



THE CALVARY CALLING

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Dear folks of Calvary,

It is now five Sundays since we all have been back in church for in-person worship, after that latest corona virus surge. I remember saying that I will never take gathering in person for granted again! What happens when we are together cannot be duplicated online, though the latter is much preferable to nothing. And if the quarantining has taught me anything, it is that we can connect well by Zoom and other ways.

I don't think she'd mind me mentioning it, but Glenna Baker asked me the other day if it was me who had accompanied the Christmas Concert at St. Benedict's Episcopal Church in December. I said, yes it was, and were you there? She said that she was a walk-up who was lucky enough to get the last of the limited tickets. And she kept crying through the performance, partly because of the great music, but even more importantly because it was so GOOD to hear REAL people singing in person.

We have needed to go through some difficult times in order to halt the onward progress of COVID-19. As beautiful as our homes might be for hunkering down, we are at core social beings.

Just a few days ago, some neighbors were having a barbecue party. Their voices, alternately laughing and chattering and talking loudly (there were likely some libations there) were a balm to our spirits. It felt like old times, and hopefully what our near future will include a lot of.

My wish for you and your families is that anyone who has not done so would be vaccinated fully, with the latest booster. Recently I heard is that 97% of the deaths attributable to COVID are to those who have not been vaccinated. Vaccines work! Though there have been some people who have suffered serious side effects from them, by and large, the vaccines constitute a serious and significant protection against sickness, death, and what is called "long-haul COVID."

Yes, there is talk of conspiracies. To simply quote Jesus saying "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free" might be felt to apply equally to both those who traffic in conspiracies and those who don't. I continue to pray on the matter, that up-to-date consensus and scientific conclusions on vaccines would attain the status of truth in individual minds. Not for the sake of persuasion, or politics, but in the service of Capital-T Truth.

And I believe that we all want the same thing, to return to a normal that includes parties and festivals and crowded walkways and children playing outside and compelling reasons to abandon our computers!

God bless you all in your walks with Jesus,
Pastor Brian



We have been walking toward Jerusalem with Jesus in both our Lenten Sunday and Wednesday services. On April 10th, we will be arriving at worship with **Palm Sunday**. This year, the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem will be followed by a narration of his passion all the way through to the cross.

There will not be a soup supper/worship on the following Wednesday, April 13. Instead, we will hold a **Maundy Thursday** service on Thursday, April 14 at 6:00 pm, commemorating

Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. Features of that service will include Holy Communion and opportunity for foot washing. This latter will be entirely optional and will involve a real basin and water with a towel. If you want to participate in this ritual, make sure that you bring shoes that are easily taken off.

The next day, we will have a **Good Friday** service, April 15, at 6:00 pm. We will be featuring the Last Words of Jesus on the cross, with music and prayers and the dimming of lights, ending in prayerful silence. (This is often called a Tenebrae service.) If you would like to be a speaker on one of those last "words," please talk with Pastor Brian. He will be looking for thoughtful volunteers.

Easter Sunday will be celebrated on April 17 at 10:00 am. As of this writing, extra activities for this festival worship are still being developed, but should include an organ/piano duet, flowers, an inspiring sermon (!) and more. A reception will be held in the fellowship hall after worship, as usual.

This year's Lenten Project

Lent is a traditional time to consider the blessings we have received through God's providence, and to consider how we may in turn bless others. Generous Calvary givers continue to fill the boxes with non-perishable food items. The boxes are almost all full, and a Thrivent Gift Card was used to deliver a carload of food to Iglesia. Food will be collected until the end of April, so keep up the efforts to fill the boxes to overflowing! If you cannot deliver your donation to the church on Sunday, you can call Nancy Padilla, 760 521-1708, or, Janet Lorenzo, 805 234-5089 to arrange for pick up.



A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor."

Proverbs 22:9

Treasurer's Report as of February 2022

Income - \$8,530.00; Expenses - \$8,385.00; Income at the end of February was at 86.1% of our 2022 budget for the two months ended February 28, 2022. Expenses were at 84.7% of our 2022 budget for the same period.



Council Highlights-what Happened at the Last Meeting?



This year's Synod Assembly will be held on Zoom on Saturday, June 11. A voting member will need to attend.

Sandy M. provided Active and Inactive membership lists. There are some people on the active list that should be moved to the inactive list. It will take some time to review the lists. Council will review the membership lists on their own and bring their thoughts to the next meeting.

The group agreed that it would be wise to continue with masking for the next couple weeks. If the Covid infections continue to decrease masks will be optional at that time.

The big BBQ was stored in the parsonage garage. Since we are renting the parsonage, we no longer have access to store items in the garage. It is currently sitting on the patio. For now, it will be covered with a tarp until a secure location can be found for storage.

Outreach Committee

- The Outreach Committee met on Wednesday, 3/16. Easter plans were finalized.
- The food boxes at the front of the Sanctuary are getting full!
- A Thrivent gift card has been received in the amount of \$250 to purchase food for Iglesia. Thank you Gail and Gary Brochtrup for requesting the gift card.

The Chosen Series

The discussion group for The Chosen series on Jesus and his disciples finished looking at Season 1 at the end of March. Each Sunday night we had great dialogue, analysis, recounts of meaningful moments (there were lots!) and questions about how the story was presented. There was quite a bit of enthusiasm. Each week somebody reported on new insights into the gospel story.

We are now taking a three-week hiatus, and will start again on Sunday evening, April 17 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Then we will go for a total of eight weeks covering the eight episodes of Season 2.

You have a chance to join in now if you haven't been involved yet. If you want to know more about the experience, you can ask Nancy Padilla, Joyce Bauer, Brenda Ouwerkerk, Cindy Haener, Nancy Koppl, Gail Brochtrup, Jack and Jean Senter, John Cribb, Valerie Donohoo, Glenna Baker or Pastors Brian and Mary.

And if you really want to get up to snuff, you can binge watch the first season on any of several different online platforms.

Please note that this discussion class is also open to persons who are not regular attendees of Calvary. Friends, family, acquaintances are all invited!

Pastor Brian

Scriptures for April 2022

April 3

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 10

Processional Gospel
Luke 19:28-40
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14--23:56

April 17 Easter

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

April 24

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Community Dinners



The Los Osos and Morro Bay Community Dinners Continue to be a success! Each month Calvary Cookers provide meatloaf, pasta salad, rolls and vegetables for either Los Osos or Morro Bay dinners. At the last Los Osos Dinner, the director came into the kitchen, no doubt drawn by the mouth-watering aroma of hot meatloaf, and exclaimed, "Ah! Calvary Lutheran Church! Those people know how to make meatloaf!" The volunteers all keep a close watch on the supply, hoping that there will be some left for them! Calvary is now famous and know for our meatloaf!



Great job
everyone!

April Anniversaries

Randy & Carol Schuldt - April 8, 1969
Joe & Debbie Hoeflich - April 20, 1991



Happy Birthday!

Gwen Muff 4/1
Joe Rice 4/2
Janelle Muff 4/3
Bob Clemensson 4/4
Sophia Lorenzo 4/11
Dan Sperow 4/13

Jason Lange 4/16
Hayden Chrismen 4/20
Mike Lorenzo 4/23
Carol Schuldt 4/24
Brenda Ouwerkerk 4/30

Letter from Charite, Our Compassion Child

Our Compassion Child, Charite, who lives in Rwanda, has sent us a letter dictated by her older sister:

Dear Friends, Charite and her family are pleased to write to you and greet you through this letter, wishing you peace from God. We thank you for all you do for us every month. May God bless you. Charite studies in Primary 2, with 60% marks. She is back to school and the new year began well. We wish you a happy new year, and may the peace of the Lord be with you.

Each month, we send a donation to help with Charite's education, clothing, books and supplies as well as nutritious meals and health care. The goal of Compassion International is to raise healthy young people with a strong Christian foundation who will hopefully grow up to be adults who can support themselves, breaking the chain of poverty. If you are interested in supporting our Compassion Child, you can make a donation and mark it "Compassion International."

Musician's Corner



Dear Friends,

I am looking forward to Easter week services, including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and finally

Easter Sunday with joy and thankfulness. Working with Pastor Brian, selecting music, and Liturgy has been so fulfilling. I hope to see everyone during this time so please plan to join us.

In our Lord's Holy Name, Ina

Remember in Prayer

- Edith Tway, recovering well at Bayside
- Linda Luke- continuing her chemotherapy
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law, recovering from a stroke
- Pastor Jim Berg- recovering from blood clots
- Georgina Tway- attending in-person classes at San Francisco State
- Becky Padilla- dealing with cervical cancer
- Judy Larson, Pastor Brian's friend- now in memory care
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend- recovering from a broken back
- James Hecker- awaiting scheduled bladder replacement surgery
- Tim Stein, Pastor Mary's brother- undergoing therapy for pancreatic cancer
- Mikey Vedrin, grandson of Pastor Robyn
- Pastor Robyn and Jude, adjusting to their new life together
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Sharron Jackman- recovering from abdominal surgery
- Katie Brochtrup- dealing with post-surgery complications
- Jim Nelson, friend of the Stein-Webbers, beginning chemotherapy
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Heidi Carney, for relief of significant allergies
- Janelle Muff
- Elaine Grawe, for employment
- Darel and Betty Sorenson, as Betty remains in nursing care
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- The family of Sherrie Barker who left this life last week
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- ministering boldly in Santa Maria, and for our support of their ministry
- In gratitude that COVID-19 rates are declining in our area, that we might observe mitigation guidelines
- For the world, in dealing with developing COVID variants
- The people of Ukraine, for strength, and a speedy end to the attack

Memorial for Sherrie Barker

Long-time member Sherrie Barker passed away on March 22nd at Bayside Care Center. She and her husband and three children moved to Los Osos in the early 80s for her husband's health. They joined and were active at Calvary Lutheran Church. Sherrie became chronically ill in the early 90s and from then on was incapable of continuing her activity with the congregation. Many people still remember their family.

There will be services for Sherrie at Los Osos Valley Memorial Park on Monday, April 4th. The schedule is as follows:

10:00 am -- Viewing

10:30 am -- Funeral service

11:30 am -- Graveside service

12:00 noon -- lunch reception at Calvary Lutheran Church

Thanks to Kathie Sperow and others who have organized the luncheon set-up, serving and clean-up. They include Nancy Padilla, Nancy Koppl, Katie Edson, Janet Lorenzo, Cindy Haener, Joyce Bauer, Ina Davenport, and Audrey Forster. Thanks to all.

Joint Memorial Service



Kathie Sperow brought up an idea after worship last Sunday. She was remarking that she and others she knows experienced the death of close family members during the last two years of COVID, during which normal funeral or memorial services were not possible in person.

Kathie suggested that Calvary might host a joint memorial service for all who wish to honor their loved one formally. The service might include favorite hymns, important scriptures, life summaries and commendations. The service would take place between the end of April and the end of May on a weekend in our sanctuary.

Pastor Robin had special remembrances at the All Saints Sunday last November, and maybe that and any other observances might have been enough for you. But if you and your nearby family wish to have more closure and want to participate, please contact Pastor Brian at 925-285-7256.

The Last Soup Supper



The last Soup Supper will take place on Wednesday, April 6, at 5:30. The soup is always hot and delicious, and the bread is always soft and warm. The only thing missing is YOU! The service following the supper is always informal and engaging. Please join us if you can. There is always SO MUCH SOUP! If you would like to try a new soup recipe, here is one straight out of Kathie Sperow's recipe box:

Five Bean Soup Or Calico Beans

1 pound hamburger, browned in skillet and drained
1 chopped onion
Salt and pepper to taste




Add
1 can stewed tomatoes
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup catsup
2 TBSP vinegar
2 TBSP chili powder

Add
3-5 cans of beans (the recipe says to use all liquids. I chose to leave out some)
Kidney
Black
Great Northern
Butter
Pork and Beans

Simmer one hour



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*Please remember in your prayers.</p>	<p>Worship services are live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org</p>				<p>1 *Bob Penzel</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3 Worship service With Holy Communion 10:00 Lay Assistant: Katie E.</p>	<p>4 *Joe & Angelina Rice Memorial Reception - Sherrie Barker 12:00 Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>5 Coffee Club 9:00 Ascendo in Los Osos Finance Committee 5:00 via Zoom</p>	<p>6 *Kevin & Nikki Rocha Bible Study 10:00 Last Soup Supper 5:30</p>	<p>7 Council Meeting 5:00</p>	<p>8 *David Schafer</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 Worship service 10:00 Lay Assistant: Jim L.</p>	<p>11 * Randy & Carol Schuldt Morro Bay Community Dinner 3:45</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 *Ronnie Smith Bible Study 10:00</p>	<p>14  Maundy Thursday Service 6:00</p>	<p>15 *Darel & Betty Sorensen  Service 6:00</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 EASTER Worship service With Holy Communion 10:00 Lay Assistant: Joyce B. </p>	<p>18 *George & Edith Tway</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 *Georgina Tway Bible Study 10:00 Outreach Committee 1:45</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 *Toni Tway Coffee Club 9:00 Nautical Bean, 2nd St., Baywood</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Worship service 10:00 Lay Assistant: Cindy H. "The Chosen" via Zoom 7:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>25 *Karen Vail</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 *Diane Williams Bible Study 10:00</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 *Dick Williams</p>	<p>30</p>

