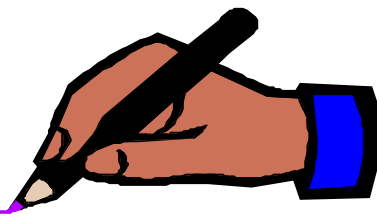


FROM THE PASTOR



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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 2016

Blessings to each and every one of you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Time and time again, I am reminded just how generous all of you are when it comes to this congregation. When there is a need, you always step up to the plate and are very giving of your time, talents, and treasures. It is known by many that Calvary has a long tradition as such and I commend all of you for your generosity and am eternally grateful to God for your loving-kindness. Giving of your time, talents, and treasures willingly and joyfully is a true blessing. We are certainly abundantly blessed.

That being said, as you may be aware, that time of the year is once again upon us as it won't be long before many of the current people serving on various boards will end their terms. That means there is a NEED for others to prayerfully consider serving our church on one of these boards. I know that time is a commodity in very short supply as so many of us find ourselves busy with all sorts of life's obligations. Running here and running there, attending meetings, transporting children in all directions for various school activities, attending games and concerts, trying to have supper ready at a decent hour, making sure everyone's homework is done, getting little ones to bed on time, getting to the doctor early, picking up your medications, meeting up with a friend, and on and on and on. I understand and experience what it means to be busy. I'm sure you can think of many other things you'd rather do than sit in a meeting. We all would rather be somewhere else because it's just another thing sparring for our time and infringes on our precious time with the ones we love. I get it.

Could our minds be thinking the wrong way when it comes to sacrificing some of our precious time to serve on a board for the church? I simply ask this because I know that I have fallen prey to thinking about such things from a perspective of "obligation" or "responsibility." I knew a man once who wouldn't join the church where I served and yet attended every week religiously. I asked him to prayerfully consider becoming a member of the church, to which he answered, "I love the church but I don't want to join because I know that as a member I will be asked to serve on a board or committee. I don't want a job." I, like many, so often think of things as "things I **HAVE** to do." Perhaps my thinking is all wrong. Would it make a difference if I thought of sacrificing some of my precious time to serve on a board or sit in on a meeting as a "privilege" and/or "honor?" Would it make a difference if I thought of things as "things I **GET/WANT** to do?"

Sometimes, the difference is all about perspective. When we step back and realize that being a member of

Calvary means that we are a part of something that is much bigger than just any individual person, while at the same time depends on the willing involvement, sacrifice, time, talents, and treasures of every individual, we then see just how truly amazing our good and gracious God is to His Church. God uses each and every one of us to care for His Church here on earth...from those who play the music and liturgy, to those who read and preach His Word, to those who hear His Word and sing His praises, to those who make sure information is passed along to you through announcements, to the ones who write and sign checks to pay our operating bills, to those who meet regularly to keep all the church's programs running monthly, and so on and so forth. See, Calvary **NEEDS** you! Every single one of you is a priceless treasure that God uses to care for, maintain, and sustain His Church here on earth...right here in Yuma. **YOU ARE PRECIOUS!**

You may have already been contacted, may be contacted, or you may simply hear the general call to volunteer to serve in some capacity at the church. I am asking that you give it an honest and sincere consideration to serve Calvary. We, as a congregation, are dependent on one another to ensure that God's Word is preached, taught, and His means of grace are rightly administered. That's the ultimate function of each board...it's all about the Gospel. Are you willing to serve? Please prayerfully consider it. Calvary needs you!

With Christian Love,
Pastor Kessler

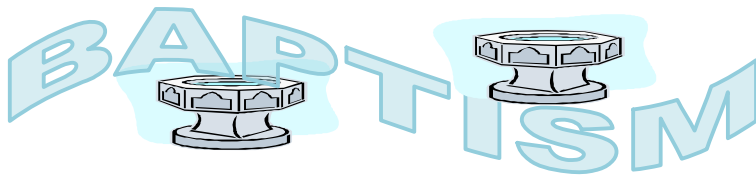


Nominating Committee

It's that time of year again when the Vice President and his nominating committee will be contacting members of the congregation. Please carefully and prayerfully consider serving Calvary's congregation on a board or as an officer.

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



Jim Tyner	10/01
Kyle Williams	10/04
Eva Lou Phillips	10/10
John Wagner	10/10
Teri Jo Ford	10/12
Charles Fraley	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
Penelope Backs	10/25
Mary Frances Atchley	10/28
Aja Backs	10/28
Whitney Stuebs	10/29
Elaine Green	10/30

Happy Anniversary

Robert & Jan Stash	10/03
Robert & Donna Barton	10/04
Keith & Carolyn Macomber	10/08
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

Galvary Lutheran Church Council Reports

Board Meetings & Council Tuesday, September 20, 2016 @ 6PM

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

2016 Contributions	
09/04/2016	\$3,668.00
09/11/2016	\$1,965.00
09/18/2016	\$1,415.00
09/25/2016	\$1,721.00



Avg. \$ per week \$2,192.25

Contribution amount needed, per week is **\$3,444.95** to meet current budget.

Year to date \$105,918.77

Fund raiser (pizza) 364.25

Avg. \$ per week (40weeks) \$ 2,657.08

2016 Contributions & Expenses SEPTEMBER (UNRECONCILED)

GENERAL FUND	
Contributions	\$ 8,812.00
Misc Income	\$
Expenses	<u>\$13,9259.23</u>
Excess/Loss	\$ -4,447.23

YEAR TO DATE

Contributions	\$105,918.77
Misc Income	\$ 1,121.08
Expenses	<u>\$123,024.94</u>
Excess/Loss	\$ -15,985.09

Parking Lot Fund

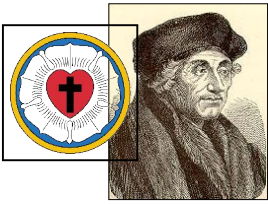
Fund Total as of September \$12,076.00

Contributions	\$
Aluminum Cans	\$
Fund Total	\$12,076.00



Recycle aluminum cans

Please continue to bring your cans in.



REFORMATION

Sunday adult Bible class for the month of October will focus on the topic of Martin Luther as we prepare for the upcoming 500th anniversary celebration in 2017. The church office is hosting this class during the Sunday School hour each Sunday. The series is entitled, **“A Man Named Martin: The Man.”** Over the course of the 5 Sundays in October, the class will watch a video and have discussion each week about a monk whose grasp of justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ was the cornerstone of the Reformation. The five sessions will focus on Martin Luther’s childhood with his parents Hans and Margaret, his time spent at the university, why he became a monk, why he struggled with certain Catholic practices and teachings, why he had to go into hiding, and his role as a husband to Katherine and father to their children. On the last Sunday of the month, October 30th, we will commemorate the Reformation and have our last Bible Class on the topic of Martin Luther.



We will also have a potluck and a short video on Sunday, October 30th with food items centered around a German theme. A sign-up list will be placed on the front table in the Parish Hall for people to sign up to bring either a salad, an entree, or a dessert. Water, juice, and coffee will be provided. We encourage all our members to attend this series as we learn more about who we are as Lutherans and why we treasure our Lutheran heritage. We hope to see all of you there. Below is included the series topics for each week during the month of October.

- Session 1: Luther’s World
- Session 2: Life in a Monastery
- Session 3: Purgatory
- Session 4: Luther Changes His Approach
- Session 5: God’s Word Comes Out of Hiding

Pastor Kessler

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Urgently needed counters for December.

Your mailboxes have a new look. Your name now appears at the bottom of your box. Names of members, associate members and winters visitors appear in alphabetical order. We are all one in Jesus Christ.

Please talk to one of the Stewardship Committee if you do not want or need a mailbox. Please forgive us and let us know if your name does not appear and you wish to have a box.

Committees are looking at their objectives and hope that these will be helpful for members of the church as well.

1 Chronicles 29: 14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

From the Altar Guild

5 flower liners were recently donated to the Church. We would like to remind you that if you take your flowers home to please return the liner to the Alter guild room as they cost about \$17.00 each. Thank you Lisa Elam



LWML

FALL IS IN THE AIR and the Calvary Lutheran Women's Missionary League, (LWML) is planning events for this year!

On Saturday, October 8th, the Pacific Southwest District LWML Desert Zone 25 Fall Celebration will be held here in Yuma. This year's theme is "Serving the Underserved." The morning session will be held from 8:45 - 11:45 am., at Christ Lutheran Church. The lunch program will be held from Noon - 2:30 pm. at the Veterans Assisted Living Facility, 2600 S. 4th Avenue. We will be hearing from Sergio Sarabial, Veteran's Resources Manager and given a tour of the facility. Veterans Assisted Living is a 151-unit Assisted Living Community licensed for 220 residents. Veterans Assisted Living was created to serve senior veterans their spouses, widows, and in some cases, their adult children or parents. This is a very interesting program you won't want to miss. We are collecting towel sets (any color) bath, hand, wash cloth, or personal hygiene items: soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste, shaving cream, hair spray, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, etc. Please let Jan Stash (928-502-9785) or jvstash@gmail.com know if you are planning to attend by Saturday, October 1. The registration fee is \$5.00.

LWML Sunday will be celebrated on November 13th, with the collection of MITES FOR MISSIONS. Please remember to bring your change or bills of any denomination. These contributions go directly to spread -ing God's Word worldwide.

The Annual Cookie Walk Sale will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. Mark your calendars, additional activities will be planned around the event!

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

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 09:00 AM-Communion Service 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes	3	4 6:00pm Boards 7:00pm Council	5 11:00 AM-Bible Study	6 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Emerald Springs 07:00 PM-AWC campus ministry	7	8 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro
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16 09:00 AM-Matins 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes	17	18	19 11:00 AM-Bible Study	20 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Emerald Springs 07:00 PM-AWC campus ministry	21 4:00pm Elders Meeting	22 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro
23 09:00 AM-Communion Service 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes	24	25	26 11:00 AM-Bible Study	27 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Emerald Springs 07:00 PM-AWC campus ministry	28 09:00 AM-LWML Quilting	29 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro
30 REFORMATION 09:00 AM-Communion Service 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes 11:30am PotLuck	31					

