

# May 2022

## CALVARY CROSSROADS



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## May Message

### The Rev. Dr. Austin L. Leininger



29 April 2022

Dear Calvary Family,

When I came to Calvary five years ago, you welcomed me into your homes and hearts. You reached out to Jane to help her feel welcome, and you reached out to my children and helped them make Santa Cruz their home. You made us feel like family. We are eternally grateful for you, for your love and care, and for this incredible parish family that has been such a tremendous part of our lives. I love you all dearly, and it makes writing this letter an emotional and difficult endeavor. However, after careful consideration of all available options, I and my family have come to the difficult conclusion that we will not be able to afford to stay in California any longer. Therefore, I must, with a heavy heart, resign my tenure as Rector at Calvary Episcopal Church.

Over these past five years, as all of us know, costs have risen sharply. During that time, my children have been growing into the size of adults, and a year ago we added a sixth permanent member to our family when it became necessary for Jane's mom to move in with us. We no longer fit in our three-bedroom rental, but neither can we afford to move into a bigger home at today's prices. We've simply been priced out of both the rental and the

homebuying markets anywhere in the local region. My family and I will be moving out of state in mid-June to begin our next chapter in a new home and a new state. My final Sunday with you will be on June 12th—Bishop Lucinda will be here to lead a special service that day. I cannot begin to express to you how much you all mean to me. I have treasured the relationships we've built, the work we've done together, and all that we have achieved together over the past five years! We have worked at inreach, outreach, program and grounds development, added new services and fellowship opportunities, added new technology to reach beyond our doors to those unable by distance or ability to join us in person, we have reached a place of financial sustainability, and we have learned and grown together in so many ways—not the least of which is surviving a pandemic together! I am in awe of the tireless energy of this parish family, and I will leave taking comfort in knowing that you will take care of one another after my time with you draws to a close.

Your wardens and vestry are working with me to ensure that we have as smooth of a transition as possible, as are Bishop Lucinda and Canon Martha, and I have every confidence that you will find and call a priest who is every bit as amazing as you are for your next rector! All that being said, I will miss you. Each of you has impacted and enriched my life and my faith, and you give me tremendous hope for the future of the Church! May God continue to bless this beautiful and amazing Calvary family richly and abundantly as you continue to live as Christ's hands and heart in downtown Santa Cruz.

With deep gratitude and fondness,

The Rev. Dr. Austin L. Leininger

April 29, 2022

Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

Dear Calvary Parish Family,

As sad as we are to know that Austin will be leaving us in June, be assured that our parish will continue to operate and grow in this transition period with the leadership of your wardens and Vestry and with support and guidance from the Diocese, Bishop Lucinda and Canon Martha.

We are grateful for Austin's love, ministry and leadership over the past five years, especially during the challenging Covid pandemic. We send him and his family off to their new life and ministry with our gratitude and blessings.

Faithfully yours,  
Liz Wesolowski, Sr. Warden  
Jane Martin, Jr. Warden

## Calvary Youth & Family

Thank you! Thank You! This is a great big thank you for the wonderful send-off celebration at the Easter Sunday coffee hour with prayer, cards, gifts, cake and friendship. I have so many wonderful memories and I know I will miss Sunday School. It was a celebration day in many ways. The youth were able to process into the 10:30 Easter service with the Alleluia banner which had been in hiding since prior to the pandemic. In Sunday School Marie and I met with Corvin and Emma, and two grandchildren of Catherine & Jim Gill from New Zealand; Ateara and Tanira. Ateara sang to us his personal Maori song as we made congratulations cards for our Eda Peterson who was baptized at the Easter Vigil service.

As for what is next, Patricia, and many others in the parish are doing some creative thinking about how to continue to do Calvary Sunday School and other youth & family activities. Please share your thoughts and ideas. There will be easy to use Sunday School ideas and materials available in our beautiful Sunday School room for volunteers to step in. Also plans are in the making for a parish potluck gathering perhaps in early June where some creative thinking and sharing can take place.

By Sonja Reetz

Palm Sunday Dyeing Eggs



## Outreach/Inreach Report

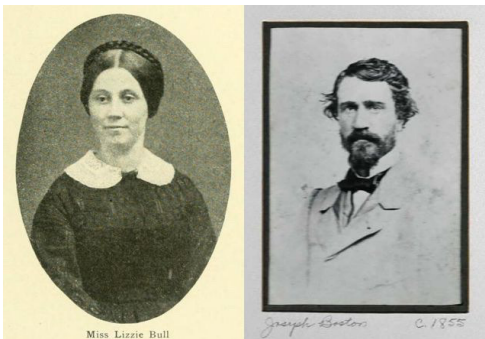
As a result of input from the recent Congregational Survey, the Outreach Committee has taken action concerning an expressed need related to in-reach/pastoral care at Calvary. On Tuesday April 5, a group made up of those members who expressed interest in a renewed Calvary In-reach/pastoral care effort met in the Reetz backyard. Under the topic of "Calvary Cares", stories were shared and an action plan was formulated, this included:

- a) Information was received that Calvary members who now find themselves as shut-ins have commented "I don't hear from other members of the church". We will address this need.
- b) We have eleven members who have responded to a call for volunteers in this effort,
- c) A planning group will meet monthly primarily to work toward connecting known needs with specific volunteers.
- d) A "point person" for this effort has come forth, this person will receive needs from sources such as Fr. Austin, Nicole, etc. and connect with volunteers. We are enthusiastic about this important new in-reach group at Calvary. I believe our group is well on our way to meet important goals and we invite others to join in on this endeavor.

Submitted by  
Al Reetz

## News from the Pews

Audition Notice. Seeking actors to play these two characters:



### May 1 AUDITIONS for **Empty Chair**

A new short play about town founders, by Dana Bagshaw set in Santa Cruz, mid to late 1800s, directed by Matt Matthews.

May 1, 4pm audition -- June 25, 26 performances  
Calvary Episcopal Church, 532 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

### Roles:

Agnes Scott – (already cast) Mid-20s to early 50s. A vibrant, fashionable seamstress who follows her husband to a mining town.

Hiram Scott – Late 30s to early 50s. Patriarch of the Scotts Valley family, successful in real estate, but not in mining.

Eliza Boston – Mid-20s to early 50s. An energetic civic leader and founder of Calvary Episcopal Church who agonizes over her husband.

Joseph Boston – Late 30s to early 50s. An equally energetic man, successful in retail and tannery businesses, but with suicidal tendencies.

Please submit your resume and bring a list of your schedule conflicts to the audition.

Contact Dana: text 831-239-4541 or email [cdbagshaw@att.net](mailto:cdbagshaw@att.net)

### Testing Air Circulation – A dry ice party

Alex Johnson and Carol Walker spent a couple of hours at the church taking Co2 measurements at 5-minute intervals to test air exchange rates in the nave and apse areas. After dumping dry ice into buckets of water, setting the measurement tools in the room and apse, and once the Co2 levels got to a pre-determined measurement we recorded the measurements at five-minute intervals until they reached a target rate. We are looking to see if the air exchange is adequate enough with just the doors open so we can do away with the fans in the doorways. We are also looking to see if there is adequate air exchange in the apse area where the choir is sitting. We'll let you know the results.



## Announcements

**On Meditation: An 8-Week Series.** Join us for an 8-week exploration of two mediation practices **beginning Saturday, May 14, 10-11:30 am in person in the church.** Sponsored by the Calvary Adult Education Committee, the series features both Christian Meditation, led by Charmion Burns, and Buddhist Mindfulness Meditation, led by Philip Spradling, on alternating Saturdays. Through the series, we're hoping to deepen our own spiritual lives and develop a community around contemplative practice. The sessions will be instructional and will allow time for meditative practice and discussion. While we would like to establish some continuity, it isn't necessary to come every week. No previous experience necessary -- all are welcome! For more information, contact Martha Dexter, [mmdexter@gmail.com](mailto:mmdexter@gmail.com), or Cathy Watson, [cjktlw845@gmail.com](mailto:cjktlw845@gmail.com).

**COPA Candidate Accountability Assembly!** Mark your calendar for the COPA Candidate Accountability Assembly! Please join us for the COPA Candidate Accountability Assembly at Peace United Church, 900 High St, Thursday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. Three candidates for County Supervisor representing the Santa Cruz district - Justin Cummings, Shebreh Kalentari-Johnson and Amy Chen Mills - have agreed to attend. All three are well spoken and interesting. At this event COPA leaders will present the COPA agenda of issues - on housing, homeless prevention and support for renters, health care access and mental health. We will then ask them to make a commitment to act on these issues and to meet with COPA again - if they are elected. COPA leaders will have already met with these candidates but holding a candidate accountability assembly with a room full of COPA people will enforce the relationship in a big way. It also influences their thinking regarding issues knowing that we represent the stories of many voters in their district. Should be a lively evening. Please come and show power in numbers!  
Al & Sonja Reetz and Dana Bagshaw

The **Calvary Book Club** will meet next on **Saturday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m.** outside on the patio at the home of Dana Bagshaw. We will discuss **Desert Solitaire: A Season in the Wilderness** by Edward Abbey - "Edward Abbey lived for three seasons in the desert at Moab, Utah, and what he discovered about the land before him, the world around him, and the heart that beat within, is a fascinating, sometimes raucous, always personal account of a place that has already disappeared, but is worth remembering and living through again and again." - from the publisher. For more information, directions to Dana's house, or to get on the email list for notices, contact Martha Dexter at [mmdexter@gmail.com](mailto:mmdexter@gmail.com)

**St. Philip Church in Scotts Valley is once again holding a fund raiser to support mission efforts in Santa Cruz County.** Due to Covid this event won't include garden tours this year, but will feature English Tea Luncheon boxes and an opportunity to browse seedlings and artisan items for sale. Boxes (\$25) can be purchased online - [www.stphilip-sc.net](http://www.stphilip-sc.net). They can be picked up on May 7 between 11:30-1:30 and can be taken home or enjoyed under the redwoods in the St.Philip's patio and lawn area.

**Bus-by-Choice May Trip: UCSC Quarry book read.** The UCSC Deep Read focus for this year is *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi, a book our Calvary Book Club read as a group last spring. The author will be here on Sunday, May 15 at 4:00 at the UCSC Quarry Amphitheater to discuss her book. Tickets are free. For more information or to register for the event, see this website: <https://thi.ucsc.edu/deepread/> Since parking is difficult and expensive, this is a great opportunity to try going to the campus by bus, getting off at the Book Store. Meet at 3pm at the Metro to catch the 3:05pm #19 bus (or catch it en route on Bay Street/Drive), to get there in plenty of time. We'll have several choices for the return trip. Fare is \$2/\$1senior one way. Contact Dana at 831-425-5182 for more information.

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**The Altar Guild Needs YOU!** Serving on the altar guild is a rich and rewarding experience. Altar guild members work in pairs and serve one weekend per month. We prepare the sanctuary for worship for about one hour on Saturday and clean and put away all the items used for communion after the services on Sunday. We would love to welcome new members to the group so if you're interested in finding out more about serving on the altar guild, contact Elizabeth Chandler (831-239-5311) or Sarah Peterson (831-24-2928) or speak to Father Austin.

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

**Thursday Interactive Worship. Thursdays at 11:30,** Father Austin and others gather live, and 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 ([aleininger@calvarysantacruz.org](mailto:aleininger@calvarysantacruz.org)) to ask to be included in the Zoom.

**Snacks and Socks.** Winter is an especially hard time for our unhoused neighbors. One small way we can help is by donating socks. Pick up some socks and place them in the basket/box in the narthex. The Association of Faith Communities (AFC) will make sure they get to those who need them.

**The Boys and Girls Club and the Calvary Preschool are both open and would really appreciate**

the resumption of our outreach effort to these two great organizations. We have a decades long history of providing pre-packaged snacks to both. Drop off your snacks at either or both locations whenever it fits your schedule or place them in the baskets in the church narthex. If you have questions, call Sarah Peterson (831-247-2928) or email at [skpete123@gmail.com](mailto:skpete123@gmail.com)



If you buy items on Amazon, consider using [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Calvary Episcopal Church, Santa Cruz as your charity of choice. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization you choose.

**OFFICE CLOSURE:** The staff has been asked to work from home, and committees are asked to meet via Zoom. If you need pastoral care, or to contact any of the staff, please reach out via email or telephone. Father Austin: text or call 831-350-1344 or email [aleininger@calvarysantacruz.org](mailto:aleininger@calvarysantacruz.org). Please text Nicole: 831-325-9390 or email: [nmacargel@gmail.com](mailto:nmacargel@gmail.com).

**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. But we still need the support of the worshipping community to make ends meet. Please feel invited to make an offering to our General Fund by clicking the "Donate" button on our website <https://calvarysantacruz.org/index.php/donate/> or by mailing a check to the Calvary office: 532 Center Street, S.C., CA 95060.

## Treasurer's Report

Our Total Operating Income for March was \$11,000 over budget. This sounds great, but unfortunately there were no unexpected bonuses involved. The city made up their deficit on the parking lot lease which added \$8400 to our income for the month and put us at budget in parking lot

income year to date. We worked out a kink in the plate income and made a journal adjustment that increased the Plate Income account for March. Looking at Pledge and Plate combined give us a year-to-date total that is <\$4900> under budget; still not ideal.

Because we've been able to continue our commercial kitchen rental to Food Not Bombs this quarter, we gained income in that account and are now \$3400 over budget year-to-date. FNB owes us two more payments, totaling \$7440, so we should be nicely over budget on the April income statement in preparation for moving into a period without a steady commercial kitchen rental client.

There are no big surprises on the expense side of things. Our utility accounts (PG&E and Water & Garbage) are \$1255 over budget in the combined accounts year-to-date. We'd like to be doing better.

Our Net Total for March is \$395, which is quite a bit over where we budgeted ourselves to be for March. But the year-to-date Net Total is <\$949> under budget. We're holding steady with the addition of our Paycheck Protection Program funds from 2020. Not bad considering what we've been through the past two years!

Cathy Watson

## Calvary Vestry Members

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**Crossroads Articles.** If you have an article to submit to the Crossroads please email [cwalker@calvarysantacruz.org](mailto:cwalker@calvarysantacruz.org) by the 27<sup>th</sup> day of the month

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## St. Dorothy's Rest

[stdorothysrest.org](http://stdorothysrest.org)

707.433.2440

Staff Orientation: June 19-25

Teen Adventure Week: June 26-July 1  
For campers ages 13-15

Russian River Adventures I: July 3-8  
For campers ages 8-12

Counselor-in-Training Program: July 3-8  
For campers ages 15-18

Russian River Adventures II: July 10-15  
For campers ages 8-12

Russian River Adventures III: July 17-22  
For campers ages 8-12

## The Bishop's Ranch

[bishopsranch.org](http://bishopsranch.org)

707.874.3319

Camp Staff Training: June 19-25

Intergenerational Camp: June 26-July 1  
A new (yet familiar) camp for families of  
all shapes and sizes

BREAD Explorers: July 3-8  
For campers entering grade 10 through  
graduated grade 12

BREAD Adventurers: July 10-15  
For campers entering grades 7-9

BREAD Discoverers: July 17-22  
For campers entering grades 4-6

TOAST: July 22-24  
For campers who identify as young adults  
(21+) and BREAD Alumni

READ Camp: July 25-29  
For day campers entering grades 4-6



**GETTING INVOLVED**

Updated: 5 Aug 2021

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>MEETING DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
Adult Education	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	4:00 pm	Cathy Watson	cktlw845@gmail.com
Altar Guild	Arranged by group		1. Elizabeth Chandler	tazbethcha@yahoo.com
			2. Sarah Peterson	skpete123@gmail.com
Book Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	4:00 pm	Martha Dexter	mmdexter@gmail.com
Buildings & Grounds			John Blymyer	jporterbl@yahoo.com
Bus Trips	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays		Dana Bagshaw	cdbagshaw@att.net
Calvary Choir	Wednesday	6:30 pm	Murray Walker	mwalker@calvarysantacruz.org
Communication			Carol Walker	carolsmail133@gmail.com
COPA			Al Reetz	alsonjareetz@gmail.com
Drama Club	Arranged by group		Dana Bagshaw	cdbagshaw@att.net
Film Club	Arranged by group		Martha Dexter	mmdexter@gmail.com
Finance	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	10:00 am	Cathy Watson	cktlw845@gmail.com
Flowers			Sarah Peterson	skpete123@gmail.com
Landscape Task Force	Arranged by group		1. Dave Meyers	meyersdw@comcast.net
			2. Martha Dexter	mmdexter@gmail.com
Outreach Committees				
Outreach Committee	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	4:00 pm	Al Reetz	alsonjareetz@gmail.com
AFC Shelter			1. Sarah Peterson	skpete123@gmail.com
Boys & Girls Club			Sarah Peterson	skpete123@gmail.com
Choral Scholars			Murray Walker	mwalker@calvarysantacruz.org
Coffee House			1. Scott Galloway	scottg@solopublications.com
			2. Sarah Peterson	skpete123@gmail.com
COPA			1. Al Reetz	alsonjareetz@gmail.com
			2. Sonja Reetz	alsonjareetz@gmail.com
Food Pantry			1. Dave Meyers	meyersdw@comcast.net
			2. Dick Crane	rtc@cruzio.com
Landscape			Martha Dexter	mmdexter@gmail.com
Parish Life			Chris Perrin	
Stewardship	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	4:00 pm	Alice Lopez	enna.lopez@yahoo.com
Ushers			Richard Enriquez	Renriquez40@yahoo.com
Worship	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	4:00 pm	Elizabeth Chandler	tazbethcha@yahoo.com
Youth & Families	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	10:15 am	Sonja Reetz	alsonjareetz@gmail.com