

October 2020

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October Message

The Rev. Dr. Austin L. Leininger



Welcome to October, Calvary family!

I toyed with the idea of saying “in year-one of the covid-era,” but I decided that a tongue-in-cheek greeting isn’t what I was going for in the salutation ☺. And yet, this is the reality and the world in which we live—we aren’t certain when restrictions will lift, or, when they do, when it will even actually be safe to congregate, to hug each other, to be in physically-present community again. The uncertainty can be exhausting, it has been a grieving process, it has been a period of intense change that has forced us to be flexible in ways many of us never imagined, and yet we are here.

We remain as a community connected to each other, invested in each other’s lives, and seeking ways to live out our faith and God’s abundance in our pandemic world. We have housed each other when displaced by fires, we have supported one another in grief and confusion, we have helped one another through financial hardship, we have reached out each week to call each other, we have worried about each other’s safety and wellbeing, we have gathered together online to build new bridges to one another when the familiar roads and paths have been cut-off, and we have maintained our pledges that keep Calvary functional as a parish. I am struck by just how much this collection of responses

The Stewardship Committee invites you to a special event!

2021 Pledge Campaign Kick Off via Zoom
Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

The program will include music, budget information, pictures of members in action at Calvary!

Prepare some snacks and your favorite beverage, and join us from the comfort of your home as we celebrate our Calvary Community together.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81243229205?pwd=UIZ2S0xnTDIYY2NraDFzWEIxOVZEQT09>
Meeting ID: 812 4322 9205
Passcode: 074662

The San Lorenzo Valley Museum is pleased to present:

Yellow Ribbons

A Short Play by Dana Bagshaw
Saturday October 10, 2020, 4pm & 7pm PST



Join us for this free webinar production directed by Matt Matthews

Enjoy a peek at the suffragists of 1896 Santa Cruz with music and images of the period

Followed by participant Q & A session

Zoom info: www.slvmuseum.org
or watch live on www.facebook.com/slvmuseum

See article under Announcements

creates picture of our collective response out of faith and love! This is the response of being present in and ambassadors of God's abundance in relationship with each other. It is the response of hope in the face of uncertainty and grief. It is the response of resilience and perseverance. We often hear about what the "kingdom of heaven" (or "socialist egalitarian commonwealth of heaven" for those less monarchically minded) is like, and, for many of us, the experience of our community coming together in this time is an amazing example of just that.

In the past, October has been the month in which we've celebrated St. Francis Day with the blessing of the animals. It has been the month when we've started our pledge drive for the coming year. It has been the month when we've welcomed trick-or-treaters to Calvary for the downtown celebration of Halloween, the month we've celebrated Dia de los Muertos and prepared for All Saints Day. And for once this year, I'm glad to be able to say that, despite our world being in confusion, and our norms confounded, we yet continue our celebrations and planning! We'll gather virtually to bless the animals on Sunday the 4th at our coffee hour. Adding something new this month, we'll be kicking off our 9:00 worship/adult ed hour on October 11th. We'll find new traditions and ways of celebrating Halloween with our children and neighbors—and to that end, we'll be inviting each family who is so inclined to set up an ofrenda to share at our Coffee Hour on All Saints Day (which is on a Sunday this year!). And on October 17th, we'll gather virtually (on Zoom) at 4 in the afternoon for fellowship and festive refreshments to celebrate our past year in ministry and plan for next year's ministry at the kick off to our 2021 pledge drive!

The faithfulness, hope, care, versatility, flexibility, creativity, ingenuity, and indomitable spirit of our Calvary community is an example and a beacon of hope to those in our neighboring communities. I continue to be so very impressed with the efforts and novel approaches to ministry, liturgy, education, gatherings, and community bridging that Calvary has undertaken in the past six and a half months. I hope (in the non-ironic sense) that you ARE proud of yourselves, and I continue to look forward to the time of regathering.

Blessings,



Austin

Fall Stewardship Pledge Campaign

In order to be responsible planners, October becomes the time of year to think about the next year's budget and how we will pay our bills. It was strange to start thinking about asking people for money during these unusual times. However, the more I thought about it, the more I saw it as an optimistic endeavor. We have carried on with our gatherings remotely and supported each other in many ways throughout the pandemic and fires. And we plan to be here when it is time to open our doors!

So, as I reflect on why I contribute to Calvary Church, let me share what has kept me going during the shelter in place. I have safely been walking the back streets and trails of Santa Cruz, wearing a mask and avoiding crowds. During these walks I have encountered many of you.

I saw Chris riding her bike on West Cliff Drive after visiting with Violet. I saw Cathy and Tom walking their dog. Sally honked and waved as she drove by. Nancy pulled over on a side street for a chat. Patrick called greetings through the window at a stop sign. So many connections to Calvary! We have a caring community that welcomes all people who wish to join us, "just as you are".

That is what I value and why I want to contribute to a church community that shares God's gifts and love.
Alice Lopez

Family & Youth Report

By Teacher Sonja Reetz

St. Francis Sunday is Oct 4, and we are excited about the blessing of animals during coffee hour. Think of the advantages! No pet food, cages, leashes, water, or whatnot to be lugged into the car! Sound can be muted as needed! Because of these advantages, pets actually "come" to Sunday School each Sunday now. In preparation for St. Francis Sunday, we have been reading about the life of St. Francis, how he went from "riches to rags" and was happy to do so - about his divine relationship with animals, all documented in writing. As to future plans, Matt McCabe, Sunday School director at St John's, is developing a Sunday School program using MINECRAFT. He is asking if Calvary would like to join St John's and St. Phillip's in using this program. More on this as we gather more information. We may want to join them on a once a month basis.

COPA Report

By Sonja and Al Reetz

We are pleased to announce that Calvary will be well represented at the COPA County Supervisor Accountability Candidate Forum on Oct. 4. At this event the candidates will be asked to be accountable in working toward solutions to major issues presented by COPA members. This event will also further develop COPA's relationship with our county government. For more information on other COPA news go to [COPA Happenings 15 Sep 2020.pdf](#)

There is always room for more: Register in advance for the COPA County supervisor Candidates

Accountability Forum: <http://bit.ly/COPA-Register>

COPA Candidates' Accountability Forum
County Supervisor Races
Monterey District 4 & Santa Cruz District 1
Sunday, October 4th at 4 PM
Pre-Register via Zoom
 COPA, 95 Alta Vista Ave, Watsonville, CA 95076 •
 (831) 728-3210 • www.copaiaf.org • @COPA_IAF

Testing, Tracing and Supported Isolation

Workforce Development
 NEW SKILLS
 TRAINING

Candidates
Monterey County District 4:
 Wendy Root Askew & Steve McShane
Santa Cruz County District 1:
 Manu Koenig & John Leopold

WHEN WE ALL Vote

COPA
 COUNTY SUPERVISOR ACCOUNTABILITY FORUM

Interested in serving in person at Calvary? Starting this Sunday we'll be inviting those of our lectors comfortable serving in person to do so! (Presence is not required—we'd still love for you to read whether present or not). If you have signed up to be a lector, or would like to sign up to do so, please let Nicole, Austin, and Blaine know so we can put a list together and get a schedule set! Duties will include being present by 9:45am to vest, reading the three lessons, Nicene Creed, and Prayers of the People at their appointed times in the service, and standing 6' away from Austin behind the altar during the Eucharist (on camera). If there are others who would like to serve in person but don't want to read, please let me know. We can try to pair folks with those who would like to read but can't serve in person. Sundays when we have video/audio lectures and no volunteers to serve in person, I'll continue to invite Marie and Anthony to fill in :). There are no associated LEM duties as we aren't allowed to be close enough.

Join us Wednesdays on Zoom from 5-6 pm for a new adult ed series on Ethics in the Anglican Tradition! Austin has offered to provide readings, insights, and join us in conversation for seven different weeks of looking at how we in the Episcopal Church address the ethics of a variety of challenging topics. From marginalized peoples, LGBTQIA+ and racism to the environment, fires, and pandemics, we'll be taking on and discussing some of the principle issues of our time. Kicking off the series, we'll get a handle on the fundamentals of ethical theory, then dive into the fun and challenging world of theological ethics. Come join us for some fellowship, fun, and what is sure to be some scintillating conversation! We'll meet Wednesdays from 5-6pm, September 16th-October 28. To sign up (i.e. to receive materials and Zoom invitations), please contact Austin directly: aleininger@calvarysantacruz.org

An invitation from Dana Bagshaw (See add on cover page)

The year 1896 is a presidential election year. One of the most contested issues is women's suffrage, and local Santa Cruz men and women respond with vigor. You are invited to view two days in their lives -- the first set in Kate Handley's hat shop, and the second at the YMCA where Anna Shaw is the renowned guest speaker. Both scenes are filled with conflicts and laughs. The title song is performed thanks to the magic of Alex Johnson and Murray Walker, with Kylan deGhetaldi on Piano!

Moving the play to a live-streamed Zoom webinar is quite a challenge, but we're having a lot of fun. Hope you will too. Like us, you'll get to know our characters based on real people from Santa Cruz history. You may recognize some of the cast from our Lincoln's Eulogy play performed at Calvary for Founder's Day, 2016.

Please invite your friends to join us as well. And stay afterward to meet the cast, the director, the zoom host, the playwright, and a local historian, to whom you can ask your questions.

Announcements

Thursday Interactive Worship. Thursdays at 11:30, Father Austin and others gather on Zoom for Morning Prayer with conversation around the assigned readings and the saint of the day. Join us for some mid-week worship, conversation, and fellowship! Please email Father Austin directly (rector@calvarysantacruz.org) to ask to be included in the Zoom email list and to provide an email address for the invitation!

Bible Study Tuesdays at 11 am. Please email Father Austin directly (rector@calvarysantacruz.org) to ask to be included in the Zoom email list and to provide an email address for the invitation!

Calvary Book Club – will meet via Zoom on Friday, October 16 at 4:00 p.m. (NOTE new time) to discuss *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II* by Sonia Purnell. "Based on new and extensive research, Sonia Purnell has for the first time uncovered the full secret life of Virginia Hall—an astounding and inspiring story of heroism, spycraft, resistance, and personal triumph over shocking adversity. *A Woman of No Importance* is the breathtaking story of how one woman's fierce persistence helped win the war." - from the publisher. We also selected a book for November: *Red at the Bone*, a novel by Jacqueline Woodson. "In less than 200 sparsely filled pages, this book manages to encompass issues of class, education, ambition, racial prejudice, sexual desire and orientation, identity, mother-daughter relationships, parenthood and loss...."- NPR. For more information and/or to get on the club email list for announcements and Zoom invitations, contact Martha Dexter at mmdexter@gmail.com.

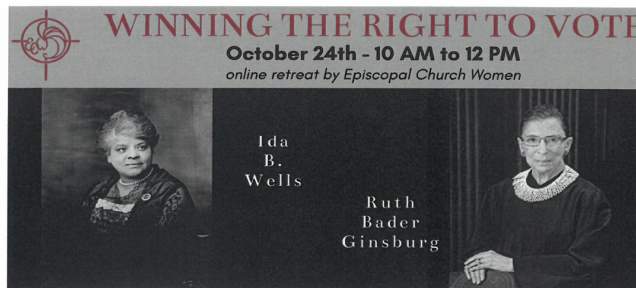
Outreach Sunday, October 25 -- Each month we focus on a Calvary outreach ministry and collect a special offering for that ministry over the course of 4 weeks. Starting October 25 and through November 15, we support the Bishop's Covid-19 and Disaster Relief Fund. Proceeds from the Fund support people in the Diocese of El Camino Real whose livelihoods have been impacted by shelter-at-home requirements due to COVID-19, and those affected by wildfires in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Santa Clara Counties. You can donate online at <https://www.realepiscopal.org/donate/> or send checks made out to Diocese of El Camino Real (memo line Bishop's Covid-19 Fund) to P.O. Box 689, Salinas, CA 93902. For more information, contact info@realepiscopal.org.

A Gift of Music. As Shelter-in Place and Online services continue, Calvary Choir is hoping that we can, in some small way, help to ease the stress of this difficult time. Our video performance of Handel's "Let the bright seraphim" and "Let their celestial concerts," heard on May 24, The Sunday after Ascension Day, was a great hit. Here is a link to the video so you can enjoy it again and again. <https://calvarysantacruz.org/index.php/music/calvary-choir-recordings/>

SUPPORT: During this time of virtual-church, we have no way to pass the plate other than offering the option to donate online or mail in a check to Calvary. Please feel invited to make an offering by clicking the "Donate" button on our website, or by mailing a check to the Calvary office: 532 Center Street, S.C., CA 95060.

Your diocesan Episcopal Church Women is offering a Virtual Retreat on Oct. 24th WINNING THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

Join us for this morning retreat with Ida B. Wells (1862-1931), a well-known African American suffragist and journalist, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-2020), the Jewish Supreme Court justice, both of whom contributed mightily to women's rights. The ECW Retreat will be led by The Rev. Linda McConnell.



Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence

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Come and learn about Women's persistence more than 100 years ago to earn all women the right of citizenship through the right to vote.



On August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was finally ratified, enfranchising all American women, and declaring for the first time that they, like men, deserve all rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

RESERVE A SPACE AT THE RETREAT: Send an email to ECW President Donna Seelbach at dsdonnaseelbach2@gmail.com to reserve a space. Donna will send you the Zoom link by the Friday (Oct. 23rd) prior to the retreat.



100 years after winning the right to vote, women and girls are still fighting for political equality.

Spread the Word! As Calvary has moved online for the time being, we need help in spreading the word to all those who may be interested in attending—regardless of how far away they may be! We've had viewers from Spain, New York, Colorado, Utah, Montana, and Arizona—and those are just the viewers we know about. If you know of someone who isn't on our calvary email address who might appreciate knowing about our Sunday service and other online (Zoom) gathering .

Musical Soulmates
Celebrating Collaboration
presents




Shannon D'Antonio | Violin | Kate Alm | Piano

Benefitting




Saturday | November 7, 2020 | 5:00 pm
Celebrating the Americas and Their Influence
 featuring **Shannon D'Antonio, Violin**
 with **Kate Alm, Piano** and friends

TICKETS | \$30 plus fee: Donations also accepted
Calvary Episcopal Church
LIVESTREAM

EVENTBRITE:
Search "Musical Soulmates"

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We are working with a deficit budget of (\$4500.00), so we do have some ground to make up. This is a concern for the upcoming months, as our budget was adopted previous to the pandemic and we budgeted for a big uptick in pledges during the month of December. It's been historically true that the Christmas programs help make December our biggest pledge and plate income month. This year we expect to still be "worshiping in place" during the Christmas season, so let's hope the Christmas spirit as well as our online Christmas programs will prompt generous giving despite our different circumstances!
 Cathy Watson

Crossroads Articles. If you have an article to submit to the Crossroads please email to enna.lopez@yahoo.com by the 27th day of the month.

Did you know?

The Stewardship Committee meets monthly on the fourth Friday of the month at 11:00 am, via Zoom. We are preparing for our upcoming pledge drive and welcome your ideas and participation. If you would like to join us please email Alice Lopez at enna.lopez@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your support! We are stewards of God's love, grace and mercy.

Treasurer's Report

Our August 2020 Income Statement remains true to course in this time of pandemic and quarantine: overall income is down (\$10,000.00) year-to-date mostly due to lack of 12-step and facility rental income. This month pledge income slipped a bit in comparison to our budgeted amount. We are under budget (\$2800.00) in August pledge income but still up \$7700.00 in pledge income year-to-date. Plate income is holding very steady every month, being only (\$87.00) under budget year-to-date.

Our expenses help by generally being under budget every month. This is due in large part to the lack of activity at church. Our new solar panels also play a big role in keeping costs down. The gas and electric bill is down (\$1200.00) year to date. Overall, our operating expenses are down (\$10,000.00) year to date, which puts us just about at budget as of the end of August.

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