.

A great big Calvary **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered, donated, priced, sorted, folded, transported, carried, purchased, helped in any way! It was a huge success totaling **\$2,591.20**





Central Coast Synod Conference Assembly

Join us on Wednesday evening, Oct. 13 at 6 PM via zoom to speak with our new Bishop, Brenda Bos. She will share her vision for the future and she wants to hear from those of us on the Central Coast. Stay tuned for a zoom link. There will be a second link for youth and young adults.



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Our Siblings at Iglesia Luterana need the following items. Can you help?

COVID Masks—Adult and children disposable and reusable

Cleaning supplies: dishwashing liquid, sponges, laundry soap, lysol, bars of soap

Hygiene products: shampoo and conditioner, combs, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste

Bags of candy! They will be having an event after church on Halloween.

We will be collecting items at church from October 3rd to October 24th. Thank you so much!

Join us after worship on October 10, at 11:15 for our blessing of the animals. Bring your furry, feathery, slimy, or scaly pets to the west lawn. Individual blessings will be given. Woof! Meow!



October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*Remember in Prayer **Subject to Change</p>					<p>1 *Tom & Joyce Bauer</p> <p>Yard Sale 3-7:00</p>	<p>2 Yard Sale 8-3:00</p>
<p>3 **In-Person Worship service With Holy Communion 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Lay Assistant: Katie E.</p>	<p>4 *Gary & Gail Brochtrup</p> <p>Coffee Club 9:00 Sea Pines Los Osos</p>	5	<p>6 *Ken Brocks</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Finance Committee 5:30 via Zoom</p>	7	<p>8 *Heidi Carney</p>	9
<p>10 **In-Person Worship service 10:00 live streamed on Facebook Lay Assistant: Linda L.</p> <p>BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 11:15, after worship</p>	<p>11 *Debbie & Travis Christmen</p> <p>Indigenous Peoples' Day</p> <p>Morro Bay Community Dinner</p>	12	<p>13 *Bob Clemensson</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Synod Conference Assembly, 6 pm via zoom</p>	<p>14 Council Meeting 5:00</p>	<p>15 *David Cooper</p> <p>Coffee Club 9:00 La Parisienne</p>	16
<p>17 **In-Person Worship service With Holy Communion 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Lay Assistant: Nikki R.</p>	<p>18 *Myles and Joanna Crebs</p>	19	<p>20 *Ina Davenport</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Outreach Committee Meeting 1:45</p>	21	<p>22 *Valerie Donohoo</p>	23
<p>24 **In-Person Worship service 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Lay Assistant: Joyce B.</p>	<p>25 *Rosalie Draeger</p>	26	<p>27 *Katie Edson</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall</p>	28	<p>29 *Ron & Audrey Forster</p>	30
<p>31 Happy Halloween! **In-Person Worship service 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Assistant: TBA</p>	