

Calvary's Chatter

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Making God's Love Known
As We Bring Good News to All
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YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!



Worship and Service





Did You Know? By Carol Daniels

The Maasai Creed: We believe in one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created man and wanted man to be happy in the world. God loved the world and ever nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all nations and tribes. We believe that God made good his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He was buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord. We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.



JOY! Families Gather!

Wednesday evenings 5:30-7 p.m.

Light Supper, Worship, Praise Songs, Activities

Children: Please bring parent or other adult

Upcoming Worship Opportunities



Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 7,

Sunday 10 a.m. service

We remember the "mountaintop experience" of God's presence, the challenge of staying awake, and a sense of being enveloped or surrounded by mystery



Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10

Wednesday Noon Service with imposition of ashes and communion.

Lent begins with a solemn call to repentance as we are imposed with the ashes of mortality and frailty.



Lent 1-5, Begins Feb. 14 – Light amid the Shadows

Sunday 10 a.m. Service

During the forty days of Lent we return to God who rescues us; we receive the gifts of God's grace; we believe and confess God's love in Jesus; and resist temptation. It is a struggle that Jesus knew and shares.



Passion/Palm Sunday, March 20

Sunday 10 a.m. Service

After we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, we are invited into the agony of our Lord through the extended reading of the story of Jesus' passion. Lent has led us to this.



Maundy Thursday, March 24

Thursday Noon Service with handwashing and communion
As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's Table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.



Good Friday, March 25

Friday Noon Service with Tenebrae
The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life.



Easter Sunday, March 27

Sunday 10 a.m. Service – Easter Festival
Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! God has raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia!



Easter 2, April 3

Sunday 10 a.m. Service – Immanuel visits
So we may believe the Easter message, during the next fifty days (a week of weeks), we will hear in John of sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. And our Lord Jesus will return to us through holy communion, so we may touch and taste his presence, and receive his peace.



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From Pastor Pat:
Blessed New Year



*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have
seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.
John 1:1,14*

As we begin a new year, let's remember who sustains us: "The Word who became flesh and lived among us."

The Word of God is steadfast and faithful. So who is this word, this promise and witness of scripture? The Word is active in our lives and in our communities, offering mercy that both comforts and baffles us. The Word speaks of restoration, offers a peace both deep and wide. The Word is the stuff of visions and dreams. The Word is the calling of prophets. The Word is the witness of disciples. The Word builds unexpected friendships. The Word brings changes that require patience and painful self-examination. The Word invites us to imitate God's healing care. The Word is for us and beyond us. The Word extends to those whom we would rather not think or be concerned. The Word of God is the fulfillment of all hope, all longing, and all waiting. Blessed be Word of God, born in Bethlehem, Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

May the Lord bless you today and every day.

Pastor Pat



Roman soldiers who escaped the Christmas Program

From "Secretary Dick".....

Our neighborhood lunches program is moving along nicely. The Neighborhood Christmas Celebration was well attended, with some active participation by some. The Christmas Eve service was nicely attended and the Sunday after Christmas gave us a chance to visit with Immanuel. The Organ has been repaired, and the door by the office has been repaired also. The Humboldt County Office of Education's Pre-School is helping our budget, but as parishioners, we mustn't forget that, ultimately, we, as members of Calvary are responsible for funding our operation! SO-HAPPY NEW YEAR!!-and SEE YOU IN CHURCH!!

"Secretary Dick".....



Ready for November's Neighborhood Lunch