

# Mt Calvary News

Our Mission: Love God, Love Others,  
Serve the World. August 2019




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## T H E S T O R Y

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

### What is “The Story?”

“The Story” is a 31 part Bible study that gives you the story of the Bible from beginning to end. Most people have little idea of the whole story of God in the Bible. So, each Sunday we will study God’s story in the Bible in order, and then take a deeper look at it in our Growth Group Bible Studies. We will cover “The Story” in two parts: **part I starts August 25** and ends in November with a break for Advent. We’ll start **Part II after Christmas**. The "Greatest Story Ever Told" is more than just a cliché. God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what The Story is all about—the story of God’s great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, The Story study sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. For those who wish, you can buy a special NIV Bible that is written as a continuous story. This Bible costs \$5.00 and allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel.



Like any good story, The Story is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption—and this Story is true! "This book tells the grandest, most compelling story of all time: the story of a true God who loves His children, who established for them a way of salvation and provided a route to eternity. Each story in these 31 chapters reveals the God of grace—the God who speaks; the God who acts; the God who listens; the God whose love for His people culminated in His sacrifice of Jesus, His only Son to atone for the sins of humanity." Our Sunday School, Jr & Senior High Youth Group and children in our School will be joining us on this adventure, as we all study the same Bible story together each week.



What a blessing! 23 Youth and 6 adults attended the 2019 Lutheran Church Missouri Synods’ National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN. Over the course of 5 days we attended Mass Events, two of the Mass Event Plus offerings—TOBY MAC was awesome!, Bible Studies and sessions of so, so many different kinds. There were opportunities for 3-4 sessions each day to help the kids (and adults!) learn and grow in their faith. We also had the opportunity to participate in an off-site servant event at Amnion Pregnancy Center where there was some cleaning done and 95 Baby blankets were made! Spending the week worshipping, learning and just being immersed in the presence of 26,000 other Christian Lutherans was awe-inspiring! We are so grateful to the parents who helped pay for the kids trips and to the Mt. Calvary Congregation for your financial and prayerful support.

**Looking forward to Houston in 2022!!**



If you're looking for a **Bible-centered early education program** for your kids or grandkids, check out one of our awesome schools! Both are accepting enrollment for the fall. Our school here at the church in Lake Arrowhead accepts children from 18 months through 1st grade. School begins on August 14th. Kids' Corner, our school in Running Springs has year round childcare for ages 2 years to 12 years. The school program for preschool begins on September 3rd. Both schools offer loving care, academics, and fun! Call (909) 337-7750 for the Lake Arrowhead school and (909) 867-7228 for the school in Running Springs.

# Children's Ministry



A new year of Awana is upon us! This fun program for children from 3 years to 6th grade involves games, singing, fun, Bible learning, and Bible memory. We meet on Wednesdays at the church Ministry Center from 6 PM. To 7:30 PM. There is an optional pit stop dinner at 5:30 for a nominal cost. You can register online at [mclutheran.com](http://mclutheran.com), pick up forms at the church, or register at the club meetings. This program is open to all children from our community. Come and check us out!

**Please contact Tracy Taylor at [tracyt@mclutheran.com](mailto:tracyt@mclutheran.com) for more detailed information.**



Running Springs VBS—Sharing God's love with our community!



**August 25th at 9:30**

Rally Day is the official start of Sunday School for the new school year. This year we will be having a Creation Celebration as we launch our study of "God's Story."

We will be learning the Bible stories that Pastor is teaching in "Big Church" right along with our moms and dads!" Come join in the Rally Day fun and meet our Sunday School teachers. We'll have games, snacks, even crafts, and balloons!



2018 Tijuana Brigada Team



## Our Guatemala Mission Trip is Coming Up Soon!

This will be our church's third trip to support our brothers and sisters in Christ at Puerta de Esperanza. The team is busy planning activities, studying the Bible study *Helping Without Hurting in Short Term Missions*, and fundraising. Each team member covers the cost of their flight, lodging, and food. Our fundraising covers activities we do with the children such as crafts, field trips, and gift bags and also goes to support special projects for Jomara's ministry. We greatly appreciate your support! It is not too late to join our team for this trip, if you're up for an exciting adventure! Trip dates are October 11—19. Contact Tracy Taylor at 909-327-5354.

**Please pray for this team as we plan and prepare for our ministry in Guatemala!**

## Time to Sign Up for the Tijuana Brigada!

On September 21 we have an opportunity to participate in a Tijuana Brigada with Mexican Medical Ministries. This is a 1 day ministry opportunity helping with a health fair in Tijuana. The cost is \$55. This is a great chance to do

## Time to Act on Our Missional Pathway!



For the past year we as a congregation have been on something called the **missional pathway**. We started with classes called Awaken for church members. In these classes you learned your own personal mission, and wrote your own personal mission statement. At the Activate workshop you then moved to start to live your mission. We will be offering these classes again this Fall.

We then moved on to our whole congregation learning to put together a way we could bless our community. We had the Assess workshop for the church where we learned about the needs in our community and developed three strategic initiatives to meet those needs. A strategic initiative has the following parts:

- Requires the **attention of the entire** church.
- Serves the **same unchurched people**, who are open to our care.
- Provides **unconditional benefits**.
- **Is a long term commitment with regular, repeated contact**.
- Develops **intentional relationships**.

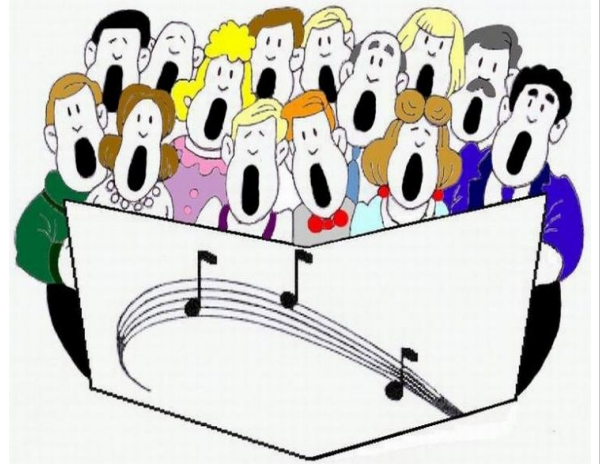
### THIS MONTH WE START ON OUR FIRST Initiative!

#### #1 Minister to the teachers & staff in the Rim School District, starting with Rim High School.

A team from Church has put together a plan to bless our teachers, and we need your help to pull it off.. We will be offering some free lunches to the staff at the high school, giving them refrigerator magnets with uplifting thoughts, putting together a bowl full of encouraging words from each of you, praying for the members of the staff individually and a lot more. Remember that this blessing to our community will be from our whole church. On the Sunday we write notes, pray and find ways to care for the teachers and staff, please participate! We hope to be a blessing to that school.

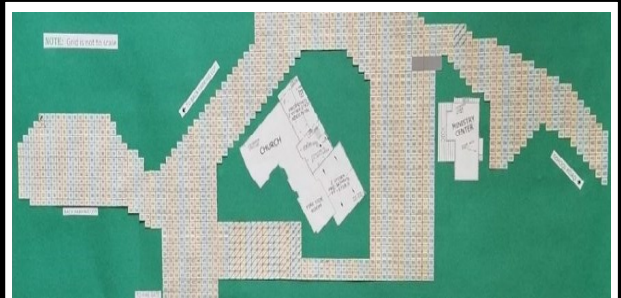


Family Faith Night is starting back up again on Wednesday, August 28! Come out every Wednesday for faith-building activities for the whole family. We have a pit-stop dinner at 5:30, and at 6 PM we have Awana Club for kids, Confirmation Class for Jr. High, and Bible studies for Sr. High and adults.



## Join the Church Choir!

Our church choir is getting ready to start practice on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary beginning August 27th. This fall we are going to sing many spirituals and gospel numbers as well as many old favorites. We're also going to have a day retreat to aid in learning our music and have fun in Big Bear at Shepherd in the Pines Lutheran on Saturday, September 14 starting at 10 AM with coffee



## Update on Our Parking Lot Fund Raiser

We often forget as a church family that this is **our church, our property, our ministry**. We as a congregation own this land and these buildings and have control over what we do with it. As a congregation, we have decided to exist to love God, love others and serve the world. But to worship and serve we need passable roads and places to park. That is why we are working together to repair our roads and parking areas. We have raised \$22,000 toward the \$100,000 needed to replace it.