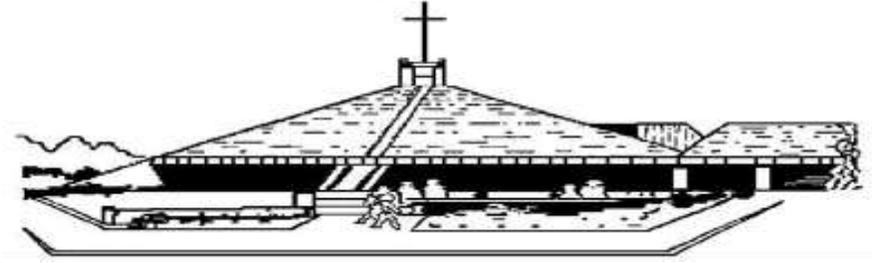


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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

How blessed are we that we should have a God Who has given us a past, that we may know of His great love for us! We have a God Who is with us in the present and has given us the Holy Spirit as a Comforter in our times of trial. We have a God Who has promised us a future and hope that endures!

As we see the closing of Calvary School and celebrate its wonderful history on the 11th, let us recall that God does not ask us to live looking backward! True, we celebrate our history, but it is always to serve as a reminder of God’s Presence with us today, and that we have a future with Him!

While we KNOW that God holds our future, we stand in solid Biblical company when we negotiate changes with trepidation. From Adam and Eve leaving the Garden, Abraham leaving Ur, Moses leading the Jews out of Egypt, Joshua leading them into the Promised Land, up to Jesus calling people to leave their past into a new relationship with God, change is hard!

Change is also opportunity! As we settle into a new “normal” over the summer, we are preparing new opportunities to Talk with God through Prayer, learn of God by Study, and reach out with God’s love by building community.

In good Lutheran terminology, ‘What does this mean?’ We will be increasing our Prayer life by having weekly time scheduled for “time with God’, we will open the Sanctuary for members, and non-members, to come in and pray. We will supply lists of people and items to pray about. We will be offering Evening and Early Morning Bible Studies. We will be looking at Wednesday evenings for Friends and Family time with age appropriate studies, activities, and events. And we will be reaching out to our families, school families and the community with Mothers of Pre-schoolers (MOPS) program and a MDO (Mother’s Day Out) program. We will be putting together groups of people with similar interests to help around the Church. Saturday morning work parties once a month (or more), Volunteers to clean the Admin building and the Sanctuary.

Our goal is to make Calvary a ‘destination location’ for knowledge of God and sharing His love with others.

To paraphrase President Kennedy, “Ask not what God can do for you, but what you can do for God and His kingdom.”

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

Worship is at 9:00 a.m.

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

Special Service on June 11th at 11:00 a.m.
No Bible classes on Fellowship Sundays.



Calvary Prayer Quilt Ministry

Here we are again another month has gone by and today I have interviewed Virginia Oliver in our Quilt Ministry.

Virginia didn't start quilting until about 2011 when she came back to CA from Arizona. As I spoke to her about how she started quilting, I was so happy to hear that Joyce Glock had invited her to come to the group and see if she wanted to help us out and see if she might be interested in this type of activity. As she continued to come, she started looking at the various patterns that different quilters were doing and decided to try some herself and here she is quilting away.

She also said she loved the ministry because we are here on this earth to share with others and she was excited about the life that the quilt may be touching. Also, she mentioned quilting is like putting a puzzle together and it is an art form. Our creator created us and it is God that put us here to also create for others. She mentioned how much help she has received from others to learn the art of quilting. There is great fellowship of working together to serve the Lord, to serve other people. We are thankful to have Virginia in Prayer Quilt Ministry.

Blessings,

Barbara Adams, Facilitator of Prayer Quilt Ministry

LWML NEWS

Everyone at Wittenberg Manor enjoyed the tea on 6 May, 2017. We had 58 residents sign-up for both teas, one at 11:00am and the other at 1:00pm. The entertainment was provided by Calvary students from Mrs. Kintner's 3rd & 4th grade class. The students also made special cards for the residents and gave them a wrapped brownie to take back to their apartments. The many smiles and "thank you's" from the residents showed their appreciation for the kids. We want to thank Mrs. Kintner and the parents for taking time from their busy schedules to make sure that the kids made it to Wittenberg Manor to perform. Also, the Calvary congregation was very generous in supporting the tea with their cookies. Thank you very much. Dave & Cindy Schultz provided the ingredients for the much loved punch and thank you for that. The many hands that provided help in the kitchen to serve the sandwiches & cookies, coffee, tea and do up the decorations, set up and take down – thank you for your service in the name of the Lord. The attendance was down from past years. I spoke with Susan, Site Administrator of Wittenberg as to why fewer people and she mentioned that the residents are very mobile and go out more (which is a good thing) and also many of the residents are not able to speak English.

Please join us next time at LWML. We will announce the next meeting soon.

Love in Jesus,

Barbara Adams, Facilitator, 510-278-7045



It is Not Good to Be Alone



God in his infinite wisdom knew from the beginning that it's not good for us to be alone. Studies in human behavior greatly support that wisdom; having friends and interacting with others is good for our health. Numerous studies show that being alone has an effect on a variety of health aspects:

Researchers at Brigham Young University reported that having only a few friends can be as dangerous for you as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. Conversely, people who have a large group of friends may live 22 percent longer than those with only a few friends.

An Ohio State University study found that loneliness can weaken the immune system. Those in the study with numerous social ties were four times less likely to catch a cold virus than those with few social relationships. Furthermore, the stress associated with feelings of loneliness can generate inflammation throughout the body, leading to a range of health risks.

A Harvard study found that middle-aged adults who live alone have a 24 percent increased risk of dying of heart disease.

Other smaller studies have found that having friends lowers stress because you have more social support and regular contact with people to whom you can share your concerns.

Thank God that through His grace and love He restored our relationship with Him, allowing us to build relationships with others. When you take time to nurture your relationships with family, friends and coworkers through interaction, play and forgiveness, you are exercising your relational well-being.

Here are just a few ways to develop and build your relationships:

Be involved with your church. Attend a bible study, join the choir, help serve at a sausage or chicken dinner.

Volunteer for work days at your church or in your community. Helping others allows you to focus on them and their needs. Plus, you'll likely work alongside kindred spirits and have opportunities to build friendships with them.

Make an effort to get to know your coworkers and neighbors. Start conversations with topics you already have in common. Be purposeful to go out of your way to ask how they're doing.

Call friends who live far away to stay connected. Research shows that distance doesn't lessen friendship strength or benefits.



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming



June 11th – Special Commemoration Service of Calvary School at **11:00 a.m.**

This will be in place of the 9am service. Guest Pastor for the day is Gary Mohr. A light lunch will be served after the service. We may be asking for your help with some refreshments so watch for further news on that. Please pass this Special Event information on to any former members and former student families who might like to be part of this celebration of the wonderful ministry that our school has provided over the past 67 years.



WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

All Able Hands on Deck!
Please join us on Saturday, June 17
from 8 a.m. to Noon.

We hope to accomplish the following:

1. Re putty and paint windows in administration building.
2. Remove/repair false front on Admin??
3. Remove and dispose of the accumulation of material (junk) from room 4, school storage room in parish hall and others closets, youth room, Calvary Club.
4. Replace florescent lights in Church.
5. General clean up and gardening trim dead branches from trees around Church.
6. Any other things that need doing may be added to this list.

Thank You, Frank Mitchell



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**

Note: Pastor and Pam will be on Vacation from June 2 -17.

If you have any pastoral needs during that time, please call one of our Elders.

Hank Blank: 278-4436 Gerry Luehrs: 278-9059 Dave Schultz: 278-3371



JUNE CELEBRATIONS

2nd Linda Dutton

4th Jan Kreger

5th Bill Oliver

6th Beverly Green

9th Jason Luehrs

16th Emily Luehrs

17th Henry Blank

24th Jan Curler



6/2/79 Howard & Darlene Goldhammer

6/4/66 Hank & Norma Blank

6/6 Jack & Darlene Geach

6/12 Conrad & Sue Skjong

6/23/79 Dave & Cindy Schultz

6/28/58 Bill & Virginia Oliver

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.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

We want to praise and thank the Lord for the loving prayer support, cards, calls and food that we have received from you during this challenging time in our lives. The loving care you have shown to us has been a tremendous encouragement and we thank you for it. I will be wearing the collar for 2 more weeks and we are both looking forward to the end of this time!

Howard and Darlene Goldhammer

