



THE CALVARY CALLING

Hello good friends in ministry!

I would like to point out some changes that are in the offing today.

When the COVID epidemic started, Calvary Lutheran, like all other congregations of all types, had to learn how to continue worshipping in a changed environment. Suddenly, those with technical abilities became very important. And where there was no technical expertise in a group, some people had to get educated about streaming worship online, really quickly!

I don't know the exact history here, but it seems that Janet Lorenzo, probably in concert with other members, and perhaps family members, stepped forward with the solution of showing worship live on our Facebook page and then posting a recording on the website. I suspect that interim pastor Robin Schmit also had a strong role in the matter, considering her expertise in public relations.

I have been pretty impressed by the numbers of people who watch the live and recorded versions online each week. and I noticed that when Rachel Jacoby preached, the number shot significantly above 100 views. That is incredible for a church of our size, and the Jacoby number probably reflects Rachel's influence beyond Morro Bay! Of course, I often watch the recordings to see how things went from an outside perspective. Nancy Koppl watches because she misses the sermon while teaching the young people. There are many regulars watching who aren't able to be in church on Sunday mornings. But we don't know who the vast majority of watchers are. Facebook doesn't keep track of the specific individuals, and we only know who they are if they leave a reaction. All this is to say how important worship streaming has become for the wider realm of God.

As to the evolution of our practice, we have noticed that the live stream, because of limited bandwidth, is often jerky, and the sound quality is somewhat lacking. So, a group of the congregation has been exploring options, especially aided by a member of Mount Calvary in San Luis Obispo, Marshall Funk-Pihl. With his advice and active help, we purchased an excellent camera and mounted it on the back wall. We are on the verge creating a space by the current sound board, with a "new" used desktop computer and a raised platform for the streaming technician. Besides Janet, you have noticed several others who do the job -- Gary B., Nikki R., Jim L., and now David O. (Hope I haven't left anybody out.)

We are going to switch the long pew in that area with the short pew at the front left of the sanctuary. Then Mike Lorenzo is going to supervise building the platform. Marshall will make a last visit on this Saturday to complete the installation. And we'll be off to the races!

This camera can be operated remotely, with several pre-set vantage points, and can also zoom in. The visual and audio components of the stream should be of a high quality! So, check the streaming out as you wish, though I much prefer that you show up in the sanctuary for worship! And, of course, if you can't be present, watch us on Facebook. Either way, the Word of God goes out.

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Brian

More from Pastor Brian:

Discussion Group on *The Chosen*

In our Sunday night Zoom discussions on the series *The Chosen*, we are ending our viewing of the first three seasons for the second time, with a group that reaches across the country to Washington and Minnesota. Both this group and the first group have had a marvelous engagement with the show that is sweeping that nation and world.

For the next three months, we will be watching some broadcast specials produced by the director Dallas Jenkins, while waiting for Season 4 to come out in the theaters in February of 2024. After that, the shows will be available for online streaming.

Anybody is welcome to join the group now. All it takes is a computer in your home.

This program is planned to be seven seasons long, and will end with the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. If things go as they have been, it will be a powerful and beautiful and heart-rending portrayal of the founder of our faith.

If you don't want to be part of this group, I still encourage you to watch the show, which is on a variety of apps including Netflix and Amazon Prime, but also on its own app, *The Chosen*, and *Angel Studios*.



DON'T FORGET the parking lot construction will begin the week of November 6!

Scriptures for November

November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Micah 3:5-12 Psalm 43 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46



- Approved creating a **paid bookkeeper position**, under terms that will be determined by the Executive Committee.
- The **moving windows** in the sanctuary are in the process of being repaired, and the **broken windows in the office** building are also in the process of being fixed, with parts for the aged aluminum windows being replaced.
- A **new camera** has been purchased to be used for streaming worship, which will have improved video and sound.
- There **is a change of affiliation of Iglesia Santa Cruz** in Santa Maria from the ELCA (our denomination) to the North American

Lutheran Church. (This change will not affect Calvary's support of this ministry.)

-- **Repairs to the front parking lot** will begin on November 8th and (hopefully) finish on November 10th. The building will be open for regular business on those days.

The Outreach Committee is now meeting every-other month, so there was no meeting in October, however during the Council meeting in October it was decided unanimously to again participate in the Iglesia Angel Tree program this Christmas. Please contact Nancy Padilla if you are interested in "adopting" a child from Iglesia this Christmas (see article below.)



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.

Iglesia Angel Tree, Christmas 2023



Calvary will again participate in the Iglesia Angel Tree this Christmas. For those of you unfamiliar with this program, here are some details:

Notify **Nancy Padilla, 760 521-1708** by **November 19** if you are interested in "adopting" one or more children this Christmas. You will be given information on the child's interests/desires (usually one or two choices are listed) and clothing sizes. Gifts are due within the first two weeks of December (stay tuned for the date), and should be

wrapped and placed together in a box labeled with the child's name.

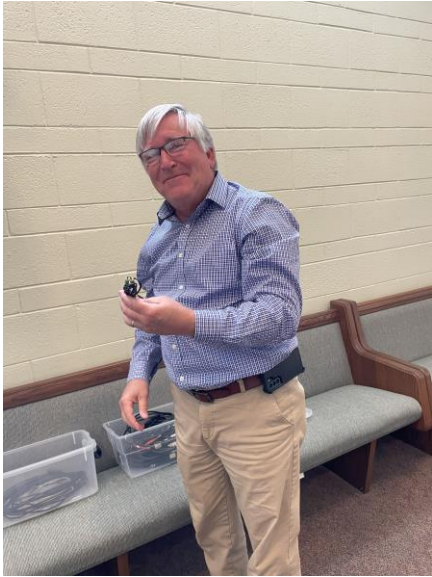
Let's **MAKE CHRISTMAS HAPPEN** for Iglesia children this year!

New Prayer Chain Group

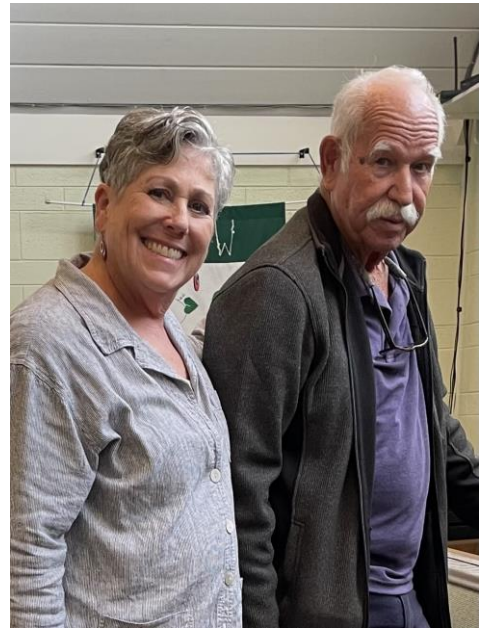
Hearts Joined in Prayer is a group of Calvary volunteers that have promised to be available to you or your loved ones should you find yourself in an emergent situation and need immediate prayer. All requests are confidential if so desired. When you need prayer urgently, call or text: **Nancy Padilla 760 521-1708**. If you have not heard back within 2 hours, call or text **Janet Lorenzo 805 234-5089**.



When your call for prayer is received, a message will go out to the group to pray intensely for your need. Keep these numbers in your contact list for a quick reference.



Calvary has a new camera! Now, instead of swiveling the laptop around to capture different parts of the service, we can zoom right in without creating vertigo for our viewers! Thanks to this wonderful team who made it all happen! Mary Stein-Webber (below right) got the ball rolling by selecting the camera and bringing Marshall Funk-Pihl (pictured left and middle below) from Mt. Carmel on board. Thank you, Marshall!! Our very own Ken Brocks (below right) made the shelf and Pastor Brian and Mike Lorenzo will build the “work station” to operate the camera. Janet Lorenzo assisted with installation and training on the new camera. What a team! It was a fun project and will make our worship recordings so much better!



**Lights!
Camera!
Action!!**

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
- Victims of senseless gun violence

November Birthdays

Audrey Forster	11/2
Jean Senter	11/8
Samantha Rocha	11/12
Glenna Baker	11/19
Kathie Sperow	11/23
Beverly Flaten	11/26
Herb Harsch	11/26
Karen Vail	11/30

Happy Birthday!



November Anniversaries

Chris & Kate Anderson – November 7, 1985

Happy Anniversary!



AMY GRANT CONCERT ARRIVES IN SAN LUIS OBISPO!!

February 18, 2024 7:30pm Doors open 6:30pm Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
Tickets \$89 each Parking fee undetermined at this time. **Deadline to commit: November 12, 2023**
For tickets as a part of a "Calvary Lutheran Church and Friends Group" please give Brenda Ouwerkerk \$89 per ticket by November 12. Cash or check (made out to Brenda Ouwerkerk). Brenda will deliver tickets back ASAP.

Amy Grant's iconic voice became instantly recognizable in both the Christian and pop worlds. She has sold more than 30 million albums world-wide, including three multi-platinum, six platinum, and four gold. She has received 6 Grammy Awards, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and a star on the Music City Walk of Fame. She was most recently inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in Nashville.

Report about our Compassion Project

At the end of September, we held a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser in support of our Compassion project commitment. Currently, we contribute \$43 monthly for 12-year-old Charite to be able to attend school, receive a Christian education, a school uniform, nutritious meals and preventative medication. The fundraiser was delicious, and fun for all who attended! Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped out! We raised a total of \$412, \$82 from the sale of Thrivent t-shirts, and \$330 in donations. Thank you, generous people of Calvary!

A letter from Rwanda was recently received. Here is Charite's update:

Dear sponsors, friends, how are you and your family? I greet you first in Jesus' mighty name. I am enjoying holidays right now (end of August in Rwanda). I like to help my parents with chores such as cooking food, sweeping the house, fetching water, and washing dishes. I would like to thank you for the love and care you show me. It's in the dry season here in Rwanda. How is your weather up there? May God's peace and love and blessings be with you all the time!
From Charite



"No, I'm pretty sure it's do unto others as you would have others to do unto you."



November 2023

*Please remember in your prayers.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>worship services are live streamed on Facebook and posted to morrobaylutherans.org.</p>			<p>1 *Jeff & Kea McKee</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00</p>	<p>2 *Sandy McMillan</p>	<p>3 *Tyler Mitchell</p>	<p>4 Memorial 3:00 Edith Mae West</p> <p>Worship & Music Committe 9:30</p>
<p>5 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Worship Assist: Cindy H</p> <p>All Saint's Sunday Covid Memorial</p> <p>The Chosen Zoom Discussion Group 7:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>6 *David & Janelle Muff</p> <p>Coffee Club 9:00 Top Dog</p>	<p>7 *Gary Orback</p> <p>Finance Committee Zoom 7:00</p>	<p>8 *Mark Orback</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00</p>	<p>9 *Brenda Ouwerkerk</p> <p>Council Meeting 5:00</p>	<p>10 *Nancy Padilla</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day</p> 
<p>12 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Worship Assist: Mary S.</p> <p>The Chosen Zoom Discussion Group 7:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>13 *Joe & Angelina Rice</p>	<p>14 *Kevin & Nikki Rocha</p>	<p>15 *Ronnie Smith</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00</p> <p>Outreach Committee 1:45</p>	<p>16 *Darel Sorensen</p>	<p>17 Dan & Kathie Sperow</p> <p>Coffee Club 9:00 La Parisienne</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Worship Assist: Katie E.</p> <p>The Chosen Zoom Discussion Group 7:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>20 *George Tway</p>	<p>21 *Georgie Tway</p>	<p>22 *Toni Tway</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00</p> <p>Los Osos Community Dinner</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24 *Diane Williams</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Worship Assist: Joyce B.</p> <p>The Chosen Zoom Discussion Group 7:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>27 *Dick Williams</p>	<p>28 *Jean Clemons</p>	<p>29 *Joy Olson</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00</p>	<p>30 *Andy & Rachel Jacoby</p>		