From the Pastor

Summer is a busy time at Mt. Calvary of Connecting People to Jesus. There are camps for kids, mission trips for teenagers, Bible Studies and worship for all. But along with all that, this summer we will be encouraging all members to get back to the basics of the Christian faith. Put Jesus first in your life. The Christian faith has been said to be a long obedience in the same direction. It is a lifestyle where Jesus is our one and only, not one of many. In the book, "Not a Fan" the author has a test to take.

- For what do you sacrifice your money?
- When you're hurt, where do you go for comfort?
- What disappoints or frustrates you most?
- What is it that really gets you excited?

Did anything of Jesus or the Bible appear in your answers? Do you sacrifice your money for the Kingdom of God? Do you go to Jesus in your times of pain? Are you frustrated with people or yourself not being closer to God? Are you excited about sharing your faith, worship, and walking with God? If not, this summer, work on being less of a fan of Jesus and more of a follower of Jesus. If you want to read a good book on this, I would be glad to lend you a copy of "Not A Fan". As the author says, “Following Jesus means following Him alone. Fans don’t want to put Jesus on the throne of their hearts. Instead they keep a couch on their hearts and at most, give Jesus a cushion. He’s asked to share the space. But Jesus makes it clear to this crowd he’s not interested in sharing your heart”.

Do the work this summer of keeping up with basic habits of faith.

#1 Bible Reading, we hope you will take a trip through the book of Romans at the end of June and through July.
#2 Practice your ACTS Prayers this summer. Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (praying for others).

#3 Attend Worship and when you get to worship, put your heart into singing the songs and learning to care for others before and after church, and those you see.

Summer Sermon Series

Book of Romans Chapter 7 & 8 “Life in the Spirit.”

Getting Ready for Vacation Bible Schools

Mt. Calvary will be holding this year’s VBS the week right after school is out, June 23 through June 27th, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. This has always been a huge outreach event for our church to our mountain community. We usually have over 150 kids here worshiping and some learning about Jesus and his love for us for the very first time!!

We need over 60 volunteers to run this program, as well as funds to support it. This email is to ask for volunteers to help out with the week-long program and to let you know that donation envelopes will be in the pews starting this Sunday to give you the opportunity to monetarily support this very worthwhile cause.

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and Schools

Summer 2014
Vacation Bible School
Lake Arrowhead

New Friends * Amazing Experiences * Wild Games
Lip-smacking snacks * Surprising Adventures * Incredible Music

When: June 23 – 27, 2014
Where: Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (behind Rim High School)
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
For more info: 337-1412 or register by going to www.mclutheran.com & hit the VBS link

Vacation Bible School
Running Springs

When: July 14 – 18, 2014
Where: Mt. Calvary Kids Corner
32054 Hunsaker Drive,
Running Springs
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
For more info: 867-7228 or register by going to www.mclutheran.com & hit the VBS link

Please Help Us!

We are looking for about 240 empty water bottles and 50 empty baby food jars for VBS crafts.
We are also accepting donations of money to cover costs for VBS. Look for the empty envelopes in the pews.
Biblical Stewardship Principles.

Steward = Someone who takes care of someone else’s stuff!

God’s stewards are God’s stewards.

God’s stewards are stewards by virtue of creation and their re-creation in Holy Baptism; therefore, they belong to the Lord.

God’s stewards are managers, not owners.

God’s stewards have been entrusted by God with life and life’s resources and given the privilege of responsibility and joyfully managing them for Him.

God’s stewards are saints and sinners.

God’s stewards rejoice in and live out what God has declared them to be through the cross. At the same time, His stewards recognize they are sinners who fight sin and its consequences each day.

God’s stewards are uniquely singular, yet profoundly plural.

God’s stewards recognize that their lives are not solo performances, but are personal responses to God, lived out within the community of faith to benefit the whole world.

God’s stewards are in the world, but not of the world.

God’s stewards recognize that the Lord sets them apart from the world, and by the transforming power of the Gospel sends them into the world to live out the Gospel.

God’s stewards are loved and loving.

God’s stewards recognize that their stewardship flows out of God’s act of love for them in Christ, which empowers them, in turn, to love others in acts of Christ-like love.

God’s stewards are served and serving.

God’s stewards recognize that their stewardship involves a Gospel-powered style of life which is demonstrated in servanthood within all the arenas of life.

God’s stewards live with an awareness of the present and future, of time and eternity.

God’s stewards live intentionally in the light of God’s eternal purpose while being firmly committed to His rule in the here and now.

Basics of the Book of Romans, our Summer Bible Reading. Can you read the Book of Romans?

The Bible Scholar Martin Luther wrote, “This Letter (Romans) is the chief part of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel, which, indeed, deserves that a Christian not only know it word for word by heart but deal with it daily as with daily bread for the soul. For it can never be read or considered too much or too well, and the more it is handled the more delightful it becomes, and the better it tastes.”

Luther said this because so much of what we teach and preach here at Mt. Calvary is drawn from this very special book. Again Luther wrote, “In this Epistle we thus find most abundantly the things that a Christian ought to know, namely, what is law, gospel, sin, punishment, grace, faith, righteousness, Christ, God, good works, love, hope, and the cross; and how we are to conduct ourselves toward everyone; be he righteous or sinner, strong or weak, friend or foe, and even toward our own selves. … This one letter to sum up briefly the whole Christian and evangelical doctrine, and to prepare an introduction to the entire Old Testament. For, without doubt, whoever has this epistle well in his heart, has with him the light and power of the Old Testament. Therefore let every Christian be familiar with it and exercise himself in it continually. To this end may God give His grace. Amen.”

So as we start on another journey of faith, we hope your goal will be to take time out to read this wonderful book of the Bible. See all the wonderful teachings of the Christian Faith and seek to live them out daily. Know that you are loved and forgiven by God through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Workshop on how to give your Testimony

"Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect," 1 Peter 3:20

We are called to tell others the good news. Often we don't know what to say. Pastor Buecheler will be presenting a 45 minute easy class on how you can share your story of faith with others. Learn how to tell your story of faith. RSVP on the clipboard if you can attend. Sunday, June 8th at 12:15 PM in the Ministry Center. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

Divorce Care, Support Group

Divorce Care is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. Divorce Care seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable Divorce Care resources to help you deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Leave a message for Roger to sign up, 519-8984. 7-8:30 PM This group has open enrollment.

Watch for the unveiling of our new church website!

Coming the end of July. Totally rebuilt from the ground up by Cathy Terreri. All the information you will need and a great help to new people on the mountain to see what kind of church we are.

Special Bible Studies

Faith and our Nation
July 2nd

Dr. Brad Hoffman will be presenting a special Bible study about the Christian roots of our great nation and the meaning of the 4th of July, on Wednesday, July 2nd at 6:30 PM. He invites all to come out for a BBQ at 5:30 PM. If you can help with the BBQ let Dr. Hoffman know, or call the Church office so we have a head count and who can bring what to the BBQ. Open to everyone in the community.

Book of 2 Peter

Come out on Wednesdays at 6PM in the back of the church to learn more about this wonderful book of the Bible. Les Sogorka will be teaching this book from June 18-July 30th. Open to everyone.

Who is New Guy that Upfront in Worship?

Mt. Calvary is proud to say that we have called a volunteer helper for Pastor, Dr. Brad Hoffman.

Dr. Hoffman attended California Lutheran University where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Speech and a Master's Degree in Education. While at Cal Lutheran, Hoffman also starred on the football team, earning NAIA All-American honors twice. Hoffman still holds the school record for most field goals in a game (5). After graduation, Hoffman was hired by First Lutheran Church in Camarillo to lead the youth program. During his 4 years in Camarillo, Hoffman taught Sunday school, led the youth group, taught Confirmation, led Bible studies, preached from time to time, and even drove the church bus. While in Camarillo, one of Dr. Hoffman's major accomplishments was the founding of the Camarillo Christian Fellowship. Led by himself and Kent Puls (now a Lutheran Pastor in Bishop), the two started a weekly Bible study from the ground up that brought between 30-50 people to study the Bible on a weekly basis. Hoffman then moved back home to Las Vegas, where he coached football at UNLV from 1985-1990. Hoffman assisted the team's chaplain, Dr. Tommy Starks, and attended his fellowship: Tropicana Christian Fellowship. While at Tropicana Christian Fellowship, Hoffman led the church's outreach program. Every Tuesday, a group of church members canvased the neighborhoods around the church, going door to door and inviting residents to attend church. Following his coaching career at UNLV, Hoffman went into broadcasting and enjoyed 14 years of work as a sportscaster for the nightly news in Las Vegas, Bakersfield, and Palm Springs. Dr. Hoffman has also written several works, although not published. A Bible study series on Revelation, Acts, "Keepin’ it Real", Jehovah's Witness, and Mormonism. He will be starting classes at Concordia Seminary online this Fall. He will be preaching at church as he prepares to become a Pastor.
Mt. Calvary Summer Camps for Children

Need a safe, fun Christian place for your children this summer? Mt. Calvary offers two different age camps for all in the community.

**Camps for Little’s**

Our Lake Arrowhead School offers camps for ages 18 months to 8 years old. Then we have our camps for different ages for each camp through the church.

**Springs** will have their Pre-K Graduation on Monday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Kid’s Corner, and Lake Arrowhead Pre-K will have their ceremony on Tuesday, May 17th in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

We have summer offerings at both schools along with several enrichment camps run by Pastor and some by school staff.

**Running Springs** offers “Water Day” every Tuesday; “Lunch at the Park” Wednesdays and tumbling with coach Jane on Fridays—call 867-7228 for more info on ages and costs.

There are a lot of offerings though Mt. Calvary to keep your kids busy and having fun most of the summer!

**Lake Arrowhead Summer Enrichment Camp for older children.**

- **July 14th**  Game Camp: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM 1-6th grades. Cost: $75
- **July 21st**  Science Camp: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM 1-6th grades. Cost: $75
- **July 28th**  Art Camp: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM 1-6th grades. Cost is $75

**Pastor Buecheler Camps**

- **June 30th**  Three Day Adventure Camp: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Ages 3rd-8th grades. Cost: $30
- **July 7th**  Four Day Soccer Camp: 9:00– 11:30 AM. K-8th grades. Cost: $20. Join the pastor for exercise and learning about Jesus our Savior.

**Our School Updates**

Our schools are busy with end of the year events. The Elementary class at Lake Arrowhead are having a field trip to the Temecula Children’s Museum, then both our Running Springs & Lake Arrowhead Pre-K classes are doing a Big Bear Zoo field trip together. Both schools will be celebrating Fathers this month with “Donuts with Dad” in Lake Arrowhead and “Rootbeer with Dad” in Running Springs. Running Springs will have their Pre-K Graduation on Monday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Kid’s Corner, and Lake Arrowhead Pre-K will have their ceremony on Tuesday, May 17th in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

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**Elders Breakfast and Prayer**

The Church Elders will be cooking up breakfast again on Sunday, July 27th. Come for church and breakfast and let the Elders know your prayer requests. They will have prayer request cards and be there to pray for you and your family. You will find that sharing your prayer needs and praying does bring help to difficult situations.

**10 Week GriefShare Class**

Mt. Calvary will be starting a 10 week GriefShare class on Monday June 16th, 6-7:30 PM. GriefShare is a support group to understand the process of grieving and to find support from others in your journey. The classes are facilitated by Glynne Harris and will meet in the Ministry Center. This support group is open to all in our community.

**Nominations for Church**

We will be having Elections for the church council this August. We are taking names for:

- **President of the Congregation**
- **Treasurer**
- **Congregational Secretary**
- **Head Elder**

If you would like to nominate someone to these positions, the nominations forms are in the back of the church. Election at Voters meeting in August.
**Sr. High Mission Trip**

We will be running a VBS in the morning hours and then doing events in the afternoon.

We are going to run a VBS in Carpinteria, CA. We will leave Sunday, July 6th after church and return on Friday, July 11th. Cost is $100 per participant. Teen must have graduated 8th grade or have been confirmed this year to attend. **Cost includes:** Transportation, food, events, and sweatshirt.

I can only take 25 kids. To reserve a spot, a non-refundable deposit of $25 per participant payable to **Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church** with Carpinteria Mission Trip in the memo line and give to **Kim Kopecky**, director of Youth Ministry by June 6th along with the form (I have more if you need one).

**Upcoming Events:**

*June:*
- 1– Confirmation Service, 11:00
- 23 thru 27 – Vacation Bible School

*July:*
- 6 thru 11: Carpinteria Mission Trip
- 15, 22, 29 — Lake Days

*August:*
- 10-13 — Jr. High and Family Camping Trip to Mammoth
- 5, 19 — Lake Days
- Paintball — TBA

Summer is almost here and time for a slow down (NOT!) I need the kids to volunteer for VBS if they have not done so.

If a senior high member plans to go to Carp, they must help out with our VBS here. We will have lake days on Tuesdays (dates listed to the right) but they may not all be at Burnt Mill, possibly a Lake Gregory Day or pool at the North Bay Condos so I suggest that all youth like the Youth page on Facebook to make sure they know what is going on. It’s Mt. Calvary Lutheran Lake Arrowhead, Youth Group. Check there to stay informed! Parents are welcome to like that page too!

**Jr. High/Family Camping Trip**

August 10 – 13 the Youth Group will be sponsoring a camping trip with their families to Mammoth Lakes, CA. Cost for this trip is $100/person for those families who provide their own transportation and $130/person for carpoolers. Cost includes campsite, food, snacks, shuttle to Red’s Meadow, swimming, and bicycle rental. If interested, we encourage you to submit a deposit of $20/person, as the group campsite can only accommodate a maximum of 30 people. Talk to Kim to register. We hope all our 6-8th graders can attend.

Kim Kopecky, Youth Director
kim.kopecky@verizon.net
(909) 809-8553
Our 1st year of Awana here at Mt Calvary has been fantastic! We’ve had crazy theme nights like Mr. Potato Head Night, Black Out Night, Snowman Night, and Drive in Movie Night. We’ve played lots of wild and wacky games with our wonderful games director, Miss Cynthia. Most importantly, we learned about the gospel and memorized many, many Bible verses!

Now it’s time to celebrate everyone’s hard work. Please join us on Wednesday, June 11th for our first ever awards ceremony. Every clubber will be acknowledged for their participation in Awana this year! There will be no dinner and no other activities at church- just our great Awana kids and our fabulous Awana leaders.

Tracy Taylor
Children’s Ministry Director

Children’s Ministry—
How you can help!

Prayer Support: Please join us in praying for wisdom in planning quality children’s programming that will serve our church family and reach our community with the good news of Jesus Christ! Pray also that God will continue to call great workers to love and teach our kids.

Job Opportunities!

Sunday School Helper: 2 times a month, 1 hour, no preparation
Awana Leader: (Starting in Fall)
Every Wednesday 6-7:30 PM - no preparation—Awana training in August
Awana Cubbies Director (Fall)
Every Wednesday 6-7:30—requires some preparation, curriculum available—Awana training in August

Mt Calvary’s nursery is now open for business! If you have an infant or toddler who needs care during the 9:30 service, we invite you to check out our new nursery class located in Miss Janet’s classroom in the school building. This class is for children from 0-2.

Our Sunday School classes for preschool/kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade will be continuing as usual throughout the summer.
Need Healing Prayer? Remember, we also have an anointing healing prayer service on Sunday, June 8th. Come to church at 12:10 PM for a time of worship, and then those in need of healing prayer can come forward to have our prayer team pray for you. Our Church Elders are being taught the art of healing prayer at their Elder Meetings, and we will have a time for all Members to learn the ways of healing prayer this summer.

Have you tried our Prayer Walk? Mt. Calvary has a prayer walk on our property. A prayer walk is a place to come and walk and pray. There are many crosses scattered throughout the prayer walk. As you encounter each cross, stop and say a prayer. The prayer walk is located at the entrance of our property, near the two large containers. Drop by and walk and pray.

Pray for the Persecuted Church Please pray for the Christian churches around the world being persecuted for their faith in Jesus. Many are imprisoned, beaten, and even killed for their living witness of Jesus, their Lord and Savior. Please pray for them. Look up the Persecuted Church on the net and read about the struggles of our fellow Christians.

Want to join others in Prayer? We have a prayer circle every Monday night at 6:15 PM at church. Prayer begins with looking at God's Word. It then continues with prayer for individuals, our church, and the world.

Need Prayer? We have a group of people ready to pray for any need you may have. Call Raullene 336-4673 or Rosie 337-5168 to make your prayer request known. We will keep your request as confidential as you desire. Let's see God work mightily in response to our prayers. We offer prayer after each church service, you can write out a prayer card or you can join the prayer team. We also have a prayer room next to the church.

― Martin Luther

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

Martin Luther