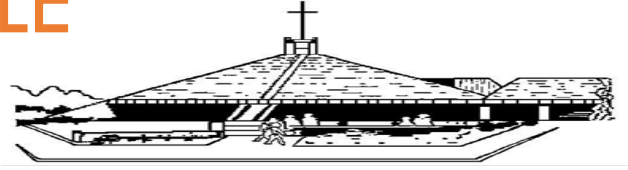


# CALVARY CHRONICLE

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## *Pastor's Thoughts*

### **Still Thinking about Moving Forward**

Since I was first asked to come out of retirement to take a more active role at Calvary, I have been praying about how I should begin my time at Calvary. Here are some of my thoughts I would like to address. I would like to begin on Sunday, November 19 with an all church Bible study after worship at 10:15 am. I would like us to study 2 Corinthians. 2 Corinthians has been called the transparent letter of St Paul. It seems that in this letter, he removes all veils of self-protection and gets right down to talking about many of the issues I believe that we are facing as a congregation at Calvary at this time. He begins by discussing hurts and struggles. We certainly know we have those. But he doesn't end with struggles, rather realizing his struggles he moves on to the comforts that our Christian faith can bring to our problems. In 2 Corinthians 1:9-11 we read: **“But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers.”**

So although we need to go through the struggles at this time, we also need to demonstrate our care and concern for one another and the ministry God has given us to do.

That being said, what is the purpose of Calvary Lutheran Church? Reading through the Scriptures, God's purpose for us is to be the Body of Christ in 2017. As such we are to use the gifts God has entrusted to us—our time, talents and treasures to encourage one another within this congregation and outwardly to introduce others to the Savior and Lord of this world, Jesus Christ himself. The purpose of the church is to be the believer's spiritual family. It is through the church that God takes people with different personalities and gifts, unifies them as a single body, and equips them to care for each other and reach the world. We were not meant to live the Christian life alone. God's plan for His church is to enable us to involve ourselves in biblical teaching and a loving community of the church. Then together the Holy Spirit enables us to find our own purpose in life as a child of God. I hope you will stay after worship for one hour for the next 5 Sundays and join us in this time of Bible study and prayer.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Gary Mohr

# Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

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

**Sunday Morning Bible Classes &  
Sunday School are at 10:15**

**Fellowship Sunday – November 12<sup>th</sup>**



## November Birthdays

10<sup>th</sup> Candice Kofsky

12<sup>th</sup> Margie Luehrs

14<sup>th</sup> Linda Duvall

25<sup>th</sup> Audrey Ohanesian

29<sup>th</sup> Fernando Ramos



## November Anniversaries

David & April Wells 11/21/10

Pease let us know if we missed your dates

**Thanksgiving Worship  
Service will be held on the  
23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00a.m.**

**Please join us for this  
special time of giving thanks  
for all that God's has done  
and continues to do for us.**



## Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming



**Please join us in the conference room on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – Noon.**

**If you have any questions, speak to Virginia Oliver.**

**Bring your prayer requests and we will offer them up to the Lord.**



**Fellowship Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Bring your prize winning appetizer to share and you just might win a “PRIZE”.**



**Harvest Gathering on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church on B Street in Hayward. This event is to raise funds for SF Bay Area Lutherans for Life. Please see the flyer on the table in the Narthex. RSVP: Anne Van Tatenhow – 510-582-4959**

### NEW BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

CARMEN CASPERSEN

SANDI ELLIOTT

STEVE ELLIS

DONNA ZODY

We are still in need of someone to fill a vacancy on the Church Property Board. Please let one of the BOG members know if you would be willing to serve in this area.



## LWML NOVEMBER NEWS

Bringing you up-to-date with LWML

Next Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>, ladies will attend the Fall Rally at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in San Leandro. We will be making Christmas cards for Refugees as our project.

Also a special thank you to those ladies who will be participating in the November 5<sup>th</sup> LWML Sunday worship service.

We are getting ready for the Christmas holidays as we will celebrate with Wittenberg Manor on December 9<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Tea. There will be TWO teas – 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you would like to help with the tea, please contact me at 510-278-7045 and I will sign you up for a fun time on that day.

Blessings,  
Barbara Adams, facilitator for LWML

## PRAYER QUILT



## MINISTRY UPDATE

We are still happily quilting every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. We do not take attendance, however, we come to share our hobby of quilting and love to others. You are welcome to join us at any time even if you cannot make every Wednesday. If you do not know how to quilt, we would be happy to teach you or if you do not wish to quilt and want to check it out, there are many other jobs that need to be done to help the quilting ladies do their job.

Last week I put out a notice that we had only 5 quilts left in the closet and this Wednesday, 4 new quilts were added to the group. The Lord is good!!

Our ladies also quilt at home for the Prayer Quilt Ministry and believe it or not, while on vacation. It can be such good therapy during a need for some quiet time.

Happy Quilting!

Blessings, Barbara Adams (510-278-7045)



## **THE BETHLEHEM EXPRESS IS RETURNING!**

Invite your neighbors, family and friends

Where: Calvary Lutheran Church

When: Friday, December 15

Trains: 6:00, 6:30 & 7:00 P.M.

### **HELP IS NEEDED**

**December 2, at 9:00 A.M.** - 'til finished Put up lights and signs around the buildings.  
Bring hammers or staple guns.  
Bring burned out light detector if you have one.  
Some ladder climbing needed. Bring ladders.

**December 13** Cookie bakers: Donate total of 25 dozen HOME MADE cookies

### **December 15**

Food Coordinator and helpers: Serve cookies coffee and hot chocolate clean-up kitchen

Ticket attendants: Hand out tickets

Conductors: Lead the train around, dress like a train conductor (train whistle) conductor hats provided.

Parking Attendants: Direct traffic and parking

Christmas Carolers and key board Musician

Craft Coordinator and helpers: Set-up, assist, and clean- up craft area

**January 6, 2018, 9:00 a.m. 'til finished** Take down all decorations

**Please contact Margie Luehrs by December 2**, if you are able to help in any of these areas.

C 510 852-3059 or H 510 278-9059 email [margieluehrs@yahoo.com](mailto:margieluehrs@yahoo.com)

**There will also be sign-up sheets in the Narthex.**



# Disaster Response

“We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)  
Helping the hurting amid disaster

## Update on Northern California wildfires

As of Oct. 19, the Synod’s California-Nevada-Hawaii (CNH) District reports the following regarding the impact of the wildfires on affected congregations:

- **St. John Lutheran Church, Napa** — Eight family homes lost, including homes of two preschool staff members;
- **St. Mark Lutheran Church, Santa Rosa** — 22 family homes lost, including home of one church staff member;
- **St. Luke Lutheran Church, Santa Rosa** — At least six family homes lost, including home of one church staff member;
- **Faith Lutheran Church, Sonoma** — One family lost their home and business;
- **Vineyard of Faith Lutheran Church, Windsor** — One member family lost their home; and
- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Healdsburg** — One member family lost their home.

LCMS Disaster Response visited northern California Oct. 16-18 to meet with officials of the CNH District as well as with parish pastors based in areas affected by the catastrophic wildfires.

Working in collaboration with the district, Disaster Response continues to walk alongside district disaster responders to [help meet immediate needs](#) in the stricken communities.

To make a credit card gift by phone, call the LCMS toll-free donor care line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at: **888-930-4438**

Text **LCMSDISASTERS** to 41444

Make checks payable to **LCMS**, or **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**.

Note how you want your gift used on the memo line or in an enclosed note (such as: Disasters - where needed most, Hurricane Harvey, California Wildfires, etc.) Mail to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
P.O. Box 66861  
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861



**SCRIP (gift cards)** purchase gift cards and a percentage is given to Calvary. We have a small inventory but 100s of vendors available for order. Special orders take 2 weeks but for \$5 extra you can receive it in a week. Some cards can be refilled. Available in office Tuesday - Thursday 9a.m. - 2p.m. & Sunday after church at the information booth. Cash or checks accepted.

**E-scrip at Lucky** (was shares) sign up at Lucky and a percentage of your purchase is given to Calvary.

**Office Depot** 5% given back. Use ID number 70014535 on every purchase.

**Target red card** designate Calvary and a percentage of purchases go to Calvary.

**Choice dollars** Assign to Calvary from qualifying Thrivent products.