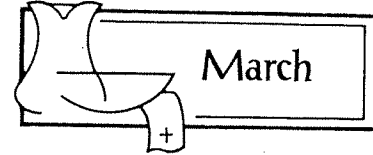


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The Calvary Calling

Newsletter for MARCH, 2018

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✚ FROM THE PASTOR ✚



On Sunday, February 18, I suggested that we all should have a Spiritual Disaster Management Plan for our lives in addition to any other management plan we might have. Today we plan for everything and yet we fail to plan for sin and temptation and how to handle it. Our spiritual lives are so much more important and worth protecting but we give it very little energy, time or even thought.

God offers us so much because of his deep love for his creation and for people specifically. Yet so often we only discover and enjoy a tiny bit of it. Remember there is no lack of resources on God's side. We can plan for things, events or people that might bring disaster to our lives and world. We all know what can happen, but how we react to them is what makes the difference. Planning, training and preparation do make an amazing difference.

The season of Lent invites us to draw closer to God, and those 40 days could change lives. Drawing closer to God and working on our spiritual strength is a big part of that planning, taking the steps to train our responses to difficult situations. Several types of jobs require training over and over again, first responders call these perishable skills. In other words if you don't use the skills over and over again you lose them. So Police officers train over and over again on various "perishable skills", especially weapons training, not only to keep those skills and develop a muscle memory but also to develop faster reaction times. For us a simple example would be not only thinking about our response to the question "Why do you believe?" but also writing it out and memorizing it.

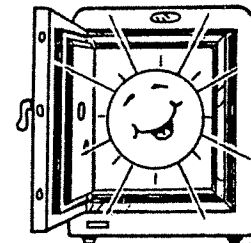
I think you get the idea. Lent gives us a time to practice things over and over again, especially our faith. Go forth in God's strength that helps us daily. Let's change the world around us by letting God help us change our lives. Above all, practice being a beacon of God's love to the world.

Pasta Jim



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11th.
Be sure to move your clocks forward one hour on
Saturday night so you can be on time for worship
on Sunday morning! ☺

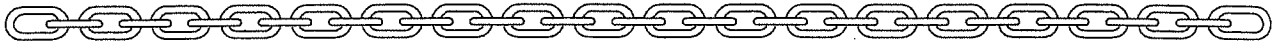


COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

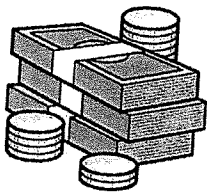


The Church Council met following the Ash Wednesday service on February 14th. There were several items on the agenda that needed discussion. Pastor reported that the offering and attendance were low in January because of illness, especially his. There were a number of concerns discussed and voted on.

- Clarification of what designated funds are and that the ones that are designated for a person or a fund must be used in a way that honors the person being remembered. There was also a report as to what funds are available for special needs uses.
- Approved a banking resolution to update the signatories on the church accounts.
- Approved a request of the Outreach committee to order more church pens for our visitor gift bags.
- Discussed fundraising for the Youth Group and allowed them to use a quilt donated to the congregation by Bear Valley Quilters for their use.
- There was an electrical issue in the office bathroom that was repaired and bids will be sought to take care of some other electrical concerns. Bob Penzel will review it.
- Approved a purchase of a second laptop for the office because the old one had died.
- Approved changes in how the flowers for Sunday are provided.
- Approved purchase of security lighting around the parsonage and west parking lot.
- Approved repair work on the fence around the west parking lot.
- Discussed several options in regard to a hearing improvement project in memory of Belva Wiese. One of the items being considered was a better microphone for Pastor Berg. Council approved getting the new wireless microphone hoping it would help with hearing for now. Further improvement possibilities are being looked into.
- A new Church Directory would be coming out soon and Council decided that it should be published now in the current format rather than wait for a better one. Please check your information and make sure it is correct. If you want different information in future directories, please email that information to the office.
- A Council planning meeting will be held on March 8th at 6:30 p.m.



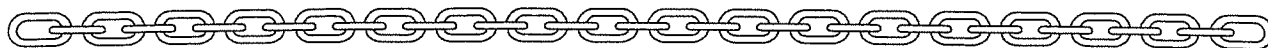
FREE MONEY FOR OUR CONGREGATION



There are several organizations and businesses that offer money to nonprofits, and some of that money comes to our congregation. This is just a reminder to take advantage of those program that could benefit our congregation. Why not give money to our congregation that costs you nothing? Last year we received money from Amazon, Ralphs and Thrivent that totaled \$2,271.55. This has made a significant impact on our congregation's finances. A special thanks to all who have directed these donations to Calvary, we know you have lots of other choices that you could make.

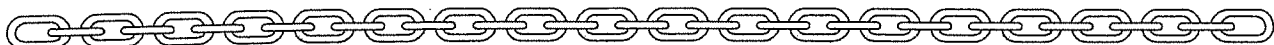
MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Carly Muff
- 3 Jim Rash
- 4 Robin Karas, and Georgina Tway
- 5 Sophie Lorenzo
- 6 Alesio Lorenzo
- 13 Jennifer Chrismen
- 15 Jacob Rocha
- 29 Gary Lee



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Gunther & Virginia Junck, 45 years
- 11 Gary & Eileen Orback, 50 years
- 19 Earl & Sally Warke, 35 years
- 22 Victor & Nancy Hansen, 62 years
- 26 Mike & Janet Lorenzo, 32 years
- 28 James & Barbara Dilts, 44 years



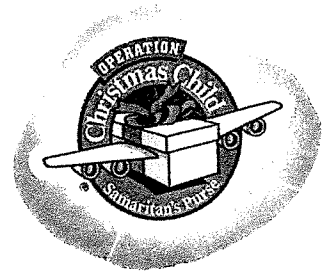
PRAYER LIST



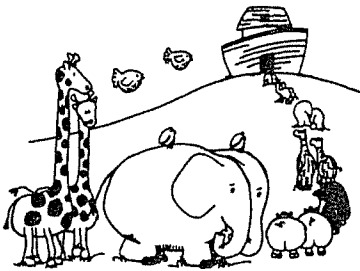
- Heidi Carney, starting chemo treatments for cancer
- Audrey Forster, knee replacement surgery on Monday, March 5
- Please pray for Debby & Joe Hoeflich. Debby's father, Bill Botts, died Tuesday, February 20. Pray for the rest of his family and friends as they mourn their loss.
- Sharron & Bob Jackman, Bob's brother, Arthur recently passed away
- Pray for Rain!!!
- Alice Kolb's brother, Clarence Johnson, inoperable lung cancer
- Our Lenten services and disciplines, may we truly discover more of the depth of God's love for us in the cross and in Martin Luther's Small Catechism.
- For health and growth for God's church family here at Calvary
- Peace for the Middle East
- Protection and courage for the many Christians in the world that are being persecuted
- 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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

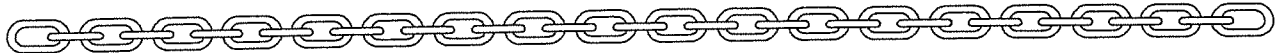
K-Mart in Arroyo Grande is closing April 2018. This is a perfect time to remember Operation Christmas Child as the entire store will have clearance items. We could use: small stuffed animals, sewing items (pins, tape measures, needles, etc.), small toys for boys and girls, clothing items for children (socks, t-shirts, hats, etc.), school supplies, fishing items, small woodworking and repair tools. It's never too early to start collecting items for our shoebox gifts. If you have any questions talk to Aldina Dunn. Thank you!



PELI-CAN STEWARDSHIP PROJECT "FILL THE ARK"

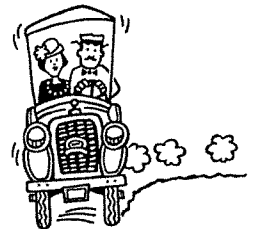


As part of our Sunday School Stewardship Project the whole congregation has been invited to fill up Ark Banks for Heifer International during Lent again this year. The season of Lent is a good time for us to remember how important it is to help others. You can pick up an Ark Bank and calendar in the entryway, fill the bank up with loose change and special offerings, and return it to church on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Your participation will help hungry and struggling people all over the world have a better life through the work of Heifer International.



RIDES TO CHURCH

There are a few individuals who would like a ride to church. If you would be willing to pick someone up and bring them to church, please let Pastor Jim know. We are also looking for someone who could coordinate those rides.



SUNDAY FLOWER CHANGES



The Church Council reviewed the Sunday Flower situation on the recommendation of the Altar Guild and Finance Committees. They approved discontinuing the current plan with our florist. The concern was not the quality of work but that many people felt that the flowers were too expensive at \$35 per week and close to ½ of the Sundays were not signed up this year which means that money would come out of the General Fund. Therefore it was decided that the Altar Guild would arrange for someone to pick up flowers for the Sundays that someone has signed up and use an arrangement of silk flowers for the weeks when no one is signed up. With this change the cost for flowers will be \$25.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

February was a fairly busy month, nevertheless many of you managed to get to Sunday School most weeks. This month we will be continuing the New Testament part of our "God's Wonderful Library" theme. We have some pretty interesting stories and fun crafts planned for March so I hope we will see you in Sunday School. ☺ The teachers work so hard to plan all of these lessons and crafts for you so come join in whenever you can!

Sunday, March 4

Lesson: The Book of Acts – Saul's (Paul) Conversion
Story: The Road to Damascus
Craft: Blind and Seeing Glasses (Debbie)

Sunday, March 11

Lesson: The Book of Acts – Barnabas, Paul's First Missionary Partner
Story: Hitting the Road OR The Followers Have Scattered!
Craft: Backpacks and Trail Mix (Aldina)

Sunday, March 18

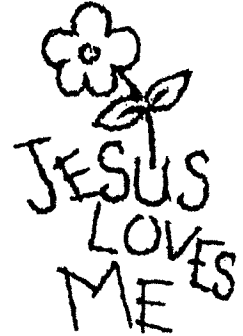
Lesson: The Book of Acts – Timothy
Story: Timothy, the Follower and Pastor
Craft: Spool Cross (Aldina)

Sunday, March 25

Lesson: The Book of Acts – Priscilla & Aquila and Apollos
Story: The Preacher Needs a Lesson
Craft: Hanging Chalkboard

**Saturday, March 31 – Holy Saturday

10:00 meet at church to decorate the flower cross and put up the butterflies – there will be Refreshments!



EASTER BRUNCH



We are having a potluck 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!



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, March 25th – Palm/Passion Sunday

10:00 a.m. –Worship and Sunday School
Sermon: Who Will Take Our Place?

Thursday, March 29th – Maundy Thursday

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

Friday, March 30th – Good Friday

12:00 noon -- Ecumenical Good Friday Service
7:30 p.m. -- Good Friday Tenebrae (Service of Darkness)

Sunday, April 1st – 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: Who will help us?"
11:00 a.m. Potluck Easter Brunch



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL

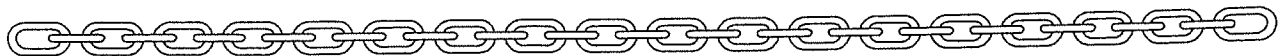


March 4, 2018 -- The Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20:1-17 / Psalm 19 / I Corinthians 1:18-25 / John 2:13-22
Sermon: I Believe

March 11, 2018 -- The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Numbers 21:4-9 / Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 / Ephesians 2:1-10 / John 3:14-21
Sermon: Living Out Our Faith in Prayer

March 18, 2018 -- The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Psalm 51:1-12 / Hebrews 5:5-10 / John 12:20-33
Sermon: Drawn to God

March 25, 2018-- Palm - Passion Sunday
Procession with Palms: Mark 11:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a / Psalm 31:9-16 / Philippians 2:5-11 / Mark 15:1-39
Sermon: Who will take our place?



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Total</u>
1/28	42	8	50
2/4	48	11	59
2/11	41	6	47
2/18	45	7	52



SAINTS IN SERVICE

Readers

March 4 Barbara Dallmann
 11 Randy Schuldt
 18 Joyce Bauer
 25 Katie Edson

Greeters

March 4 Sandy McMillan
 11 Robin Karas
 18 Barbara Hagiwara
 25 _____

Communion Assistants

March 4 Elaine Grawe, Beth Davis, and Joyce Bauer
 18 Don Dallmann, Barbara Hagiwara, and Kate Anderson

Clicker Operator

March 4 Jacob Rocha
 11 Allan Davis
 18 _____
 25 _____

Usher

March 4 _____
 11 Gary Orback
 18 Bruce Torgerson
 25 _____

Refreshments

March 4 Beth Davis, Janet Lorenzo
 11 Joyce Bauer, _____
 18 _____, _____
 25 Beth Davis, _____

Altar Guild

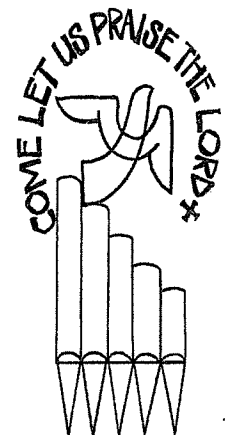
	Set Up	Clean Up
March 4	Sharron Jackman, Sandy McMillan	_____
18	Kate Anderson, Steve Glabere	_____

Altar Flowers

March 4 Sandy McMillan
 11 Alice Kolb
 18 The Family of Esther Krause in her memory
 25 Palm Sunday -- Palms



FOLLOW ME





March 2018

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> March 4, 18, and 29</p>		<p>*To Be Remembered in Prayer</p>	1	2	<p>3 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal 10:00 Common Threads 10:30 Finance Committee</p> <p>*The Rice Family</p>
4 6:00 Confirmation Class	5 *The Rocha Family	6 10:00 Bible Study	7 <u>Mid-Week Lent</u> 6:00 Potluck Soup 6:45 Worship *The Schuldt Family	8 6:30-8:30 Council Planning Workshop	9 *Darel & Betty Sorensen	10 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal Hiking Group
11 Daylight Savings Begins 6:00 Confirmation Class	12 *Dan & Kathie Sperow	13 10:00 Bible Study	14 <u>Mid-Week Lent</u> 6:00 Potluck Soup 6:45 Worship 7:30 Council Meeting *Mary Toepke	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 *Bruce & Bev Torgerson	17 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal
18	19 *George & Edith Tway	20 10:00 Bible Study	21 <u>Mid-Week Lent</u> 6:00 Potluck Soup 6:45 Worship *Toni Tway	22	23 *Georgina Tway	24 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal
25 <u>Palm/Passion Sunday</u> Holy Week Begins 6:00 Confirmation Class	26 *Karen Vail	27 10:00 Bible Study	28 *Earl & Sally Warke	29 8:30 Newsletter Crew <u>Maundy Thursday</u> 6:00 Seder Supper	30 <u>Good Friday</u> 12:00 Community Good Friday Service 7:30 Tenebrae Service *Emma Winter	31 <u>Holy Saturday</u> 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal 10:00 Flower Cross and Butterflies