



Calvary Calling - September 2019 News

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A Word From Pastor Berg:

This month we begin our fall programs and activities. As I think about our past and our future the words of Joel 2:13 come to mind. **“Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.”** God is so good to us and he invites us over and over again to come to him and receive his goodness. In these days we need an extra measure of God’s love and presence in our lives. Summer is over and the rush of fall is upon us. Time can go so quickly in our busy lives and the one constant that we have is Christ and his church. In Him we can find the firm foundation we need in the midst of a changing world. But this is not just about us and Jesus. The church is the gathering of the people of God. We come together to worship, hear the word of God and receive the sacraments. These are a great blessing that we miss when we are not here.

The simple fact is that we need each other in this world. Our American independence can hide our need for others in our lives. We are at times told to work things out on our own, yet there is so much extra strength available to us in the bond of love found in the church. In 1 Corinthians 12, the Apostle Paul reminds us this. There he reminds us that each of us has a role in this body of Christ. Just because we are not the eye or the ear does not mean that we are not a critical part of the body of Christ. If you don’t think that all parts of the body are important just stub your little toe or have a problem with you appendix. The Apostle Paul reminds us that it is the weaker parts of our bodies that we have to protect more and often give them more honor. Most all he reminds us that if one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. We are all in this together and we are all important no matter what role we have in the body of Christ.

September 8th is Back-to-Church Sunday and I would like everyone to make an effort to join us for worship. There will be a potluck brunch following worship as well as a Crafty Kids event following that. It is time to gather in love so that we can take that love out into the world. I can assure you that God will be here, will you?

Your Servant In Christ,
Pastor Jim



Back to Church Sunday

On Sunday Sept. 8, we will celebrate our annual "Back to Church" Sunday. The education programs for the children will start up that day, and we will have a pot-luck brunch following worship. Mark your calendar and plan to bring a dish to share with everyone.

Annual Fall Conference

Bishop Erwin and synod staff will lead the Annual Fall Conference on Tuesday, Sept. 17th at Mr. Carmel Lutheran Church beginning with dinner at 6pm. The gathering is open to the entire church, and leadership and staff are strongly encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Pastor Berg or a Council member.

Calvary Constitution

Following the Worship service on Sept. 15, we will gather to answer any questions that might arise about our new Constitution. We need to officially vote for the second time. This will ratify our new Constitution. Please join us for this brief but important meeting.

Iglesia

Don't forget to bring your food donations or put money in the offering for our sister church in Santa Maria by the first Sunday of each month. Thank you generous Calvary folks!

Prayer concerns

- ❖ Our children returning to school
- ❖ Those who work so hard just to survive
- ❖ Those who cannot find affordable housing
- ❖ Victims of shootings and other violent crimes
- ❖ Aaron Brochtrup field training with Fresno Sherriff department

Living the Resurrection

Recently, members of Council and the Outreach Committees listened to a presentation by Pastor Marj Funk-Pihl about a revitalization program called Living The Resurrection. (Pastor Marj is a former Pastor at Mt. Carmel and presently she is on Synod staff.) This program involves a comprehensive self-study and training as well as outreach opportunities. Over the course of 18 months, a small team of volunteers will attend 9 training seminars with other churches from our Synod. They will bring back activities and exercises for all our members. Someone has anonymously donated \$500 which is the cost of attending the trainings. We are thankful for this generosity and for the hope that our church can keep marching forward!

At Pastor Marj's suggestion, Council has decided to participate in a church wide survey as a first step. The results of the survey will hopefully give us insight into the things that we feel are worth keeping and those things that need to change. Later in the Fall, Council will continue to deliberate about whether we will participate in Living the Resurrection. A new group of churches will be forming in January, and the trainings will begin in March of 2020. Stay tuned for more developments.

Kitchen Kitty

Thanks to everyone who have been making contributions to the "Kitchen Kitty" jar during Fellowship time each Sunday. These donations will help to provide the cakes we share when celebrating milestone birthdays and anniversaries!

Also please consider signing up to provide refreshments once in a while. Your choice of treats can be simple or more elaborate. Whatever treats are provided are always enthusiastically consumed!



Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee met on August 11. Some activities the Committee is working on:

- Weekly Pilates or Yoga class in the Fellowship Hall
- A presentation from Sierra Vista Hospital, a first-aid class on "Stop the Bleed"
- Construction of a neighborhood library structure and prayer box
- Fund raising to provide assistance to a needy Cuesta College Student
- Ideas for Stewardship Sunday

Other activities coming up:

- An outing to the theater at "By The Sea Productions" on September 21 at 7:00, to see "Veronica's Position". This play mixes love, politics, and art in a star-spangled comedy set in Washington, D.C.
- The next coffee group will meet at the Buttercup Bakery, 430 Morro Bay Blvd. on September 9, at 9:00. All are welcome.
- See more details and RSVP by signing up on the sign-up sheets in the "We Are the Church" binder. Bring a friend!

Operation Christmas Child

Calvary is pleased to again be participating in Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. Shoe boxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items, clothing and toys are shipped to developing countries to bring joy and the gift of the Gospel to some of the world's most needy children. When you are out shopping, pick up some of these items, many of which are on sale at this time. Speak to Gail Brochtrup or Nancy Berg if you have specific questions about items to be packed.

We are also in need of donations to help ship the shoe boxes, at a cost of \$9.00 per box. We hope to fill 36 boxes this year. Plan to join us for the packing party right after church on Sunday Nov. 10.

September Birthdays

David Cooper	9/2
Heidi Carney	9/7
Tyler Mitchell	9/14
Beverly Torgerson	9/16
Debby Hoeflich	9/19

Mary Rash	9/22
Kea McKee	9/23
Dylan Lange	9/26
Bob Penzel	9/29



Council Highlights

- The Treasurer reports that, because our income is not enough to meet monthly expenses it is necessary to transfer up to \$20,000 from the Endowment fund to the General Checking Account.
- The new Church Management System is working well and is a big improvement.
- The Newsletter will officially change to an emailed version as of September. A few copies will be printed for those who have requested them.
- Church employees will be attending Sexual Harassment training as required by the State.
- The fall calendar, along with Stewardship ideas and activities were discussed.

September Anniversaries

Herb & Patti Harsch - 9/1/1957
Bob & Sharron Jackman - 9/3/1977

Congratulations!

Sunday School Corner

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO GO BAGS have been a lot of fun! The bags for August were about searching for treasure – the kind you find in the Bible. This month the theme for the bags is “You are the Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World” mostly based on Matthew 5:13-16. Part of that Bible verse is used in the baptismal service if you have been baptized. If we believe in Jesus and make that faith a part of our lives we can’t help showing others how God and his purpose for us means that we serve him. That’s what being “salt” and “light” are all about!

CRAFTY KIDS will meet again on Sunday, September 8th in the fellowship hall. We will be making a Duct Tape Zipper Pouch as soon as the kids are done eating at the potluck. Duct Tape is always a fun craft for the kids. This one should be a little bit different and useful! There is another craft day planned for October 20th so mark your calendars and don’t miss it! You are always encouraged to bring your friends!

THE CREATION STATION will start up again on Sunday, September 8th after being closed for the summer. We will start off learning about the names of God. God is referred to in the Bible by many different names and those names tell us about him. Each Sunday there is a short lesson planned followed by a craft that helps the kids to remember what they learned. We are still looking for people to sign up to help with the Creation Station on a Sunday. Our kids are amazing and spending that little bit of time with them can be a real gift. The signup sheet is in the front of the “WE Are The Church” notebook.

Blessings, Nancy Berg

Lessons & Sermons for September

Sept. 1

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16;
Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sermon: Life in the Kingdom

Sept. 8

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Kick off Sunday
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21;
Luke 14:25-33
Sermon: The call of Jesus

Sept. 15

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17;
Luke 15:1-10
Sermon: Making God Happy

Sept. 22

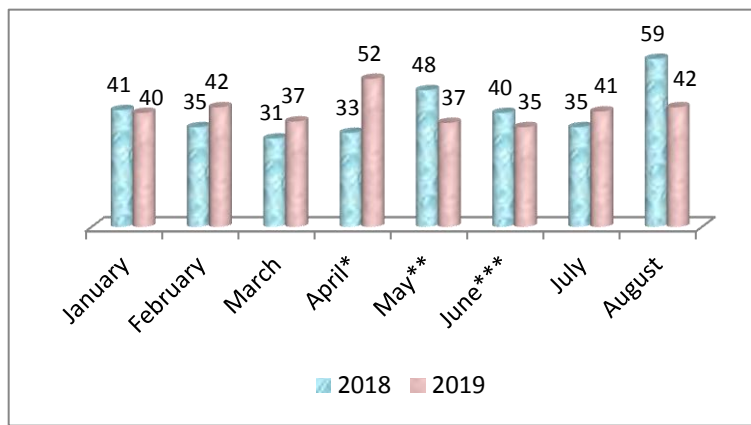
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7;
Luke 16:1-13
Sermon: Learning from a Thief

Sept. 29

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19;
Luke 16:19-31
Sermon: The Faith Filled Struggle

Attendance

Average Weekly Attendance
*Easter **Mothers' Day ***Fathers' Day



Saints in Service - September 2019


	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Communion Assistants	Janet L.	No Communion	Joyce B.		No Communion
	Sandy M.				
	Elaine G.				
Altar Guild Set-up	Sandy .		Joyce B.		
	Joyce B.				
Altar Guild Clean-up	Sandy M.				
Assisting Ministry	Joyce B.	Alice K.	Alice K.	Joyce B.	Joyce B.
Pick up Flowers	Cindy H.	Carol S.	Gail B.	Carol S.	Gail B.
Open/Close Church					
Reader	Joyce B.		Alice K.	Katie E.	
Clicker			Gail & Katie B.		
Usher		Gary O.		Gary O.	
Youth Usher Assist					
Refreshments	Nancy K.	Back to Church Pot Luck	Betty S.	Gail & Katie B.	
Greeter	R.P Williams	Jennifer K.	Bob P.	Robin K.	Gail & Katie B.
Flowers	Joyce B.		Ina D.	McKee Family	

Council Members	Newsletter	Kitchen Crew	Contemporary Worship Team	Nominating Committee
Gail Brochtrup, President Joyce Bauer, Vice President Sandy McMillan, Treasurer Janet Lorenzo, Secretary Nancy Padilla, Hospitality Ina Davenport Georgina Tway Bob Penzel Kate Anderson Cindy Haener	Nancy Berg Gail Brochtrup Janet Lorenzo Audrey Forster Carrie Forster-Osterthaler	Beth Davis Kathy Sperow Janet Lorenzo Ina Davenport Nancy Padilla Sandy McMillan	Nancy Berg Ina Davenport Nikki Rocha Alice Kolb Debbie Hoeflich Toni Tway	Ina Davenport Nancy Padilla Brenda Ouwerkerk

Outreach Committee	Finance Committee	Endowment Fund Committee	Building & Maintenance	Offering Counters	Altar Guild
Janet Lorenzo Nancy Koppl Joyce Bauer Nancy Padilla Kathie Sperow Katie Edson Toni Tway Richard Williams Pastor Jim Berg Ina Davenport	Sandy McMillan Carol Schuldt Brenda Pool Alice Kolb	Darel Sorensen Kathie Sperow Bob Penzel Sandy McMillan Alice Kolb	Bob Penzel Ken Brocks Gary Orback Joe Hoeflich	Brenda Pool Sandy McMillan Joyce Bauer Elaine Grawe Kate Anderson	Kate Anderson Joyce Bauer Beth Davis Joe Hoeflich Scott McCorkhill Sandy McMillan Nikki Rocha Carol Schuldt (flowers) Gail Brochtrup (flowers)

September 2019

* Remember in Prayer

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Iglesia Food Distribution	2 *Emma Winter	3	4 *Carla Wixom Bible Study 10:00	5	6 *Bryan Woken	7 Contemporary Worship Team 9:00 Finance Committee Meeting 10:30
8 Worship Service and Creation Station 10:00 Back to Church Sunday Pot-Luck Crafty Kids 11:30	9 *Grant & Patty Anderson Coffee Club Buttercup Bakery 9:00	10	11 *Kate Anderson Bible Study 10:00	12 Council Meeting 6:00	13 *John & Melanie Bachman	14 Contemporary Worship Team 9:00
15 Worship Service with Holy Communion and Creation Station 10:00 Vote on Constitution 11:00	16 *Sheryl Barker	17 Fall Conference Mt. Carmel	18 *Tom & Joyce Bauer Bible Study 10:00	19	20 *Pastor Jim & Nancy Berg	21 Contemporary Worship Team 9:00 Productions by the Sea Theater Outing 7:00
22 Worship Service and Creation Station 10:00 Outreach Committee 11:00	23 *Gary & Gail Brochtrup First Day of Fall 	24	25 *Aaron Brochtrup Bible Study 10:00	26	27 *Ken Brocks	28 Contemporary Worship Team 9:00
29 Worship Service and Creation Station 10:00	30 *Von & Heidi Carney					