

# The Chronicle

August 2017

## Pastor's Page

### ***A Four Letter Word***

***Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Mat 11:28 ESV)***

Did you catch that? Our Lord just used a four letter word! "Rest." Rest is a four letter word. It is. Count them, four letters. But sadly many see it as a four letter word in the foul sense. Indeed our entire culture so abhors the idea of rest, that it even seems hyperactive while it "rests", working hard at play time, cramming in as much as possible in the little time they feel is allotted them.

It is interesting to note that when Jesus' disciples had been working hard, getting swamped while preaching about the Kingdom of God, healing the sick and casting out demons, that Jesus did not break out the organizational charts. He didn't suggest that they start to multitask. He didn't chew them out to get more done with the limited time they had. He called them together to go with Him to a quiet place and get some rest.

And it is interesting that often when Jesus was faced with difficult moments, or had been in battle with demonic forces, He would take time to get away to rest and pray. Particularly after dealing with the foul and evil forces of darkness, He found balance by spending time in the cleansing, pure presence of His Father.

When God finished His creative work, He rested from it and blessed that day of rest, and even commanded His children to observe that day – to take time and be rested and refreshed in Him.

Do you see the pattern? And pattern is a key word there, for our Lord has designed us with a flow and pattern to our life – a time for work, and a time for rest. And by rest, I mean not only physical rest (which includes getting plenty of peaceful sleep, trusting in the gracious care of our Heavenly Father – the hypocrisy of my typing this when I suffer from insomnia does not escape me – I so need to take this instruction to heart as well!) but even more so be renewed and truly rested by being in the Presence of our Lord, the very thing we were created for!

The devil wants to burden and weigh us down with guilt, and to separate us from one another. He wants us to feel alone, cut off from others and especially from God. What better place to be refreshed from such attacks than by being where God has promised to come and restore you. Where God has promised to truly come and feed you His Grace; where He assures you of your forgiveness in the Absolution -- that He has truly removed your sinful guilt from you as far as the east is from the west and that there is no condemnation for those in Christ, that the devil can no longer accuse you! Where you hear the Word of God proclaimed – the very thing you are meant to feast upon! Where He reminds you of your baptism and what He has done for you in that sacrament and continues to give you by His grace. Where you receive the tangibly personal reassurance of His forgiving grace in the very Body and Blood of His Son under the elements of the Supper. In the Divine Service, God Himself comes to you His precious child and serves you His Grace, refreshing and restoring you so that you can share His love, care and light to a world in darkness.

Are you tired and fatigued from the stresses of this world? Are you frustrated or dismayed? Are you burdened and heavy laden? Then come to where your Lord has promised you He is, and He will give you rest!

Pastor

Summer  
WORSHIP  
TIMES

**Worship is at 9:00 a.m.**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays are Traditional Worship – Organ Led

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays are Praise Services – Band Led

Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**Sunday Morning Bible Class and Sunday School are at 10:15**

Fellowship Sunday – August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

No Bible classes on Fellowship Sundays.



- 1 Diane Solo
- 2 Ryan Ernst
- 10 Martin Kofsky
- 19 Harvard Goldhammer & Marian Holland
- 21 Jamie Ernst
- 29 Pam Smith
- 31 Evelyn Asker



- 16 Gerry & Margie Luehrs
- 30 Ryan & Jamie Ernst

## New Bible Study Coming Your Way

**Beginning the third week of September**

**Dave Mueller will be continuing his study in the Library  
and tentatively will be on PRAYER.**

**Dave Schultz will continue his study on the works of CS Lewis, a Great Christian author. Pastor will be leading a video based discussion Bible study on the Holy Land.**

**Remember, to BE people OF the WORD, we need to BE people IN the WORD!**

**Plan Now!**

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

## Calvary Cleaners

We have an OPPORTUNITY for you to serve in God's Kingdom! I know you wanted it, but the opportunity to clean and maintain the bathrooms has already been snapped up! So, flush that dream. However, you still have the opportunity to get the scoop on all the dirt by sweeping it all from under the rug! Or, you can OPEN THE EYES OF THE BLIND! Not really, but you can help others see more clearly by volunteering to clean windows! Finally, you could bring a breath of FRESH AIR by cleaning the Pew(s)! See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex! (Don't Worry, it isn't the Coffee Makers list!)



## **Voter's Meeting - AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**Positions Open on Board of Governance:** we are still accepting nominations on the Board of Governance to replace Barbara Adams, Carole Adams and Rick English. Please let pastor know if you would like to serve or nominate someone.

Hayward Zucchini Festival

August 19-20

10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

**Where will you spend Eternity?**

**Calvary Lutheran Church – LCMS**

*Serving the spiritual needs of San Lorenzo, San Leandro  
and Hayward since 1948*

*“Worship in a place where everyone knows your name”*

Need Booth Volunteers

(male/female teams)

for 2 hour shifts, both days,

10 persons per day

Vendor Registration fees - \$400.00

Banner Printing - \$100.00

Information Handouts - \$50.00

8 oz. water – 10 cases – \$100.00

2 Case of ESV Bibles\* (48) - \$130.00

\* one per family after attending a service



## **Reformation Celebration**

This year we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. We want to share this information with the community. We would like to have a Bratwurst and Potato Salad cookout and maybe even a costume event.

We need a POINT PERSON and many helpers. Please consider this and sign up at the table in the Narthex. Date – October 29<sup>th</sup>

# **VBS Begins Tomorrow**

**9:00 a.m. – Noon**

**All Helpers meet at 8:15 a.m. in the Conference Room**

**We can never have TOO much help, so if you are willing and able, please let Sue Ellis know if you can help.**

## **Newsletter Articles**

**If you would like to put something in the monthly newsletter, please have your articles into the church office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. Either leave it on Sharon's desk, email it or call.**

**Thank you.**