

CALVARY CHRONICLE

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Thoughts from Pastor Gary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Calvary

I am sorry for being so slow in Thanking You for the generous Christmas Gift you put together for me. What a shock. With all you have been going through, it was truly a surprise. Thank you all. You are way too generous to Gloria and me. As you can see I spent it well on a new car, a replacement for my 14 year old inferno Red PT Cruiser REVS ROD—I did have to add a little money to your gift. Now you will find me driving in a Blue Buick REVS ROD. Hopefully the new features will keep me safely on the road for several more years. Since we began the New Year together, I am noticing a calm and joy in our Sunday worship—I hope you notice it as well.

God has designed us to be the Light of Hope in San Lorenzo and beyond and I pray daily that we are enabled by the Holy Spirit to expand His kingdom. Is there more that I can do to serve you? Please share your ideas with me.

This year Valentine's Day will take on a special meaning – it is also Ash Wednesday. We will gather at 7 PM for a special service imposing the Ashes, reminding us of our need for our Savior who not only died as full payment for every one of our sins but also rose again as Victor over sin and death for us all. The following *Wednesday evening will begin our mid-week potluck suppers at 6 PM (this is my assumption since we had Advent potlucks)* followed by mid-week Lenten services at 7 PM through the rest of February and March until Holy Week. What an important time for us to gather as we hear God's Word point to the central teaching of our Christian faith—forgiven by God's grace through the death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

Our mid-week potluck meals might be a great time for us to bring a friend or neighbor to share in this fellowship time together. The theme for our Lenten journey this year is two-fold; "Breaking the Chain of Temptations" and "It's a Heart Problem." I hope you begin to pray about who you might bring with you.

It continues to be my joy and delight to worship with you each Sunday. May our theme be, **"Come and See."**

A NEW POSSIBILITY

As you may have heard by now, we at Calvary are applying for a vicar (Pastor intern) who has completed his training at the seminary but still needs a year of training in a congregation. We know that one exists in St Louis and who is to be placed this summer. We also know that several congregations would like to receive such a person. So we are meeting with Pastors Aaron and Dawit to put together a possible request that includes opportunities for this vicar to work here at Calvary, do some midweek teaching at Good Shepherd in small groups, confirmation instruction, attending some meetings in different congregations as well as with our circuit pastors and work with LINC Bay Area in outreach opportunities and with SOYL our District young people's training and outreach. It's a full venue for a new pastor to be and would make a great foundation for this man. At this point pray for our elders: Dave, Gerry, Hank and Dave as they put together this request. Pray for God's plan for Calvary in all of this and pray that we seek God's plan in all of this. As I mentioned last Sunday, it would mean that I remain on at Calvary at least through 2018 for stability for this pastor to be and for supervision of this plan for his training. So join me in praying that God's will be done among us. This request must be completed by us by mid-February and be blessed by the CNH District before arriving in St Louis by February 24. It will also mean that we will be seeking additional funding from us as well as perhaps through LINC and the CNH District. We await God's leading.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Gary Mohr

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**

Fellowship Sunday – Feb 11th (no classes)



February Birthdays

- 1 Nolan Glock
- 24 Eli Kofsky
- 25 Diane Diaz
- 26 Cindy Schultz & Steve Regnier



Anniversaries

- 2 Frank & Maria Mitchell 2/2/69
- 8 Dan & Diane Diaz 2/8/70
- 21 Dave & Marlene Mueller 2/21/59

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 1st Monday of the month

Fellowship Sunday – February 11th – The theme is Valentines and we just love Baked Potatoes because you can have them calorie free or add some wonderful toppings & calories for your enjoyment. More info to come.



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.



LWML FEBRUARY NEWS



(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

We had a meeting on Saturday, 27 January 2018 in the Parish Hall. We opened with prayer and continued on with a devotion from Nehemiah 3 which centered on working together. We gathered our offerings, Mites and Birthday Money and the Treasurer, Marian Holland gave us the Treasurer's Report. We have a working balance of \$291.66. The offerings that are collected goes towards the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, a pro-rate for our President of the Zone to attend Conferences, and putting on the teas for Wittenberg and also special projects that we decide on.

I passed out an update on the Mission Grant recipients for the current Biennium 2016 - 2018, Mites. The monies collected for these projects end at the end of March, 2018 and a new group of grants will be presented to us. I will post a list of the grants paid in full and those still needing funding on the Information Booth window for you to look at. So far, CA, NV and Hawaii groups have paid for 11 grants, (\$84,299.00) and 5 grants (\$30,701.00) are left for payment. This is how important your dollars and pennies are when you fill the purple mite box on the table in the narthex.

We have set a Spring Tea date for the Wittenberg Tea, 5 May 2018, Cinco De Mayo. This should be a fun and festive time. The group will be meeting at a later date to set up the menu and organization of the event. All of you are welcome to join this group and share your love and caring with others. It was discussed also about making phone calls and visiting those that we have not seen for a while at Calvary and/or just a friendly call to say "hello" we are thinking about you.

REMINDER!!! District Convention In Newark, 27-29 April, 2018. Mark your calendars. We are responsible for Friday's communion service and also Sunday's communion service. Details are to follow.

We adjourned with prayer.

The next meeting will be March 24, 2018

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PRAYER QUILT



MINISTRY UPDATE

We meet every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Anyone is welcome to join us. We have many jobs to do and I am sure that we can find one that is just for you, even if you don't quilt.....yet!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The quilters have been busy for several Wednesdays moving all of our supplies from behind the kitchen shelves to the old supply room off the Parish Hall that was used by our school. Thanks to Frank Mitchell for that great idea. Now there is more room for supply from the kitchen to be stored or any other use and we have the protection for our rotary cutters (having very sharp blades) and other things that should be stored more carefully.

I found this poem that I wanted to share with you all. I read it to the quilters some time ago and Norma Blank shared this book, *Quilted With Love* by Debbie Salter Goodwin, when we first started the quilting group where I am quoting this poem:

I THINK GOD IS A QUILTER

I think God is a quilter - Who takes His needle and thread - To piece our world from nothingness - And give it form, instead.

I think God is a quilter - And everything I see - Are pieces from His Careful hand - From tree, to bumblebee.

I think we see God's stitches - His texture everywhere; - The velvet moss, the grainy sand, - The silky strands of hair.

I think God is a quilter; - Stitching tight and tiny rows, = Adding to my scraps and pieces, - Seaming everything He knows.

I think He cuts the patterns - From what I'd throw away. - He shows me how to use each scrap. - In His redeeming way.

I think God quilts a pattern - From everything I live; - But He can only stitch the quilt - From what I choose to give.

I think God is a quilter - Stitching strength where I am weak. - Showing me that life He touches - Embraces everything I seek.

I think God is a quilter - From the patience in each thread; - Proving length of time no barrier; - Treating time a gift instead.

I think quilts are lessons - God uses just to teach - That our pieces and our remnants - Have kaleidoscopic reach.

So, in the life I'm living - With pieces everywhere - I'll give them to the Quilter - To stitch with loving care.

I'll give them to the Quilter, - Unwanted though they be - And with His work of quilting - He'll make a quilt of me.

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