



# CALVARY CHRONICLE

January 2007

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*Thought I'd share an email I received over the holidays...*

## What about the Wrapping Paper?

Well Christmas has come and gone. The packages have been unwrapped. But we're still left with that one nagging question, "What do we do with all this wrapping paper?"

It's truly amazing how much we spend each year on ribbons, bows, boxes, and wrapping paper for the holiday season, especially since it's thrown away when we're through. Wouldn't it just be easier not to wrap presents? Wouldn't it save a lot of time, effort, and money not to decorate our gifts? How do we justify this expense for something so temporary?

Now I'm kidding, of course. There's something very special about seeing a gift wrapped up for us under the tree. The crude wrapping job of a child means so much to a parent or grandparent. The neatly wrapped and sometimes disguised gifts add to the color, anticipation, and joy of the season. We wouldn't want to give that up – why it's almost as important as the gift itself!

Isn't it a shame we don't value the way we package our comments and conversation as much as we do the Christmas wrapping paper. Some people feel it's a waste of time to be careful what they say and how they say it. "Let me be brutally honest," they'll say. "Let's cut through the fluff and get down to brass tacks," is their motto.

Now I'm not for beating around the bush when there is something to say, but brutal honesty is often more brutal than it is honest. Our choice of words, their tone and timing, and their emotional intensity, all dramatically effect how we are heard. This packaging of our conversation, however, is much more important than the packaging on our Christmas presents because it is not thrown away. In fact, the packaging we choose for our words is often remembered longer than the words themselves. So take time to be kind, and package your words with as much care as you did this year's Christmas presents.

*"When you talk, don't say any bad things. But say things that people need – things that will help other people become stronger." (Ephesians 4:29)*

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[www.calvarysanlorenzo.com](http://www.calvarysanlorenzo.com)

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## Buy gift cards!

Available in the school office Mon.– Fri.  
and Sundays before church at info. booth

### EPRAYER

Keep up to date with our prayer concerns  
by being part of Calvary's eprayer list.

Please send an email to  
JRBothwell@worldnet.att.net  
to be included in this mailing

A new altar flower calendar for 2007 will be put up in the Narthex. This is a great way to honor a loved one that's gone home to be with the Lord, or to celebrate an anniversary, birthday, graduation, praise & thanks, etc. You may take your flowers home with you at the close of the 10:45am service. Thank you!

A \$25 donation is greatly appreciated

## Pastor's Column

About this time of year we begin to hear comments like; "Boy, I'll be glad when this year is over, this last one hasn't been very good!" Or like this one: "I'll be sorry to see this year go, it has been a very, very good year." Or, "I can't believe 2006 is over, where did this year go, it went by so fast!" There seems to something almost magical about January 1<sup>st</sup> and the promise of a new and fresh slate of days to look forward to in a new year.

St. Paul wrote: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come." These are incredibly important words to keep in mind as we enter into yet another new year. As a matter of fact, these are important words to keep in mind as we enter each and every new day of life – we have been made new!

Throughout the Holy Bible there is a recurrent theme of God working to bring about newness of life, newness of hope and newness of love in the lives of His people. In Jeremiah, God promises to bring a new covenant to the hearts of His own. On Jesus' last night with His disciples before Good Friday, He took bread and wine, and instituted a New Testament in the Lord's Supper. In the waters of Holy Baptism, the old sinful being dies, and a new daughter or a new son of God emerges and begins a new life relationship with the Father that will last forever.

I truly hope you enter into this new year of 2007 with an excitement and an anticipation that it will be a wondrous year – for when God makes something new, it is truly a magnificent work. Remember each day, "The old is gone and the new has come!"

### **Update on Pat**

There is not much more to report about Pat's physical condition that isn't usually contained in these updates. Her physical symptoms continue to deteriorate, balance is getting worse, eating is becoming more of an effort, and many simple tasks are beyond her abilities. There is a little more difficulty focusing with the eyes, she is a little more confused about the details of life and her memory is slipping somewhat.

Yet, in spite of all these difficulties, her spirit and determination to live each new day to the fullest is awe-inspiring. Her response to any inquiry about going out to shop, or eat, or a movie, or visit, is to raise her finger and point to the sky, which is the sign for "YES!" And she is undeterred by what other people might think about her halting gait, or her facial mask, or the wearing of her bib and towel, or her frequent spills of water. Most of all, Pat loves to worship with God's people and be in the presence of her Lord.

I want to continue to encourage all of you to talk directly to Pat and not to be afraid to do so. It may take her a moment to respond, as the taking in and processing of information is slower, but her mind and knowledge of who you are and what you're asking is still sharp and clear. I know that your care and love for her touches her heart and is a tremendous source of strength for her in dealing with this horrible disease. And we both thank God for this incredible community of faith.

### **Adult Studies:**

**(A new series of 8 lessons will begin on Jan. 7)**

"Faith Lessons of the Life and Ministry of the Messiah"-  
**Rm #8** (Bill Sandau)

Larry Burkett's "How to Manage Your Money"  
An in-depth bible study on personal finances -  
**Conference Room** (Myron Schroer)

Pastor Jim will also be leading a study,  
Topic to be announced– **Parish Hall**



**REMINDER: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 28 FOLLOWING 10:45AM SERVICE**

# Odds AND ENDS

## Job Position Available

Job descriptions for the position of Administrative Assistant available on the table in the Narthex or in the Church Office.

### ATTENTION:

Offering envelopes for 2007 are in the Narthex. Do not use 2006 envelopes after Dec. 31, 2006.

If you have not been assigned an envelope offering number and would like one, please advise the church office and one will be issued.

**Thank you so much** to all of you that helped with the Wittenberg Christmas Party. The volunteers that helped set-up, decorate, prepare sandwiches and fancy cookies, breads and candies, serve and clean up afterwards was absolutely fantastic. The Lord provides us with such abundance when we ask. Our friends at Wittenberg just loved Mrs. Liston's Calvary Ringers and our Santa. Thank you also, Steve Moore, for your lovely poem that was read by Linda Dutton. Thank you to Ellen Hackerd for your lovely quilt and other gifts that were given to Wittenberg. Everyone had such a good time and God's love was shining through that day.

Love in Jesus, LWML

**Thank you** to our church family for your prayers, cards and phone calls during our time of need. The Lord's hand has been present throughout our recoveries. Phil & Carmen Caspersen

**The Blank Family would like to thank** the members of Calvary for all the love and support you have given us. For us, the past few months have had some major events with joys and sorrows attached. Through them all we have felt so much love, care, and concern. Your prayers, words of encouragement, cards, and calls have been so appreciated. Calvary is "home" to us and you are family. We especially thank you for all your love during the most recent loss of our dear Mom Blank (Hedy). We were blessed to have her for so long - she was very much a part of our earthly life. We praise the Lord that she is with Him which she is where she desired to be for many years. Your prayers, kind words, and cards were appreciated. We thank all who prepared and served the wonderful luncheon after Mom Blank's Memorial Service. The food and fellowship were wonderful. The service was such a blessing to us, and we thank all who participated in that effort - especially Pastor and Holly. May God continue to bless our Calvary Family as we grow and support each other in His love. The Blank Family

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

### Coffee servers: (Contact- Church office)

- Arrive a few minutes before 8am service to put coffee on
- Set out table, cups, and condiments by information booth (depending on weather)
- Have coffee ready to serve by the end of the 8am service
- Clean up

### Greeters: (Contact- Church Office)

- Arrive a few minutes before service time
- Welcome & greet at door
- Direct & encourage visitors to sign guest book
- Distribute mugs during welcoming at service time

### Altar Guild: (Contact- Linda Duvall)

- Receive & place flowers on altar on Saturday mornings
- Set up for communion
- Fill candles
- Prepare for Baptisms, weddings, special services

### Ushers: (Contact- John Binder)

- They meet, they greet and they seat., Ushers should always remember that he is usually the first person a newcomer or visitor meets
- After each service walk through the pews, choir loft, etc., and clean up bulletins and papers, and straighten up hymnals, etc.
- Be sure that all gates, doors and windows are shut and locked. Hand check all doors. Be sure all lights in the sanctuary and rooms are off.. Be sure the thermostat in the sanctuary is off (a/c and heat).

### Projectionist: (Contact- Church office)

- Advances power point slides during service (must be computer literate)

Glory on its knees comes when faith saves and restores because it weeps and bleeds.

Charles

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

MAILING ADDRESS LABEL

PASTOR JAMES BOTHWELL

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP  
SR. High 6- 8pm

## Worship SERVICES

8:00AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE  
(COMMUNION ON 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS)

9:30AM KINGDOM QUEST & Adult Bible Study

10:45AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE \*\*  
(COMMUNION ON 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS)

5TH SUNDAYS ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00AM  
(NO KINGDOM QUEST OR Adult STUDIES)

CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Principal TRUDY PACKARD  
GRADES PRE<sup>3</sup> THROUGH 8TH



CALVARY School is RECYCLING  
ALUMINUM CANS & PLASTIC  
BEVERAGE BOTTLES

# School Scoop



Calvary Lutheran School's Annual School -Wide  
*"Open House, Art Fair, & Academic Fair"*  
is rapidly approaching!

This wonderful event is scheduled for Thursday,  
February 8, 2007.  
(7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

We need congregational volunteers...please prayerfully  
consider serving in one of the following areas:

- Parking lot attendants
- Information Booth Volunteers
  - Guides for visitors
- Hosts & Hostess in the Administration Building
  - Hosts & Hostesses in the Parish Hall

Please call the school office (278-2598) to let Joyce or  
Trudy know if you would be able to assist the night of  
Calvary's Open House!

Thank you for your consideration!

# PRAYERS of OUR CHURCH



## **Thanksgiving**

*Don Benson's successful quadruple by-pass; The baptism of Father and son, Bret and Maverick Mendia; Leanne Mueller's mother's tumor is benign; Calvary School Christmas Program & for the teachers and students that made it such a great success; Single Treasures Christmas Dinner & for the hands that prepared and served; For the Lord's hand in the recovery of Pam Caspersen's cousin, Douglas; Marie Curtis's cyst is benign and will be treated with medication; the birth of Zell Steele Morrow 8lbs. 2oz. on December 8; Pat's mom Leona's safe arrival*

## **For peace in the world**

*President Bush and our country's leadership - For our soldiers*

## **For our staff**

*Trudy Packard; Chrystle Vincent; Traci McClain; Kari Penrose; Amy Sosa; Margie Luehrs; Colleen Martchenke; Lauren Bassard; Carol Liston; Ellen Hackerd; Kristi Morlock; Bill Martchenke; Bill Sandau; Mike Souza; Kim Heggins; Linda Benz; Earl Raymer; Jessica Frazier; Blenda Schultz; Michelle Michael; Dina Morrow; Joyce Strom; Holly Contier; Dave Mueller; Pastor Bothwell*

## **Ministry guidance**

*Administrative Assistant Position; School Enrollment; Evangelism; Youth Ministry; Parish Education; Kingdom Quest; Confirmation; Development of ministry plan – Planning Council*

## **For comfort**

*Al Naiman family for the passing of his brother Frank; Deckert family for the passing of Allen VanReemoortel; Former member, Janice Miller and family at the sudden death of son, Mark; The Barnhart family for the passing of Jan's father; The Blank family for the passing of Hedy; Edythe Lyles family; Maura Garguilo family; Kristi Morlock's family; Martina Bohndorf family; Barbara Adams' family; Jack Welch family; Mark Butler family; Anderson family; The Vita Family; Jan & Lyle Kreger*

## **Cancer patients**

*Pastor & Darlene Geach's son-in-law, Bob Nishida; Bret Mendia's mother; Ruth Johnson; Jan Curler's friend, JR; Rich Deffner esophagus cancer; Elisa Gaskill; Melody Saldate; Teri Grealish; friends of Cindy Schroer, Barbara & Nadja; Lyndie Vaccaro; Millie Salo; Jacy Bolton*

## **Physical, emotional or spiritual healing**

*Earl Raymer's son-in-law, Jack Brady~ mild heart attack; Mabel Stafne's sister, Erna~ broke leg in two places; Dick Deckert; Amy Sosa's mother, Dian; Bill, friend of Norma Smith has blood clots in lungs; Jennifer Yglesias undergoing tests; Pam Caspersen's cousin Douglas; Rick Deckert's cousin, Sarah Champion; Nancy Woodard; Don Benson; Phillip Caspersen; Cindy Schroer; Logan Mueller; Karen Brezee; Judy Arnold; Clinton Luehrs; Evan Sosa; Carol Liston's sister, brother-in-law, & nephew; Millicent Francis; John (prosthetic by Dec.) & Sharon Grunow; Matthew Geach; Cris Anderson, gangrene in hand; Chuck Judy; Sam Avolicino; Myron Schroer; Suzanne Avolicino's father, Ray Lucas; Binder's grandson, Timothy; Bret Mendia; Traci McClain's sister-in-law; Bernice Durant; Etta Goodman; Eric Searle and family; Carol Liston's father; Earl Raymer; Bob Ellis; Millie Salo; Sid Nickles; Louise Braklow; Steve Moore's mother; Shirley Evjen; Mabel Stafne; Dora Nathan; Debbie Spence; Victor Gutierrez; friend of Mary Dorr, Gerry; Kristena Fuentes; Annie Ellis' sister, Glo; David Cannella; Edith Mena; Dian Smith; Angelina Singh; Louise Woodard; Pat Bothwell; Ginny Dottaviano; Bessie Benson; Steve Moore; Mildred Judy; Kim Heggins' sister, Anna; Anna Beasley; Dave Flynn; Tom Masely; Wilma Ramirez*

**Travel Mercies:** *Prayers for all who are traveling this holiday season; Kari Penrose's parents; Rick Contier; Bill & Colleen Martchenke; Melissa Meade- backpacking in Europe alone*

**Pray for all expectant moms,** *that they would go full term and have healthy babies~*

*Tessa Hicks due in January; Tara Skjong due in April; Penny, Holly Contier's sister– has had several miscarriages and is now 10 weeks pregnant (due in July)*

**In order to keep our prayer list current, please call the office with updates.**