

CALVARY CHRONICLE

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Pastor's Gary's Heavy Thoughts

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Calvary, or should I call each of you a Saint as St Paul would?

We have almost finished 2017 together and we look forward to the things God has in mind for us in 2018. There is a topic I need to speak to you about as we wrap up one year and move forward into the next. It came up in our Bible study time. There has been a lot of hurt here in the past many months. A number have left while others still feel hurt by all the events that have taken place here. The result is that this Church, this Body of Christ, is operating with many parts missing or severely damaged. So how do we bring the Body back together so that we can be a Light here in San Lorenzo?

The first step is to invite the Body back together. We need to look for opportunities to invite our missing Brothers and Sisters to return to regular worship with us so that we can get about the mission God has given us, to share the love of Jesus with San Lorenzo and the surrounding community.

So how are we to proceed? We need to practice forgiveness. One of the main misconceptions of forgiveness is that we are to forgive someone after they have asked for forgiveness and said, "I'm sorry." However this is wrong. To correct this misunderstanding Jesus tells us the story of the Prodigal Son. In this story, the Prodigal son never apologizes nor does he say I'm sorry. As the father sees the Prodigal Son returning, he runs out to his wayward son, throws his arms around him and the forgiveness has already happened. What it says to me is that the offended Christian needs to always be ready to forgive the one who has hurt them. If we don't do this we are tempted to carry a grudge that will be an ongoing burden we will carry around. It is so easy for Satan to tempt us with bitterness toward a fellow Christian. What did Jesus say to those who hurt Him and ultimately killed Him? "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

Will you join with me as we close out 2017 in praying for those whom we have hurt that the love of Christ will bring us back into the healthy relationship that God has in mind for His Church? In some cases we do not know how we have hurt someone but let's take the blame and look for opportunities to bring this Body back together again.

It's noted in God's Word that the early church struggled through problems and broken relationships and yet they were known for how they could forgive one another and return to the Oneness God has designed for His Church. Let's pray for the peace of Christ to rule our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus to life everlasting.

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 – none this month



January Birthdays

18th Jerri Moyer

21st Ann Marie Mithchell



January Anniversaries

Rex & Linda Duvall 1/10/80

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

Gery Luehrs

Dave Mueller

Dave Schultz

Meetings on 1st Monday of the month



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 JANUARY NEWS

(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

We just had a successful Wittenberg Christmas Tea on the 9th of December. It was very well attended (80 total signed up and only a few were missing on the actual day). We had one tea at 11:00am and the second tea started at 1:00pm. We sang Christmas carols after dessert and visited by Santa (Dave Schultz). Everyone was pretty excited as we took pictures with Santa and some even enjoyed sitting on Santa's lap as we snapped photos. Santa passed out candy canes to everyone and some of the ladies in LWML had made door hangers out of Christmas ribbon and a sprig of redwood branches which they seemed to enjoy. This was the first time some of the residents had attended and are looking forward to the next tea. I also want to thank all of the LWML volunteers that helped with this tea, made sandwiches and cookies and also to the others in the congregation that made cookies. One question they asked was "are the cookies homemade" and of course, I could say yes. They really look forward to home cooked goodies. Thank you for participating in this ministry.

An update on the Mission Grant recipients for 2016-2018: We have just paid in full No. 10 - LINC Bay Area Theological Training, Zone 2, Hayward, CA for \$20,000. We do have 6 more Grant requests waiting to be paid totaling \$32,785 by the end of March 2018. Keep supporting the mite boxes in the Narthex. Every penny counts. The total grants for this two year period amounts to \$115,000 and the final date is the last of March 2018.

The LWML sent a check for \$150.00 to CNH District (California, Nevada, Hawaii) for the fire victims of Santa Rosa.

The next District Convention for LWML is in Newark, CA April 27-29, 2018. We are hoping to attend this as our Zone is responsible for the altar during Friday's communion service and Sunday's service.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Blessings, Barbara Adams (Facilitator of LWML)

PRAYER QUILT



MINISTRY UPDATE

Merry Christmas from Calvary's Prayer Quilt Ministry group -----

We continue to quilt with love and concern for those who are in need of prayers and comfort for whatever the request. This year, 2017, we have given away 41 quilts. It doesn't seem possible that the time has just flown by us; however, we are ready for the New Year and look forward to continuing this Ministry.

I had started to interview our quilting ladies regarding how they got started with our quilting group and so I have chatted with Maren Giannini:

Maren began her adventure with us at the very beginning of the group, 2008. She thought she would try us out and so brought a pair of scissors and herself the first day. She didn't realize that we didn't use scissors for cutting out the material, but rotary cutters; we do use the scissors, but only for snipping strings of thread. Maren said she had made two quilts before coming to our group: one, cutting with her scissors (what work that must have been) her husband's shirts to make a bed quilt, which she uses to this day and the other, out of her son's shirts. She said it was guess work all the way. Anyway, she enjoy this so decided to try and quilt with the Prayer Quilt Ministry that had just started at Calvary. She commented that she also learned to iron very well during this time. She was surrounded by various excellent quilters, some of whom were Norma B., Colleen R. and Barbara G. who shared their techniques and suggestions with her. She was especially impressed by Norma's mother's quilting squares that she would mail to Calvary to be used in our quilts. Also, Maren said that she loved the various colors and combinations that could be made with the material. She would look at various magazines (not quilting magazines) and see patterns and colors that she liked and make a quilt. I believe that is called visual talent and designer. She appreciates the work that goes into quilting. That is her story!

The members of our group are: Evelyn Asker, Carmen Caspersen, Maren Giannini, Maria Mitchell, Colleen Rosenbrock, Barbara Goldhammer, Sue Skjong, Diana Davaliou (Covenant Church, Oakland), Virginia Oliver, Jean Bumgardner, Kathy Hertlein (Baptist Church, CV), Janice MacGown (First Christian Church, Hayward), Linda Longinotti, Kennalee Welliver (Baptist Church CV), Barbara Adams.

We would love to have you join our group. If you do not quilt, we will teach you. There are also lots of jobs to do that do not require actual quilting. Check it out.....

Keep our Prayer Quilt Ministry in your prayers that we may continue to share the love our Lord Jesus with others with this Ministry.

Blessings,

Barbara Adams (Facilitator, [510-278-7045](tel:510-278-7045))