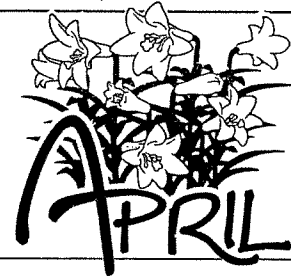


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The Calvary Calling

Newsletter for APRIL, 2017

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✦ FROM THE PASTOR ✦



This month we move from Lent to Easter with all of the special services of the seasons, and this afternoon I find myself asking “Why?” This is a busy time of year in many ways, not just in the church. It is spring and with that brings yard work, gardening, fresh flowers and March Madness mixed with Spring Training. It is wedding, graduation and family time.

There is extra daylight so there is time to do even more or take a little extra time to relax. Okay, enough of that, those are distractions that we all face this time of year but I am going to talk to you about what is meaningful.

Every spring many Christians take time to seriously focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, so that we might not forget about this most critical moment in history. Jesus died and rose to save us. Taking time to walk through all of these events helps us not only remember and celebrate what God has done in our world, it challenges us to let those events make a difference in our lives.

At least for a short period of time, during these next few weeks, we can pause and think less about ourselves and our problems and focus on God’s answer to the problems of sin, death and the devil. So often I hear the question, “Where is God in the midst of this?” Throughout the Old Testament there is a cycle that is repeated over and over again in the lives of God’s people. It goes something like this:

God blessed them, so they celebrate.

Things go well and they forget about God.

Life becomes a mess and they wonder: “Where is God?”

They realize they need help so they turn to God for help, and God leads them out of their trouble and blesses them.

The sad thing is that even today we do this over and over again. The Seasons of Lent and Easter call upon us to always remember that we need God, but more than that they remind us that God has done everything to save us in these events. It does not matter where we are in this cycle or even if it applies to us, you and I are called to hear the good news that God loves us more than we can even imagine. He has done something about our constant cycle of sin and suffering. The cross and empty grave not only show us the power of God over sin and death, they also make that power available to us.

(Pastor’s Article continued on the next page...)

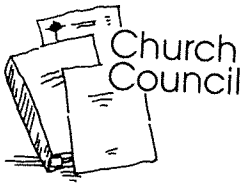
From the Pastor continued...

The truth is we don't have to live trapped in the hopeless pattern of life without God's help and presence. The good news is that God is with us and doing something about our lives personally and the problems of this world as well. The challenge is to realize that you and I are called to be part of the work of Christ in this world. If life is not what you want it to be, let the cross and resurrection make it different, but remember that often God works in, with and under our lives to transform this world. That means we cannot sit back and wait for God to act, we are part of the works of God. So start the process by making an extra effort to join us as we remember and celebrate all that God has done.

Pastor Jim



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



On March 8th the Church Council met briefly following the Midweek Lenten service. It was reported that the income for January and February was about 15% behind budget and that the annual audit was completed with no unusual problems found. It was also reported that a new copier had arrived and was working well. We reviewed coming events and assigned duties.

The next Council meeting will be April 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the church office building.



THANK YOU NOTE

Heidi Carney would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, and prayers. She says they have really helped to encourage her during this difficult and confusing time. Even though doctors and Stanford keep changing their minds and there are constantly new things she has to take care of or wait for, your thoughts have been there and helped her through it all!



NEW LUTHER MOVIE



On Thursday, April 6, there will be a one night showing of the movie, **Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed The World**. It is being sponsored by Thrivent at the Regal Arroyo Grande Stadium 10 - Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets need to be purchased in advance at <http://arroyo.NewLutherMovie.com>.



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY FOR 2017

The new 2017 Church Contact Directory is on the cabinet in the entryway. Be sure to pick one or two up so you have the information you need to contact other Calvary members!

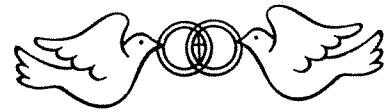
APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gwen Muff
- 3 Janelle Muff
- 4 Alice Kolb
- 11 Bob Clemensson
- 13 Dan Sperow
- 14 Michele Penzel
- 16 Jason Lange
- 17 Allan Davis
- 20 Hayden Chrismen
- 23 Mike Lorenzo
- 24 Carol Schuldt
- 30 Brenda Ouwerkerk



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Randy & Carol Schuldt, 48 years
- 10 Joe & Debby Hoeflich, 26 years



PRAYER LIST

Please pray for...



Add to
your
prayer
list

- ♥ Heidi Carney, diagnosed with cancer, awaiting surgery and treatment
- ♥ Bill Olson, for improved health and strength
- ♥ Pastor Roger Evey, hospitalized, multiple health problems
- ♥ Penny, (a member of our quilt group), for strength during chemo and a good outcome!
- ♥ Ginette Reitz (friend of Ina Davenport), in need of a liver transplant
- ♥ For health and growth for our church
- ♥ Pray that the Lord would turn the hearts of the whole world toward Him and that everyone would worship Him as their Lord and Savior



SPRING CLEAN UP WORK DAY

There are always more things to be done around the church than we can get done at any given time and we need your help to work on these projects. On Saturday, April 8th we will begin with a workday to do some clean up, gardening and repairs. To do this we need your help. We will work from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Look for the sign-up sheet for a list of things that need to be done. It's always more fun to work together so mark your calendar and sign-up!!!



LENT AND HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday, April 5th – Mid-Week Lent

6:00 p.m. -- Potluck Soup Supper

6:45 p.m. --Lenten Worship, "God Can Use This For Good"

Sunday, April 9th – Palm/Passion Sunday

Sermon: "To the Cross and Beyond"

Thursday, April 13th – Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Seder Supper Service with Potluck Soup Supper

Friday, April 14th – Good Friday

12:00 noon Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Calvary

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae (Service of Darkness)

Sunday, April 16th – The Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Rock

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School

Sermon: "When Fear Meets Joy"

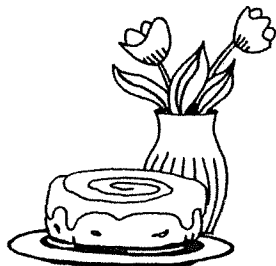
11:00 a.m. Potluck Easter Brunch



Come and join us as we gather in the Lord's name for worship during this holy season of Lent and Easter, and please take time to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you.



EASTER BRUNCH



There will be a potluck Easter Brunch following the worship service on Easter Sunday. We would like everyone to bring something to share for the brunch so sign up on the clipboard as it goes around on Sunday morning, or call the church office (772-8457). Please plan on joining us for this festive time of fellowship!



PELI-CAN STEWARDSHIP PROJECT "FILL THE ARK"

As part of our Sunday School Peli-Can Stewardship Project the whole congregation has been invited to fill up Ark Banks for Heifer International during Lent again this year. The season of Lent is a good time for us to remember how important it is to help others. You can still pick up an Ark Bank and calendar, fill the bank up with loose change and special offerings, and return it to church on Easter Sunday, April; 16th. Your participation will help hungry and struggling people all over the world have a better life through the work of Heifer International.

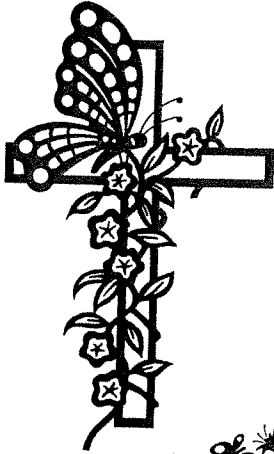


EASTER PLANTS

This year we will once again be getting live plants to decorate the church for Easter which will then be planted outside around the church property. If you would like to make a donation toward this there will be a sign-up sheet circulated during worship. The cost for plants this year is \$15. Please place your donation in your regular offering envelope and mark it "Easter Plants."



EASTER FLOWER CROSS



On Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m. we are planning to decorate the flower cross on the west lawn of the church and put the butterflies up in the church for Easter. Flowers and greenery will be needed to make the cross bloom for Easter morning. If you have any greenery or flowers we can use, please call the church office (772-8457). You may also make a donation towards purchasing flowers for the cross. We also need people to help assemble the cross and place all those butterflies! Easter just wouldn't be the same without our beautiful flower cross and bounty of Easter butterflies so please mark your calendar and plan to help out!



MIRACLE MILES FOR KIDS

Calvary is going to participate in the Miracle Miles for Kids events on May 13th. It is a Rock to Pier 10K (6.2 miles) walk or run to support Family Care Network in their work with foster children. Calvary is forming a team under the leadership of Maggie Muff. You can join this team and run or walk or you can make donations to support a team member or two. To join visit <http://mm4k.com/>, our team name is **CLC**. The sooner you join the less the registration fee is. Before April 30th it is \$50, and after May 1st it is \$60. We already have 8 team members.

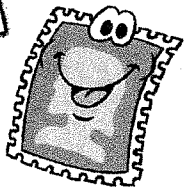


At any given time, there are over 900 children in foster care in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties who need support and services. Family Care Network partners with the community to help meet these needs. We created Miracle Miles for Kids to raise funds that allow us to fully support the crucial needs of children, youth and families impacted by trauma. Last year, over 2,500 people participated - all working to make a difference.



IT'S COLLECTION TIME!

We will soon be sending our yearly shipments of Boxtops for Education, cancelled stamps, and eyeglasses to the organizations that can use them. If you have been collecting any of these items, please place them in the collection box inside the kitchen door during April and we will get them on their way!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Well we finally finished all the lessons about the Church Year Calendar and it seems like you all learned a lot! The old wall decorations are down and the new ones are under construction. Our new theme until the end of the school year will be: "We Love Our Church!" We will be learning what "The Church" is and how special it is to be a part of it. Come see what we have in store for Sunday School ☺

Sunday, April 2nd

Lesson: What is Worship and Why Do We Do It?

Craft: Opening Church

Sunday, April 9th (Palm Sunday)

Lesson: Why Do We Go To Sunday School?

Craft: Pretzels for Lent

Sunday, April 16th (Easter Sunday)

Lesson: We Are the Body of Christ

Craft: Body of Christ Figure

Sunday, April 23rd

Lesson: Our Church Family

Craft: Cloud with Hanging Hearts "I Love My Church Family"

Sunday, April 30th

Lesson: We Believe (What Martin Luther teaches us)

Craft: To Be Announced ???

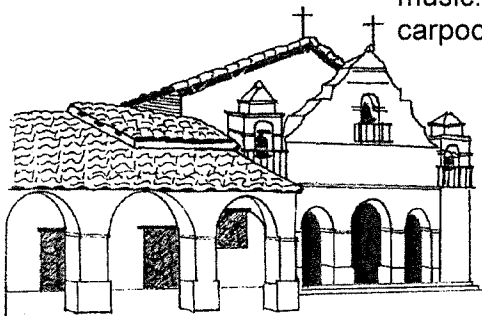


Come Learn about the church and your part in it!

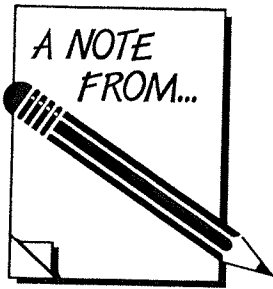


MISSION DAYS TRIP

Mission San Antonio de Padua is hosting a Mission Days Festival on Saturday, April 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Alice Kolb is leading a group from the church to the mission. The trip takes about an hour and a half and passes through a military base, so please bring a photo ID. If you are driving a car registration and proof of insurance may be necessary. There will be re-enactors in costume and demonstrations of brick making, weaving and more. Mission era food will be offered for \$10/plate and the New World Baroque Orchestra and Choir will present original music composed at the mission as well as other Mission-period music. We will meet in the lower church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to carpool.



MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA



A NOTE FROM COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

Do you know what Compassion children around the world say about you? Only that you're the most caring, committed, selfless, encouraging, hope-building person they know. We agree. You may never fully know the impact your monthly support makes for children a world away, but one day the Lord will ask you to turn around and look at the lives you've changed through the hope you gave. We know on that day you're going to be blown away! Thanks for your help in releasing children around the world from poverty in Jesus' name.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL

Sunday, April 2 – Fifth Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11

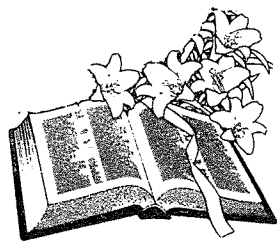
Psalm 130
John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 9 – Palm/Passion Sunday
Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 31:9-16
Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11

Sunday, April 16th – the Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day
Acts 10:34-43
Colossians 3:1-4

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Matthew 28:1-10



Sunday, April 23rd – The Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9

Psalm 16
John 20:19-31

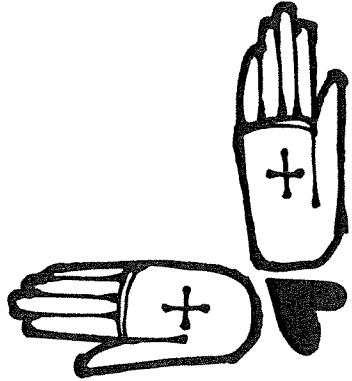
Sunday, April 30th – The Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23


Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Luke 24:13-35



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Notes</u>
2/26	44	11	55	
3/5	45	9	54	
3/12	45	7	52	
3/19	46	10	56	
3/26	44	10	54	




SAINTS IN SERVICE
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Readers

April 2 Nancy Berg
 9 Joyce Bauer
 16 Randy Schuldt
 23 Joyce Bauer
 30 Joe Hoeflich

Greeters

April 2 Scott McCorkhill
 9 Robin Karas
 16 Barbara Dilts
 23 Jennifer Kurrle
 30 _____

Communion Assistants

April 2 Sharron Jackman, Beth Davis, _____
 16 Joyce Bauer, Beth Davis, _____

Clicker Operator

April 2 Allan Davis
 9 _____
 16 Allan Davis
 23 _____
 30 _____

Usher

April 2 Bruce Torgerson
 9 _____
 16 Bruce Torgerson
 23 _____
 30 _____

Refreshments

April 2 Michele Penzel, _____
 9 Joyce Bauer, _____
 16 Potluck Easter Brunch
 23 _____, _____
 30 Joe & Debby Hoeflich, Nancy Berg

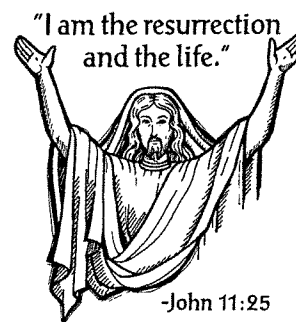
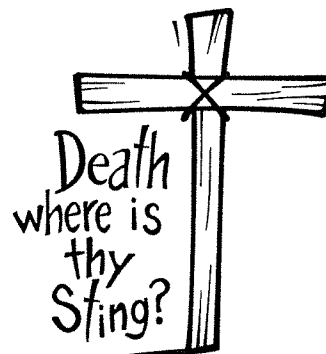
Altar Guild

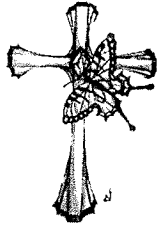
	<u>Set Up</u>
April 2	Sharron Jackman, Joyce Bauer
13 (Seder Supper)	Sharron Jackman, Beth Davis
16	Sharron Jackman, Beth Davis

	<u>Clean Up</u>
	Nikki Rocha
	Nikki Rocha
	Michele Penzel

Altar Flowers

April 2 _____
 9 Palms
 16 Easter Plants
 23 Joyce Bauer
 30 Brenda Ouwerkerk





April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Sunday Morning Schedule:</u> 9:00 Adult Learning Class 10:00 Worship and Sunday School</p>	<p><u>Holy Communion:</u> April 2 & 16</p>				<p>*To Be Remembered in Prayer</p>	<p><i>1</i> City-Wide Yard Sale 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal 9:30 Mission San Antonio Trip</p>
<p><i>2</i> 6:00 Confirmation Class</p>	<p><i>3</i> *The Rocha Family</p>	<p><i>4</i> 10:00 Bible Study</p>	<p><i>5</i> 10:30 Finance 2:00 Constitution <u>Midweek Lent</u> 6:00 Soup Supper 6:45 Worship *The Schuldt Family</p>	<p><i>6</i> 7:00 New Luther Movie in Arroyo Grande</p>	<p><i>7</i> *Ronnie Smith</p>	<p><i>8</i> 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal 9:00 Spring Cleaning Workday Hiking Group</p>
<p><i>9</i> Palm/Passion Sunday Holy Week Begins...</p>	<p><i>10</i> *Darel & Betty Sorensen</p>	<p><i>11</i> No Bible Study</p>	<p><i>12</i> 6:30 Council Meeting *Dan & Kathie Sperow</p>	<p><i>13</i> 6:00 Maundy Thursday Seder Supper</p>	<p><i>14</i> 12:00 Community Good Friday Service 7:30 Good Friday Service of Darkness *Mary Toepke</p>	<p><i>15</i> Newsletter Deadline 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal 10:00 Decorate Flower Cross and Put Up Butterflies</p>
<p><i>16</i> <u>Easter Sunday</u> (6:30 Sunrise Service at the Rock) 10:00 Easter Worship and Sunday School 11:00 Easter Brunch</p>	<p><i>17</i> Pastor Jim to Chaplain Training April 17—21 *Bruce & Bev Torgerson</p>	<p><i>18</i> No Bible Study</p>	<p><i>19</i> *The Tway Family</p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i> *Karen Vail</p>	<p><i>22</i> 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal ??? Youth Group Earth Day Event</p>
<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i> *Earl & Sally Warke</p>	<p><i>25</i> 10:00 Bible Study</p>	<p><i>26</i> 6:30 Outreach Committee Meeting *Belva Wiese</p>	<p><i>27</i> 8:30 Newsletter Crew</p>	<p><i>28</i> *Emma Winter</p>	<p><i>29</i> 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal 9:00 Bear Hugs Workday</p>
<p><i>30</i></p>						