



THE CALVARY CALLING

Hi, Calvary folks!

I'm writing this letter directly after returning home from our super-duper pancake (and eggs and ham) brunch today after worship. Several things about the day stand out to me:

-- The brunch itself seemed to go off like a charm, with the direction of Gail B and Janet L, and the help of cook Tom Anello and many others who lent a hand serving and cleaning up. It is a hive of mutual support! Supported by the virtue of using all of our sturdy church plates and cups and mugs and silverware! For me, it's a throw back to growing up at Messiah Lutheran Church in Pasadena!

-- The young children were having their usual fantastic time, with the help of Sunday School teachers Nancy K and Nikki R and helpers Kea M and Rachel J. During the Children's Conversation, they NAILED the importance of Jesus' parable about the workers in the vineyard, as well as any Confirmation class.

-- Speaking of the Confirmation class, I am pleased as punch to be able to teach such an able group of sixth graders, starting tomorrow in earnest and continuing for two years. Ella and Gus and Charlie are going to be a force for good in the church, I can tell.

-- Joyce B was back in church setting up communion with the able help of her daughter Jennifer (and backed up by several women who seem to triple-team other responsibilities.)

-- Alice Kolb was present in memory of her daughter Kara's birthday, with blazing sunflowers gracing the chancel bouquet. Alice had provided a blown-up picture of Kara and friend Scott McCorkle, which looked like Hallmark had a strong hand in producing. It was a strong binding to Calvary's illustrious history.

-- The left side of the sanctuary (facing forward) had more pew-sitters than the right side, which was a fun change, but had no other overriding meaning.

-- The last song, *Children Go Where I Send Thee* (surprisingly written by Kenny Rogers, and recorded with distinction by Peter, Paul and Mary, and Johnny Cash) went particularly well. All eight verses.

-- Pastor Mary gathered with promised attendees of her upcoming class on the Joseph stories in the book of Genesis (still room for more!).

-- The sense was, as I talked about with Sandy McMillan in the office later, that the Holy Spirit has been able to move among this dedicated, warm-hearted, gospel-minded, welcoming group of Christians, finding renewed energy for ministry in the present day.

I don't know about you, but it's fun being in worship and fellowship with you all!

Pastor Brian

More from Pastor Brian:

Study on Joseph

Pastor Mary is beginning a Bible study in a few weeks on Genesis 37 and 39-50 about **the drama of Joseph and his family and all kinds of sundry characters**. She says, the story is worthy of Netflix! The class will begin on the week of October 8th and continue for six weeks. (Mary has concerns that it might take longer.). The exact day, time and location are yet to be decided, and will be determined based on the availability of willing participants. If you are interested in joining the study, please email Pastor Mary at mary@safelacetoheal.com as soon as you can. And please consider inviting a friend or two, since this study is a friendly and interesting portal into the Calvary faith community.

Confirmation Class

A yippee kay-ay for a new group of three sixth-graders who will be studying with Pastor Brian, leading up to being confirmed in a few years. Their curriculum will include Old and New Testaments, church history, Luther's Small Catechism, comparative religions, and becoming an adult member of the congregation. The class meets on Monday evenings, twice a month, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Please keep this group in your prayers!

Discussion Group on *The Chosen*

If you want to take part in a weekly Sunday evening discussion on what Pastors Brian and Mary (and many others) consider to be the best creation and depiction of Jesus and his disciples (and many others), please come to this Zoom meeting on Sundays at 7:00 to 8:00 pm. We have been on break a few weeks, but will now continue with Season 3's eight episodes. Perhaps, and maybe likely, after a few months of that, Season 4 will be available for viewing!

If you decide to jump in, you might want to have a discussion with a current participant to bring you up to speed. But the characters and plot line and scenes should already be largely familiar to you!

Sermon Feedback and Feedforward

We continue on MOST Monday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 am, on Zoom, to discuss both the sermon of the day before as well as the lessons for worship of the following Sunday. Believe me, Pastor Brian loves to hear ideas and interact with the participants. This is a two-way communication, inspired by our congregation's recent participation in The People's Sermon class. You'll need to talk with Pastor Brian if you want to try it out, so he can send you a Zoom invite each week.

Scriptures for October

October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9,10-13 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46



- **Stewardship Sunday** has been set for October 22, when we will encourage Calvary folks to re-pledge their congregation support through time, talent and treasure.
- **A love gift of \$5,000** from Jim Luke in Linda's memory was received and partially dedicated by the council to be used for repair of the **glass window mechanisms** on the west side of the sanctuary.
- **Income** for the year continues to **exceed expenses** for the year.
- Recommendations from the Finance Committee to **disburse various donations** during this year were acknowledged: to kitchen pans and tools, to office supplies, to general maintenance and to electronic equipment for worship streaming.

- The idea was floated to turn the Men's bathroom into a **locking All-Gender bathroom**. More discussion will follow.
- Money has been donated for another silk flower arrangement. Cindy Haener is in contact with someone who can make an arrangement for us.,

The Outreach Committee met on Wednesday, September 20 and selected a new topic for the "Caring for God's Creation" display. Stay tuned and plan on taking advantage of free samples! The committee also discussed plans for a prayer chain. Look for more information on this in the near future.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2023: Receipts: \$16,770.00; Expenditures: \$7,486.22. Receipts were at 125.4% of the 2023 Budget for the eight months ended 08.31.2023. Expenditures were at 94.2% of the Budget for the same period.

IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN!!!

The Calvary Council has voted unanimously to once again participate in the Morro Bay City-Wide Yard Sale happening starting on March 15, 2024. Please remember when you're cleaning out your closets and garages to set aside your goods! There is a small amount of storage available here at Calvary for small items, but unfortunately no room for larger items.

The City-Wide Yard Sale has historically been a major fund raiser for Calvary - **remember, every little bit helps!**



Sunday Brunch

Come hungry after worship for brunch prepared by TEAM ONE on **the last Sunday in October** - Janet, Sandy, Nancy P, Joyce, Dick and Gail. What will they prepare? Who knows? Come and join us to find out!

Who doesn't enjoy curling up with your favorite book and a yummy snack? On Sunday, October 29 the Sunday School children will be holding a mini bake sale along with their handmade book marks! Proceeds will benefit our Compassion Child, Charite. Come and support our Sunday School children's effort!

BAKE SALE



Remember in Prayer

- Elaine Grawe
- Nancy Padilla – multiple dental procedures
- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Robin Karas – recovering at Bayside
- Mark Shuck – Gail B.'s brother – recovering from shoulder surgery
- Christian – Heidi Carney's son – dealing with multiple ailments
- Dick Williams – receiving treatment for lumbar spinal stenosis
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello's sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Jim Luke and family – in the death of his wife, Linda
- Joyce Bauer – being monitored for condition
- Wes, brother of John Cribb – facing the choice between kidney dialysis and kidney transplant
- Byron Nelson - friend of Jacoby's - Cancer
- Mike Johnson - lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – dealing with illness
- Heidi Carney – Puzzling spots in her lungs
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport – preparing to move to assisted living
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Aaron Brochtrup - for perseverance and patience while he works to recover from his injuries
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – learning to live with condition
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- weighing treatment options for persistent infection
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID
- For the people in Turkey suffering from the earthquake, and the IMPACT Missionaries
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For the people of Maui recovering from devastating fires, people of Morocco- earthquake, people of Libya- flooding

October Birthdays

Valerie Donohoo	10/3
Angelina Rice	10/2
Antonia Tway	10/8
Mark Orback	10/11
Dick Williams	10/16

Happy Birthday!



October

Anniversaries

McKee, Jeff & Kea	10/2/1982
Jacoby, Andrew & Rachel	10/3/2009
Brochtrup, Gary & Gail	10/5/1991

Happy Anniversary!



October 2023

***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 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Worship Assist: Nikki R. The Chosen Zoom Discussion Group 7:00 -8:00 PM	2 *Kate Anderson Coffee Club 9:00 Carlock's Los Osos	3 Tom & Joyce Bauer	4 *Gary & Gail Brochtrup Bible Study 10:00	5 *Katie Brochtrup	6 *Ken Brocks	7
8 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Worship Assist: Cindy H The Chosen Zoom Discussion Group 7:00 -8:00 PM	9 *Heidi Carney Indigenous People Day MB Community Dinner 4:00	10 *Bob Clemensson Finance Committee 7:00 Zoom	11 *Myles & JoAnna Crebs Bible Study 10:00	12 *Ina Davenport Council Meeting 5:00	13 *Valerie Donohoo	14
15 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Worship Assist: Mary S. The Chosen Zoom Discussion Group 7:00 -8:00 PM	16 *Katie Edson	17 *Ron & Audrey Forster	18 *Carrie Forster-Osterthaler Bible Study 10:00	19 *Carol Frasier	20 *Elaine Grawe Coffee Club 9:00 Tideland's Park	21
22 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Worship Assist: Katie E. Stewardship Sunday The Chosen Zoom Discussion Group 7:00 -8:00 PM	23 *Bruce & Cindy Haener	24 *Victor Hansen	25 *Herb & Patti Harsch Bible Study 10:00	26 *Woody & Nancy Koppl	27 *Jennifer Kurrle	28
29 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Worship Assist: Joyce B. Reformation Sunday BRUNCH! 11:00 Sunday School Bake Sale The Chosen Zoom Discussion Group 7:00 -8:00 PM	30 *Mike & Janet Lorenzo	31 *Jim Luke Reformation Day 				