



THE CALVARY CALLING

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Dear friends of Calvary,

I was listening to a theologically-based podcast the other day that reinforced an important point. There were two parts. The first was that much of Hebrew Scripture has as a central point of background the Captivity and Exile of the people into Babylon, as the result of war. It was a dark period in Jewish history, and a time that nobody wanted to repeat. The Babylonian Exile became a watchword and a warning.

The second part of the important point is that the New Testament had its own watchword. That was the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 70 AD. Three of the gospels were written after that date. So when Jesus made the prophecy regarding the temple that not one stone would be left on another, readers and hearers already knew that the prophecy had been confirmed.

In the 24th chapter of Matthew, the disciples asked Jesus privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" Jesus replies, "...you will hear of wars and rumors of war; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet".

Here is where we get to the present age of anxiety. There are indeed wars and rumors of wars today (as there have been in every time, frankly). There are earthquakes and famines. Should I add fires and a warming planet, and darned plastics invading every living space? And warnings of another civil war in our country?

But here is where we may pay great heed to Jesus' words: "See that you are not alarmed." It doesn't help anything to live in anxiety. Being worried about the future is an age-old occupation, and a natural reaction to the unknown. But it is not Jesus' desire for us to live this way.

Of course, each of us need to do our part in working for peace, and in caring for others around us and in our sphere of influence. And there are many ways to lessen our individual carbon footprints on the world. I don't need to list them here. But AS we do these things, let us be confident that this is still God's world, not ours. And in spite of worries, it is still a beautiful place.

Our musician friends from two previous congregations, Tom and Carol Parmeter, put together some great CDs. The last was about Care for Creation. Tom sang a solo with this refrain:

*This is my home, this is my only home
This is the only sacred ground that I have ever known
And should I stray in the dark night alone
Rock me in the gentle arms of Eden*

In November, we will end one church year and start another. November 20th is the last Sunday in the year, and we will be calling it Cosmic Christ Sunday, because Christ came not for one people, or even all people, but for the whole cosmos. November 27th will be the First Sunday in Advent, when we begin once more to anticipate God's coming to earth in the person of Jesus.

What better way to frame our church life: ending with hope and beginning again with hope. It is an unending hope, grounded in time, and coming from beyond time. Lucky us.

In Christ's faith,
Pastor Brian

Edith Tway - Memorial

On Saturday, November 5th, at 2:00 pm, the memorial service for Calvary's dear Edith Tway will take place at Calvary Lutheran Church.

Edith was born in Europe, her family emigrated to the United States when she was child. She met George Tway at Inglewood High School in Southern California where they were both lifeguards during summers. They decided they were meant for each other and married in July 1970. George went into the Navy in San Diego shortly after they were married, and was eventually stationed in Lemoore in Central California and welcomed the birth of their first daughter Nikki. After a life crisis, Edith drove with her sister up the central coast and discovered Morro Bay. Edith, George & Nikki relocated in 1983. Over the next few years, Edith's sisters and more family would also move to the area. Edith & George's family expanded with the birth of Antonia and a mid-life "surprise" pregnancy of Georgina. Edith worked for almost 30 years at Cuesta College in the Financial Aid department. She was known as the "nice Financial Aid Lady". She helped and touched many lives.

She suffered valiantly from various ailments through the years, in recent years her heart weakened, a condition that was the cause of her recent death.

George and "the girls" would like to invite all of you to a solemn AND joyous celebration of Edith's life, with time afterward to share memories and treats in the fellowship hall.

News From Pastor Brian

Sunday Night Zoom meetings

This month, the third season of The Chosen will debut, first in theaters on November 18th (could be fun to see Episodes 1 and 2 there!) and then online. We are not sure when we'll have our first discussion of those episodes, but it could be the last Sunday of November. Stay tuned! Meanwhile, we will be discussing some other meaningful videos. Contact Pastor Brian if you wish to join this lively group!

Men's Group

Men of all ages are invited to this monthly group, which will be on Monday, November 7th this month, at 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Stein-Webber house at 1302 17th St. in. Los Osos.

Bible Study

Pastors David Ryal and Brian Stein-Webber will continue in a survey of the books of the Bible. We are now starting on the gospels. On November 2nd, Pastor Brian will lead an off-curriculum study on a selected topic. The group meets every Wednesday, 10:00 to 11:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Council Highlights

Budget planning will start at the end of October 2022 after potential pledge information is received.

Nominations for 2023 Council members and leadership are being considered. Please contact Gail Brochtrup, ggbrochtrup@gmail.com, or Pastor Brian, bsteinwebber@gmail.com if you are interested in serving on the council or a financial committee.

Profit from the yard sale \$1,687.33. We have received a total of \$10,768.89 in donations and yard sale profit toward the heater replacement. Balance left to raise is \$696.11.

\$ Treasurer's Report \$

As of September 30, 2022: Income - \$9,730.00. Expenses - \$6,615.76, Income was at 119.16% of the 2022 Budget for the nine (9) months ending 09/30/2022. Expenses were at 105.90% of the 2022 Budget for the same period.



Outreach Committee

Calling All Angels! Calvary will once again participate in the Iglesia Angel Tree program. Those willing to help will receive a child's name along with their clothing and shoe size as well as their interests/wishes. Gift cards for mom and dad are also welcome. Please consider finding your inner-angel this Christmas season and make a child from Iglesia have the merriest and most blessed Christmas! Contact **Nancy Padilla, 760 521-1708** to get your child's name and information or to donate a gift card.

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Feed The Hungry

A Thrivent Gift Card was used to purchase food for Iglesia and our corner food pantry. Thanks to Sandy McMillan, Nancy Padilla and Katie Edson for shopping and delivering this bounty to those who are in need! As Outreach Committee member Dick Williams reminded us - we sing this every Sunday! Food for the hungry! Welcome everyone to the love of God!



ELCA Good Gifts



Once again this Christmas Season, Council has decided to use a \$250 Thrivent Gift Card to purchase animals and agricultural products to help families living in impoverished parts of the world. Education and training are part of the "Good Gifts" program with the long term goal of ending poverty and hunger and promoting self-sufficiency. Our Sunday School students will be involved in choosing the gifts. Some of the choices are: a goat for \$50; honeybees for \$20; a water filter for \$30 and seeds and gardening tools for \$50. If you would like to add a financial contribution so that we may order even more life changing gifts, put your donation

in the offering plate with a notation "Good Gifts."

A New School Term for Charite

We received a nice letter from our Compassion Child, Charite in Rwanda. She turned 11 on Aug. 21, coincidentally the same birthday as Pastor Brian. During August, the students are on holiday and Charite kept busy helping her family bring water and feed for the animals. It was raining at the time this letter was written, so the families in their community were busy planting, growing food for themselves and their animals. Once school began again in September, Charite started Primary Three. The money we send supports her education, her health and feeds her while she is at school. Study of the Lord and the Bible are also an important part of her nurturing. Please keep Charite and her family in your prayers.

Scriptures for November 2022

November 6

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,
13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 13

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 20

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 27

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

November Anniversaries

Chris & Kate Anderson 11/7/1985



November Birthdays

Audrey Forster	11/2	Kathie Sperow	11/23
Jean Senter	11/8	Beverly Flaten	11/26
Samantha Rocha	11/12	Herb Harsch	11/26
Joe Hoeflich	11/14	Karen Vail	11/30
Glenna Baker	11/19		

Happy Birthday!

Remember in Prayer

- The family of Edith Tway who passed on
- October 12
- Pastor Jim Berg - Health problems
- Ina Davenport - Glaucoma and in need of housing
- Ken Foran - recovering from hip surgery
- Sandi and Keith Tygum- former members of Calvary who are homebound with multiple health issues.
- Sally Mingo - Jennifer Kurrle's mother - knee injury
- Arthur Hendeby, Kea McKee's brother - spine surgery
- Paul Weggenmann - Jean Senter's cousin - pain with arthritis and dying of a disease that weakens muscles
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, now in on-going rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- Undergoing new treatment
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law, living in a nursing home
- Becky Padilla- has responded well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend- recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- bladder replacement surgery
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- facing oral surgery
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Janelle Muff - for continuing good health
- Elaine Grawe- recovering well from brain surgery
- Darel and Betty Sorenson - Betty remains in nursing care on Hospice
- Mercedes Stevens - Katie Edson's mother
- Laura Salazar and her family
- Charite - Calvary's Compassion Child in Rwanda
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- ministering boldly in Santa Maria, and for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID-19, for swift and effective recovery
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them



Calling All Calvary Cooks!

Calvary will once again cook turkeys for the Los Osos Community Dinner on Wednesday, November 23.

Turkeys will need to be sliced and delivered to the Los Osos Community Center by 4:00.

If you can help by roasting a turkey, or by staying to help fill food boxes contact Nancy Padilla, 760 521-1708, or Janet Lorenzo, 805 234-5089. Thank you!



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***Please remember in your prayers.**

Worship services are live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 *Randy & Carol Schuldt Finance Committee 5:00 via Zoom	2 *Ronnie Smith Bible Study 10:00	3 *Darel & Betty Sorensen Council Meeting 5:00	4 *Dan & Kathie Sperow	5 Edith Tway Memorial 2:00
6 Worship Service With Holy Communion 10:00 Lay Assistant: Katie E. "How God is Showing up in Our Lives" via Zoom 7:00 -8:00 PM  FALL BACK!	7 *George Tway Coffee Club 9:00 Nautical Bean Los Osos	8 *Georgie Tway	9 *Toni Tway Bible Study 10:00 Outreach Committee 1:45	10 *Diane Williams	11 *Richard Williams Veteran's Day 	12
13 Worship Service With Holy Communion 10:00 Lay Assistant: Mary S. "How God is Showing up in Our Lives" via Zoom 7:00 -8:00 PM	14 *Kate Anderson	15 *Joyce Bauer	16 *Gary & Gail Brochtrup Bible Study 10:00	17 *Ken Brocks	18 *Heidi Carney Coffee Club 9:00 Buttercup	19
20 Worship Service With Holy Communion 10:00 Lay Assistant: Cindy H. Calvary Appreciation Luncheon 11:00 "How God is Showing up in Our Lives" via Zoom 7:00 -8:00 PM	21 *Bob Clemensson	22 *David Cooper	23 *Myles & JoAnna Crebs Bible Study 10:00 Los Osos Community Dinner 4:00	24 *Ina Davenport 	25 *Valerie Donohoo	26
27 Worship Service With Holy Communion 10:00 Lay Assistant: Joyce "How God is Showing up in Our Lives" via Zoom 7:00 -8:00 PM	28 *Katie Edson	29 *Ron & Audrey Forster	30 *Carrie Forster-Osterthaler Bible Study 10:00			