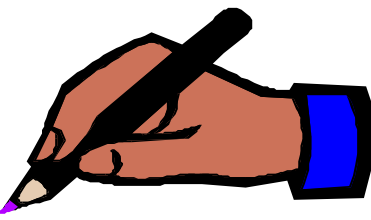


FROM THE PASTOR



MUSTARD SEED
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 2015

Well, it's not going to be very long before things start to pick up steam in the lives of all people. With school already in full swing, the addition of a few special days and holidays thrown in will make for a busy time for everyone. Here it is, already October and in just a few short weeks, children will don their favorite costume and march from house to house begging for a sweet treat to fill, like what seems as, their bottomless bag. Add just a few more weeks and family and friends will gather with drool dripping out of the corners of their mouths around a table that's covered with decadent foods...fresh roasted turkey, homemade stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, escalloped corn, pumpkin pie, pecan pie...uh, I gotta stop writing about Thanksgiving Dinner before I drool all over my computer keyboard! Then, add just a few more weeks and trees will be trimmed with lights and decorations, packages will be wrapped with the utmost of care, and again family and friends will gather with eyes bigger than their stomachs around a table filled once again with the wonders and desire of edible delicacies that only come around once a year to celebrate Christmas. Add about a week, and people are getting ready to PARTY as they ring in the New Year! Woohoo...2016! Phew... then a big sigh! We made it again. Another year, another round of holidays behind us, time for a winter's nap of what seems like only a few weeks, and then BOOM! Here's Ash Wednesday with the season of Lent marching in like a lion to lead us to the cross and the empty tomb! And then again...you got it...family and friends gathering again for you know what's coming... FOOOOD!!!

Wow, how the days seem to just fly by. Now that I have all of you excited, stressed, nervous, concerned about the lack of days before the holidays start to descend upon us, let me remind you of the great joy these times are. If you were to forget about all the "perfect" things you have to have in place for these special days, the hullabaloo of the various seasons is reason enough to rejoice. Kids may be donning costumes on October 31st, but we rejoice for an entirely different reason...the Reformation of the Church started by Martin Luther. We rejoice because the truth of God's Word and His Gospel was spread to regions far and wide so that, like at Pentecost, the Word of the Lord spread like fire into the hearts and minds of men, women, and children all over the world creating faith and furthering God's kingdom! In fact, ***on October 25th at 5:00pm in the Parish Hall here at Calvary Lutheran Church, we are going to celebrate the Reformation with "Dinner & A Movie."*** *Anyone and everyone is invited to join us*

that night. Bring a dinner dish or dessert to share and we will eat and fellowship, followed by watching the movie "Luther." It is sure to be a time of great food, fellowship, and rejoicing together.

Then, let us not forget about All Saints' Day on November 1st as we gather together to remember those faithful gone from our midst who now in glory shine. It is the celebration of All Saints' that we rejoice in the gift of eternal life in Christ and laugh in the face of death because of Jesus' victory over sin, death, the devil, and hell. Thanksgiving is a great time as we are reminded about all that which our good and gracious God provides us with to support our body and life. And of course, Christmas we rejoice over the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As I write to all of you, I'm reminded just how close some of these dates and holidays really are. There's excitement in the air around here! I feel it. I know this article isn't so much thought provoking as it is just reminiscing. That's okay, though, because I pray that as I am getting energized about all of these fun, exciting, and joyful times on the horizon, you also look with excitement and joy, anticipating these wonderful days that we get to celebrate together as God's children. I can't wait! I love this time of year! But even more, I love all of you!

In Christian Love,
Pastor Kessler

Happy Birthday!

Rhiannon Strom	10/01
John Wagner	10/03
Lexi Stuebs	10/04
Eva Lou Phillips	10/05
Rebecca Ehrlich	10/08
Jaiden Williams	10/12
Elmer Vicary	10/21
Gaylyn Hildestad	10/22
William Morner	10/22
Cailynn Stuebs	10/22
Megan Ehrlich	10/23
Renee Libkie	10/27

Happy Anniversary

Robert & Jan Stash	10/03
Robert & Donna Barton	10/04
Keith & Carolyn Macomber	10/08
Elmer & Karen Vicary	10/08
Mary Kuzma-Anderson & Ronald	10/09
Derek & Iris Bezo	10/11
Sarah & Jason Rutledge	10/13
Albert & Carolyn Claude	10/16
Melvin & Carol Parker	10/19
Renee & Jeff Libkie	10/31



BAPTISM



Jim Tyner	10/01
Mary Kuzma-Anderson	10/04
Kyle Williams	10/04
Eva Lou Phillips	10/10
John Wagner	10/10
Teri Jo Ford	10/12
Kyle Reinertson	10/14
Rhiannon Strom	10/16
Taylee Stuebs	10/16
Donna Fairchild	10/18
Sue Gibson	10/20
Lexi Stuebs	10/21
Elmer Vicary	10/22
Mary Frances Atchley	10/28
Aja Backs	10/28
Whitney Stuebs	10/29
Elaine Green	10/30

Galvary Lutheran Church Council Reports

Board Meetings 6:00P.M. & Council October 13, 2015

If you have a complaint or concern please attend the board meetings so the boards can address the issue.

2015 Contributions	
08/30	\$1,842.52
09/06	\$2,905.00
09/13	\$1,777.50



Avg. \$ per week \$
Contribution amount needed
per week is **\$3,456.72** to meet current budget.

Parking Lot Fund	
Fund Total as of August	\$7,856.00
August Contributions	\$ _____
Fund Total	\$7,856.00

2015 Contributions & Expenses AUGUST	
GENERAL FUND	
Contributions	\$12,168.42
Expenses	\$12,834.80
Excess/Loss	<\$ 666.38>
YEAR TO DATE	
Contributions	\$ 92,023.16
Misc Income	\$ 2,210.54
Expenses	\$109,383.73
Excess/Loss	<\$15,150.03>



From the Trustees

We have been diligently trying to find ways to trim our utility expenses.

In order to do this we ask everyone to help.

Jan-Aug	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
UTILITIES						
Gas	344.24	387.87	386.41	391.96	374.00	450.48
Water/Sewer	2,472.66	2,302.11	1,776.86	2,468.63	3,206.28	2,749.53
Electricity	9,326.72	9,026.50	10,552.11	12,151.18	10,941.58	11,173.26
Internet/Web	619.76	619.60	619.60	619.60	609.60	559.60
Phone	828.44	904.24	844.71	826.23	813.71	732.66
Total Utilities	13,591.82	13,240.32	14,179.69	16,457.60	15,945.17	15,665.53

We need to remember to operate the a/c & heating units correctly. This entails turning the fan switch to the on positions during the summer while in use. During the winter leave the fan switch on auto. We must remember to turn the South side a/c unit off after service.

We are going to try and not operate the kitchen unit as long as the main Parish Hall unit is functioning properly on Sunday mornings, we hope to start this procedure this winter.

Help is always needed in watching out for water leaks, and malfunctioning sprinkler system. The biggest fluctuation in our water/sewer bills comes from these 2 areas. It takes more water to bring the grass back from dying off when the sprinklers are not functioning. A broken sprinkler head, waste more water.

With the growing number of people only using a cell phone for their home numbers our phone bill has increased due to many cell phones are long distant calls. So, we have cancelled Century Link and our long distant carrier and contracted with Time Warner for 4years for phone service, this gives us unlimited long distant calling in the US, and a slightly lower cost per line over Century Link.

Most importantly we ask all groups using the facilities to use the Education Building for meetings and small group functions. This building is easier and cheaper to cool and heat. Since we have installed tile instead of carpet food can be served in this building now, and has easy access to restrooms. There is a sink and a microwave currently in the building. The coffee pot that once was there has been returned to the building as well.

Now, for the big news...we are working on a plan to allow a cell tower to be put up in our parking lot. The city of Yuma suggested it was a good location. There is no financial cost to Calvary. There will be a little revenue from this endeavor. We hope to use the money that is made toward our parking lot fund to be able to repair the condition of both lots.

Once the parking lots have been completed we hope to use the revenue to off set the monthly cost of our utility expenses.



Calvary LWML

In September, thirteen Calvary women members met for a planning meeting to decide the LWML events for 2015 – 2016. During the meeting, Jan Stash was elected President.

LWML Sunday will be celebrated on October 18th, with the collection of MITES FOR MISSIONS.

Also, we will be distributing muffins to the Congregation made in the Calvary church kitchen. We are asking for volunteers to assist in baking muffins on Thursday, the 15th at 1 pm. in the church kitchen. Please let Becky Kessler (928-304-1530) or Jan Stash (928-502-9785) know if you plan to join us. Baking skills not required!

On Saturday, October 24th, the Pacific Southwest District LWML Desert Zone 25 Fall Celebration will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Holtville, CA. The meeting will be held 8:45 – 1:30 and this year's theme is "Sharing Our Gifts." If you would like to attend and want to ride with us, or want more information, please contact Nancy Heredia (775-304-3379).

Thursday, November 5, Pastor Kessler will be presenting at the LWML meeting at 7 pm. We are inviting husbands to also attend as the Pastor will be giving a special talk about the life of Martin Luther. The year 2017 will be the 500th Anniversary of the nailing of the 95 theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church in Saxony, Germany.

The Annual Cookie Walk Sale will be held on Saturday, December 12th. Additional activities are being planned around the event, so mark your calendars!

Please remember that LWML includes all women members of our church. All are welcome, please join us. Many blessings.

Thrivent Financial News

Yuma Chapter of Thrivent annual picnic

When: Saturday, November 7, 2015

Where: West Wetlands Park, (Off 1st Street and 12th Avenue)

Time: 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: Ramada #32 near restrooms

What is provided: Meat and Drinks (Water or Soda)

What to bring: Side dish, salad, chips or dessert, lawn chairs to sit on.

Let's celebrate the abundance of what God has given us! Let's enjoy fellowship with other Thrivent members. Let's learn how Thrivent will give you \$250 to help with a special project. Let's win a door prize or gift card.

RSVP (is not required but would be helpful) and for more info – contact Kay Lee Grunst, Chapter Secretary
 Phones: 928-328-8088 (hm) or 928-344-4060 (wk) – leave message and/or name and phone for return call Or
 Email: kleeg59@att.net I look forward to meeting you.

To our many friends at Calvary,

I received your box of cards the other day, they are greatly appreciated. I've read about half of them and ponder the words, kind notes and think about those who sent them. Each brings back memories of the past. I am doing ok, have no energy and that which I do in a day most of you would do in ten minutes. I sleep a lot, or just lay here with my eyes closed contemplating what lies ahead and how good God has been to me in life. You folks were and are a big part of that life. Like my doctor told me I have a new norm in life, which certainly speaks to the physical aspects of life, but the spiritual doesn't change because Jesus doesn't change, He was my hope in the past and the same hope for today.

I enjoy still going to church, where I am fed with Word and Sacrament. I like my weekly trip to Durango and Parma does her best to keep me busy even if I just sit on the chair and teach her how to run the weed whacker and the tractor.

Thanks again for your kind prayers and greetings they are more meaningful than you can imagine.

In Christ,
Steve & Parma.



We will be celebrating Reformation Sunday on October 25th this year and in celebration of Reformation Day, we will have "Dinner and a Movie" beginning at 5pm here at Calvary.

There will be activities for children and it will be a time of fun, fellowship, food, and celebration as Lutherans. It is

asked that you bring a hot dish or salad or dessert to share and afterward we will watch the movie "Luther".

Please watch the bulletin and newsletter for more information regarding "Dinner and Movie" night for October 25th.

Mission Board News

September Mission Project - \$500 Church Donation



Nearly 700,000 people die each year from malaria, and most of them are children and pregnant women. But it doesn't have to be that way. Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease, As Lutherans, we have a historic and confessional opportunity to make a difference, to turn the tide on malaria deaths.

This is our call. The preventable death of thousands of people in Africa cry out for a compassionate response. Together we can reach out with Christ's hand of mercy to relieve the suffering of the people of Africa who cry out for a compassionate response. * LCMS Malaria Project, lcms.org

"Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matt. 25:40

From the Seminary....

Greetings Calvary Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your contribution to the food bank. We feel so blessed to have the emotional and financial burden lifted a little due to your generous gift.

Currently I am a first year student. Thus far I have completed Old and New Testament courses with flying colors and will be starting Greek in the fall (prayer is much appreciated).

My wife Roseann, and I have been married for over two years. We are from the Chicago area. Our time at seminary has so far been wonderful.

May God bless your endeavors in Christ.

Dwight Wyeth

1176 Ursula Ave.


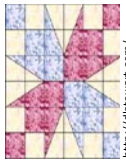



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Mission Board ~ Nancy Heredia, Paula Backs, Diane Schauer, Rebecca Kessler

October 2015

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>4 09:00 AM-Worship Service 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes</p>			<p>1 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Emerald Springs</p>	<p>2 09:00 AM-LWML Quilting</p>	<p>3 07:00 AM-Bible Study/Goldsborro</p>
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