



THE CALVARY CALLING

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Healthy Church Families Talk about Finances

Your Council believes that transparency is a very important aspect of leadership trust so at our June meeting, we decided to give you an inside look at our finances. Our “books” are always available to look at in detail.

In addition to your Calvary Church Council, we have a Budget Committee and a Finance committee. This year’s Finance Committee members are Treasurer Sandy McMillian, Kate Anderson, Gary Brochtrup and Gary Orback. Prior to the annual meeting each year, the Budget and Finance Committees pour over the current year’s finances to see how Calvary’s General Fund finances have progressed year to date. Based on those figures, the Budget Committee drafts a proposed General Fund budget for the coming year and presents it to the Council for review and first approval. The proposed budget is then presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting for discussion and approval. The 2021 Budget was cautiously prepared projecting income of \$73,804 and expenses of \$78,997. This budget leaves us with a deficit of -\$5,193 between income & expenses. Every month the Finance Committee meets to review the previous month’s detailed income & expense reports vs the 2021 Budget, discuss upcoming expenses, and makes suggestions and/or recommendations to be presented at the Council meeting.

As of May 31, 2021, Calvary’s finances are as follows:

Income – Actual \$25,936.00 vs 2021 Budget \$73,804.00
(35.15% of Budget)

Expenses – Actual \$34,287.08 vs 2021 Budget \$77,897.00
(44.02% of Budget)



Ideally, we would be close to 42% of our budget for both income and expenses at the end of May. However, Calvary is at 35% of budget for income and 44% of budget for expenses as of May 31, 2021. May brings our largest expense month because our annual insurance premiums are due June 1st. Our 2021 insurance expense was \$6,508.00 which includes liability, umbrella, volunteer policies and work comp coverage. Our budget for insurance expense was \$7,750.00.

In 2020 we had a surplus of giving income which has helped us meet some of our 2021 expenses. In 2020, we also applied for and received a Payroll Protection Loan of \$5,028.00 to cover our payroll costs. The PPP Loan Forgiveness Application was filed in May and has been approved so those funds do not have to be repaid. In addition to our General Fund, which covers the day-to-day operating expenses, Calvary has a Designated Fund which holds funds donated for specific purposes. Such donations include an estate gift from Carol Schuldt’s mother to be used for only for future stained-glass windows. Other separate funds are held for specific purposes ranging from organ repair to building maintenance. A balance sheet and check register are prepared monthly for Council review.

There are detailed monthly reports for both the General Fund and the Designated Fund. These reports allow us to be informed and good stewards. We have an open environment for asking questions so that we are all educated and top of the task. *There are no surprises and no one spends money without prior approval!*



Pastor's Pen- Vacationing with Jesus

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. (Luke 8:22)

I love trips to the lake or beach. With graduations behind us and a new school year not far away, vacations are upon us. Even if you're not planning a major vacation, weekday or weekend trips are great occasions to take Jesus with you. Allow me to explain. With our busy schedules its easy to need a vacation after our vacation. Maybe we pack too much in? Summer should be a time of renewal.

Throughout July and August we'll be talking about paying attention to God's presence and blessings in the ordinary things we encounter each day. Taking time to breathe in God's creation, memorize the smell of our favorite trees and flowers is a worthwhile practice. One of my favorite summer time aromas is a charcoal barbecue. Let yourself remember childhood summers at the pool or playground. I still remember where I was when I was introduced to FROZEN Snickers bars! What?! **Because this is the day that the Lord has made! Rejoice and be glad in it!**

During worship on July 4th we give you a fun way to take Jesus with you all summer long. Meet "Flat Jesus." The "Flat Jesus" phenomenon (based I think on "Flat Stanley") is how you can take him with you wherever you go. Get out your color crayons and turn "Flat Jesus" into a mini masterpiece! Pictured at left is proof that I really did ask a TSA employee to pose with Jesus! He was a good sport! Wherever you go, snap a picture of you and Jesus. Post it on social media. Or give us your best ones for the newsletter. Let's dedicate a wall in the fellowship hall for displaying how we as individuals and families took Jesus with us.



Summer is a great time to remember that even Jesus understood the need to get away and take a rest. Jesus picked fishermen for disciples and friends, regularly inviting them for a day out on the lake. Taking quality time for rest was modeled often by Jesus—when he would go away in a garden to pray, or preach on the side of a mountain.

This summer, I look forward to worshipping with you when you're in town, and I look forward to hearing about your adventures. Let's see if we can fill it up with a continued awareness of God with us. Here's to a Jesus filled and safe summer.

Peace of Christ to you all,
Pastor Robyn

P.S. There are full sized flat Jesus's in the narthex and one on page 7 for you print and color at home.



COMMUNITY LIFE IN PICTURES



Graduation Sunday at Calvary. Pictured above left is the Rocha family-Jacob flanked by mom, dad, and sis. Top right are our distinguished graduates from Morro Bay High School, Jacob Rocha and Maggie Muff. Jacob heads off to Oregon State University and Maggie to UCLA.

Pictured at left bottom are all the Muffs plus Janelle's mom Sandy. Refreshments were served in the fellowship hall.

Below are the wonderful results of our blanket drive for Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz. Thank you!



Council Highlights

Council voted to end the mask mandate on July 1. Pastor will be on vacation for one week July 8-15, and Ina will be off on July 25. The Call Committee is complete and will start meeting monthly to take the next steps.

Pastor Brenda Bos was elected as our new Bishop, effective September 1, 2021. Treasurer reports the current balance in the Chase General Fund checking account is \$16,085.26 as of June 14, 2021. Actual Income for May 2021 was \$5,195.00; Actual Expenses were \$11,836.35 which created a deficit of \$6,641.35.

July 11: Seminarian Laura Krueger will be preaching for Pastor Robyn. Laura is delighted to be preaching in our conference churches this summer and is looking forward to digging deep into the Gospel of Mark. She is a Seminarian at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary where she completed her coursework in



May 2021. Laura is a candidate for Word and Service (a deacon) in the Southwest California Synod.

She is spending the summer doing Clinical Pastoral Education at the San Francisco Night Ministry and will be seeking an internship in 2022. She serves the Central Coast Conference as your representative to the Synod Council. Laura is bi-vocational: her other vocation is as an accountant. She is married to Dave, with grown stepchildren Siena and Matt. She is soon to be a grandmother to Siena's baby Adalynn and...she lives with a dog named Bam.



At left is a rendering of one of our new stained glass window being designed by glass artist Ken Foran.

Ken is the son in law of member Richard (Dick) Williams. Check out the CAD drawing in the narthex for a complete explanation of Luther's Rose and the other elements in the design. Calvary's Outreach team worked with Ken, looking at several wonderful ideas.

This window will have a special welcome banner added to the bottom and will be the first thing visitors see when they enter our doors.

Announcing our Transition/Call Team

We're excited to announce our new transition/call team. Thank you for your willingness to serve:

Jim Luke, Nancy Koppl, Katie Edson, Janet Lorenzo, Nikki Rocha and Kathie Sperow.

- They will work on the MSP (Ministry Site Profile) which is the document that will be sent to the synod. The Synod will then begin the process of matching pastoral candidates to Calvary's needs
- The Call Team will work with the finance team to determine a hiring budget
- They will conduct interviews with candidates
- They will 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.
- The team will begin their work in August.



Remember in Prayer

Birthdays		
Janet Lorenzo	July 8	James Hecker, side effects from cancer treatment Katie Brochtrup, recovering from a shunt replacement Sherry Barker, Bayside Care Center
Victor Hansen	July 20	Heidi Carney, cancer treatment
Liz Fitzgerald	July 29	Janelle Muff, cancer treatment
Sandy McMillan	July 30	Elaine Grawe, loss of her daughter and mother
Gail Brochtrup	7/31	Families of Ken Donohoo, Von Carney, Vaughn Carney
Darel Sorensen	7/31	Darel and Betty Sorenson
Anniversaries		Iglesia - May their needs be met
George & Edith Tway	7/11/1970	
David & Janelle Muff	7/13/2002	
Ron & AudreyForster	7/31/1954	

Outreach Committee Notes



First, thank you for all your donations to our Iglesia Blanket drive. You’ve filled up the narthex with your generosity. The families served by Iglesia are in need of things we take for granted. We received a Thrivent gift card that was also used to also purchase additional blankets for Iglesia!

You are always welcome to bring nonperishable food for our corner library and food pantry. The pantry is emptied weekly.

The Outreach team is always looking for ways to help in the community and to distinguish Calvary as a place of helpful hands and serving hearts. We are always in need of more hands when we feed the homeless and food insecure in our area. Talk to Nancy Padilla or Janet Lorenzo to plug in and help. And a big thank you to Ken Brocks who hand crafted the new “congregation of the ELCA” sign that now sits above our corner Calvary sign.

Scriptures for July 2021

July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
First Reading Ezekiel 2:1-5	First Reading Amos 7:7-15	First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6	First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm Psalm 123	Psalm Psalm 85:8-13	Psalm Psalm 23	Psalm Psalm 145:10-18
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14	Second Reading Ephesians 2:11-22	Second Reading Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel Mark 6:1-13	Gospel Mark 6:14-29	Gospel Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Gospel John 6:1-21

Remember that if you need to mail something to Calvary, use our P.O. Box 386, Morro Bay, CA 93443

This summer, let's send Jesus to every corner of the world. Let it be a reminder of Jesus's real presence everywhere and a fun reminder to help others encounter God.



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**Please remember in your prayers.*

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Masks Optional				1	2 *Katie Edson	3
4 **In-Person Worship service 10:00 with Holy Communion live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Assistant: Jim Luke	5 *Ron & Audrey Forster Coffee Club 9:00 Back Bay Cafe, 2nd St. Los Osos	6 Council Meeting Fellowship Hall 3:00 Finance Committee	7 *Carrie Forster- Osterthaler Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall	8	9 *Carol Frasier	10
11 **In-Person Worship service 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Assistant: Cindy Haener	12 *Elaine Grawe	13	14 *Bruce & Cindy Haener Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall	15	16 *Victor Hansen Coffee Club Top Dog 9:00	17
8 **In-Person Worship service 10:00 with Holy Communion live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Assistant: Joyce Bauer	19 *Herb & Patti Harsch	20 Outreach Committee 1:30	21 *Joe & Debbie Hoeflich Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall	22 Los Osos Community Dinner	23 *Gunther Junck	24
25 **In-Person Worship service 10:00 Assistant:	26 *Judy Kalin	27	28 *Woody & Nancy Koppl Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall	29	30 *Jennifer Kurle	31

