



# THE CALVARY CALLING

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## Pastor's Pen: Stewardship of Summer

***"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." (Psalm 24:1)***

The arrival of summer always makes me nostalgic for summers past. This week I found myself remembering 1980 when I lived in Belgium and was editor of the community newspaper for S.H.A.P.E. (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) at NATO. I was sent on assignment to the palace of Versailles in Versailles, France to write about the **Fete de Nuit**, (night festival). Fete de Nuit is a spectacle of music, lights, elaborate water fountains, horses, dancers and theater, all set in the palace gardens. Every bit of it is choreographed to George Frederick Handel's "**Water Music**." Then it ends with a sensory shattering fireworks display perfectly set to his "**Fireworks Suite!**" While others were clapping, I was weeping. In that moment I remembered my mother playing Handel, describing what she saw in her imagination. "Can you see it Robyn?" she'd ask. It would take me until that night in France to answer yes. Because that night in Versailles, I finally saw what my mother had tried to show me. I phoned her that same night to say how incredibly beautiful the night had been, and how grateful I was for what she tried to impart.



Clearly, there are times in life when the light bulb comes on. It happens often in our faith; when the impact of a teaching or a bible passage comes to life in a new way. I've always understood the basics of God's love of creation and God's desire for us to be good stewards of the earth and all who inhabit it, however, this month as we enter the season of vacations, it's becoming clearer. The ELCA is talking more and more of eco faith, eco systems, climate change, and energy and water stewardship. The more I am outdoors the more I marvel at God's beauty. But I wonder. Have I, have we, grasped the symphony and synchronicity God has built into the creation we humans often take for granted? What does it mean to be given dominion over something? Do we understand the sacred nature of water? Do we understand that our bodies are also delicate eco-systems? By what we put into our bodies, are we polluting or caring for them? God has blessed and made a covenant with all of creation and we are blessed to be a blessing—***to ourselves, to each other, and to our world.***

I pray that every time you and your family are outdoors enjoying summer adventures, you will stop to marvel and appreciate God's creation.

In peace and hope,

*Pastor Robyn*

# COMMUNITY LIFE

Pictured above right: Our most recent Coffee Friday group. We meet on first Mondays and third Fridays. It's a great way to get to know people better. Below left is our amazing music director Ina Davenport, and below right are the 2021 council members after they were installed on May 2.



## Outreach Team Report

- The Calvary welcome brochure is getting an update. Stay tuned.
- The Outreach Team is hosting a blanket drive for Iglesia - see article on page 6.
- Look for a new banner soon to let folks know we are worshipping in person now.
- We continue to provide meals for the Morro Bay and Los Osos Community dinners. The next dinner will be on June 14 in Morro Bay. If you are interested in helping contact Nancy Padilla, 760 521-1708, or Janet Lorenzo, 805 234-5089.





## Council met on Thursday, May 13



The current balance in the Chase General Fund checking account is \$23,058.04 as of May 12th, 2021. Actual Income for April 2021 was \$6,126.00; Actual Expenses were \$5,518.28. Net income of \$607.72.

Council voted to allow the outside groups (AA, OA) to begin using the office building and Fellowship Hall for meetings without using the kitchen after we determine the number of people in each group and what the guidelines are now.

Six to eight people will be needed to form a Call Committee. The Committee will be refreshing Calvary's Mission & Vision statements and creating a Ministry Site Narrative that will explain who we are and what we need. The Committee will work with the Finance Committee to create a package to present to prospective pastors.

A new group email has been created in our new membership program so that the newsletter can be directly emailed.

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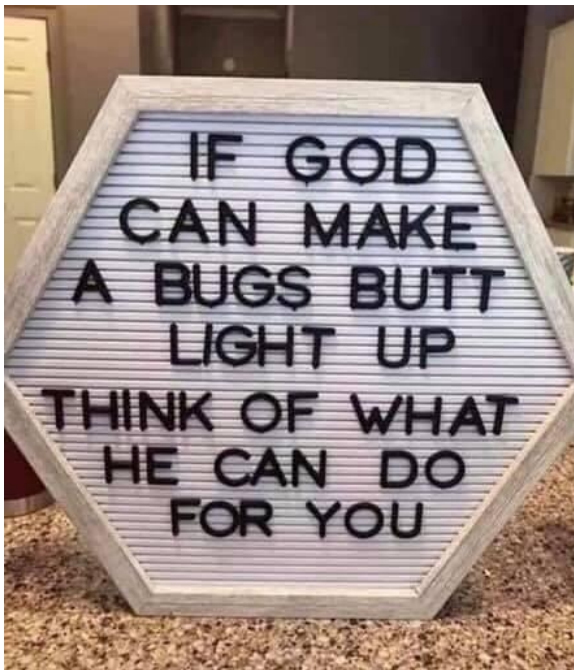


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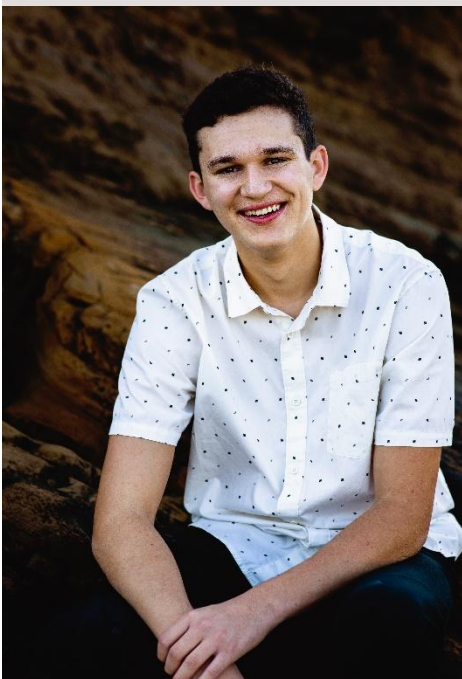
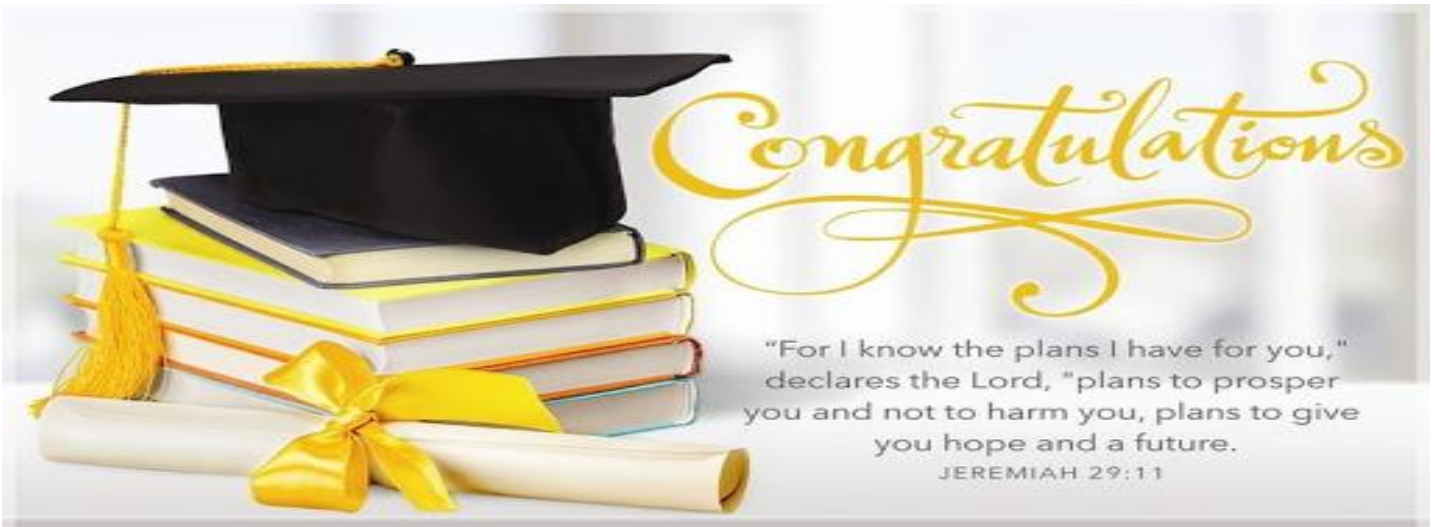
Thank you.



Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Teresa of Avila

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We're so proud of our 2021 graduates! They have persevered in the most unusual of times, keeping their eyes focused on their goals. It cannot have been easy. We hope they are as proud of themselves as we are of them. Oh the stories they'll be able to tell about the year they graduated!

Pictured left is **Jacob Michael Rocha**. After much consideration Jacob has chosen Oregon State University where he will be studying mechanical engineering.

Below, left is **Maggie Muff**. She has selected UCLA where her major will be Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics.

Both of these outstanding students have excelled at STEM, science, technology, engineering and math.

We also want to celebrate **Hayden Chrismen and Carly Muff** who are graduating from eighth grade and will be entering high school in the fall.

**Please join us on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> when we will celebrate our graduates during worship, blessing them on their new journeys and hopefully getting the chance to hear from them directly.**

**Congratulations!**



## Are you interested in serving on our Transition/Call Team?

It's time to nominate and recruit a call committee. This group will pick up where the MET (Ministry Exploration Team) left off. They will meet monthly to address next steps:

- Leading Calvary in refreshing our sense of mission and vision along with new mission and vision statements that express that fresh mission.
- Work on the MSP (Ministry Site Profile) which is the final document that will be sent to the synod. They will then begin the process of matching pastoral candidates to Calvary's needs
- Work with the finance team to determine a hiring budget and offer package
- Learning how to do mock interviews
- Eventually conduct interviews with candidates
- Eventually recommend the final candidate to the council.
- The council would then ratify the choice before inviting the candidate to visit, preach and be voted on by the congregation. **Contact Pastor Robyn if you have questions or are interested in serving.**



## Remember in Prayer

### Happy Birthday to:

Gary Brochtrup	6/2
Gary Orback	6/5
Travis Christmen	6/9
Pastor Robyn Provis	6/18
Olivia Rice	6/27
Elaine Grawe	6/29

### Happy Anniversary to:

Tom & Joyce Bauer	6/15/1974
Kevin & Nikki Rocha	6/17/2000

- James Hecker, side effects from cancer treatment
- Sherry Barker, Bayside Care Center
- Heidi Carney, cancer treatment
- Janelle Muff, cancer treatment
- Elaine Grawe, loss of her daughter and mother
- Families of Ken Donohoo, Von Carney, Vaughn Carney
- Darel and Betty Sorenson
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's elderly mother
- Judy Jeter-multiple health issues including a bad fall
- Edith Tway - Illness
- Iglesia - May their needs be met



## Blankets & More for Iglesia Luterana



The Outreach Team is hosting a drive to collect new or gently used blankets of any size, and new socks and new underwear in any size for our sister church, Iglesia. Pastor Esteban told us of a new Mom of twin girls who had the babies sleeping in a cardboard box because they had nothing else.

These families are in need of things we take for granted. Please help by donating. You can bring items to church, WE ARE OPEN, or send a financial donation to the church, marking it for Iglesia. Thank you for your help! We've applied for and will receive a Thrivent gift card that will be used to also purchase

additional blankets for Iglesia!

# Scriptures for June

<p><b>June 6</b>  <b>Genesis 3:8-15</b>  <b>Psalm 130</b>  <b>2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1</b>  <b>Mark 3:20-35</b></p> <p><b>June 13</b>  <b>Ezekiel 17:22-24</b>  <b>Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15</b>  <b>2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17</b>  <b>Mark 4:26-34</b></p>	<p><b>June 6</b>  <b>Genesis 3:8-15</b>  <b>Psalm 130</b>  <b>2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1</b>  <b>Mark 3:20-35</b></p> <p><b>June 13</b>  <b>Ezekiel 17:22-24</b>  <b>Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15</b>  <b>2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17</b>  <b>Mark 4:26-34</b></p>	<p><b>June 20</b>  <b>Job 38:1-11</b>  <b>Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32</b>  <b>2 Corinthians 6:1-13</b>  <b>Mark 4:35-41</b></p> <p><b>June 27</b>  <b>Lamentations 3:22-33</b>  <b>Psalm 30</b>  <b>2 Corinthians 8:7-15</b>  <b>Mark 5:21-43</b></p>
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Don't forget that our **Synod Assembly "For Such a Time as This"** is taking place virtually on June 4 and 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to log in. Here is a link to the schedule. [www.socalsynod.org/2021-synod-assembly-voting-members/](http://www.socalsynod.org/2021-synod-assembly-voting-members/)

# June 2021 Calvary Lutheran

*\*Please remember in your prayers.*

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>**In-Person Worship subject to change</b></p>		1	<p>2</p> <p>*Sheryl Barker</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 via Zoom</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>*Tom &amp; Joyce Bauer</p> <p><b>Synod Assembly Online</b></p>	5
<p>6</p> <p><b>**In-Person Worship service 10:00 with Holy Communion live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org</b></p> <p>Graduation Celebration Assistant: Joyce Bauer</p>	<p>7</p> <p>*Gary &amp; Gail Brochtrup</p> <p>Coffee Club 9:00</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Finance Committee 5:00 via Zoom</p>	<p>9</p> <p>*Ken Brocks</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 via Zoom</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Council Meeting</p> <p>Time: TBA</p>	<p>11</p> <p>*Heidi Carney</p>	12
<p>13</p> <p><b>**In-Person Worship service 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org</b></p>	<p>14</p> <p>Debbie &amp; Travis Chrismen</p> <p>Morro Bay Community Dinner</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>*Jennifer Chrismen</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 via Zoom</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>*Bob Clemensson</p> <p>Coffee Club 9:00</p>	19
<p>20</p> <p><b>**In-Person Worship service 10:00 with Holy Communion live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org</b></p>	<p>21</p> <p>*David Cooper</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p>*Myles &amp; Joanna Crebs</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 via Zoom</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>*Ina Davenport</p>	26
<p>27</p> <p><b>**In-Person Worship service 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p>*Valerie Donohoo</p>	29	<p>30</p> <p>*Rosalie Draeger</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 via Zoom</p>			