

# CALVARY CHRONICLE

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## Pastor Gary's Gleanings

Well you did it again! What a nice surprise that you gave Gloria and me for Easter—a gift card to Black Angus. You are too generous to us. I personally was so pleased that so many attended our Holy Week services and Easter Sunday was a record since I have been with you. What a great day of worship and celebration. Thanks so much Carmen and Linda and all who led us in this service of praise.

I also discovered that I have a "Secret Sister" as I found a wrapped gift on my desk early this month, a collection of quotes and humorous thoughts. Thank you.

April will come to an end on the fifth Sunday when we welcome Lea's Christian School in Partners in Worship. I see that Maren is busy preparing us for the refreshments that follow and I pray that we will all show up in welcoming the families of this school to our congregation. Keep this in our prayers as we ask God to enable us to attract any who do not have a church home to consider Calvary as their home.

I am blessed as May begins to be invited to participate in Jury Duty on May 2. Due to the new plans, I am to report in Dublin, if called.

God has provided us with the much needed April showers we need but I also notice that our Admin Building is going to need some much needed TLC this summer. The facia is literally falling off the building. We also need to begin plans for TLC in and around our church. Recently an unsafe basketball hoop was removed from the parking lot—thanks Phil, Jeff and Steve. We will need to be more proactive on the rest of our facilities in the coming months. God has truly blessed us with these facilities and we need to determine how best to do upkeep on them.

I hope that you continue to pray for Calvary and God's plan for a more permanent shepherd for this congregation. I'm so blessed to be part of this but I also know that we need to be asking God for a long-term solution to our shepherding needs.

On April 28<sup>th</sup> I will participate in the FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition) a non-profit begun by a group of area churches in the 1980's that seeks to keep families together, train adult family members in work skills, parenting skills and ultimately in moving back into the community again. Thanks to all who have sponsored me in this effort. I had a \$300 goal and have now achieved this goal. Usually Gloria and I participate together but this year is LWML weekend, so I am on my own.

Please pray for our CNH District Convention meeting May 11 & 12 in Sacramento. We will be electing a new District President and other officers and seeking God's guidance in other areas of church business. Gerry Luehrs is our congregational delegate who will represent Calvary. Gloria and I plan to attend unofficially.

May God continue to bless us as we gather around His Word and promises. Let's all continue to look for opportunities to invite friends, neighbors and family members to gather with us each week. May the peace of Christ be with each of you.

# 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



## May Birthdays

- 2 Paul Hoffman
- 11 Gerry Luehrs
- 13 Donna Luehrs
- 15 Barbara Adams
- 23 Gary Mohr
- 29 Frank Mitchell
- 31 Sue Ellis



## Anniversaries

- 5 Gene & Jan Curler 1962
- 30 Phillip & Carmen Caspersen 1964

Please let us know if we missed your dates

## Board of Governance

- Carmen Caspersen
- Sandra Elliott
- Steve Ellis
- Donna Zody
- Pastor Gary + one elder

Meetings on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

## Board of Elders

- Hank Blank
- Gerry Luehrs
- Dave Mueller
- Dave Schultz

Meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 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 APRIL NEWS



### **(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)**

As time marches on, so do the various projects that our ladies are involved in. Our latest project was providing a gift basket for Lea's Christian School's auction. Thank you ladies for your donations. The basket was worth approx. \$220.00 and was auctioned off for \$200.00. Some of us that attended the auction held Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> had a great time. It was very well organized and everyone was having such a fun time. The clean-up for this was spotless. They did an amazing job. Thank you everyone at Lea's Christian School for this.

The Spring Tea for Wittenberg will be held on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>. We are still in need of some help with this event. We need 4 more people to donate homemade cookies (5 doz., no nuts), I know that chocolate chip has been signed up for, so if you could make another selection, that would be great. I have instructions for delivery of the cookies when you sign-up since the office is only open Tues. - Thurs. until 2pm. Also, we are in need of approx. 3 more people to help serve the cookies and dessert. We have our last sign-up for this on Sunday, 29th April, located next to the Prayer Quilt outside the Church. If you can possibly find some time to help out, please sign up. Thank you much.

I will give you an update on how the District LWML Convention goes in next month's Chronicle. It is this week-end - 27, 28, and 29 in Newark CA. We have 4 ladies attending this year.

Blessings to all,  
Barbara Adams, Facilitator

## **GARDENING AT CALVARY:**



Just so everyone is aware, the gardener at Calvary is only paid for mowing the 2 front lawns. The rest: pulling weeds, pruning and trimming is done by volunteers. The volunteer part has not been done for some time and the weeds are growing taller and larger. It is quite embarrassing to see this, especially since this is the Lord's house and we are trying to get a Vicar for our church. Do you think a prospective Vicar would see this as his job when he arrives, since it hasn't been done for a while? Let's take care of our Church grounds!! Please help us on Friday, 9:00am -11:00am or whatever time you can spare to get this cleaned up. Once the weeds are pulled and everything trimmed, it shouldn't take much to maintain it. We will start on Friday and work each week until it is done and then request help as needed after that. Thanks much for your help. Please bring your own shovel, pick, garbage bag, hoe, water, etc.

SEE YOU THERE. Barbara Adams and Sandie Elliott



## PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Quoting a few words from Debbie Salter Goodwin's book, *Quilted With Love*, she mentions that "quilts are storytellers." Our quilts at the Prayer Quilt Ministry are not actually considered storytellers, but they are quilts to symbolize comfort and peace from our Lord to those in need, whether it be physical, emotional or whatever. They are "we are thinking of you" quilts and we are praying for you and we are by your side at this particular time through the love of Jesus.

As we gather each Wednesday from 9:00am - 12 Noon every week, we share some of the thank you notes that we have received from those that have gotten our Prayer Quilts and many times tears gather and goose bumps come upon us as we are told how much their quilt meant to them and we say to ourselves, Thank you Lord for this Ministry that reaches far beyond what was ever imagined.

This past week I had the opportunity to interview Evie Asker who regularly works in the Prayer Quilt Ministry. She has been quilting for approximately "on and off" for 20 years. As a retired nurse who is use to caring for others, she enjoys giving back and supporting people who are in need of prayer support and good feelings. Also, it is anonymous who makes the quilt. You don't know the person, but you are aware that person is in need. She also compared the ministry to a 1st responder: you don't know the person, but do know they need your service. She always loved nursing and it changes people's lives. As a nurse, doctors need their helpers -- this, she compared to the act of quilting. She also enjoys the different people involved in this ministry and the fact that it gives comfort to someone. Thank you Evie for being part of the Prayer Quilt Ministry.

### **A QUILTER'S PRAYER -----**

*Take the pieces of my life; And stitch them together; According to Your will.  
May I yield to the pricks of Your needle;  
so that Your stitches may surround me with the pattern of Your love.  
May I allow You to order the squares any way You want;  
To pattern me by Your design so that all will know You quilted me.  
by Debbie Salter Goodwin*

Please join us. Blessings, Barbara Adams, Facilitator 510-278-7045



**Shalom dear friends in Christ.**

**Kathleen and I really enjoyed our visit to Calvary Lutheran Church on Sunday. Gerry & Dave did a great job "holding down the fort." Everyone was so kind and welcoming. We felt right at home. I hope my presentation of Christ in the Passover was a blessing to them. Thanks for letting me fill in. It was an honor. May the Lord bless your ministry.**

**Sincerely yours in Christ, David Garrett**