



# THE CALVARY CALLING

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Hi, Calvary folks,

I've been thinking about some of the assets of the Calvary family lately, and how well you are poised for the next chapter of your congregational life. Here's a partial list.

1. You are pretty sure that your main reason for being is to live and explore the new life you have in Jesus. You are open with your faith, interested in learning more about it, glad to enter into prayer and discussion and study. Everything else you do flows from these convictions and habits.
2. Many of you are happy to take on leadership positions. Your church council is full. There are people guiding congregational efforts, such as worship assisting, fellowship events, food "service", worship streaming, welcome of visitors, sending of cards through the mail, community dinners, property matters, financial management, pastoral care, decorations, communications, outreach to Iglesia Santa Cruz, the list goes on.
3. You are reliable and present. Now that we're several weeks back into in-person worship, I notice that a good number of you are in worship whenever you're in town. That practice is not to be taken for granted! You are attentive to the people in your environment. Which leads to:
  4. You have a genuine care for one another, both long-time Calvary members and the new folks. You have more than a passing concern about people and their challenges. When you promise to pray, you really do pray.
  5. You are open to new ideas, while at the same time treasuring your beloved traditions. Who knew what you have annually done for Easter decorations, for instance. How delightful and beautiful and meaningful they have been! And you have also allowed me to do some different things for Holy Week worship. This is a good environment. You are not closed off to new ideas, and you generally proceed with reasonable caution.
  6. You are not afraid to disagree. I have been quite struck by the level and completeness of your discussion of important topics. When I've found myself impatient with how long some deliberation lasts, I find out that it is only because you have been working toward consensus, to which you invariably arrive.
7. You are building a new body of Christ at this congregation. Calvary Lutheran Church has been many things to many people over the years, with wonderful pastors and members, great programs and emphases. And now you are determining what the Holy Spirit might have in mind for Calvary at this place in this time. You are willing to see in which way the divine wind is blowing, or even, who God has blown in through our doors.

Thank you for your partnership,  
Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

## Becoming a Member

Like many other organizations in the world, Calvary Lutheran is a religious non-profit and has a constitution and by-laws. It is governed by those documents, which have in recent years been amended and brought up to date. The foundation of our governance is our members, represented in between congregational meetings by our church council and committees.



The life of the congregation from week to week does not take into account whether people are members or not. People participate in so many ways without needing to become members of Calvary.

On the other hand, if you are not a member, but wish to make that step at this time, please contact Pastor Brian at [bsteinwebber@gmail.com](mailto:bsteinwebber@gmail.com) or 925-285-7256, or, who knows, talk with him next time you see him! We will have a session or two to discuss the Lutheran Church in general and the privileges and responsibilities of membership in the church. And then there will be a reception of new members within a worship service.

Does that make sense? Questions or responses, let Pastor Brian know.

## Special Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, April 24 there was a Special Congregational meeting to vote on a proposal to have Pacific Heat & Air replace two furnaces in the main building and one in the office building, using funds from the General Fund checking and General Fund budget for Repairs and Maintenance, and having a fundraiser to replenish the monies. The Congregation voted to accept the proposal to replace the furnaces. The total cost of replacing the furnaces is \$11,465.00. There is \$5,000.00 in the 2022 General Fund budget for repairs & maintenance, and approximately \$30,000.00 in the General Fund Checking Account.

## Council Highlights-what Happened at the Last Meeting?

Pastor sent out an email asking how people felt about having masks be optional at church. Covid numbers and hospitalizations continuing to decrease, and there is plenty of room in the Sanctuary for people to spread out. All responses were ok with masks being optional.

There used to be a Pastor's Discretionary Fund. When we lost our permanent pastor, the money in the fund was moved to the Local Hunger fund. Now that we have a Bridge Pastor, and there have been some requests for special assistance that would normally be paid for with a Pastor's Discretionary Fund, the money that was moved into the Local Hunger Fund will be moved back into a newly created Pastor's Discretionary fund.

The group agreed to not have Communion every week at this time due to a lack of people to set it up each week. This may be reconsidered in the future as our congregation grows.

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

The Parsonage has been rented! Tenant has paid security deposit & first month rent and has put utilities in her name. RPM management will be electronically sending the funds to the General checking account starting April 8. The gopher company completed the treatment for gophers in the parsonage yard and the parking lot. Council approved ongoing treatment to be done quarterly for \$160.00 for the parsonage and \$90.00 for the parking lot.

Tree issues - On April 4, a large limb fell off the eucalyptus tree in the Parsonage yard and took down a cable line. The limb came close to breaking the front window. Gary O. obtained an estimate to have that tree and the palm tree trimmed for a cost of \$2200.00. The Council approved having the trees trimmed.

Church office is in the process of being reorganized. The copy machine has been moved from the front office into the "finance/pastor's office".

The alarm keypad in the Fellowship hall has been reset and reconnected to the Wi-Fi and is now working properly.

## Treasurer's Report For March, 2022

Income - \$6,648.87; Expenses - \$6,726.91. Income at the end of March was at 82.17% of our 2022 budget for the three months ended March 31, 2022. Expenses were at 83.86% of our 2022 budget for the same period.

## Outreach Committee

- The plaques for the memorial bench next to the library on the corner will be ordered this week!
- The food boxes in the front of the Sanctuary are full. Lent is over and it is now time to get the food to Iglesia. The food will be weighed to be used as a benchmark for next year. We will plan a reception for Pastor Esteban and his wife Angie. If they are not able to come within the next two weeks, the food will be delivered to them.
- The shelves in the Fellowship Hall are getting full and will be used to replenish the food supply in the library structure pantry.
- Fellowship Brunch, similar to the one provided on Easter will be planned one Sunday each month. The first Brunch will be on Sunday, May 22, and then the 2nd Sunday of the month after that. Teams will be formed to provide a simple fare of finger foods and desserts.
- The Outreach Committee is humming! Come and join us - we would love your input!

# The Chosen Series

On April 24th, we re-started our weekly discussions on individual episodes of the inspiring TV series, *The Chosen*. Gatherings will continue to happen on Zoom at 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Sunday evenings, and will last for eight weeks. Participants are expected to view the upcoming episode during the week prior to each discussion.

It is not necessary to watch any of the episodes of Season 1, but if you have time, you would find them helpful. The depictions of Biblical characters are both faithful to the gospels and also elaborative on possible back stories. We will assume that former participants will continue. If you want to join the group at this point, please speak with Pastor Brian, and he will be sure to send you the Zoom invites. All are welcome.

Pastor Brian

## Scriptures for May 2022

May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5 John 14:23-29	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26



## Commissioning of Eucharistic Minister, Kathie Sperow.

During the service on April 24, Kathie was commissioned with the Holy task of providing Communion to persons who are unable to come to worship. Thank you Kathie for your dedication and service. Homebound Calvary members are blessed to have you!

## May Anniversaries

*Jim & Linda Lake - May 15, 1971*



## Happy Birthday!

Titan Christmen 5/3	Maggie Muff 5/24
Stacey Lange 5/14	Charles Rice 5/27
Becky Mendoza 5/16	Katie Edson 5/28
Nick Mendoza 5/22	Emilee Lange 5/30
Patti Harsch 5/24	

## Lenten Food Drive Was A Success!

**Final count:** 688 pounds of food was collected over Lent for Iglesia! Thank you to all the generous Calvary folks who filled the Disciples' boxes with many, many bags of beans, rice, cereal, peanut butter, pasta and lots of other non-perishable foods. The food was delivered on Thursday, April 28. This gives us a good benchmark to beat next year!



## Reception for Iglesia



to a reception for Iglesia Pastor Esteban and his wife, Angie on Saturday, June 4, at 12:30. We will welcome them with a good old Calvary pot-luck! They will give a brief presentation of

their church activities and the people who benefit from our efforts to support them. Please plan to attend and sign up to bring a dish if you can.

**PLEASE RSVP so we know how many to plan for:**  
**Nancy Padilla - 760-521-1708 or**  
**Janet Lorenzo - 805-234-5089**

## Musician's Corner

Dear friends, I hope you enjoyed our Easter services as much as I did. I enjoyed working with Pastor Brian, selecting the music, learning new hymns and finally seeing it all come together, especially on Easter morning. The church was filled, children present, it was magical. I'm looking forward to May! We will be trying out a new Liturgical setting, Setting 6. Easter Hymns will be with us during the next few weeks. Please let me know if you want to hear your favorite hymns.

Blessings, Ina

## Remember in Prayer

- Linda Luke- chemotherapy
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law, recovering from a stroke
- Edith Tway, recovering from complicated surgery, at Bayside
- George Tway- supporting Edith
- Becky Padilla- dealing with cervical cancer
- Judy Larson, Pastor Brian's friend- recovering from a brain bleed
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend- recovering from a broken back
- James Hecker- recovering from a complicated bladder replacement surgery
- Tim Stein, Pastor Mary's brother- dealing with pancreatic cancer
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Sharron Jackman- recovering from abdominal surgery at home
- Katie Brochtrup-recovering from surgeries and adjusting to baclofen pump
- 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
- 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 COVID variants
- The people of Ukraine, for strength, and a speedy end to the attack



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>May 2022</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>*Please remember in your prayers.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship services are live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org</b></p>						
<p>1 Worship service With Holy Communion 10:00 Lay Assistant: Joyce B.  Fellowship 11:00  "The Chosen" via Zoom 7:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>2 *Kate Anderson  Coffee Club 9:00 Nautical Bean, Los Osos</p>	<p>3 Finance Committee 5:00, Zoom</p>	<p>4 *Tom &amp; Joyce Bauer  Bible Study 10:00</p>	<p>5 Council Meeting 5:00  </p>	<p>6 *Gary, Gail &amp; Katie Brochtrup</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Worship service 10:00 Lay Assistant: Joyce B.  Fellowship 11:00  "The Chosen" via Zoom 7:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>9 *Ken Brocks</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 *Heidi Carney  Bible Study 10:00</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 *Debbie &amp; Travis Chrismen</p>	<p>14  Morro Bay Annual Yard Sale (14th &amp; 15th)</p>
<p>15 Worship service With Holy Communion 10:00 Lay Assistant: Cindy H.  Fellowship 11:00  "The Chosen" via Zoom 7:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>16 *Jennifer Chrismen</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 *Bob Clemensson  Bible Study 10:00  Outreach Committee 1:45</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 *David Cooper  Coffee Club 9:00 Buttercup Bakery, Morro Bay</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Worship service 10:00 Lay Assistant: Nikki R. Fellowship Brunch 11:00  "The Chosen" via Zoom 7:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>23 *Myles &amp; Joanna Crebs</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 *Ina Davenport  Bible Study 10:00</p>	<p>26 Los Osos Community Dinner 4:15  Iglesia Food Delivery</p>	<p>27 *Valerie Donohoo</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Worship service 10:00 Lay Assistant: Katie E.  Fellowship 11:00  "The Chosen" via Zoom 7:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>30 *Katie Edson  </p>	<p>31</p>				