



THE CALVARY CALLING

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January 2022

Dear people of Calvary Lutheran Church and beyond,

It has been my pleasure to go through the modest process that has resulted in my becoming the new bridge pastor for this congregation. Through our family's long history of vacationing in Cayucos (conveniently situated half-way between Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area), continuing in spending off-time at a mobile home in Los Osos, and all the time knocking around Morro Bay, we have been familiar with Calvary. We have worshipped with you on several occasions, had beach conversations with a few of you, and went to college with Pastor Berg. You are not totally new to us!



And now it seems to be the Holy Spirit's guiding that we have this new partnership. I am privileged to follow in the competent steps of Pastor Robyn Provis and others who have come before her, and to know that you all are seeking to follow Jesus' way in your personal and corporate lives. That is encouraging to me.

Here's a little more about me as a leader. I enjoy worship, a lot. I sing and play the piano, and love to be part of a singing congregation. As Martin Luther said, "The one who sings, prays twice!"

I'm not afraid of administration, and can do the work of a secretary when required. I believe that a congregation should live within its means. When that is not happening, there are two options: raise more offerings or cut expenses. Each, of course, accompanied by prayer. An anxious congregation is not a happy congregation.

In Bible Study, I believe that all participants can be teachers. We begin to understand more when we hear things from someone else's perspective. Same way goes with governance. The more people who are involved in a decision, the better it is bound to be.

I love personal connection. My last position was in Seminary Relations at the seminary in Berkeley. I told people my job was to relate with people who cared about what the seminary was doing, but were not students or professors or staff. I found visits with constituents (pre-COVID) to be invigorating and fun.

I value the opportunity to preach, and to reflect on God's word, but I still feel like a beginner. And am still awed by the experience.

The social context of our country has changed drastically since last I was a congregational pastor. I can't begin to understand it all, except to know that the facility of social media has made us less friendly to those with whom we disagree. There seems to be less trust, less optimism. I would like to be part of a conversation that would seek to break down those kinds of barriers among us.

Well, that is enough for now. We'll talk. And pray and study and worship and work together for however long this interim will be.

With regard,
Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

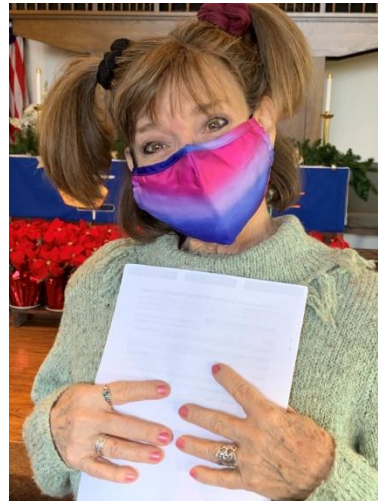
Annual Meeting - January 9 After Service



We will gather after worship on January 9 for our Annual Meeting. If you recall, in last year's annual meeting it was approved by the congregation to change our constitution bylaws to specify only one Annual Meeting in January, instead of one in December and another in January. This year there are no bylaws changes or other major votes, however we will be voting on the 2022 budget as well as ratifying the slate of council members. Please plan to join us that day.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON! And it did!

Even with COVID (and very few young people), Calvary presented "Star of Wonder", our first "do it yourself" Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 12th. The pageant, complete with shepherds, wise men, angels and even a couple "youth" was enjoyed by all! After the show was a special celebration for our very own Ina Davenport who was celebrating her birthday that day. An incredibly warm feeling was shared by all who attended, giving glory to the reason for the season and being so very thankful for our church family.



Offering Envelopes



Offering Envelopes will be available on Sunday, January 2. An envelope is included in the box that asks for a \$3 donation, however, the actual cost is \$5.30. If you can make a donation to cover the actual cost it would be appreciated. Thank you!

Council Highlights

Pastor Robyn has received a proposal for seven churches in our area to share expenses for the Deacon Intern, Laura Kruger. Each church would contribute financially, and in return Laura would provide valuable time and energy for each church working under each pastor. Council members will review the proposal and ask Pastor Brian for guidance on making a decision.

We said good bye and good luck to Pastor Robyn at a luncheon on her last day, December 26. On January 2, 2022 we welcome Pastor Brian Stein-Webber! He will be with us for up to a year. We look forward to having him on board to guide through this next year.

Calvary's revised constitution has been received back from the Synod with a request for corrections. Work on it is in progress. See you all at the Annual Meeting on January 9!



Treasurer's Report as of November, 2021

Income - \$5,026.00; Expenses - \$5,403.78. Income at the end of November was at 107.3% of our 2021 Budget for the first 11 months of 2021. Expenses were at 89.9% of the 2021 Budget for the same period.

Outreach Committee

- a. Gifts were collected for the Iglesia Christmas Angel program and delivered. There were many happy children at Iglesia this year thanks to the generosity of those who "adopted" a child. We look forward to continuing our donations to our sister church in the coming year by collecting food and gently used or new clothing.
- b. We have a great banner for the front of the church for our "Neighborhood Christmas Eve Candlelight Service". This banner can be reused.
- c. Nancy P. and Janet L. expressed their thanks to all who have helped with the Community Dinners this year. They are a success thanks to all of you who have helped!
- d. Someone needs to assume responsibility for the library/food pantry after Pastor Robyn leaves. If anyone who lives in Morro Bay feels they can take this on, please let someone on the Outreach Committee know.



Musicians Corner I am so delighted to be working with Pastor Stein-Webber starting this month. We have met and started to plan hymns and Liturgy for January. I still encourage you to let me know if you have a

favorite hymn you would like to sing during the new year. We will be looking forward to Lent, and Easter will be here before you know it! Welcome Pastors Brian and Mary, may the dear Lord continue to bless Calvary.



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Scriptures for January 2022

January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Sec1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

Sandy Clause Came to Iglesia!



Thanks to the generous givers at Calvary, Sandy Clause (Sandy McMillan) and her elf helper (Nancy Padilla) delivered Christmas gifts to Iglesia for seven children, \$1,200 worth of Visa and grocery cards, plus 22 Christmas stockings filled with goodies! Imagine the joy these gifts brought to those who are a little less fortunate than most of us. Pastor Esteban Salazar and his wife Angie send their blessings and their thanks from the bottom of their hearts for helping to make Christmas happen for so many.



Speaking of Iglesia - This month they are in need of laundry detergent, bleach and dishwashing soap. If you can help with any of these items, please deliver them to the church by January 23. Thank you for helping to support our sister church.

Another Sweet Letter from our Compassion Child in Rwanda

Dear friends,

Your daughter Charite and her family are greeting you in the name of our King, Jesus Christ. They are thanking you for the good things you are doing for them, like praying for them, supporting them and getting scholastic materials, clothes and shoes for Charite. Charite is now studying in level 2, they started the first term. With her family, they are doing well and continue to pray that the year 2022 will be a year of blessings and love.



We are thankful for the letters sent to Charite. We appreciate the time taken to write to her. It shows the love you have for Charite. May God bless you in all you do. The family wishes us a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of 2022. Read Psalms 37:4. Please keep Charite and her family in Rwanda in your prayers.



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

January Anniversaries

Woody & Nancy Koppl - 1/31/1987



Remember in Prayer

- Marcia Shep- Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Kathie Sperow's son Jeremy, in pain due to blood clots
- Family of Rosalie Draeger- long time member, passed away at the end of October
- Family of John Burke- former Calvary organist, recently deceased
- James Hecker- brother-in-law of Gary and Gail B- hospitalized with blood clots, result of on-going cancer treatments
- Mikey Vedrin, grandson of Pastor Robyn- still trying to determine if he has MS or West Nile
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son, very ill- hospitalized
- Sharron Jackman-recovering from abdominal surgery
- John Anderson- heart surgery and other complications
- Katie Brochtrup - feeling better!
- Jacob Rocha and Maggie Muff- away at college
- Cathy- a friend of Nancy Padilla
- Heidi Carney
- Janelle Muff
- Elaine Grawe
- Darel and Betty Sorenson
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Sherry Barker at Bayside Care Center
- Iglesia - May their needs be met
- Covid 19 - May vaccination rates increase, and may we be safe from the new Omicron variant

Faith & Fellowship

Coffee Club


This month Coffee Club will be on Monday, January 3, at the residence of Glenna Baker, 401 Rennell St., Morro Bay, and on Friday, January 21 at Buttercup Bakery on Morro Bay Blvd. Coffee time is 9:00. The Coffee Club is an animated and entertaining group! Please join us for some lively conversation, fellowship and great pastries! Hope to see you there!



Pastor Brian will be joining Pastor David Ryal as co-teachers of our weekly Bible study meetings. We are slowly and thoughtfully making our way through the book

of Acts. Each week, we check in with each other and pray for each others' needs and thanks. There is always coffee and some delicious treats as well. Everyone is welcome to join at 10:00 on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*Please remember in your prayers.</p> <p>**In-Person Worship subject to change</p>						1 Happy New Year! 
2 **In-Person Worship service With Holy Communion 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Lay Assistant: Jim L.	3 *Dan & Kathie Sperrow Coffee Club 9:00 Glenna Baker Residence	4	5 *George & Edith Tway Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall	6	7 *Georgina Tway	8
9 **In-Person Worship service 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Lay Assistant: Cindy H. ANNUAL MEETING 11:00	10 *Toni Tway	11 Finance Committee Via Zoom 5:00	12 *Karen Vail Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall	13 Council Meeting 5:00	14 *Diane Williams	15
16 **In-Person Worship service With Holy Communion 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Lay Assistant: Joyce B.	17 *Richard Williams	18	19 *Anderson, Kate Bible Study 10:00 Fellowship Hall Outreach Committee 1:45	20 Outreach Committee 1:45	21 *Sheryl Barker Coffee Club 9:00 Buttercup	22
23 **In-Person Worship service 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Lay Assistant: Brenda O.	24 *Tom & Joyce Bauer	25	26 *Gary & Gail Brochtrup Outreach Committee 1:45	27 Los Osos Community Dinner 5:00	28 *Ken Brocks	29
30 **In-Person Worship service 10:00 live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org Lay Assistant: Katie E.	31 *Heidi Carney					

