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Pastor's Column

This new phase of my life is, to understate the obvious, difficult to face. For the past 35+ years, Pat was my soul mate, my partner in every aspect of life, my lover and my best friend. Imagining life without her is unpleasant to consider. Even with her disabilities the past few years, she was there to listen, to pray with, to love and support me and to provide an enormous source of strength as she suffered with this horrible disease with such dignity and grace. In a way it reflects the uncertain future the disciples faced when Jesus left them and ascended into heaven.

And just as Jesus left them a promise that the Spirit would come and clothe them with power so He leaves all of us who grieve the passing of a deeply loved one in our lives a wonderful promise.

In the 11th chapter of John, a grieving sister says to Jesus, *“Where were you? If you had been **HERE** my brother would not have died?”* Believe me, I have repeated this question more than once during Pat’s illness. The answer that the Father, Son and Spirit give is; *“I was, am and always will be **HERE!**”*

Could God have cured Pat? Absolutely! Why didn’t He? I do not pretend to know this answer, but I will give testimony to the fact that He was **HERE**, every day, to provide hope and grace. And finally, He answered our prayer that Pat would not experience the horrible physical suffering this disease could potentially inflict on her body. Her last days were peaceful, with no physical suffering, as were her final moments. For the last two hours of her life, she was surrounded by her loved ones, who prayed for her, talked to her, held her and carried her as far as we could in this valley of the shadow. And when her time came, she breathed her last peaceful breath, took the hand of Jesus and left this world in the twinkling of an eye. So, did God cure Pat? Absolutely! She has received the absolute healing of body, mind and spirit and now worships Him in the purity of heaven. We who are left behind are caught between misery and joy. The truth is, the joy we have will always temper and ultimately overwhelm the misery. Paul said it best, *“We sorrow, but not like those who have **NO HOPE!** We believe that Jesus died and rose again and that He will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep.”* And that is a promise that matters!

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

September 2 – 30

Dr. Paul Meier Video series Christianity in the early church held in the Conference room.

September 2nd will still be at 8am and then September 9 – 30 will be at 9:30am

September 9 – 30

The Truth about Islam will be led by Myron Schroer at 9:30am in the Library

October 7 – November 11 Pastor will lead a class “Lutheran Spirituality – Prayer” at 9:30am in the Conference room

October 7 – November 11 Dave Mueller will lead a class covering 6 qualities of a person’s CHARACTER at 9:30am in the Library

Calvary's Website:
www.calvarysanlorenzo.com

Odds AND ENDS

Jesus Christ is a super hug to the sick and disabled.
Christ needs no doctor, teddy bears need no
veterinarian.

By Charles Knebel

Add to your directory...
Mark & Bethany Barkell
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Thank You for all the prayers, cards, phone calls,
and visits. It has really helped my recovery by
keeping my spirits up. With all these prayers I'm
confident I'll have a full recovery.

-In Jesus, Steve Ray

God is good!

Dear Christian Friends,

I just want to say thank you all for your
generous contributions for the reception for Pat's
Memorial Service. It was put to good use to pur-
chase paper products, flowers and food, etc.
Thanks to all the willing workers and all who
stepped up to help serve the Lord with gladness.
Sincerely, Mabel

Members of Calvary Lutheran,
The Memorial Service for our beloved Pat was filled with
spirit and LOVE. Thank you for the luncheon that was
very satisfying and tasty. We all enjoyed the many
pictures of the Bothwell family. Your acolyte is to be es-
pecially commended on his precise and loving service.
In God's love,
Hembd (Good Shepherd, Healdsburg) Bonnie

It's
About
Time...

Time for
HOPE!



Coming Sept. 30th!

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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 PRE³ THROUGH 8TH



CALVARY School is RECYCLING
ALUMINUM CANS & PLASTIC
BEVERAGE BOTTLES

JR. High YOUTH 6:30-8PM (6TH- 8TH GRADE)
1ST, 3RD & 5TH TUESDAYS

Prayers of Our Church



Thanksgiving

For VBS Staff and the children; for a successful weekend at the Zucchini Festival; For all those who volunteered to help make the school rally a success, we opened the school on Tuesday with 155 students

For peace in the world

President Bush and our country's leadership - For our soldiers; Bev Green's 20 yr. old grandson, Jeffrey Wagner serving in the Airforce in Qatar; Joyce Glock's nephew's son, Aaron (age 22) deployed to Iraq for 7 months of combat duty

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; Mike Souza; Kim Heggins; Blenda Schultz; Michelle Michael; Dina Morrow; Jim Kyne; Sarah Conrad; Sherrie Akre; Lisa Rodriguez; Joyce Strom; Dave Mueller; Elaine Sandau; Anne Ellis; Holly Contier; Pastor Bothwell

Ministry guidance

School Enrollment; Evangelism; Youth Ministry; Parish Education; Confirmation; Development of ministry plan – Planning Council

For comfort

Family of Victoria (Isa) Tataje; Lawrence Villabos family; Bothwell family, Corcoran family, Harris family

Cancer patients

Deckerts' cousin, Loretta Ose stage 3 breast cancer; Van Deckert's supervisor's mother, terminal lung cancer; Alicia Berjarano; Ray Warke; Shirley Evjen, Dick Hueter; Doug Kuglar's father, Douglas; Bonnie Bourne; Bob Hauch; Ed McMillan; Gerri Randolphi; Karl Sendelbach; Timothy Benton; Bob Nishida; Ruth Johnson; Rich Deffner; Elisa Gaskill; Melody Saldate; Teri Grealish; Millie Salo; Jacy Bolton

Physical, emotional or spiritual healing

Rita Lowe, congestive heart failure; Van Deckert's coworker, Marge Cooper heart problems; Darlene Goldhammer's sister, Dee; Steve Ray; Wilma Ramirez; Grace Ramos; Dwight Heggins; Bud Capps; Jennifer Schultz's friend Isa; Eric Searle; Bill Glock; Pat Dailey; Sidney Lau; Bob Ellis; Gloria Day's friend Susan Wentworth; Elsie Schroer; Norma Smith's brother-in-law, Barney Haug; Chuck Judy; Stephanie Peterson; Earl Ramer; Mary Grunow; Sid Nickles; Ginny Dottaviano; Gloria Day's mother; Rose Brown; Kristi Morlock's mother; Rick De La Cruz's mother, Rosie; Dian Smith & mother; Stan Miller's parents; Frank Mitchell; Marie Curtis; Amy Sosa's mother, Dianne; Mabel Stafne's sister; Dick Deckert; Nancy Woodard; Don Benson; Karen Brezee; Judy Arnold; Clinton Luehrs; Carol Liston's father, mother, sister, brother-in-law, & nephew; John & Sharon Grunow; Cris Anderson; Sam Avolicino; Suzanne Avolicino's father and mother, Ray and Betty Lucas; Binder's grandchildren, especially Timothy, that he finds a positive direction for his life; Traci McClain's sister-in-law; Bernice Durant; Millie Salo; Louise Braklow; Mabel Stafne; Debbie Spence; Annie Ellis' sister, Glo; David Cannella; Angelina Singh; Louise Woodard; Bessie Benson; Mildred Judy; Kim Heggins' sister, Anna; Anna Beasley; Dave Flynn; Tom Masely

Pray for all expectant moms, that they would go full term and have healthy babies~ Kari Penrose; Bethany Barkell; Jan Curler's cousin, Melody

Travel Mercies Heather Day's friend Stephanie Peterson will be traveling to Ohio next week to meet with the heart specialist; The Schroer family; Pastor Bothwell

Personal Needs & Other Concerns: Beltran family, U.S. residency complications; marriage difficulties; elderly parents; job related issues