



# THE CALVARY CALLING

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Dear wonderful folks of Calvary,

Today I was searching around the cupboards of the auxiliary building, I think, for possible choir music of old. Mary had told me of a few of you whom she noticed had wonderful singing voices, one creating spontaneous harmonies, such as you had developed from crooning with families or in having joined in congregation singing for forever. I couldn't find what I was looking for.

But one cache I did find was of old photo books. They depicted church anniversaries, Vacation Bible Schools, group adornings of the Easter cross, installations of pastors, building projects, the dedications of the parking lot and parsonage, virtual directories of members, scores of unlabeled potluck meals, with tables virtually stuffed into our attractive social hall.

I saw faces and names I recognized: The Tways, the Sperows, the Brochtrups, the Koppls, the Lorenzos, the Orbacks, Brenda Ouwerkerk, Sherie Barker, Valerie Donohoo and family, the Forsters, the Kolbs and more. I noticed Pastor Berg's installation, done by college friend and Bishop's Assistant Barbara Borneman, and witnessed by another classmate Pastor Carl Nielsen. And, there were lots and lots of folks I didn't recognize, who have gone on from this place in one way or another.

The impression I was left with is that church life is like a river. Was it the Ancient Greek Heraclitus who coined that image? That time itself is like a river, never repeating in exactly the same way. You step out of it and then when you step back in, it is definitely not the same place. Change, rapid or glacial, is still a constant. New challenges require new responses. When just one person enters the life of Calvary Lutheran, or just one person leaves the community, we are changed.

It's a good thing we have photographs (though more are now on computer memories than on developing paper). Otherwise we might be tempted to think that the way we are is the way we've always been, or else the way we are now will continue ad infinitum. No. From moment to moment we are greeted with new joys, new tragedies, new confoundments, need for new adaptations. And that is the way it will always be in this life.

Except, as we believe, that we are grounded by God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit of Renewal. The one(s) who were, who are, and who are to come. That is our stability in the midst of the river of life. They are our unsinkable boat, or anchor, our mainsail, you name the metaphor.

The church is naturally a joyful place to be. And it will also continually disappoint us. It is a human institution, with all attendant human foibles, prides, fears, out-of-control aspirations, and the like. What a wonder, then, that Jesus loves the church and us in it. So every week, or as often as we can come together, we are reminded we are redeemed and made worthy not by our works, but by the grace of the Eternal Lover.

So let us nonetheless read old stories, peruse old images, recall great events and relive glorious moments. And think, "There we went, and go, by the grace of God."

Practicing peace (until I get it right),  
Pastor Brian



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

1. The new tenant has a daughter and son-in-law and three children who now live with her. They are working with the property manager to complete applications to be included on the lease agreement. They are all attending church as well and seem to want to be involved.
2. Angelina and Joe Rice have requested baptism for their baby, Henry in July.
3. A substitute Sunday School teacher will be needed from May 30 - June 20 so that Nancy Koppl can have a vacation! Anyone who would like to help out with Sunday School can contact Pastor Brian.
4. Covid cases are going up along with hospitalizations. We will continue as we are for now with masks being optional, but if cases continue to rise we may have to ask that everyone wear a mask.
5. Ina Davenport and Pastor would like to widen the circle of people selecting music for services. A group will meet on a Saturday every six weeks to select the music.
6. Wilshire Community Peer Counseling requested the use of our office conference room to meet to discuss cases every-other Tuesday, from 9:30 - 11:00. Council approved use of the building for a flat donation of \$50 per month.
7. Pastor expressed a concern that some people may be having a hard time getting to services because of the high price of gas. The Pastor's Discretionary fund may be available to assist those who need help getting to church.

### \$ Treasurer's Report For April, 2022 \$

Income - \$12,776.00; Expenses - \$21,902.69 which includes payment for replacing the 3 heater units. Income at the end of April was at 96.94% of our 2022 budget for the 4 months ended April 30, 2022. Expenses were at 96.24% (not including \$11,465 paid for the new heaters) of the 2022 Budget for the same period.

### Outreach Committee

- The plaques for the memorial bench next to the library on the corner have arrived! They are beautiful and will be installed soon.
- Nancy P. and Janet L. were invited to a volunteer appreciation dinner hosted by the Eagles in Morro Bay on Thursday, May 26. Many thanks to Glenna Baker and Jean Senter for volunteering to help out at the Los Osos dinner so Janet and Nancy can attend the Eagles dinner.
- Kathie Sperow has provided a guide for us to post in the kitchen for judging how much food is needed to feed 20 people. Thank you Kathie!
- Nancy K. suggested that we post on the bulletin board a list of ways that people can become involved and one person to contact for more information or to volunteer. The bulletin boards are looking great.



### Synod Assembly, June 11

Pastor Brian will be attending the annual synod assembly for the Southwest California Synod on Saturday, June 11, at 9:00 AM. That is, he will be attending it virtually on Zoom. Ideally, there would be a member of Calvary Lutheran who would watch (and vote) with him. If you think you are that person, let him know!

# Worship



This is Pastor Brian talking again. If you were in church on May 22nd, you heard me take off on the story of the man healed by Jesus at the Pools of Bethesda, going at some length into my understandings of faith healing. From this point on, to the extent possible, we have available someone to do healing prayer on Sunday morning. On Communion Sundays, during Communion persons may receive prayers for healing by going to the chair on the outside of the baptismal font, which has found a home in front of the pulpit. On non-communion Sundays, a person will be available in the same place after the postlude.

You may come for prayer for yourself or for someone or something else. Generally, the person praying for you will ask you about your concern, and then pray for you while laying hands on you, usually on your head or your shoulder.

I am also moved at this writing to ask for general prayers for these places and persons:

- The families of all those in Uvalde, Texas who were killed by a lone gunman at Robb Elementary School for as yet unknown reasons, including two adults and nineteen children.
- Julie Gerrish, recently graduated from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, whose sister Heidi Gerrish and Heidi's friend and others who were in a head-on auto accident while coming to the graduation, in which Heidi died and others are in critical condition.
- The family of local roofing businessman Eric Bean, whose sudden death has rocked the town of Los Osos.

## Worship Workshop



A new group is hard at work at Calvary! Many of us met for the first time with Ina Davenport and Pastor Brian Stein-Webber to select music for the next six weeks. We will be singing some familiar songs and also some new ones that we're sure you will enjoy - a good mix of upbeat music and some soothing melodic songs that will stick with you as you leave the service. This group will meet every six weeks. If you would like to be a part of this workshop contact Ina or Pastor Brian.

## Scriptures for June 2022

June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17 [25-27]	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

## The Chosen Series

We are finishing up on the Second Season of *The Chosen* TV series this month. On Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm we will have one-hour zoom discussions on Episodes 6, 7 and 8, finishing on Father's Day/Juneteenth. There's still time for anybody to join the class. Speak with Pastor Brian if you are interested. We have not discussed if we will do some kind of follow-up with this gathering. Season 3 of *The Chosen* was finished being filmed in February, and production began last month. It should be ready to view this December. We will talk online about any potential interest in taking a new series, book or subject starting in July. Ideas are welcome.

Pastor Brian

# Community

## June Anniversaries

Tom & Joyce Bauer - June 15, 1974  
Kevin & Nikki Rocha - June 17, 2000



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 - 805 234-5289

## Furnace Funding



There are many ways you can help pay for **our new furnaces** and get yourself a bargain too! Katie Brochtrup is selling beautiful hand-made greeting cards. You can catch her in the

Narthex or the Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Linda Luke has donated her hand-made lavender packets. These are available every Sunday and sell in packets of three for \$5. She promises that if you put one in your pillow case you will have the best sleep ever! Another way is to simply donate any amount. Just place your donation in an offering envelope and mark it "Furnace".

## Monthly Fellowship Brunch

Our first monthly Fellowship Brunch was on May 22. If you missed it don't worry - there will be a Fellowship Brunch on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Food will be provided by teams from Calvary's Outreach Committee and Council and friends. Don't miss out on some great food and a perfect opportunity to get to know each other better. If you would like to participate in providing food, contact Nancy Koppl, 805 235-4095 or Janet Lorenzo, 805 1234-5089



## Happy Birthday!

Gary Brochtrup - 6/2  
Gary Orback - 6/5  
Travis Christmen - 6/9  
Olivia Rice - 6/27  
Elaine Grawe - 6/29

## Remember in Prayer

- Linda Luke- chemotherapy
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law, recovering from a stroke
- Edith Tway, recovering from surgery, at Bayside
- George Tway- supporting Edith
- Becky Padilla- dealing with cervical cancer
- Judy Larson, Pastor Brian's friend- brain bleed
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina's friend- recovering from a broken back
- James Hecker- recovering from bladder surgery
- Tim Stein, Pastor Mary's brother- pancreatic cancer
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup - adjusting to baclofen pump
- Jim Nelson, friend of the Stein-Webbers, chemotherapy
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Heidi Carney, for relief of significant allergies
- Janelle Muff
- Elaine Grawe, brain surgery
- Darel and Betty Sorenson, as Betty is in nursing care
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- ministering in Santa Maria, and for our support of their ministry
- In gratitude that COVID-19 rates are declining in our area, that we might
- For the world, in dealing with COVID variants, and may we continue to observe mitigation guidelines
- The people of Ukraine, for strength, and a speedy end to the attack
- The families of all those in Uvalde, Texas who were killed by a lone gunman at Robb Elementary School for as yet unknown reasons, including 19 children and 2 adults.
- Julie Gerrish, recently graduated from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, whose sister Heidi Gerrish and Heidi's friend and others who were in a head-on auto accident while coming to the graduation, in which Heidi died and others are in critical condition.
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## Team Maggie - Relay for Life



On May 21, Sandy McMillan joined with her family at the Relay for Life event held at UCLA. "Team Maggie", clad in purple tie dye t-shirts created by Janelle, enjoyed a full 24 hours of meaningful events, some fun and uplifting, some evoking strong emotions. Janelle, Dave, Maggie, Gwen, Carly, and August Muff, along with Sandy McMillan and her other daughter Jollyne are now part of an organization of 2.5 million survivors, patients, families advocates, volunteers, caregivers, and researchers doing everything within their power to save lives.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the world's largest fundraising event dedicated to saving lives from cancer. For over 35 years, communities across the world have come together to honor and remember loved ones and take action for lifesaving change. Funds raised through Relay For Life directly support breakthrough research, 24/7 support for cancer patients, access to lifesaving screenings, and much more.

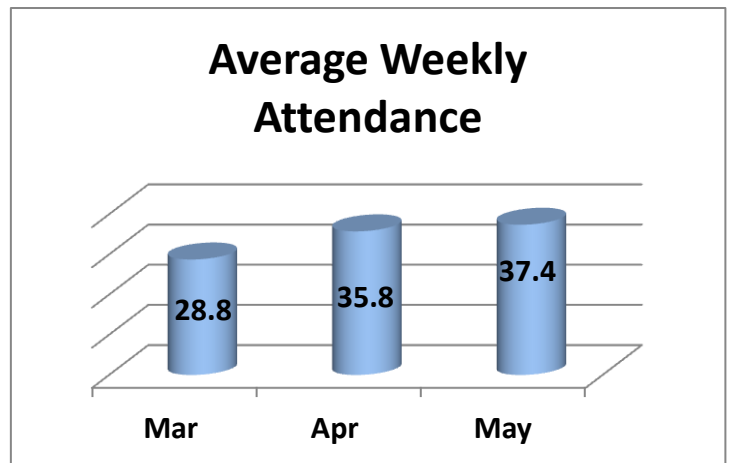
## Letter From Our Compassion Child, Charite

We are have received another letter from Charite, our **Compassion child in Rwanda**: "Dear friends, Your child Charite and her family are very happy to get this time to write to you and to greet you. May God's peace be with you. Thank you for thinking about Charite and for praying for her. Thank you for the gift you give every month which pays for things including clothes, shoes, school requirements, bed covers and health insurance. May God bless you so much! Charite is studying in Primary Two. She got 74% marks. At home, Charite and her family are doing well and are thankful to God because he protected them in this hard time of the pandemic ending. Keep praying for them, they ask. The family is praying for us at Calvary, wishing us good health. They hope we had a happy Easter!

**Please remember Charite and her family in your prayers!**

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## Good News - Attendance



## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Nancy Padilla and Janet Lorenzo were honored to represent Calvary at a volunteer appreciation dinner hosted by the Lions of Morro Bay. The room was full of people who dedicate their time, money and energy to helping those less fortunate than ourselves. We were proud to represent our congregation for being a part of this amazing group of people and organizations that step up to give back to the community and share God's love.

**GOOD JOB CALVARY VOLUNTEERS!!**

Thank you to the Lions of Morro Bay for recognizing these wonderful people, and a special thank you to Jean Senter and Glenna Baker for helping out at the Los Osos Dinner so Nancy and Janet could attend the dinner.

# June 2022

**\*Please remember in your prayers.**

**Worship services are live streamed on Facebook and posted to [morrobaylutherans.org](http://morrobaylutherans.org)**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>Love. Grow. Serve.</b></p>			1 *Ron & Audrey Forster  Bible Study 10:00	2	3 *Carol Frasier	4 Iglesia Reception 12:30 
5 Worship Service With Holy Communion 10:00 Lay Assistant: Joyce B.  Fellowship 11:00  "The Chosen" via Zoom 7:00 -8:00 PM	6 *Bruce & Cindy Haener  Coffee Club 9:00 MB Coffee Co. At the Roundabout	7	8 *Victor Hansen  Bible Study 10:00  Finance Committee 5:00, Zoom	9 Council Meeting 5:00	10 *Herb & Patti Harsch	11  Synod Assembly On Zoom
12 Worship Service 10:00 Lay Assistant: Cindy H.  <b>Fellowship Brunch</b> 11:00  "The Chosen" via Zoom 7:00 -8:00 PM	13 *Judy Kalin  Morro Bay Community Dinner 3:45	14 	15 *Woody & Nancy Koppl  Bible Study 10:00  Outreach Committee 1:45	16	17 *Jennifer Kurrle  Coffee Club 9:00 - BYO Tidelands Park, Embarcadero	18
19 Worship Service With Holy Communion 10:00 Lay Assistant: Nikki R. Fellowship 11:00  <b>Happy Fathers' Day!</b>  "The Chosen" via Zoom 7:00 -8:00 PM	20 *Jason & Stacey Lange	21 	22 *Mike & Janet Lorenzo  Bible Study 10:00	23	24 Jeff & Kea McKee	25 Worship Workshop 1:30
26 Worship Service 10:00 Lay Assistant: Katie E. Fellowship 11:00	27 *Sandy McMillan	28	29 *Tyler Mitchell  Bible Study 10:00	30		