

CALVARY CHRONICLE

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Pastor Gary's Ponderings

My, how God has blessed us at Calvary Lutheran Church! With all the changes you faced in 2017 who would have thought that immediately your closed school would result in a new school among us in Lea's Christian School. We must continue to ask for God's guidance in growing this school and in growing our relationship with this school. On Sunday, April 29th we will have our first Partner's In Worship event. I pray that all of us attend and that we give a gracious welcome to the families and staff of Lea's Christian School who attend. At this time their families are coming from South Hayward, Union City and Fremont. May God bless them to attract families from San Lorenzo in the coming year!

At this time we are buzzing through 2018 very quickly. Easter is already here. So far this year we have asked Concordia Seminary, St Louis for a special vicar who could come and learn among us and then remain on as the Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, if it proved to be a match for both Calvary and the vicar candidate. Well, God had a different plan and our application will not be fulfilled this summer.

So we heard of a man who was going to be ordained in April from the Phoenix area. With high hopes we met together and were led by God to agree that this man will make a great pastor in our district if things work out, but that Calvary does not appear to be the right location. So where do we go from here?

After meeting with our CNH district director of missions and our LINC director we still have hope. At this point we need to be in prayer about who God wants to bring among us to shepherd this flock at Calvary. There are some pastors who are looking to relocate in our district later this year and when things come together for this to happen, we will be given an opportunity to meet with these possible pastors. So for right now we are to wait on the Lord and seek His plan for us. We recall daily that God is our God of Resurrection. He continues to work among us breathing life into all that we do and we have much to do. Jesus is inviting us to follow Him in sharing His love in San Lorenzo. He reminds us that the fields are white for harvest. So let's look for opportunities to pray for our neighbors, ask them how we can be of help to them and then trust God's leading. We have been so blessed by God to be a blessing—may God enable us so to do.

In addition to April 29th Partners in Worship, we are also having a special service on April 15th. On that Sunday Jews for Jesus will bring a special presentation of "Christ in the Passover." Again this would be a great time for all of us to gather and even to invite a friend or family member to join us.

So for the rest of this month we pray with and for one another including those who are not here and we share God's love at every opportunity that presents to us. God's peace and joy be with you.

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Worship is at 9:00 a.m.

Communion is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

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

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! HALLELUJAH!
Easter Sunday Worship at 9:00 am



March Birthdays

2 Marlene Mueller

7 Troy Nickels

9 Norma Blank



Anniversaries

None this month

Please let us know if we missed your dates

Board of Governance

Carmen Caspersen

Sandi Elliott

Steve Ellis

Donna Zody

Meetings on 3rd Monday of the month

Board of Elders

Hank Blank

Gerry Luehrs

Dave Mueller

Dave Schultz

Meetings on 2nd Tuesday of the month



LWML APRIL NEWS



(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

Here we are again another month has rapidly gone by but we are still actively moving forward with our work. We had a meeting on Saturday the 17th of March which was opened with prayer and a devotion on Psalms 84:11, a Prayer of Blessing for St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick wrote a prayer called St. Patrick's Breastplate and paraphrased it said, CHRIST with me, CHRIST before me, CHRIST behind me, CHRIST in me. This pretty much covers you and me securely and we can trust that our lives and circumstances are held securely in His Hands.

This year our District Convention is being held at the Doubletree Hotel in Newark, Ca April 27-29. Jerrie Moyer has consented to be our delegate for the Convention and Carole Adams and Barbara Adams will be attending also from LWML as well as Gloria Mohr. All ladies are welcome to attend the Convention. If you are interested, please give me a call, Barbara Adams, [510-278-7045](tel:510-278-7045) and I will send you the registration forms. They are due by April 1st for a discount and April 15th, regular price. The Convention is in need of Hostesses, so please see me if you are interested. Our Zone 2 is in charge of the Friday and Sunday Communion service set-ups.

There are three In-Gathering projects this year, TriCity Volunteers, George Mark Children's House and Pantry with a Purpose (snack packs for the homeless). Calvary's LWML has selected to concentrate on one of these projects which is the TriCity Volunteers. I included an orange flyer in last week's church bulletin explaining this project and have left copies in the Narthex on the table. We are collecting: DIAPERS- VARIETY OF SIZES; BABY WIIPES; TARGET & WALMART GIFT CARDS (you can order gift cards via script from Margie Luehrs. Please do so soon as we will take everything with us to the Convention).

We are to select out of 16 new GRANT PROPOSALS which ones we would like our delegate to vote for. I have handed the Proposals out to each of the LWML members. As of the March 19th, Grants 12, 13 were funded. Grant 14 - halfway there, doing a roof on the preschool for Messiah Lutheran Church, Ewa Beach, Hawaii, and that leaves only 2 grants: 15 & 16 - totaling \$10,981.00 by the end of March 31. Keep handing in your Mite boxes located in the Narthex. The Congregation is invited to help with this also. Thank you! Thank you!

WITTENBERG SPRING TEA is set for May 5th - All will be contacted with the opportunity to help by providing sandwiches & cookies. We will meet soon on finalizing the Tea.

New project: The LWML will be donating a gift basket for Lea's Christian School for their auction on April 27th. You will be notified how you can participate. Carole Adams and Susan Hoffman are in charge of this event.

Pick up your Spring 2018 Lutheran Woman's Quarterly in the Narthex. This is available to everyone that wishes to have one.

Keep the LWML in prayer as the Convention nears and work proceeds to share the Lord to those who don't know Him.

Blessings, Barbara Adams, Facilitator of LWML



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.

Lutheran Witness Magazine Subscription Renewal time is here. The Lutheran Witness articles interpret the Contemporary World from a Lutheran Christian perspective. For anyone who is not familiar with the magazine, we have copies available in the narthex for you to borrow. If you would like to subscribe the cost is \$15.96 per year for 12 issues. Please make a check out to Calvary Lutheran and note that is for the Lutheran Witness and we will order the subscription. The deadline is April 22nd.

Partners in Worship: Lea's Christian School families will join us in worship on April 29th. We will have our Fellowship Sunday on that same day. More information will be coming for that event.



Hello friend of FESCO -

Support FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition) in its efforts to end family homelessness in Alameda County by joining us at our 21st Annual FESCO Shuffle Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, April 28.

You can walk as a team or as an individual in this family-friendly, dog-friendly event along the beautiful path at the San Leandro Marina. Check-in starts at 8:30

a.m. at the Seagull Picnic Site and the walk begins at 10:00. You can walk from one to three miles, or even be a benchwarmer! The event also offers morning refreshments, lunch, entertainment and a drawing for door prizes.

If you are attending, you can sponsor yourself or get your friends and families to sponsor you. If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a walker or making a direct financial contribution to FESCO. Your donations make it possible for FESCO to help homeless families gain stability and find permanent housing!

Sign up to walk or to donate at www.firstgiving.com/21524/21st-annual-fesco-shuffle. For more information or a pledge sheet, go to www.fescofamilyshelter.org or call Stephanie Miller at the FESCO office at [510-886-5473, ext. 101](tel:510-886-5473).

FESCO Offices: 21455 Birch St. #5, Hayward, CA 94541

We're looking forward to seeing you there!