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Faith, Hope & Love

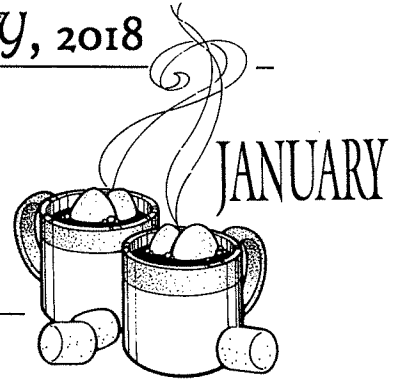


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The Calvary Calling

Newsletter for JANUARY, 2018

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✦ FROM THE PASTOR ✦



As we enter a new year the Bible passage that comes to my mind is Revelation 21:1-7. There we read:

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

As Christians we wait for a time when God will make all things new and perfect, but because he continues to be active in our lives daily, we can experience some of this newness every moment of our earthly lives. We don't have to wait for the end of all things to experience God's unending grace and mercy. It is always available. It is always with us.

As we reflect on the past year, there will be things for which we need forgiveness, healing and strength. As we look at the future we can see things that call us to a better way of life that brings newness to every day. Most of all I hope that you can see God's presence in all of this. Jesus calls us forward into a new year filled with challenges and dangers but also to a year filled with hope and blessings. But most of all he calls upon us to follow him in love and mercy guided by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. This is so that all we do can be done to the glory of God.

The Reformers lived by the theme "Sola Deo Gloria - To God alone be the glory."
May this be our goal in the coming year.

Pastor Jim

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Church Council

The Congregational Council met December 13th for their annual Christmas Dinner and meeting. After a wonderful potluck meal, Sharron Jackman shared a devotion and Pastor led us in prayer. After reviewing minutes and finances we moved on for some discussion of future Council officers. A formal decision will be made next month. We talked about the Iglesia "Angel Tree" project and the good response we had to this. We also talked about coming up with a way to appreciate a few of our key volunteers. This is in process and will be done in the near future. We also discussed future financial needs and fundraising opportunities. After reviewing a few coming events, especially Lent beginning on February 14th the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

New Council members for 2018 are Gail Brochtrup, Steve Glabere, and Georgiana Tway. They will join Beth Davis, Barbara Dilts, Barbara Hawgiwara, Sharron Jackman, Maggie Muff, Nancy Padilla, and Randy Schuldt in January.

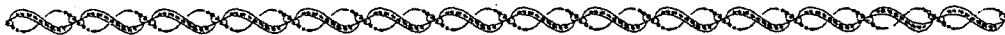
Others individually elected at Annual Meeting, Part 1 were:

- Endowment Fund Committee – Bruce Torgerson joins returning members: Brenda Ouwerkerk and Darel Sorensen
- Audit Committee for 2018 will be Joe Hoeflich, Gary Orback, and Cindy Haener

Other items from the Annual Meeting include

- Approval of the Budget for 2018 with a 2% salary increase
- Approval of sending \$500 of interest money earned in 2017 from the Mission Endowment Fund to Iglesia Santa Cruz in Santa Maria.
- Using \$7,700 from the Endowment Fund interest earned in 2017 to support the 2018 congregational budget as well as use up to \$20,000 from principle if necessary.

Annual Meeting, Part 2 will be Sunday, January 21 following the worship service. At this meeting we will receive the reports of the congregation.



IT IS STILL CHRISTMAS!

Contrary to popular opinion, the 12 days of Christmas actually START with Christmas Day on December 25th and last until January 5th. January 6th marks the coming of the Wisemen to worship baby Jesus and the start of the season of Epiphany. These 12 days are our opportunity to celebrate God's greatest gift to us and the hope that he brings in a world troubled by unrest, hunger and darkness. The "real" 12 days of

Christmas are important not just as a way of thumbing our noses at secular ideas of the "Christmas season." They are important because they give us a way of reflecting on what the Incarnation means in our lives. Christmas commemorates the most momentous event in human history—the entry of God into the world he made, in the form of a baby. One day just isn't long enough to celebrate this miracle and the way it changed the world forever. So, Merry Christmas! goes beyond the new year. We thought you ought to know that the 12 Days of Christmas start on Christmas Day not before.

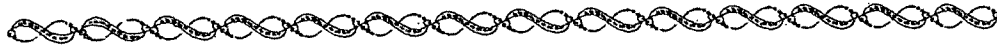
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

9 Kate Anderson
12 Jennifer Kurrle
18 Nancy Koppl
19 Nikki Rocha
24 Gunther Junck
26 Aldina Dunn

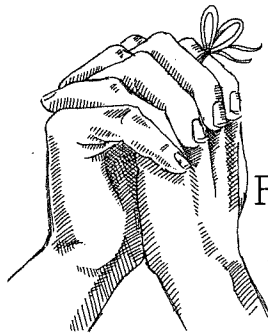


JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

31 Woody & Nancy Koppl, 31 years

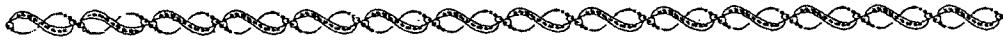


PRAYER LIST



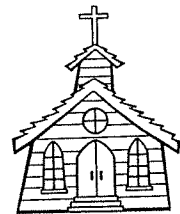
Resolve
to pray
each
day

- ♥ Sherie Barker, under Hospice care
- ♥ Marty Bennett (Nancy Berg's mother), in a facility recovering from surgery to repair hip replacement hardware and a broken bone. Her dementia and medication are complicating the situation.
- ♥ All of those who have been affected by the brush fires in California. Pray that the fires would soon be under control.
- ♥ For health and growth for God's church here at Calvary
- ♥ Comfort for those who have lost loved ones in the recent acts of violence
- ♥ 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



ANNUAL MEETING, PART 2

Calvary's Annual Meeting, Part 2 will be held on Sunday, January 21st at 11:00 a.m. (following the worship service). The purpose of this meeting is to receive the Annual Reports of the congregation. Come and find out what has been going on at Calvary this past year! Note: Annual Reports will be on the table in the entryway on Sunday, January 14th for anyone who wants to see them ahead of time.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to everyone who helped with Away in A Manger. You made this the best event ever. It touched many hearts and did a wonderful job of presenting the best of our congregation to the community.

~Pastor Jim



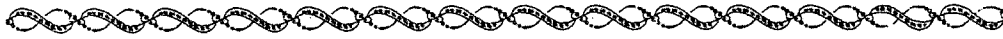
Thank you from all of our hearts for your support and wonderful Christmas Gift this year. You are truly a blessing to Nancy and myself. Your love, prayers and support mean so much to us.

~Pastor Jim

To Everyone at Calvary,

Thanks you for your love and support over the last few months, and for making the memorial so beautiful for Michele. I appreciate all of you.

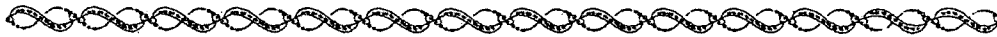
~Bob Penzel



CALVARY E-MAIL CHANGE

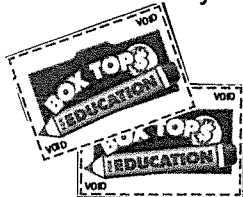
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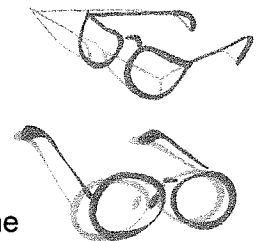
WE COLLECT...

Most of us enjoy being generous and are always looking for ways to help others. It's nice to find that Calvary offers several ways for you to help without spending any additional money!!!



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – Just trim these off the participating products and bring them to church with you. These are sent to Navajo Lutheran Indian Mission in Arizona to help them provide educational supplies to their students that they would not otherwise be able to afford.

USED EYEGLASSES – Eyeglasses that you can no longer use are collected by our local Lion's Club and are used to help people with vision problems around the world who would not otherwise be able to afford glasses to correct their vision.



Please place all donations in the collection box located on the counter right inside the kitchen door.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. After taking a week off it's time to get back to Sunday School. We have some fun things planned for 2018 so we hope you are planning to come to Sunday School every Sunday to learn more about God's Wonderful Library – The Bible. We will have one more week of Old Testament books and then we will start learning about the New Testament books, starting with the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Sunday, January 7th

Lesson: The Minor Prophets – Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi
Story: Amos and the Plague of Locust
Craft: Clothespin Locust

Sunday, January 14th

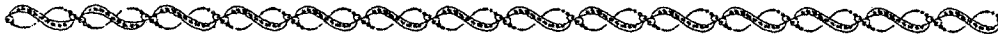
Lesson: What is the New Testament?
Story: 400 Years of silence – Waiting for Messiah
Craft: Star Cookies

Sunday, January 21st

Lesson: The Gospels, part 1 – Matthew
Story: Are We Salt and Light?
Craft: Mason Jar Lamps with Sand, Salt and Candles

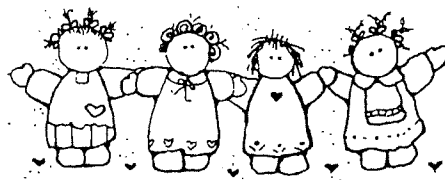
Sunday, January 28th

Lesson: The Gospels, part 2 – Mark
Story: Jesus sends demons into a herd of pigs
Craft: Stuffed Pigs

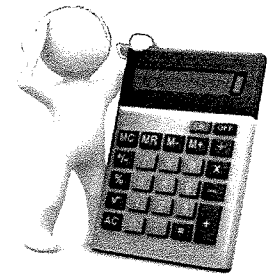


SUNDAY SCHOOL STEWARDSHIP PROJECT NEWS

For the month of January we will be concentrating on support for our Compassion Child, Charite, in Rwanda. Her support costs \$38 a month and we are in need of donations to help us continue that support. If you would like to help just put the money in your offering envelope and label it Peli-Can. Our next support project will start in mid-February – "Fill the Ark" for Heifer International. Thank you again for your support of our Sunday School stewardship projects!



GET OUT YOUR CALCULATOR



- ◆ Begin with the number 66, the number of books in the Bible.
- ◆ Add 13, the number of Paul's books in the New Testament.
- ◆ Add 7, the number of churches in Asia Minor (Revelation 1:4)
- ◆ Multiply by 3, the Trinity
- ◆ Multiply by 12, the number of tribes in Israel.
- ◆ Multiply by 12 again, for the Apostles.
- ◆ Add 600, Noah's age when the flood came.
- ◆ Add 3 for Noah's sons.
- ◆ Add 30, the age of Jesus when he began his ministry.
- ◆ Finally, add 33, the age of Jesus at his crucifixion.
- ◆ Now, press the equal sign, turn the calculator around and read the number upside down.
You'll see the source for the solution to all of life's problems.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY

Sunday, January 7 - Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 14 - Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 21 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

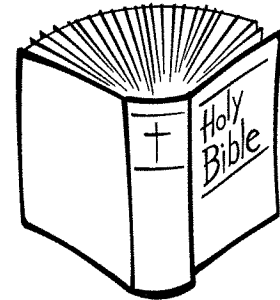
Sunday, January 28 — Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

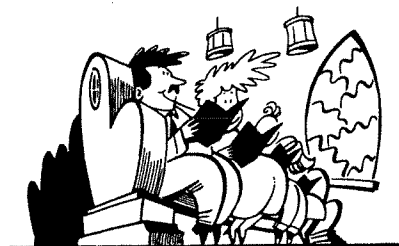
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Notes</u>
11/26	42	6	48	
12/3	55	8	63	
12/10	47	13	60	
12/17	41	4	47	



SAINTS IN SERVICE

Readers

Jan. 7	Beth Davis
14	Randy Schuldt
21	Joyce Bauer
28	Alice Kolb

Greeters

Jan. 7	_____
14	_____
21	Katie Edson
28	_____

Communion Assistants

Jan. 7	Joyce Bauer, Don Dallmann, _____
21	_____, _____, _____

Clicker Operator

Jan. 7	Allan Davis
14	_____
21	_____
28	_____

Usher

Jan. 7	Bruce Torgerson
14	_____
21	Bruce Torgerson
28	_____

Refreshments

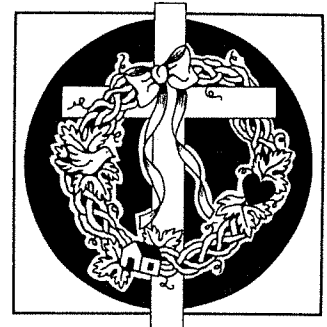
Jan. 7	Beth Davis
14	Joyce Bauer
21	_____
28	_____

Altar Guild

	Set Up	Clean Up
Jan. 7	_____, _____	_____
21	_____, _____	Nikki Rocha

Altar Flowers

Jan. 7	Kate Anderson
14	_____
21	_____
28	_____



Begin the year
with God

*****Please volunteer to fill in the many blanks*****



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*To Be Remembered in Prayer	<i>1</i> Happy New Year! *Scott McCorkhill	<i>2</i> Church Office Closed	<i>3</i> Church Office Open *The McKee Family	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> *Sandy McMillan	<i>6</i> 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal 10:30 Finance Committee
<i>7</i> 6:00 Confirmation	<i>8</i> *Nick & Becky Mendoza	<i>9</i> 10:00 Bible Study	<i>10</i> 6:30 Council Meeting *Tyler Mitchell	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> *The Muff Family	<i>13</i> 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal Hiking Group
<i>14</i> 6:00 Confirmation	<i>15</i> *Bill Olson	<i>16</i> 10:00 Bible Study	<i>17</i> *Gary & Eileen Orback	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> *Mark Orback	<i>20</i> 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal
<i>21</i> 11:00 Annual Meeting, Part 2	<i>22</i> *Brenda Ouwerkerk	<i>23</i> 10:00 Bible Study	<i>24</i> *Nancy Padilla	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> *Kathy Penn	<i>27</i> 9:00 Worship Team Rehearsal
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> *Bob Penzel	<i>30</i> 10:00 Bible Study	<i>31</i> *Brenda Pool	<u>Sunday Morning Schedule:</u> 9:00 Adult Learning Class 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	<u>Holy Communion:</u> January 7 & 21	