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The birth of a new year always brings with the anticipation of what lies ahead. For some of us 2007 was a year of difficulties and sadness – for some of us it was a year of incredible blessings and excitement – for most of us, it was a year that contained both difficulty and blessing. 2008 will probably be no different in these terms – but each year for us as Christians is always a year of promise because we know that we will not face anything alone, Jesus will always be present. So, let me reflect on potential opportunities and decisions we will face as we enter the new year.

First, you will read about a new opportunity in this Chronicle about starting a **Care Giving Ministry**, that will open doors to serve others in the love of Jesus.

Second, I have been preparing to start offering a ministry to all of us who have been touched by grief (recently or not) in a support group model called *GriefShare*, a 13-week experience with others who are grieving. This, too, will open doors of opportunity and witness to our community.

Thirdly, we are gathering information about making a decision on finally building our Multi-purpose addition. We have contacted the Church Extension Fund and gone through the financial analysis of what we can afford to borrow and raise from with the membership. We have contacted our architect to get drawings and cost

analysis of the building. We have started the paper-work to apply for a sizable grant to help defray the cost and possibly add more options to our building. Let me say clearly that we have not made any decision about building, we are only involved in getting the right information so that we can make a decision.

Fourthly, the elders and I are committed to offering several Bible class options on a regular basis for Sunday morning. I will be offering a 6-8 week course on witnessing using your faith stories as the foundation for telling family, friends and co-workers about Jesus **starting on the 6th of January.**

Finally, we are going to have a wonderful celebration of God's faithfulness to Calvary on the weekend of February 23rd and 24th for the past 60 years. I hope you will set aside these dates and join in making it special by attending the banquet and the service we are planning – AND – lending a hand to Linda Dutton and crew to help make it special.

Personally, I am looking forward to 2008 for a few reasons – the marriage of my daughter, Jessica, to her beloved Andrew Keay – the wondrous opportunities God has laid before us as a congregation – and to see what He has in store for me in this new life I now face. May 2008 be a great year of blessing and hope for us all! Sola Deo Gloria!

January 27th Congregational Meeting



**Have you heard??
Vacation Bible Camp
August 4-8, 2008**

Odds AND ENDS

Midweek Bible Class beginning Tues. January 8 at 7pm for @ 1 hour at Hank & Norma Blank's house.

It's About Time ~ It's Not About Evolution ~

It's About An Old Earth

The aim of this study is to strengthen the faith of the saints and to equip them to defend our Faith against the world's view of godless evolution. The information presented in this class can also result in effective evangelism. The Holy Scriptures in this class are never compromised – they are held in the highest esteem as God's true and faithful Word.

Please call Hank if you are interested in attending 278-4436

JUST A REMINDER TO ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS

You can give a tax deductible gift to Calvary Lutheran School of up to \$600.00 and Thrivent will match 50% of your gift. You can get the necessary form on line or in the Church/School office. A GREAT way to support our GREAT school.

Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour is now being broadcast on Sundays from Modesto, CA on... KCBC 770AM at 7:30am & 4:00pm
If the signal is weak try website 770kcbc.com

2008 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex

If you are active at Calvary Ministries and would like to use Offering Envelopes, please contact the church office.

The St. Olaf Choir from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, will be appearing in concert on Tuesday, February 5, 7:30pm at Memorial Church, Stanford University during their upcoming annual national tour. Tickets are now available at stolaftickets.com.

Care-Giving Ministries

One of the most memorable and amazing gifts we received as a family during Pat's illness was the loving help from caring congregational members who got involved in our lives by not only being with Pat and caring for her, but also allowing me time to work and breathe. It became apparent to me that one of the reasons God allowed us to go through this difficult experience was to open our eyes to a very great need in helping those who are facing debilitating disease and to their care-givers. The Lord has laid it on my heart to meet this need in our church and community. See the enclosed Planning Council Minutes under Pastor's Report for a description of necessary workers to meet the needs of those going through difficult times. I am asking you to pray for this ministry, specifically that God will touch someone's heart to take on the first position of Coordinator – and that God would touch other hearts to help provide the needed care for those in need. This is a very simple way to touch others with the love of Jesus. May God bless our prayers.

Forgiveness is a salve for the wounded soul, an ointment to open the eyes and a sweet incense burning before the throne of God.

Charles W. Knebel

Come Celebrate... His Enduring Love

Mark your calendars for February 23 & 24, 2008

Calvary's 60th anniversary Diamond Jubilee

Our banquet will be held Saturday evening Feb. 23, at Prince of Peace, Fremont and our church-wide celebration Sunday, Feb. 24 beginning with a 10am service followed by a fabulous lunch.

FAITH LESSONS ON THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF THE MESSIAH

Starting January 6th, we will again offer this video series featuring Ray Vander Laan as he takes us to the places our Savior walked and ministered to thousands. This 9 week series will take us through His ministry with the disciples and conclude with His death and resurrection. As of now there have been approximately 30 members who have seen this series and all have raved about it. We would encourage you to spend an extra hour on Sunday mornings and be involved in this study. This will be led by Gerry Luehrs and Dave Mueller in the Conference room.

I have completed an audit of the 2006/07 fiscal year, running July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. This was an audit of expenditures only. I reviewed the bank statements, check registers, several of the payroll runs, all expenditures reimbursing individuals, and a selection of expenditures paid to vendors and companies...

In my audit, I found nothing extraordinary to report. My only recommendation is that Calvary consider an audit of church and school revenues.

In His Service and with Best Regards,

Matthew Evans

**ONE 10:00am Service Only
February 24, 2007
(Calvary's 60th Anniversary Celebration Service)**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

PASTOR JAMES BOTHWELL

The altar flower calendar for 2008 is 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

Buy gift cards!

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP
SR. High 6- 8pm

Worship SERVICES

8:00AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

(COMMUNION ON 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS)

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE STUDY

10:45AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

(COMMUNION ON 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS)

5TH SUNDAYS ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00AM
(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 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

Logan Mueller's successful surgery; Kayla Armstrong's return home; Earl Raymer has taken some steps and progressing nicely; Pastor's daughter, Jessica upon her engagement to Andrew Keay; Tory Jerome & Tammy Contier's confirmation; Paul & Susan Hoffman's son, Paul just started a new job; For the teachers and students who were part of an awesome Calvary School Christmas program

For peace in the world

President Bush and our country's leadership - For our soldiers; Kristi Morlock's brother-in-law, Todd Cook in Kuwait

For our staff

Trudy Packard; Chrystle Vincent; Traci McClain; Linda Benz; 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

Mildred Judy & family; Suzanne Avolicino & family; Louise Woodard & family; Maren Giannini family for the passing of her mother; Paul Zody family; Bothwell family

Cancer patients

Bernadette Pastorino, friend of Sylvia Meade; Nick, friend of Schroer's; Marlene Mueller's niece, Elaine; Rita Lowe; Deckerts' cousin, Loretta Ose Ray Warke; Shirley Evjen, Doug Kuglar's father, Douglas; Bonnie Bourne; Bob Hauch; Ed McMillan; Gerri Randolph; 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

Chris McClain, 8th ear surgery Dec. 21; Amy Sosa's mother; Jan Curler's cousin, Melody & newborn; Denise Eck, daughter of Steve & Barbara Arionus; Dan Bothwell; Stephanie Peterson; Cindy Strom; Earl Raymer; Sue Miller; Kayla Armstrong; Liz Fosdahl; Bill Benz; Bret Mendia; Alicia Bejarano; Mary Dorr's sister, Joyce Christiansen; Steve Ray; Wilma Ramirez; Bud Capps; Eric Searle; Bill Glock; Sidney Lau; Bob Ellis; Barney Haug; Mary Grunow; Sid Nickles; Ginny Dottaviano; Rose Brown; Rick De La Cruz's mother, Rosie; Dian Smith & mother; Stan Miller's parents; Frank Mitchell; Marie Curtis; 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; friend of Mary Dorr, Gerry; Binder's grandchildren; 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 ~ Chrystle Vincent's daughter, Stephanie; Colleen Martchenke, baby due in May; Jyoti's friend, Malti pregnant with twins, on complete bed rest

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

Travel Mercies: All of those traveling during the Christmas break; Barbara Arionus as she travels to southern CA to be with their daughter