

CALVARY CHRONICLE

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Thoughts from Pastor Gary - Watch Out, I've been Thinking

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Calvary,

It is difficult for me to believe that I have already been here four months (yes, I was handling some office work in Sept. and Oct.) but normal pastoral stuff really began in November. Time seems to be flying by. November and December were a blur as we had so much to prepare for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas.

Now 2018 dropped us into the Lenten and Easter seasons very quickly as well. It does make my time at the office go by very quickly. By the way, thank you for being so receptive to my ideas these past months and for how you have welcomed Gloria and me. We really do enjoy worshipping with you all each week.

2018 also began with a notice in the CNH newsletter that told us that vicarage requests must be submitted by the end of February. That got us to think and pray about the possibility of requesting a second career vicar who if it worked out for both Calvary and the vicar, we could have our next pastor. As a result of many meetings, brain sessions and prayer we sent off the request on Wednesday, and what seemed at first to be an impossibility, now looks as though it will be fulfilled this summer. The training we can provide a vicar because of our involvement with Lea's Christian School, LINC Bay Area, Good Shepherd, Hayward, and SOYL seem to be just what the Seminary placement office has been looking for. So let's keep this plan and especially, Vicar W. Jeff Jenkins and his wife Fatima in our prayers as summer approaches.

Now for Holy Week and Easter 2018: March 25, Palm Sunday kicks off Holy Week. I have been used to gathering outside the sanctuary on Palm Sunday to pass out palm branches, read the Palm Sunday Gospel, pray and then enter the sanctuary singing "*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*" waving our palm branches which we then place on the chancel steps before taking our seats. From then on the service is led by the longer Passion Gospel reading, describing all that Jesus did to save us from our sins. So hopefully the weather will cooperate and many of you and others will be able to join us at 9:00 AM for this special service. On March 29 we will gather at 7 PM for Maundy Thursday Communion service and again on March 30 for our 7 PM Good Friday Service of Darkness.

April 1 is Easter, Resurrection of our Lord. We hope you will pray about bringing someone with you to this service. Carmen has a small choir in rehearsal now to celebrate this special day—the very center of our Christian faith. What a coincidence? April Fool's Day is Easter this year. So Who Got Fooled? I believe that Satan and his minions really messed up and therefore they were the fools. We don't want any of our friends or family to be fools, so let's invite and gather for worship on this important day.

Joined in the name of the Risen Christ!

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**



March Birthdays

- 7 Dave Schultz
- 9 Natalie Kofsky
- 17 Phillip Caspersen
- 25 Diane Diaz
- 27 Aaron Glock
- 31 Jane Arndt



Anniversaries

3/11/67 Paul & Susan Hoffman

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



Please join us at the **VOTER'S MEETING** on Sunday, March 11th immediately following the worship service. We will discuss the Vicarage Placement.



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 MARCH NEWS

(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)



I have a correction on the last article that I wrote regarding the Pro Rate fee that is paid. It should have been that the pro rate fee is what the delegate gets refunded back at Convention for gas for travel not for the Zone President. Thank you for bringing that to my attention Judy S.

We had a Meeting on 27 Jan. 2018 in the Conference Room at 9:30am - 10:30am. Our devotion was on Nehemiah 3 (working together). We received the various offerings: regular, mites and birthday money. The Treasurer's report reflected a working balance for our LWML of \$291.66. We have set a date of 5 May 2018 for the Spring Tea at Wittenberg. We will be meeting again soon to plan for this event.

REMINDER: DISTRICT CONVENTION, 27-28 April, 2018. Theme is: "Rejoice--Pray--be at Peace", Philippians 4:4-7. For Convention Registration please see me for paperwork - Barbara Adams, [510-278-7045](tel:510-278-7045) or email, greenododge@comcast.net. Correction on the telephone no. for the Doubletree in Newark is [510-490-8390](tel:510-490-8390), Group Code CNH if you are staying at the Hotel.

If you are interested in a 2-Minute Tuesdays word from the Lord please sign up at the LWML website. It consists of timely tips, insight and wisdom to share. I will share one of the latest that I received:

YOU ARE SPECIAL!

As a retiree, I have the time and the desire to mentor students at the local elementary school. As I was becoming acquainted with a new student, I asked her several general questions. My last question was "Tell me one thing that makes you special?" This fourth grader was mystified. She could not think of anything that made her special.

What does make us special and unique? Is it looks, wealth, talent, or intelligence that makes us stand out and be noticed? Psalm 139:14 tells us I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Job 33:4 assures us The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. We are not special because of our appearance, social status, or money. We are special because God made us. We are His and that makes us lovingly unique.

(by Jeanne Schimmelman, LWML Ohio District President)

How uplifting and special these words can be to you as it applies to all of our lives.

Please join us at LWML as we serve the Lord with gladness.

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



We want to welcome new members Dan & Diane Diaz.

Please add their contact information to your directory.

Address: 1835 Egret Lane

Hayward, CA 94545

Phone: 209-815-4832 (Dan) 209-581-5798 (Diane)



Memorial Service for Marilyn Lortz

Marilyn passed away on Thursday, March 1 in Elk Grove CA.

A memorial service will be held here at Calvary Lutheran on Friday,

March 9th at 2:00pm. A reception will follow the service in the parish hall.



PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY UPDATE

We meet every Wednesday and quilt for those in need of prayer and comfort and to share God's loving kindness to those who receive a quilt. As in Psalm 91:4, "He will cover you....."

Today, I spoke to Carmen Caspersen about how she got started in Calvary's Prayer Quilt Ministry and she shared this: She has been quilting since 1999 and started quilting with the Prayer Quilt Ministry at Calvary from the beginning. We were located at that time in the Conference Room and relocated to the Parish Hall as the group expanded.

She joined the group because she felt that it was a wonderful way to reach people, to touch their lives, as well as friends and relatives and spread God's word. She has been amazed that even though sometimes the recipient of a quilt does not know us, they can't believe that we would make a quilt for them -- we just want to share God's love. Carmen had heard of other churches making prayer shawls and so was interested in doing the prayer quilt.

Not everyone makes the Wednesday time in the Parish Hall to quilt because of other obligations, but they are always working at home quilting and finishing up the project. Everyone is really faithful serving the Lord in this manner.

If anyone is interested in joining this group, please call the church or Barbara Adams at [510-278-7045](tel:510-278-7045).

Lent - Holy Week - Easter Schedule

Potluck Suppers and Mid Week Lent Services



March 7, 14, 21 **6:00pm - Supper**
7:00pm - Mid Week Lent Service



Palm Sunday – March 25

9:00 am - Worship Service beginning outside



Maundy Thursday March 29

7:00pm – Communion Service



Good Friday Services – March 30

7:00pm - Tenebrae Service



Easter Service – April 1

9:00 am - Communion Service



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February 26, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the CNH District,

We have the chance to celebrate something wonderful. After forty years of fulltime pastoral ministry, including the last fifteen years as our district president, Pastor Newton is "retiring". Now we know that anyone who has the mission of the Lord on his heart as much as President Newton will never really retire, but we get to celebrate his years of serving us as our District President as he steps away from that role.

WE WANT TO DO THIS WITHOUT HIM KNOWING ABOUT IT, SO PLEASE DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO HIM!

No one has ever emphasized the mission of Christ in reaching the world as much as he has to us. Unashamedly, he has set that before us over and over, and we give thanks for that continual prompting in alignment with the Spirit of God. For that and for all that he has done in helping our congregations, pastors, DCE's, and teachers, we want to celebrate him.

Our District Convention is May 11-12 in Sacramento. At the banquet we want to thank him in a special way. We will be collecting notes, cards, pictures, or whatever to commemorate his years of service to us. We also hope to give him a monetary gift that comes from all of our congregations and from individuals who feel moved to be part of this gift. Prince of Peace will be the collection point for all checks and momentos in order to give him one, united gift from all of us at that banquet. Please make your check out to Prince of Peace, marking in the memo "Newton Celebration".

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thanks for being part of celebrating the gift President Newton has been to us all.

In Christ,

Pastor Tom Zelt
Chairman, CNH Board of Directors

Chad Trunkhill, Administrative Pastor David Sauer, Associate Pastor
Benjamin Riley, Associate Pastor Daniel Dueck, Head of Schools
Thomas Zelt, Senior Pastor