

# Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Ministries

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
Church Phone 510-278-2555  
School Phone 510-278-2598

## Ministry Opportunities

Mid-week Bible studies

Prayer ministry

Larder (emergency food bank)

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Visitation teams for sick and home bound

Widow/widower ministry

Housing for low income seniors

Choir

Drama team

Worship Band

## Children/Youth Activities

### Youth Ministry

Meets Sunday morning's at 9:30 am  
and mid-week for Bible study & activities

Special events throughout the year

### Sunday School

Meets at 9:30 am for the following age  
groups:

Pre school/Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup> grade/2<sup>nd</sup> grade

3<sup>rd</sup> grade/4<sup>th</sup> grade

5<sup>th</sup> grade/6<sup>th</sup> grade

### Vacation Bible School

Held annually during the summer

### Plus much, much more.

If you have any questions regarding  
children or youth ministries and activities,  
please call church office at 278-2555

## Sunday Worship Schedule

### Traditional Service

8:00 am

### Contemporary Service

with Worship Band

10:45 am

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Fellowship Sunday

10:00am

### Children's Sunday School,

### Youth and Adult Education

9:30 am

---

### EQUIPPERS

PASTOR

YOUTH MINISTER

DCE

PRINCIPAL

CHILDREN'S MINISTER

MINISTRY TEAM

ALL MEMBERS OF CALVARY

## New Membership Classes

New membership classes are offered 3 times a year. They are taught by the Pastor and/or one or more of the Elders of Calvary.

### **The class topics include:**

- A God Who Cares About You
- A Bible Which Guides and Frees You
- A Savior Who Saves You
- A Spirit Who Converts You
- A Washing Which Cleanses You
- A Meal Which Feeds You
- A Devotional Life Which Blesses You
- Keys Which Lock and Unlock
- A Stewardship Which is Fully Committed
- A Life Which Never Ends

These classes have been designed with the intent to not only teach class members about "Lutheranism", but to have them become life-long students of the Word and to help better assimilate them into the Calvary family.

Take advantage of the gifts that a church home and a personal relationship with Jesus can give you. Come and be a part of the New Membership Class.

Call Church office for the next scheduled class.

## Brief History of Calvary

Successful mission work in San Lorenzo prompted the purchase of property on Via Magdalena as a church site. The Rev. Waldamar Thiele was called to be the "missionary at large" and by January 1948 the mission outpost claimed 138 adult members and 65 children. The mission achieved congregation status on February 22, 1948 as Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The congregation immediately undertook to build a church. A combination chapel, parish hall and classroom facility built on the Via Magdalena property was dedicated on December 18, 1949. In December 1975, construction began on a new sanctuary. That building was dedicated on July 25, 1976.

A grade school was established in September 1950. Additional classrooms were added in 1952 and 1974 and more recently in 1993 and 1996. Calvary Lutheran School, pre-school through grade eight, still flourishes staffed by principal Forrest Adams, 10 teachers, school secretary and over 200 students.

Ground was broken for a residence for the elderly in September 1977. Occupancy of that unit -Wittenberg Manor- was accomplished a year later. Plans for additional housing for the elderly began immediately and finally accomplished in 1993 with Wittenberg II.

Calvary provides many opportunities for fellowship, study and worship.

## From the Staff

We're so glad you have worshipped with us. Please join us again at one of our Sunday Worship Services. You will find a schedule in this packet.

*Every church has unique characteristics.  
Let us share three of ours with you.*

**First**, we take the Bible very seriously. Our preaching and our teaching is Bible based and is very practical. We want God's Word to be an active and effective part of your life. We want you to become the person God wants you to become.

**Second**, we are a very caring church. We desire to be a church that carries out Jesus' teaching "love your neighbor as yourself."

**Third**, we are committed to education. Calvary offers many opportunities for children and adults. By our growing school, Sunday School classes and Vacation Bible School, you will see our commitment to our children. For adults we offer many opportunities to be involved in Bible study and training. We desire for all our members to cherish God's Word and find through His Word encouragement, strength and hope.

# About Our School

Calvary Lutheran School has been serving the community since 1950 focusing on time honored, traditional academic instruction. Calvary, accredited by the Western Association for Schools and Colleges, consistently meets or exceeds the standards of instruction for the California State Department of Education. We also join with parents to help our children grow physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

Calvary is a Christian alternative to public school, offering excellence in the learning experience for grades kindergarten through grade eight. We also offer preschool for three and four year-olds.

## **Calvary's mission is:**

- To challenge and stimulate young minds.
- To provide the best in primary education
- To encourage and facilitate each child's belief in God.
- To foster each child's sense of self worth and ability to succeed.
- To prepare each child for advancement into higher educational arenas

Our young people need a positive spiritual foundation for their lives. Knowledge of God's word provides a basis for healthy personal values and self esteem. Therefore Calvary School offers:

- Instruction in the Word of God
- Christian understanding of secular subjects
- Support of Christian family values
- Christian pupil fellowship

# Why Become A Member?

## ONE MEMBERS ACCOUNT

For me, church has always been a part of my life. For you, it may be very new, but I pray that it will be a blessing to you as it has been to me. Calvary, a church I was married in.....my children were baptized in....my parents victory celebrations held in.... and my grandchildren were baptized in, has always been like family. The love and support toward me and my family has helped us through many difficult and trying times.

Becoming a member of Calvary is a personal and family commitment. A commitment I have made. A commitment that needs to be made if:

- Calvary is to carry out the mission that would glorify God
- You are to discover and use the gifts God has given you
- You are to receive and enjoy the blessings that come from meeting with other Christians AND be a blessing to others.

Calvary is a church home where you can worship God, fellowship with other brothers and sisters of God's family and use your God given gifts to serve each other and our community.