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It hardly seems possible that we are on the verge of beginning a new year. It was once explained to me that the reason each year seems to pass so quickly is due to ratios. When you are five years old, a year goes slower because it is 1/5 of your life – at 10 it is quicker, even though it is only 1/10 of your life – and so on until you reach the golden years of 50+, when each year seems to last about the blink of an eye.

And with each passing year there seems to be more and more one wants to accomplish and now less time to get it all done. I was looking at a list someone made of the 100 most exciting places to visit in a lifetime. I have seen about 20 of them, which means, if I visited 2 of the remaining places each year, I will have seen them all by my 99th birthday. By which time I doubt I would remember the 100 places, let alone where I put the list. As I thought about this, it brought to mind two important things. The first is the shortness of our life in this place. The Psalmist wrote that the Lord has put the boundary of 70 years on human life, 80 if He is gracious and we have the strength! (Psalm 90)

And the second important thing is priorities – what is the best way to enjoy the richness and blessing of life in this short period of time? How do we make the most of the time God has allotted to us in this place? Is it about visiting the 100 most beautiful places in the world? Is it about making a good living and being successful in the eyes of our

family and world? Is it about being faithful to those we love and caring for them? Is it about making a difference in the world, leaving it a better place for our being here? Is it about living a full and prosperous life, enjoying each day to the max?

These are all potential priorities in our life and they may all be important and admirable – but are they the best way to enjoy our life? Let me challenge you to read the Book of Ecclesiastes, or at least the last (12th) chapter of it. After a lifetime of pondering the vanity (meaninglessness) of life, the author concludes with these words, *“Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of humanity. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.”*

Let's enter into this new year of exciting potential with this resolve – to look for what God wants us to do in His kingdom – and then do it!

Beginning on January 4th at our Bible Study hour – I will be facilitating a 7-week marriage enrichment class, led by Dr. Gary Smalley, entitled, *“I Promise.”* It will be followed by a live *“Focus On Marriage”* simulcast here at Calvary on February 28th from 8:30am– 3:30pm. Tickets are \$50/couple. We need a few couples to help coordinate this. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Odds AND ENDS

DATES TO SAVE:

Jan. 31: School Work Party 9am-12pm
E-waste collection at Calvary

Feb. 5: Open House & Art Fair 7-8:30pm

April 4: 6th Annual Calvary Auction

April 13: 6th Annual Calvary Golf Tournament

Aug. 3-7: VBC (vacation bible camp)

LWML Happenings:

Mite Box Sunday ~ 1st Sunday of every month (bring your mite boxes in and deposit them in the larger one in the Narthex)

Quilting Prayer Ministry ~ meet every Weds. from 9am-12pm in the conf. rm., NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! **Quilt kits** will be available in the Narthex for those unable to join us on Weds. mornings.

LWML Contact person is: Barbara Adams 278-7045

Beauty for Ashes

If you have archives of personal bitterness,
Perhaps going back decades,
Then call upon the name of the Lord Jesus
To bring down fire from heaven
To destroy them and give you beauty for ashes.

Charles W. Knebel

School Work Party

January 31, 2009
9am- 12

This is the annual "sprucing up" of the classrooms before the Open House. We will wash windows, dust, etc.

Attn: All Lucky, Food Max and Save Mart Shoppers

Please pick up a SHARES card from the Kiosk, Church office or School office and use each time you shop at the above stores. Calvary will receive 3% of your purchase each time you shop. NO strings attached.

Jr. High News

We are switching things up! Since Tuesday nights are often filled with sports practices, loads of homework and other family activities, we will be changing our Jr. High youth group nights to Friday evenings from 7-8:30 pm We will be trying this new schedule out to create a fun environment where Jr. Highers are able to relax and have fun after their week of school, but also learn about God's word and how it applies to their lives in a relevant way.

Friday, January 9th

7-8:30 pm. Join us for off the wall games, and Bible studies that dig us deep into God's word!

Friday, January 23rd

Roller Skating at Cal Skate in Milpitas! Cost: \$8 Adult drivers are needed!

Meet at the parking lot of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (166 W Harder Rd. Hayward, CA) at 7 pm. There we will meet up with Jr Highers from Good Shepherd as we join in a night of roller skating. We will all carpool to the skating rink 980 Los Coches St Milpitas) and stay from 7:30-10 pm. Parents can pick up kids at 10:30 pm. (or as they call you) at the GSLC parking lot.

What's new in the middle school?

There's a new, old teacher in the middle grades. Allow me to introduce myself. I am Mr. Bethke and I was teaching last year at Grace Lutheran, San Mateo, I retired in June after 40 years of teaching in Lutheran Schools. My wife continues to teach at Grace. I have three daughters, one living in London, England, one in New York City, and one in San Francisco. I started at Calvary December 1, and am enjoying it greatly. The staff is great and the kids are too. It's a little daunting learning all the names and all the routines, but all that will come. I will be serving until the end of the school year.

The sixth grade, where I am serving as home room teacher, is planning a field trip to the moon. We will be going to Chabot Space and Science Center, where we will be participating in a space flight simulation of a trip to the moon. Chabot has a lot of special equipment, which should give the children a chance to learn what it is like to work and live in space.

Mr. William Bethke

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WEDNESDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP
SR. High 6- 8pm

Worship SERVICES (beginning Sept. 7)

8:00AM TRADITIONAL Worship Service
(COMMUNION ON 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS)
9:30AM ADULT & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45AM CONTEMPORARY Worship 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

Prayers of Our Church



Thanksgiving

The Barkell family's safe trek to PA; Wesley Bell's recovery from diabetic seizures; Pre-2nd gr. Christmas program was a great success, thank you to the teacher's and students involved; Lisa Ghiselli's biopsy was negative; Ginny Dottaviano's successful surgery; Tom Adams PET scan revealed the mass at the rib area is almost gone, the lymph node that was involved shows NOTHING and the spot in his lung is almost gone! For our new middle school teacher, Bill Bethke; for the installation of the new furnace (thanks Lee, Kevin, Phil & Eric Hicks); for a great Wittenberg Christmas Tea

For peace in the world

President Bush and our country's leadership - For our soldiers, Aaron Voss who is in Iraq and Austin who is in Germany and waiting to go. They are both safe thus far.

For our staff

Trudy Packard; Chrystle Vincent; Traci McClain; Vanessa Eckhardt; Amy Sosa; Margie Luehrs; Christina Grace; Bethany Blair; Carol Liston; Ellen Hackerd; Kristi Morlock; Bill Bethke; Mike Souza; Kim Heggins; Blenda Schultz; Michelle Michael; Dina Morrow; Jim Kyne; Sarah Conrad; Sherrie Akre; Joyce Strom; Dave Mueller; Elizabeth Bell; Holly Contier; Pastor Bothwell

Ministry guidance

School Enrollment; Evangelism; Children's, Family, and Youth Ministries; Parish Education; Development of ministry plan – Planning Council.

For comfort

Gloria Day family for the passing of her mother, Rose Brown; Phil Pokorny family for the passing of his mom; Bill Sandau family for the passing of his mom, Emma Sandau; for Alex Corcoran & loss of his best friend; Carol Liston and family for the passing of her father, Ray Sprehe

Cancer patients

Ed Bassard prostate cancer; Rachel Parra; Mary Peters; Tom Adams; Bernice Hall; Ann Benson; Terssa Diaz; Sue Bender; Bill Burke; Sheila Weber; Eliose Smith; Kayla Armstrong; Denise Eck; Bernadette Pastorino; Shirley Evjen; Doug Kuglar's father; Bob Nishida; Melody Saldate; Gisela Binder's brother-in-law; Ann RoseSolly Catiis.

Physical, emotional or spiritual healing

Jan Curler's cousin, Jim Hohnberger recovering from back surgery; Rev. David Caspersen home recovering from knee replacement surgery; Ginny Dottaviano; Lisa Ghiselli; Linnea Greer; Stephen & Yoon Mitchell; Annie Ellis' sister, Glo; Marlene Mueller's sister, Gloria; Gloria Day; Connor Martchenke; Amy Sosa's mother, Diane; Louise Woodard's cousin, Joyce; Mabel Stafne; Josa Lau; Dian Smith & mother; Rick De La Cruz's mother, Rosie; Tyler Flynn; Stafne's son-in-law; Wilma Ramirez; Kevin Smith; Kristi Morlock's uncle; Bret Mendia; Alicia Bejarano; Mary Dorr's sister, Joyce; Bill Glock; Sidney Lau; Barney Haug; Stan Miller's parents; Mabel Stafne's sister; Dick Deckert; Nancy Woodard; Judy Arnold; Carol Liston's, mother, sister, brother-in-law, & nephew; friend of Mary Dorr, Gerry; Binder's grandchildren; Debbie Spence; David Cannella; Louise Woodard; Mildred Judy; Kim Heggins' sister, Anna; Anna Beasley; Dave Flynn; Tom Masely

Personal Needs & Other Concerns: marriage difficulties; elderly parents; job related issues- Tom Duvall; Guy Marden; and Mark Barkell in need of employment.

Pray for all expectant moms, that they would go full term and have healthy babies ~ Bethany Barkell; Sarah Anderson; Grace Ramos

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

Calvary's Website:
www.calvarysanlorenzo.com

2009 Offering Envelopes will be available in the Narthex. If you are active at Calvary Ministries and would like to use Offering Envelopes, please contact the church office.