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CALVARY CROSSINGS

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Mission Statement: Gathered to worship, transformed by Christ, sent out to serve.
 Vision Statement: The vision of Calvary Lutheran is to be a beacon for Christ in our community.

Celebrating
the
10th Anniversary
of
Pastor Genelle's
 Ordination & Call to Calvary
August 28, 2011

8:30 & 10:45 Worship
 Reception & Program between Services
 Potluck after Second Service

On Sunday, August 28, we will be celebrating Pastor Genelle's 10th year of ordination. We have been blessed that she has served our congregation all these years. Pastor Art Montgomery, Pastor Genelle's mentor and friend, will be our guest preacher in worship. Instead of gifts, Pastor Genelle is requesting gifts dedicated to the Sabbatical fund in her honor.

A council report is available on the website and in the church library.



September Newsletter deadline:
8AM August 23 - firm.
 Please e-mail copy-ready items to
 nancy@calvarybemidji.org

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RIDE YOUR BIKE TO CHURCH DAY - AUGUST 7

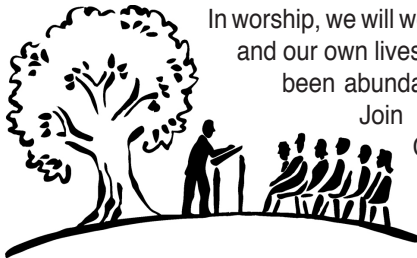


BIKE to CHURCH

Stay fit, enjoy God's creation, reduce CO2 emissions, and help with parking congestion! Calvary's Green Committee invites you to pedal to church for either service on Sun, Aug. 7. Riders looking for a shorter ride are welcome to use Overbeek's Electronics as a park-and-ride site - from there, it's just over 2 mi. to church. A Green Committee member will be on hand to watch bikes during the services.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

You are invited to Outdoor Worship every Wednesday at 6:30PM in our back parking lot.



In worship, we will dig into both Scripture and our own lives, sharing how God has been abundant, true and faithful.

Join us at 5:30 PM for a Calvary Alive meal. Nursery is provided during worship.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please come on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30 PM for Outdoor Worship with Blessing of the Animals.

Bring your pets, critters, beasts, and creatures – or a collar or dish to represent the animal. We'll also remember special animals who have died. Don't miss this opportunity to worship in this special way.



BLESSING
—OF—
ANIMALS

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE!



Visit our website:

www.calvarybemidji.org

to listen to previous sermons. While you're there, check the worship volunteer schedule to see when you serve next, sign-up for Simply Giving, read the latest Council minutes, find info on upcoming Bible studies, or send a prayer request.

SWEPT UP IN GOD'S MISSION

Tuesday Night

Renewal Worship



This summer, the Tuesday Night Renewal Worship has been started as a way to bring God's message of love and healing to those who are broken...which, let's be honest, is all of us. One of the things that sets this service apart from a regular church service is that there is a time of discussion preceding the Scripture and the message. As I reflect on this, perhaps God is working and will continue to work through this time of discussion. I think that by there being a time that people can share how God's

Word speaks to them, and by sharing life's experiences and testimonies, that God can bring His people closer together, which is very important. This discussion time could also grow wisdom, understanding, and love of His Word out of the things that may be shared. I think that it's important to try and see how God's Word fits into our lives and is applicable to the here and now, and by listening to what other people have to say, as well as by sharing our own experiences of God's hand in our lives, I think it can potentially help with seeing that. This discussion time sort of forces us to think about the Word and respond to it, which is very good and very needed. So praise God that there is a time for discussion regarding His Word and the message, and may He grow this time so that it always accomplishes all of these things mentioned consistently.

~Jenn Paquette



You are invited to Renewal Worship every Tuesday at 6:30PM in the Lounge.

Everybody is broken, and everybody is a child of God. That is the inspiration for our new Tuesday night gathering, which began in June and continues into the future. Every Tuesday, at 6:30 PM, the Calvary community gathers in the lounge for worship, fellowship, and support. We invite you to be part of this open and safe time, when we name our hurts, claim God's promises, and heal through the presence of God and each other. This gathering makes space for personal introductions, conversation about the message, and trusting relationships with our neighbors. We hope that current Calvary groups (circles, Bible study groups, decades groups, etc.) can come and experience this time together. There will be many ways for people to help through ministry teams, including prayer, small group, worship and music, and hospitality. Help us shape this time for Calvary and, beginning this fall, the whole Bemidji area!

A CALVARY FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM!



We are creating a new Calvary Picture Directory! This will help us to build a stronger sense of community among all our members, create a tool for telling people about our ministries, and to celebrate Calvary Lutheran Church. There is no cost to the Church and no sitting fee for your family. You will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory just for participating. In one trip, you will be photographed and choose your directory pose.

Sign-ups for photography appointments are being taken Sunday mornings, or you may go to our web site and follow the link found on our home page. www.calvarybemidji.org



SAVE THE DATES!

The following are the dates we will be taking pictures:
 ♦ **August 9 -13** (Snowbirds & College Students, be sure to schedule your photo during these dates, while you are still in town!)

♦ **September 27 - October 1**

♦ **October 6 - 8**

Please try to find a date that will work for you and your family, as we need everyone to participate!

PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED!

WE NEED PHOTOS

If you attend any events at Calvary (coffee fellowship, adult education, Sunday school, etc.) please take pictures and email the file or give a print to the office. We would like to use them for activity pages in our church photo album -- the church pictorial directory! We have a camera you can check out to take photos. Stop in the office to check it out or just to ask questions. Thanks!



WELCOMING NEW STAFF



MEET GENE BRIGHT, CUSTODIAN

My name is Gene Bright, and I am a new janitor at Calvary Lutheran Church. I was born in St. Cloud, MN and graduated from Stillwater High School in St. Cloud. I am a veteran of the United States Army and served in Vietnam. I also do seasonal work for the Beltrami County Highway Department. There, I help to patch roads, paint crosswalks, and do landscaping around guard rails. I like to read, watch a little television and work in the garden.

STATEMENT OF FAITH



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Sharing Christ With Others

Please come and be inspired by these disciples!

SUNDAY

August 14

8:30 Sam Holm

10:45 Vicki &

Jayci McCrory

WEDNESDAY

August 10

Isaac Klinke

Lucas Goins

Courtney Fullmer

August 17

Lake Beyer

Noah Bitz

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BEMIDJI CHURCH MUSICIANS

Aug. 3 Bemidji Symphony Horns

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church,
1800 Irvine Ave. NW

Aug. 10 Joe Henry, piano, organ

St. Philip's Church, 702 Beltrami Ave.

Aug. 17 Tim Wisdom, clarinet

First Baptist Church,
1555 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW

Aug. 24 Wayne Hoff, organ and friends

Aardahl Lutheran,
2+ mi. E. of Paul Bunyan Dr. on
Roosevelt Rd. 1+ mi. S. of Van Buren

Free will offering supports our Music Scholarships. Lunch will be available following each recital. Cost to be announced.

ADULT MINISTRIES



CENTERING PRAYER/MEDITATION meets every Mon. in Rm 1. Come at 4:45 PM to receive instruction. From 5:00-5:30 PM we'll pray together.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, August 3rd at the Peppercorn Restaurant for noon worship and lunch. Please bring items for LWR kits such as combs, soap, toothbrushes, nail clippers, towels or washcloths. All widows are welcome.

THE HORIZON CONNECTION, a non-profit support group focused solely on helping grieving individuals after the loss of a loved one, will meet at 5:30 PM the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be Thurs., August 18 at Lueken's North meeting room. For questions, contact coordinator Bonnie Jevning at 751-3118 or e-mail to: jevdq@paulbunyan.net.

CARPOOL MINISTRY - The Green Committee invites you to carpool. Keep your gas money in your pocket and leave a space for a guest in our overflowing parking lot. If you are interested, please contact Dennis Depew @ 444-8839.



CAR POOL



AMBASSADOR PIZZA PARTY

On Sunday, August 7 at noon you are invited to come for fellowship, conversation and future planning for the ambassador ministry team. Ambassadors help meet and greet

people at worship and special events. Be ready to have your picture taken so that we can more easily identify you in worship. Please RSVP to Sam in the church office. "So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20).

The **40'S & 50'S DECADE GROUP** will be meeting August 20 at 12 PM at the Peppercorn Restaurant.

AUGUST 70'S PICNIC SCHEDULED

We've had a nice turnout of people for our summer picnic time and pontoon rides at Diamond Point Park. We are looking forward to seeing you again on Sunday, August 14 at 3 PM

for our last picnic. We'll meet at 3 PM for pontoon rides and start grilling around 5 pm. Anyone relating to the 70's era is welcome. Bring meat to grill, dish to share, beverages, dish ware and chairs. Look for us close to the

Rec Center by the water. Call Colfords at 368-3098 or Labrattens at 759-0178 to confirm or for more information. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the lounge at the church.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

NORTHWOODS CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Women of the Bible"

Stories filled with passion, power & purpose. A dramatic presentation by Anita Gutschick

Sat, October 1, 2011
8 AM - 3 PM
\$15.00 (lunch included)
Hosted by
Calvary
Lutheran Church



REACHING OUT TO THE WORLD

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF LAY

Rummage sales are here and it is a perfect time to purchase items & layettes! We are in need of:

- sleepers without feet
- sweaters or jackets with hoods - 12 month
- baby socks and
- baby caps

Please leave in office or quilting room. Thank you.

Questions?

Call Betty Port 751-2424 or Geri Bratlien 751-8732.



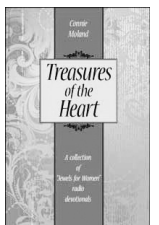
CANCER SURVIVORS!



Relay for Life will be sponsoring a boat in Bemidji's upcoming Dragon Boat Festival for cancer survivors. The Dragon Boat Festival will be held on the first week of August. The boat is free of charge and for survivors only. If you are a cancer survivor, and are interested in joining, please call Wanda at 218-760-6441.

DEVOTIONAL BOOK SIGNING

Connie Moland, speaker and author from Fertile, MN, will be at Kats Book Nook on Saturday, August 6 from 1 to 3 PM for a book signing. Connie has written Treasures of the Heart, a devotion book for women and the entire family. (Kats Book Nook is located next to Arby's on Paul Bunyan Drive)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 1-5, 9 AM - NOON!

Our theme this year is **ReNew—The Green VBS: The Parable of the Sower**. ReNew is an environmentally focused VBS program that inspires kids to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world as they practice the stewardship of creation. This theme also follows Calvary's year long focus on renewal.

The story will be from Mark 4:1-9, the parable of the sower. It's important for us to listen to Jesus' stories because that's how God's love, the gospel, is planted within us. When God's love takes root and grows up within us we have more than enough love to face hard challenges and share with others, including God's creation.

VBS open to kids 3 years old-5th grade (school year 2011-12). Registration forms are available in the office, on the welcome table by the office or in the wall information file in the back entrance area.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



NURSERY CO-COORDINATORS

Nursery care is an important ministry to families with young children. Volunteers help by staffing the nursery during worship. We are looking for 3 or 4 people willing to commit to a Sunday morning (8-noon) and/or a Wednesday evening (6:15-7:45) on a rotating basis. This is a paid position. For more information, please contact Joan at 751-1893 or joan@calvarybemidji.org.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Do you enjoy sharing the love of Jesus? Do you like working with 3, 4, & 5 year olds? We are in need of volunteers for Children's Church--a time during worship when the kids leave church and go to their own space for an age-appropriate message, craft and music--their own worship time! Resources/lessons are provided for each Sunday. For more information or to volunteer for 8:30, 10:45 or both, please contact Joan, 751-1893 or joan@calvarybemidji.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/ORIENTATION

If you are interested in teaching Sunday School, we need you! Our goal is to have 2 or 3 teachers per grade (Preschool--5th) so you can rotate Sundays or team teach. There will be orientation/training on Akaloo, our Sunday School curriculum, on Sunday, Aug. 21, 9:45 a.m. or Wed. Aug. 24 at 5:30 p.m. Any questions or to volunteer, contact Joan at 751-1893 or joan@calvarybemidji.org.



GROUPS TO SERVE DURING SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Calvary needs groups to help serve Sunday Fellowship Coffee. We need six groups of people who can serve our Sunday coffee just one time every three months. Volunteer with your family, grab a group of friends, or get to know someone new. We suggest that your group be no smaller than three people. For more information, or to sign up, please call the office and ask for Sam. Help us continue this Calvary tradition!



Please Note: You are assigned to serve on a monthly Service Group to help with Calvary Alive, funerals, weddings and other needs as they arise. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry!

Linda Barkley.....	224-2131
Bill & Miriam Bock.....	444-3537
Barbara Brown.....	335-2782
Greg & Julie Carlson	333-9035
Bob Conner	751-0066
Matt & Casey Donat	444-1635
Allen Ettesvold.....	444-5092
Denise Fricke.....	854-7214
Bert & Sheila Gilling.....	444-8771
Jim & Trish Hansen	444-9337
Jesse & Andrea Haugen.....	444-4905
Chris & Rita Holter.....	586-2601
John & Krista Klinke	444-3135
Barb Kurth	333-8674
Art Larson.....	444-7753
Brent & Andrea Lewis.....	586-3389
Carol Longfellow.....	333-3973
Jason & Jessica Niemi	556-6242
Larry Overbeek.....	751-1397
Terry & Cheryl Palmer	444-9371
Dale & Emilie Peterson.....	751-0548
Penny Pokorny	444-5419
Tammie Richter.....	444-8189
Sonja Rowland	556-0880
Vicki Ruzicka	444-9586
Bob Sauer.....	224-2295
Larry & Ginny Severson	444-4942
Fran Sorquist.....	444-7753
Allen Stevens.....	444-2767
Shawn Swenson.....	785-2909
Vicki Turn.....	444-5259
Timothy Wang.....	444-9866
Mary Wellner	444-9494



Hey, did you know Calvary's Youth group has a place on Facebook!!! Just go here: Calvary Lutheran Church High School Youth of Bemidji in Facebook and get signed up. There are tons of pictures, videos and updated schedules.

HIGH SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL



BACKYARDS, BBQ, AND BIBLE STUDY (BBBS)

There are only two BBBS left for this summer. On August 10, we meet at Kate Schulze's home - 3195 St Onge Dr NE. Our last BBBS will be August 24; our site is still to be determined. If you are in high school, you need to be at BBBS! We start around 7:30 PM. I hope to see you there.

"THE TRIP"

It is back!!! Simply known as "The Trip" it is a two day adventure to the cities for some awesome fun. This trip takes place the weekend of August 6 & 7.

We will spend Saturday enjoying the thrills and spills of Valleyfair, and on Sunday, we will



venture north to Wild Mountain for more water fun, plus go carts, alpine slide, and more. More information is available on the youth board, but you will need to sign up soon. This trip is open to anyone who just completed 6th grade through 8th grade.



HEY FUTURE FRESHMAN!

We have two Backyard BBQ and Bible studies left. Come check out what they are all about and meet some of your new classmates before you enter BHS. Our next BBBS is August 10. We will meet at Kate Schulze's home at 3195 St. Onge Dr. NE. Our last BBBS is August 24, and our site is yet to be determined. Check out our Facebook site for the most current details. BBBS starts right around 7:30 PM. BBBS is a great time to meet new friends, eat some smores and talk about God. See you there!

SKILLET CONCERT

CAMPS

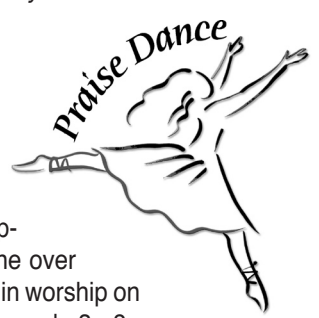


Skillet Concert
Skillet is coming to Bemidji. Tickets are on sale August 13 and if we go as a group we can pick up some great deals. Please see Hans if you are interested in attending the Skillet concert. The concert is Wed., November 2. This will be an awesome show!

Here are 2 unique and wonderful camps that Calvary will offer before the summer ends.

PRAISE DANCE

Praise Dance will be led by Kate Schulze, a recent BHS graduate and frequent ministry in music dancer during Calvary's worship. Kate will lead a week long dance camp, August 8-12 from 3-5 PM. Praise Dance is a combination of ballet, hip-hop, modern and jazz. Campers will learn a routine over the week, that they will share with the congregation in worship on August 14. The camp is open to anyone going into grade 3 - 8.



MUSICAL CAMP

This camp will be led by Jill Kobilka, a Calvary member and currently a senior at Calvin College. This camp is August 22-26 from 9-12 AM. Campers will produce and learn a musical in one week. This camp is also open to students entering grades 3-8.



Cost of each camp is \$10 a person. More information and registration forms are available in the office. Lots of students are needed for each camp. Prior experience is not necessary, only a desire to learn and have fun. Please sign up as soon as possible.

CALVARY LUTHERAN MEMORIAL FUND

A Memorial Gift is a contribution to Calvary Lutheran Church made as a tribute to a person who has passed away. Such gifts honor a life well lived and greatly benefit Calvary Lutheran Church in our ministry and mission. Calvary Lutheran Church is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Contributions are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Thank you for your generous gifts.



April 2011 Through June 2011

In Memory of	Given by
Ginger Olson	Bruce & Shirley Olson
Ginger Olson	Timothy & Carolyn Lundgren
Ginger Olson	John and Jennifer Benjamin
Bill Gesell	Bruce and Shirley Olson
Doug Gross	Family of Doug Gross
Viola Reiersen	Family of Viola Reiersen
Viola Reiersen	Bill & Almira Beyer
Friend's Sister, Candy	Shirlee Harold

AUGUST MISSION PARTNERS

Calvary Lutheran Church will continue to take an extra offering on second Sundays of the month (this month, August 19), but you are encouraged to give all throughout the month to our partners. We are asking that ALL checks are made out to Calvary Lutheran and in the memo line write our mission partner for the month. This will help with better recording keeping. In August, **Lutheran Social Service (LSS) Senior Nutrition and Northwoods Caregivers** are our ministry partners.

ABOUT LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE (LSS) SENIOR NUTRITION & NORTHWOODS CAREGIVERS

In August, we are supporting two ministries with and for our community elders. Lutheran Social Service (LSS) of Minnesota is the largest and oldest non-profit human services organization in the state. LSS's senior nutrition program provides nutritious, low-cost meals for seniors 60 years old and above, both at meal centers and in homes, where volunteers deliver meals to homebound persons. Many Calvary members help to deliver food and fellowship through this Meals on Wheels program. Northwoods Caregivers is a Bemidji organization that provides homemaking, transportation, and respite services for community elders and their caregivers, as well as a safe visitation program for families in conflict.

These are vital ministries for our community! Please give generously, pray for this work, and look for ways to volunteer.



FINANCIAL REPORT

June

Income - all sources \$54,245.95
Expenses..... \$55,589.08

YTD

Income - all sources \$374,443.17
Expenses..... \$365,790.95

June Ministry Partner

Pathways Bible Camp \$1,567.81

Contribution Statements were mailed on July 14. If you did not receive a statement or if you have questions about your statement, please contact Casey Wytaske, Church Administrator.

WORSHIP SPONSORS

We invite you to consider sponsoring worship to celebrate a milestone in your life or to honor a loved one. This helps us incorporate your personal life in our community worship together. The money given will go to support our worship needs (microphones, candles, stands and other needs). We thank the following for sponsoring August services:

Aug. 7 Sponsored by Dallas and Joyce Way in honor of their daughter, Pastor Angie Way's 10th anniversary of ordination on August 4.

Aug. 14 Sponsored by Bob and JoAnn Strand in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Aug. 21 Sponsored by Linda Lemmer in honor of her birthday.

Aug. 28 Available for sponsorship at press time.

CALVARY ALIVE MENU



Aug. 3: Potluck

Aug. 10: Grilled Chicken Breast on a Bun, Chips, Carrots & Dip, Dessert

Aug. 17: Taco in a Bag, Fruit, Dessert

Aug. 24: Brats & Hot Dogs, Chips, Pasta Salad, Dessert

Aug. 31: Hamburgers, Chips, Baked Beans, Dessert



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday
6:30 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Friday
Closed
Sunday
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Non-profit Organization
US Postage Paid
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Permit #6

Return Service Requested

LIBRARY NOOK

HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER AND SWEET by Jamie Ford

This wartime-era Chinese-Japanese variation of Romeo and Juliet is set in Seattle's Japantown. It is a tender satisfying story. The story unfolds in 1986 on the corner of Bitter and Sweet. Henry Lee is reminded of a friendship forged in the 1940s. The war time story told here is not one of the battlefield but of the cruel damage to the hearts and humanity of individual people. Henry had meet and become friends with Keiko Okabe. His father did not approve of the relationship. Keiko's family was moved to an interment camp and Henry lost track of his friend. Bitter and Sweet will provoke the mind and heart.
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Reminders:

- ✓ *Make appointment for Church Picture Directory Photo*
- ✓ *Ride Bike to Church August 7th*
- ✓ *Celebration of Pr. Genelle's 10th Anniversary of Ordination on August 28*
- ✓ *Bring Pets to Church August 31 for Blessing of Animals*
- ✓ *Take pictures at church events and give to office!*
- ✓ *VBS August 1-5*

If you would like to view the newsletter online rather than in print, please contact the church office.