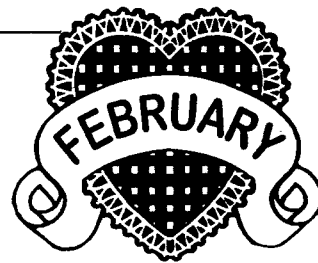


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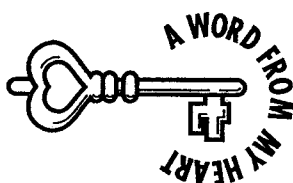
The Calvary Calling

Newsletter for February, 2012

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✦ FROM THE PASTOR ✦



Lately there has been a renewed controversy about the displaying “John 3:16” at sporting events and I have always wondered how many people know what that reference means. A recent survey released by the Barna Group says that the majority of Americans realize that it is a Biblical reference (68%). What amazed me is that they did not ask people if they knew what the passage said or if they understood the words.

It is one thing to say “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIV). It is another thing to understand and believe those words. We love these words because they are the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a simple statement but sometimes we have trouble applying them. We struggle to believe we are loved, or that certain other people are loved. We like to be selective in love but these words speak of God’s love for all of us and everyone else. It is this simple passage and simple experience of love that teaches us about true love and enables us to love.

The Bible has a lot to say about love and as we think about love this month, it is helpful for us to remember that the true love we experience in our relationship with God can help us love others. Maybe the best description of love is the familiar description found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 & 13:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

These words describe a love that does not depend on emotions or feelings that often change, but actions and truth that endures forever. It is one thing to know love, it is something entirely different to act in love. For us, we see this type of love most clearly in cross of Jesus and it is that cross that challenges us to live and act in love. What actions of love can you share with this world today? Often the simplest actions make the most difference to others so look for simple ways to love. As 1st John 4:19 says, “We love because he first loved us.”

Pastor Jim



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHT

The Church Council met on Wednesday, January 11th. The first item of business was to elect officers. Alice Kolb will be President, Joyce Bauer will be Vice President, Gary Lee will be Treasurer and Janet Lorenzo will be Secretary. In reviewing the end-of-the-year reports it was reported that we finished up the year with a shortfall of \$2,000.00 and we approved taking money from the savings account if we cannot make up that money in January. Other items discussed were community and congregational outreach, service to others, copier replacement, and Fellowship Hall roof replacement. See list of coming events below to see some of the ideas discussed. We will also continue working on Operation Christmas Child (Christmas shoeboxes) in 2012, and the socks for the homeless collection.



COMING EVENTS

Faith, Food and Fun

Sunday, February 12 at 5:00 p.m. The theme for this night will be "Discover the Love." Our potluck dinner for the evening is going to be Italian type food so bring your favorite Italian dish to share. Family, friends and neighbors are welcome!

Joint Worship Service

Sunday, February 19 at 10:00 a.m. This will be followed by a potluck brunch. The theme of the day will be "Celebrate the Glory of God".

Spring Conference Assembly

Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Lompoc. The theme for this year is "Living Into the Future Together."

City Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, March 31. Calvary is planning on participating so start saving stuff for a Yard Sale!



See what's coming up



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The following change of address information was received recently for Barbara Good. Please note the change in your church directory to keep it up-to-date.

Barbara Good
61 Broad Street, Apt. 305
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405



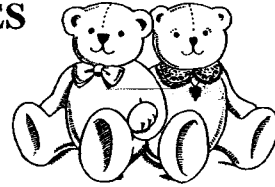
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Crystal Halterman
- 12 Joyce Bauer, Jim Henriksen
- 14 Sally Warke
- 16 Andy Theros
- 19 Bill Olson
- 21 Aaron and Katie Brochtrup
- 26 Brian Berg



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Dan & Kathie Sperow, 36 years
- 22 Everette & Barbara Dority, 71 years
- 23 Mel & Georgia Brennieste, 51 years



PRAYER LIST

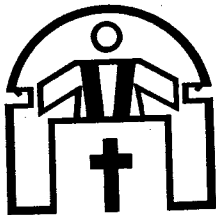
- Rosetta Brocks, continuing health problems
- Syble Mandeville, continued health problems, on hospice
- Jim & Penny Henriksen, on the death of their son, Greg, from cancer
- Dave Silverman, lung cancer
- Betty Olson (Bill Olson's wife), continuing health problems
- That we would have more daily opportunities to perform acts of love in Jesus' name
- That we would all find ways each day to help encourage our faith to grow
- That our church would truly be a welcoming place for all who visit and for all who would like to join us
- Resolution and Peace for Israel and all of the Middle East
- Safety for our military personnel, especially those overseas and away from home
- That the Lord would turn the hearts of the whole world toward Him and that everyone would worship Him as their Lord and Savior



If there is anyone you would like to add to this list, please call the church office at 772-8457.



COMING SUNDAY SERMONS



- February 5, Mark 1:29-39 -- Here Comes the Kingdom!
- February 12, Mark 1:40-45 -- Asking God for Help
- February 19 (Joint Worship Service 10:00 a.m.), Mark 9:1-29 --
Celebrate the Glory of God
- February 26, Mark 1:9-15 -- On the Way to the Cross

2012 CHURCH DIRECTORY



An updated Church Directory for 2012 is currently in the works. If you have had any change in your contact information (address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.) or will be having one soon, please make sure we have those changes in the church office so the new directory will be as accurate as possible. We also include a business directory to list members of the church who would like to be included. If you have a business you would like to have listed please let Nancy Berg know as soon as possible. Thank you!



MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. This year we will look at readings from the Gospel of Mark and our theme will be “Shadows of the Cross.” Our soup suppers will begin at 6:00 p.m. and worship will begin about 6:45p.m. Come and join us in a causal evening gathering for food and worship during the season of Lent.

February 22nd (Ash Wednesday) -- Mark 1 -- “The Invitation to Join the Dance”

February 29th -- Mark 2 -- “Shadows of the Cross and Conflicts”

March 7th -- Mark 5:21-43 -- “A New Kind of Authority”

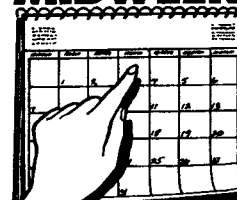
March 14th -- Mark 6:1-12, 30- 56 -- “Faith and Unbelief”

March 21st -- Mark 8:1-21 -- “Food from Heaven”

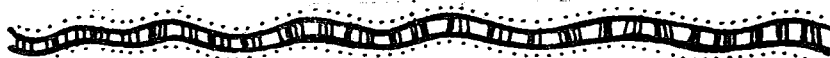
March 28th -- Mark 9:36-41; 10:13-31 -- “Room for Others”



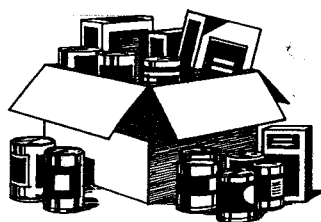
MIDWEEK



WORSHIP



LOCAL HUNGER REPORT



“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” --Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Your donations to the Local Hunger Box are so appreciated by the local Salvation Army food bank and their clients. At this time the most needed items are: peanut butter, tuna, baked beans or any canned beans, cold cereal, and soups. Please remember the hunger box when you do your shopping.

The Hunger Box will be out in the entryway on the first Sunday of each month to help you remember. Your donations are really needed!!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER



Our Sunday School theme for February and March is “The Fruit of the Spirit.” Our new wall decoration will be up soon and the new FRUIT Bible stories and crafts will begin on Sunday, February 5th. We had such a wonderful month in January, and we have so much fun when we are all together, don’t miss a single Sunday!

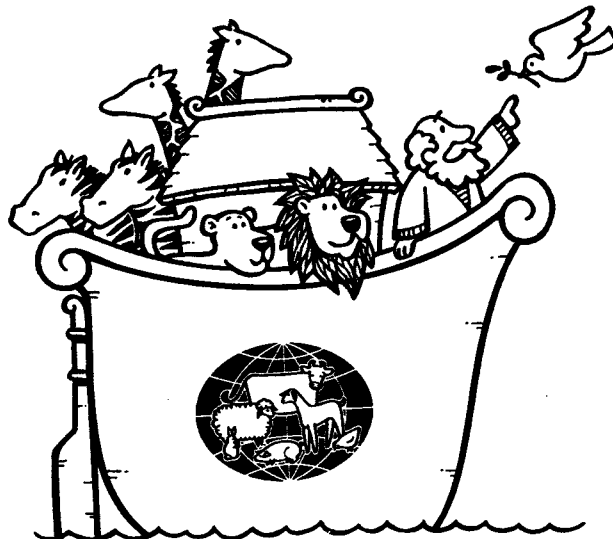
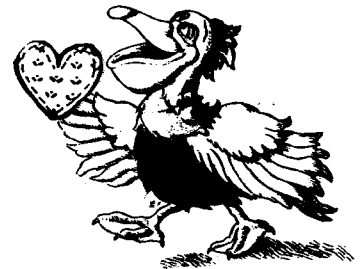
- ♣ Feb. 5 – “What is the Fruit of the Spirit?”
- ♣ Feb. 12 – “Miriam and Moses” (Love)
- ♣ Feb. 19 – “Isaac is Born” (Joy)
- ♣ Feb. 26 – “Deborah” (Peace)

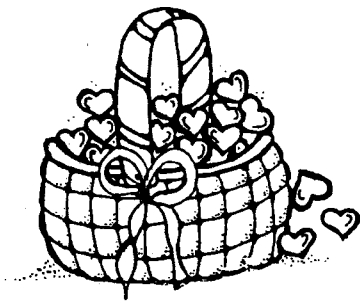
See you all in Sunday School!!!



PELI-CAN STEWARDSHIP PROJECT HELP US “FILL THE ARK”

As part of our Sunday School Peli-Can Stewardship Project we are filling up ark banks for Heifer International during the season of Lent again this year. Lent is a good time for us to remember how important it is to help others. We would like to invite the entire congregation to join us in this project. Please pick up an ark bank and calendar starting on Sunday, February 26th, fill the bank up with loose change and special offerings, and return it to church on Easter Sunday, April 8th. Your participation will help hungry and struggling people all over the world have a better life through the work of Heifer International.





THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“Our goal is not to try harder, but to trust more.”
 --Bless Your Heart II

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves,
 it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.
 For we are God’s workmanship”
 ~Ephesians 2:8-10



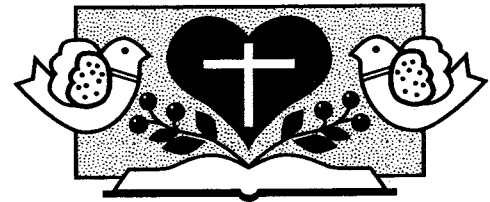
SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 5 – The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
 Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, February 12 – The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30
 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45

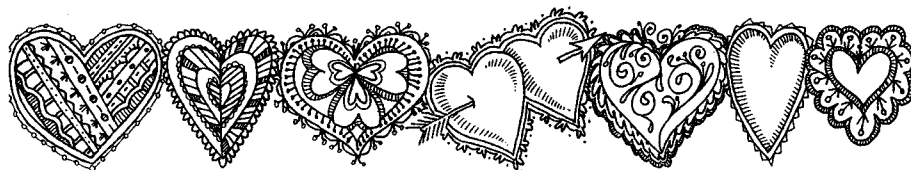
Sunday, February 19 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord
 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:1-29

Sunday, February 26 – The First Sunday in Lent
 Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10
 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

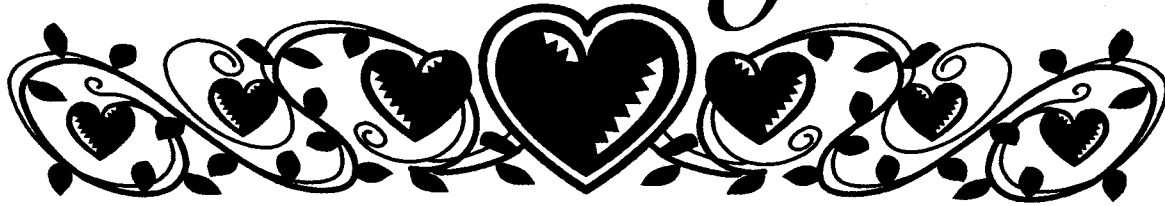


WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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