

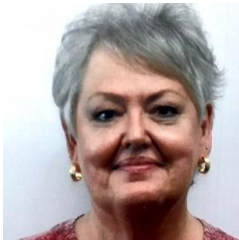


THE CALVARY CALLING

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August 2021

Pastor's Pen: God is Good (no asterisk)



If you attended our worship service on July 25, this may sound familiar. Truth is, I wrote this article first, before it also became part of a sermon.

While I was in Minneapolis for vacation and a wedding, I had the blessing of reconnecting with a pastor friend of mine. He and I served churches in the same neighborhood. That visit got me thinking about **resource poverty**. Are you familiar with that term? Essentially it refers to our state of mind when we're certain we don't have the resources to take care of our needs. Sometimes based in fear, resource poverty can affect us as individuals or as

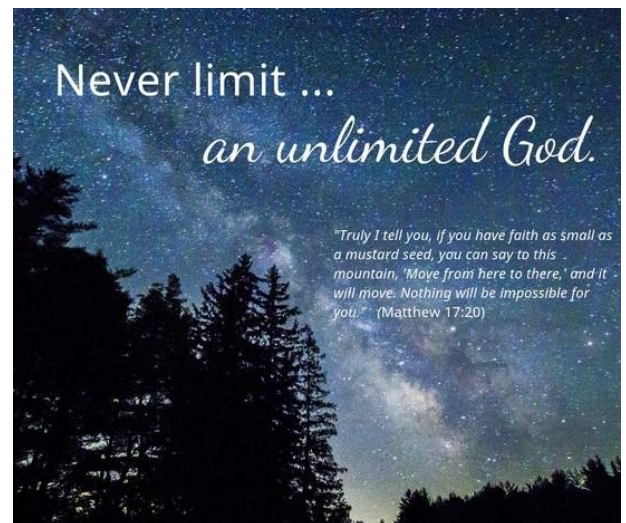
congregations. And it's not uncommon for church finances, for example, to become intertwined with anxiety. When it comes to church finances, I support caution and due diligence- as long as it doesn't limit God in the process. Please read on.

Visiting Pastor Jeff, I recalled that for the last decade he's been strategizing and innovating in order to keep his church open. Gethsemane Lutheran sits in a neighborhood unfairly burdened with crime, misunderstanding and true poverty. One year their boiler died in the middle of winter. Another year their preschool broke their lease, pulled out and left a huge budget deficit. And this year I learned that the church's barbecue/smoker had been stolen. But true to Pastor Jeff's we-won't-take-no-for-an-answer heart, each time he experienced a setback, he would summon the media, who would publicize the situation, giving people the opportunity to come together and help.

Well, it turns out that years of community engagement has resulted in boatloads of donations and volunteers, so much so that they just built a 2,000 square foot building on the property to house their now huge food pantry. **Resource poverty has become abundance.** Gethsemane continue to feed the neighborhood six days a week and grow as a church. But it was what Pastor Jeff told me next that reminded me what we shouldn't have to be reminded of. (Drum roll please) **Resources are never the problem. Limiting God is the problem.** I invite us to remember that when we need the impossible done, call God. When God needs the impossible done, God will accomplish it in, with and through us.

Siblings in Christ, Calvary is ready to enter the call process. The team's first meeting is August 1, when Bishop-elect Brenda Bos will be joining us. Your new pastor is being prepared as we speak. The Holy Spirit will do that work. Our job is to join God in that process.

In Gratitude, *Pastor Robyn Provis*



WELCOME

New Members

On July 25th we joyfully affirmed receiving **Jim and Linda Luke** in membership here at Calvary. Jim and Linda have been long time members of Christ Lutheran Church in Visalia. Here is a little about them. Please introduce

yourself if you haven't already. They are a delight.

Linda is of Italian heritage and was born in San Francisco and lived there and in the Bay area until 1977. Jim is of mixed heritage (European and American Indian) and was born in San Mateo and lived in the Bay area until 1977, except for a brief time at the age of 3 when his family lived in Hartford Connecticut. Linda is the oldest of 5 children and Jim is the older of 2 children. In December 1970 they met at the wedding rehearsal of mutual friends. At the wedding, Linda caught the bouquet and Jim caught the garter. Less than 2 months later they became engaged (Valentine's Day 1971) and were married on May 15, 1971. They just celebrated their 50th anniversary. They moved to Visalia in 1977 and lived there until this past June when they formally moved to Morro Bay.

Linda worked in retail and then as eligibility worker trainer as well as going to law school, graduated from law school and started practicing law in 1976. She practiced law for more than 40 years, retiring in 2016. Jim worked as a research chemist and then as the CFO of two separate corporations for almost 30 years before teaching high school chemistry, physics and math for 19 years and earning his doctorate in education. He retired in 2017.

In 1985 they adopted their first child, a 7-year-old named Sunshine. Sunshine now has 6 children, lives in Tulare and works as an LVN. In 1987, Linda was asked if she wanted "another Sunshine in their lives." They said yes and she came to live with them at almost 8 years old. She lives in Visalia with her long-time companion and works as a waitress.

Linda was raised Catholic, and Jim was raised Episcopalian. When they moved to Visalia, they tried a couple of churches and ended up at Christ Lutheran—where they remained highly involved members until June of this year. They are very happy to join Calvary Lutheran and look forward to being involved in church activities and continuing to help others.



Council Highlights

We have a Call Committee. They are Jim Luke, Janet Lorenzo, Kathie Sperow, Katie Edson, Nancy Koppl and Nikki Rocha. They will begin meeting monthly in August.

Artist Ken Foran reports that the top half of the stained glass window is complete and the bottom portion is cut out and ready for assembly. The hope is to install and dedicate this fall 2021.

Pastor's days off are Monday, Friday and Saturday. If a council or pastoral urgency comes up, she will make herself available as needed.

There are several maintenance needs on the inside and outside of the building. A church clean-up day will be scheduled. New mats that don't roll on the edges and that don't have a surface for dirt and debris to cling to are needed. If there is money left in the Property Needs fund after other needs are met council agreed to use some of the money to replace the mats.

Council agreed with a plan to have a yard sale in October as there are many items to sell and there will still be enough left over to participate in the Annual Morro Bay City-Wide Yard Sale next spring.

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee continues to help with the Community Dinners in Los Osos and Morro Bay. The dinner in August will be in Morro Bay. Cooks are needed!! Please contact Nancy Padilla, 760-521-1708, or Janet Lorenzo, 805-234-5089 if you can help.



Many of us continue to enjoy Coffee Club! The next Coffee Club is Monday, August 2, at Ascendo in Los Osos. Come and enjoy a good cup of coffee and some good old fashioned fellowship! We have a great time!

Stay tuned for some new ideas from the Outreach Committee for future months!



Mollie Lange	8/3
Nancy Padilla	8/4
Ronnie Smith	8/4
Scott McCorkhill	8/9
August Muff	8/10
Earl Warke	8/10
Betty Sorenson	8/19
David Muff	8/21
Charite	8/21
Kevin Rocha	8/22
Jeff McKee	8/29

August Anniversaries

Darel & Betty Sorensen - 8/19/1961
 Jason & Stacey Lange - 8/25/2007



Prayers of Concern

Katie Brochtrup - Recovering from surgery
 Janelle Muff - Cancer
 Heidi Carney - Cancer
 Families of Von Carney and Ken Donohoo
 Darel & Betty Sorensen
 Mikey Vedrin-pastor's grandson, for an eye infection
 Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mom
 Edith Tway - Illness
 Iglesia - May their needs be met
 The Calvary Call Committee



August Scriptures

August 1
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 8
1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25--5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 15
Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 22
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 29
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Please remember to use Calvary's new address when corresponding by mail:

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Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2021:

Income - \$10,901.93; Expenses - \$5,243.84.

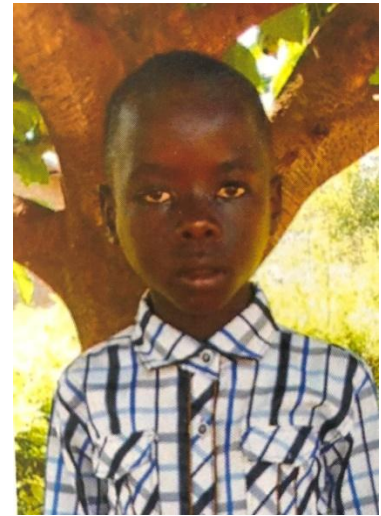
Income at the end of June is now at 99.16% of our 2021 Budget for the first 6 months of 2021. Expenses are at 91.75% of the 2021 Budget for the same period. Net profit of \$5,658.09 thanks to generous donations from our members.

Thank you!

Meet our Compassion Child "Charite"

Through monthly sponsorships, Compassion International works with churches like ours to share the gospel and offer hope to children in Africa, Asia, Central America, the Caribbean and South America. We are helping our child rise above severe poverty through a long-term program that addresses the "whole child"-physically, educationally, emotionally, socially and spiritually,

Charite lives in Rwanda. We are able to write letters and pray for Charite. And guess what? This month is her birthday. She will be 10 years old on August 21. Please include her in your prayers.



Whenever I select the Hymns for a Sunday service I am usually drawn back to the days when I first played piano for a small church in Mulberry, Kansas. I was 14 and loved subbing for the regular pianist. I learned to play all the favorites and so many are still loved by members here at Calvary. If you have a favorite please tell me and we will include it in a service very soon. I always appreciate suggestions.

Love, Ina Davenport
Calvary Music Director

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Mark your calendars for our long-awaited Calvary garage sale!

Due to Covid precautions, the City of Morro Bay twice cancelled the city-wide garage sale. However, since our parsonage garage and office building are bursting with donations, Alice Kolb and her team have selected the first weekend in October for our sale. It will be held both Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2nd. Stay tuned for more details on donations and volunteer needs for set up and the sale. P.S. These dates coincide with Harbor Festival. Fingers crossed the Festival is held so that the city is full of out of town shoppers.



Have you seen...

THE BOOK?

Every Sunday we're passing the binder around so you can sign up to usher, be a lay assistant, or bring some refreshments or flowers. See Joyce Bauer if you have any questions.

Classified

Do you have something to sell? Are you looking for something to buy? You can place your add here, free of charge! Send your information to the Newsletter Team by the 20th of each month:

Janet Lorenzo - lorenzo.janet1@gmail.com

Gail Brochtrup - ggbrochtrup@gmail.com

FOR SALE - \$1,500

New Lite Rider Envy motorized power chair - Original purchase price \$2,042
Model GP 162
22.5" wide
36" length
turning radius 28.5"
weight capacity 300 lbs
battery operating range approx 15.5 miles
purchased new from Wallace Home Medical Supply, 5/2020
Used a total of 10 hours

CONTACT: Brenda - 805 704 1036



A huge thank you to Ken Brocks for painting the handrail to the office and for painting and repairing the fence and gate at the end of the patio leading to the staircase. Thank you for helping to keep our church in good repair and looking great!

August 2021

*Remember in Prayer **Subject to Change

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **In-Person Worship service with Holy Communion 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org	2 *Jason & Stacey Lange Coffee Club 9:00 Ascendo, Los Osos	3	4 *Mike & Janet Lorenzo Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall	5	6 *Jeff & Kea McKee	7
8 **In-Person Worship service 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Assistant: Brenda O.	9 *Sandy McMillan Morro Bay Community Dinner 3:00	10 Finance Committee 5:00 via Zoom	11 *Tyler Mitchell Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall	12 Council Meeting Time TBD	13 *David & Janelle Muff	14
15 **In-Person Worship service with Holy Communion 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Assistant: Cindy H.	16 *Gary & Eileen Orback	17	18 *Mark Orback Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall	19	20 *Brenda Ouwerkerk	21
22 **In-Person Worship service 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Assistant: Joyce B.	23 *Nancy Padilla	24 Outreach Committee 1:45	25 *Bob Penzel Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall	26	27 *Joe & Angelina Rice	28
29 **In-Person Worship service 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Assistant: Linda L.	30	31				



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