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CALVARY CHRONICLE



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS – It's a privilege and honor to be your pastor

We Are Modern Day Levites!

In the division of the Holy Land the family of Levi was given no provision! They were to serve God and receive their blessings from the offerings presented by the Jewish people. However, only the descendants of Aaron could serve as Priests at the Temple. As a side note, you may find it interesting to know that Moses sons, Gershom and Eliezer, were designated to be considered Levites.

How did the Levites who didn't serve as Priest's at the Temple fulfill their God-given ministry? Some cared for the animals that were used in sacrifices, some oversaw carrying the Tent of Meeting, the Tabernacle from place to place. Others carried the Ark off The Covenant. Still others sang, played musical instruments, served as gate-keepers, judges and officials. In 1 Chronicles 23, David "reorganizes" the Levites divisions in preparation for his son, Solomon, building of the Temple.

In 1 Peter 2:9, we are told that WE ARE NOW LEVITES! Specifically, "But you are a chosen people, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness and into His wonderful light."

In good Lutheran fashion, we must ask ourselves, "What does this mean?" That we should fear and love God and serve Him...

As Calvary has entered a new phase of our Ministry, we are presented with new ways to serve God as His royal priesthood! In this newsletter, you will find a preliminary list of areas by which we can "declare the praises of Him." Some may appear more prominent, but each one is important to declaring God's praises! The area's in which we need volunteers to serve are:

- Calvary Cares – Sunday Coffee, Meals for families, Potlucks, etc.
- Calvary Cleaners – for the Offices, Ministry rooms, Sanctuary and Exterior
- Leasing and Rental Committee
- Prayer Ministry
- Bible Study – Men's, Women's, Special Interests groups
- Family Ministry - Youth Group, Family Nights
- Worship – Music playing, Hymn Committee, Singers, Banners, Altar Guild
- Outreach - Visiting Visitors, MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers, MDO – Mom's Day Out, Community Outreach team, VBS
- Leadership – Elders, BoG, Finance

Every one of these needs is a position for a LEVITE! As a member of the 'Tribe', where do you see yourself called to serve? You may look at some of these and ask, "Is this really serving as a minister of God?" I imagine the Levite who was tasked with cleaning the stalls of the sacrificial animals might have asked himself the same question at times. But, if he didn't care for the animals, the ministry at the Temple would grind to halt! So yes, each person serving God is a vital link in the chain!

By the way, in 1 Chronicles 23 you will find that David gave NO RETIREMENT AGE from being a Levite! So prayerfully ask of God, "Where would you have me to serve?" Sign Up sheets are on their way!

Let each of us serve, that all may be reached as we "declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness and into His wonderful light!"

LEVITES NEEDED!

Calvary Properties:

- Calvary Cleaners:
 - Purpose: To clean the properties of Calvary to the Glory of God.
 - Administration
 - Sanctuary
 - Trash Emptier's
 - Exterior
- Leasing Committee
 - Purpose: To serve as contact group between Lea's and other renters

Ministry Groups

- Calvary Cares
 - Purpose: To share the Love of God via food and caring
 - Sub-groups:
 - Sunday Coffee
 - Meals for Families
 - Potlucks
- Prayer Ministry
 - Purpose: To bring prayers, petitions and praises to God on behalf of those in need and the Congregation of Calvary.
 - Space Requirements: Convert Library into Church Library and Prayer Room. Move altar over from overflow area into Library
 - Weekly Scheduled Times
 - Prayer Room in previous school library
 - Continued E-Prayer Ministry
- Family Ministry
 - Youth Group
 - Purpose: To provide Christian instruction, Fellowship and Servanthood opportunities
 - Space Requirements: Youth room cleaned out and revitalized
 - Use adult volunteers to coordinate Youth Ministry in partnership with Calvary and the two other congregations that meet here.
 - Age groups to start, 3rd thru 8th grade
 - Family Night
 - Purpose: To create a night for families to fellowship together and learn more of God's love via study, crafts, movies or games!
 - Space Requirements: Sunday School room, Bible Study Space, Various
- Worship
 - Purpose: To provide Faithful, Dynamic and engaging Worship
 - Establish Worship Music Committee to aid in preparing Hymns and special events.
 - Determine Worship Style(s) for Calvary that will serve to
 - Edify God
 - Serve our Current Parishioners
 - Reach out to those who visit

- Outreach
 - Purpose: To reach out to our members, our community and world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - Space Requirements: Various – Sunday school area, Classroom, Calvary Club area, Fellowship Hall
 - Visiting Visitors
 - MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
 - To help provide information and support to young mothers
 - Need Leader with heart for moms
 - MDO (Mother's Day Out)
 - To provide for 3-6 hours of childcare for mother's to be able to get out and decompress, run errands, go to appointments, etc.
 - Limited numbers of openings, sign-up ahead
 - Need ladies with a heart to love on some young children and tell them Bible Stories
 - Visiting Members:
 - Visitation and contact to lift up members and to reengage inactive members
 - Community
 - To schedule Community outreach events: meals, vaccination clinics, informational events to reach those within a 2-mile radius
 - To go door-to-door with timely information for our community that includes Calvary's name and information
- Leadership – Elders Board of Governance, and Finance

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Worship is at 9:00 a.m.

1st & 2nd Sundays are Traditional Worship – Organ Led

3rd & 4th Sundays are Praise Services – Band Led

Communion is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

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

Fellowship Sunday – July 9th at 9:00am
No Bible classes on Fellowship Sundays.





Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming

July 9th - Fellowship Sunday & Welcome to Lea Christian School staff and families. "Salads Galore" is our food for the day, so please bring a salad of your choice to share.



Calvary Church "Future" Meeting – July 11th at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

July 31st – August 4th Vacation Bible School



Our theme is "**Maker Factory--Created by God--Built For a Purpose.**

We need lots of help to make this a success. We need volunteers to help in lots of areas as well as parking coordination, craft coordination, decorations, games and crew leaders to name a few. Volunteering is open to those from 7th grade to "infinity".

There are registration forms in the church office, and soon you can register online also, so look for that at www.calvary.org. **The program is free for members and \$25 for non-members if registered by July 20th and \$30 at the door on the 31st.** If you have

friends signing up, they will need to fill out a form and drop off their money in the church office. If you have questions as to how the program goes or where you could help, please contact---- **Sue Ellis** [510 888-1407](tel:5108881407)



Maren Giannini has a bedroom set in good condition for sale: solid maple twin size bed with head & foot board, a 5 drawer chest of drawers and a night stand. \$125.00 of best offer.

Also – a few giveaways: standard walker (without seat), and raised toilet seat with arms/hand grips.

Contact Maren at 314-0974 if interested.

July Birthdays

- 1st Sue Skjong
2nd Darlene Goldhammer
3rd Tiffany Contier
4th Phil Glock &
Michelle Clowser
7th Frank Mitchell
9th Karla Regnier
9th Jason Luehrs
11th Gloria Day
16th Erica & Katrina Luehrs
28th Dave Mueller



July Anniversaries

- 6/10/83 Lyle & Jan Kreger
6/25/64 Lawrence & Barbara Adams
6/28/58 Bill & Virginia Oliver

Pease let us know if we missed your dates



Board of Governance Nominees

Please submit names for the BOG, even your own, as we will need to replace outgoing members Barbara Adams, Carole Adams and Rick English. Please give the names to Pastor. There will be a Voter's Meeting in August to vote on this.

Darrell Carlson, a gentle warrior went to be with our Lord and Savior with full peace, on June 19th. He was the son of Henry & Evelyn Carlson and brother of Janice Miller, Duane, Randy, Brian and Garry Carlson. His sister Janice remember their days here at Calvary dating back to 1947 and she wanted to let anyone who might remember her family to know about her brother's death and to please keep the family in your prayers.



Darrell Carlson – 6/2/40 - 6/19/17