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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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP

The Season of Holy Anticipation:

Sunday Advent Worship

Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 · 8:30 & 10:45 AM

We will be exploring the Gospel of Mark's One Liners to prepare us for Christ coming. The children's time will tell stories of families from our congregation waiting for a baby to come! We will gather around the Lord's table for Holy Communion and on the 11th for healing.

Dec. 18

Communion/Choir Cantata 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Sunday School Christmas Program · 4:30 PM

God will gather us for Holy Communion & Calvary Choir's Cantata. AND at 4:30 PM will be our Sunday School Christmas program followed by a potluck & caroling.

Wednesdays

Holden Evening Prayer

Dec. 7, 14 & 21 · 6:30 PM

Our midweek gatherings will be Holden Evening Prayer with Adult Statements of Faith. Dec. 28 will also be Holden & Holy Communion.

Preschool Christmas Programs

Mon., Dec. 19 · 2:00 & 2:45 PM

Tues., Dec. 20 · 2:45 PM

Join us as our preschoolers share the Christmas story in their own words.

Want to sponsor Christmas Eve Worship?

Please contact the church office!



*Christmas Eve
Worship*

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

3:30 PM Family Worship & Baptismal Festival

(no communion)

5:30, 7:30 & 10:30 PM Festival Worship

with Holy Communion & Candles

10:00 Prelude by Bryan Sletten

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP: 8:30 & 10:45 PM The Christmas Stories told by each Gospel.

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

**Mark Your Calendars for
Sunday, January 22nd
9:45AM
for Calvary's Annual
Meeting!**

January Newsletter deadline:

8AM December 22 - firm.

Please e-mail

copy-ready items to

nancy@calvarybemidji.org

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DECEMBER MISSION PARTNERS

Calvary Lutheran Church continues to take a second offering on the second Sunday of the month, but you are encouraged to give throughout the month to our partners. We are asking that ALL checks be made out to Calvary Lutheran and in the memo line write our mission partner for the month. This will help with better record keeping. Village of Hope and Servants of Shelter are our December ministry partners.

VILLAGE OF HOPE AND SERVANTS OF SHELTER

Homelessness is a local reality, and this month we're invited to respond in concrete ways. The Village of Hope, located in downtown Bemidji, "promotes self worth and independence through the provision of temporary shelter and supportive services for families experiencing homelessness." The team of advocates there provides a spectrum of essential services to children and families. While the Village of Hope will receive the majority of our December ministry partner funds, a small portion will go to support Servants of Shelter, our local emergency overnight shelter program, which you can read about elsewhere in the newsletter. Thank you for your generosity!

GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE



We provide emergency shelter and services for families experiencing homelessness.

GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE THIS SEASON

For families experiencing homelessness, making ends meet can be even more difficult during the Holiday Season. Each year, hundreds of our neighbors in need turn to Village of Hope as they struggle to provide for their families. Will you give the gift of hope this Holiday Season?

- Sponsor a family in memory or honor of a loved one
- Join with other families to sponsor a family.
 - \$70.00 provides shelter, food and services for a family for one night
 - \$490.00 provides shelter, food and services for a family for one week
 - \$2,170 provides shelter, food and services for a family for their month's stay

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

Village of Hope · PO 1035 · Bemidji, MN. 56619
Contact Sandy Hennem at 751-0722 Ext. 28 or hennem@villageofhopebemidji.org with questions

SERVANTS OF SHELTER



CALVARY HOSTS SERVANTS OF SHELTER - DEC. 18-25

For the second year, we are blessed to participate in Servants of Shelter (SoS), a shelter program for neighbors experiencing homelessness. We host from Sunday afternoon to Sunday afternoon.

Guests check in at church between 4 and 6 p.m. and depart in the morning by 9 a.m., so they are not here during the day. Volunteer shifts are 4 hours long, running continuously from 3:30 p.m. to 9 a.m. Help is also needed for set up and clean up, meals, and laundry. Cash needs are not extensive, but donations are welcome to cover food and other miscellaneous costs. Kim Williams (751-0522) and Cynthia Schultz (444-7679), together with Pr. Andrew (751-1893), are heading the SoS ministry team. Please contact them to volunteer. More information will be forthcoming.

SWEPT UP IN GOD'S MISSION

Some weeks ago, on October 23, Calvary celebrated Mission Sunday, which included wonderful stories from ten persons and families who participated in the Kingdom Challenge. These ten Calvary folks received a \$100 bill and were charged with using it for God's kingdom. Many of them saw their \$100 grow as family, friends, and neighbors came on board with the challenge.

At 8:30, we heard five reports. Nancy Schram and her daughter, Cassandra, support children in Kenya through Compassion International, and they gave the money to Compassion to support drought relief and Christmas presents. Jacie Ward gave the money to God's Global Barnyard, an ELCA program that Calvary kids support in order to gift families throughout the world with animals. The Bieberdorf family partnered with a local school social worker to support Bemidji children experiencing poverty. Bonnie Jevning gave her money to the Boys and Girls Club of Bemidji. The Snyder family made parking ticket coupons, so when violators came to pay their tickets they found that their fines had been paid!

At 10:45, there were five more stories. Karen Wadena and her grandchildren brought backpacks loaded with gifts that the Bemidji police department will distribute. Cheryl Palmer and Shannon Westhoff combined their \$100 bills and worked together with Bible study friends to put together care kits for Churches United clients. The Biggin family bought gifts for homeless families at the Village of Hope. Mark, Amanda, and Avri Bensen purchased remembrance books for families who have lost babies or children.

The Kingdom Challenge continues! We've been receiving donations for Churches United care kits, and our high school youth recently packaged 40 more. Praise God for sweeping us up in this good and important work! Keep your eyes and heart open to how God is leading you into the Kingdom.

A CHRISTMAS KINGDOM CHALLENGE

What if we gave gifts to those who could really use them, instead of accumulating more stuff for ourselves? Our national church, the ELCA, has wonderful resources for giving gifts to neighbors in need around the world. Through the ELCA Good Gifts catalog, we can give pigs, cows, chicks, mosquito nets, vaccinations, Bibles, and blankets to people near and far. Check out www.elca.org/goodgifts or contact Pr. Andrew with questions.

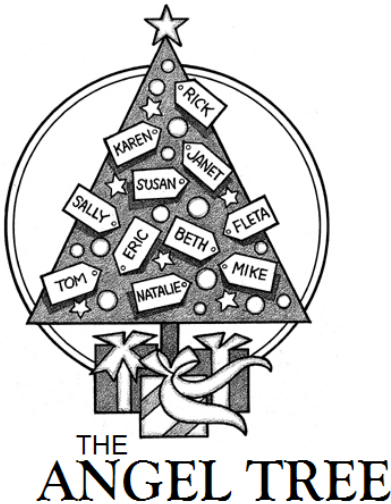
HAT, SCARF, MITTEN TREE

PLACE HOMEMADE OR PURCHASED ITEMS ON THE HAT, SCARF, AND MITTEN TREE!

The Calvary Crafters are looking for your help with their Annual Hat, Scarf and Mitten Tree. Any one interested in purchasing or making hats, scarves and mittens of all sizes is welcome to do so and place those items on our tree in the entry way. This tree will be put up the end of November and we will distribute the items before Christmas to local shelters, schools and the needy. Please help us with this worthy cause.



ANGEL TREE



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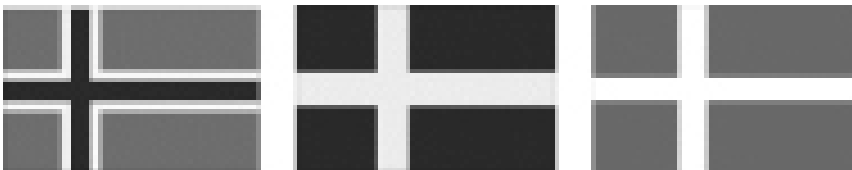
We are in process of collecting the needs of families, children, and adults; that are in need of our help. We are looking for cash donation, food items, personal care needs and toys. If you are in need of our help, please contact Pastor Genelle. Simply choose your angel & return your gifts in GIFT BAGS with the angel attached by Sunday, December 18. As you prepare your gifts please pray for that individual. Be an angel and share God's love this Christmas through this ministry! For any questions or information call Bonnie Jevning at 218-751-3118.

LUTEFISK/MEATBALL DINNER/SILENT AUCTION/BAKE SALE



It's lutefisk and meatball time again! Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 1. We will be serving from 4:00–7:00 p.m. with entertainment in the sanctuary, a Scandinavian Bake Sale and a Silent Auction. Cost for the supper is \$13.50 in advance or \$14.00 at the

door.



WELCOME NEW STAFF



Introducing
our
**NEW
STAFF!**

CALVARY WELCOMES DISCIPLESHIP MINISTER TO STAFF

After Thanksgiving, you'll see a new Calvary staff member. We're excited to welcome Mary Appleton, whose bio is below, to this role. Discipleship includes sharing our time and talents for the benefit of others and to the glory of God – and that's what Mary will facilitate

as she coordinates (recruits, equips, sustains) all sorts of volunteer ministry, from ushering to sharing special music to Servants of Shelter. Please extend a welcome to Mary ... and expect to hear from her soon!

MARY APPLETON, DISCIPLESHIP MINISTER

We moved here from Prescott, WI, where we lived for 22 years. I have been an RN for 29 years and most recently a School Nurse for the past 21 years. Our children are Luke and wife, Kendra, living in Loveland, CO; and Leah, a senior at Bethel Uni.; and Caleb, 13, in grade 8. We moved here for Bart's job opportunity as field staff with Education MN and I have looked at this new move as an opportunity for me to look at a new direction and still continue to use my past experience in my career and blessings that God has given me to share. We were blessed with being a part of God's family at Joy Lutheran in Prescott previous to our move here, where I had many opportunities to serve in different ways. I feel privileged to be given this opportunity here at Calvary. I am excited to get to know everyone better as we serve our God and

CALVARY ALIVE MENU



December 7

Hamburgers, Potato Chips, Baked Beans, Peaches, Chocolate Chip Cookies

December 14

Chili, Fruit Cocktail, Rice Crispy Bars, Dinner Rolls

December 21

Chicken Breast Sandwich, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Apple Sauce, PB Cookies



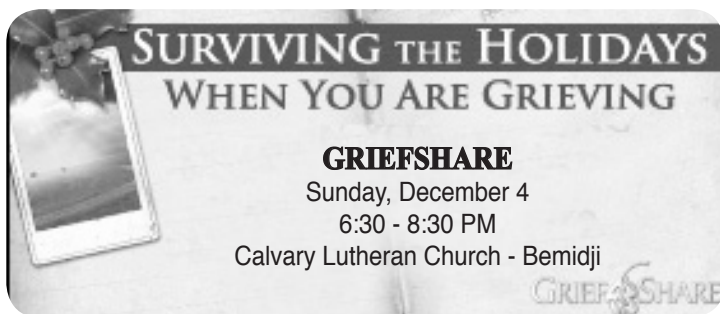
On Sunday, January 1 everyone is invited to BRING YOUR BIBLES to worship! We will do a Bible blessing as well as bless the pew Bibles that were given in support of our Year in the Bible theme. We will rely on our own Bibles

to guide us through worship each Sunday in 2012.

We will begin in the Gospel of Mark. There will be daily readings on our website that will walk us through Mark that everyone is encouraged to log on and read.

If you would like to read through the Bible in a year, we will be using a resource called One Year Bible (the library has a copy in their resource section). If you are interested in being a part of a small group using this resource, please sign up on the Fellowship Hall Doors.

Don't forget to sponsor your favorite Bible verse to go on plexiglass to help tell the Biblical story when we aren't here to tell it ourselves. Sponsorship is \$20.



GRIEF SHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS is a warm, encouraging event that helps people grieving the death of a loved one in their lives. Here's what you'll do during a Surviving the Holidays event:

- ✚ Watch a 40-minute video, filled with practical tips on how to survive the holidays
- ✚ Hear from others in your group who are dealing with grief this holiday season
- ✚ Have the opportunity to share how grief is affecting you (if you'd like)
- ✚ Receive a personal Holiday Survival Guide

A suggested \$5 donation will be collected to help cover the costs for this event and perhaps to help sponsor future events like these. If you are interested in more information go to <http://www.griefshare.org/holidays/event>. To attend or help host this event please contact Sue Allen at 854-7411 or Pastor Genelle at 751-1893.

THE HORIZON CONNECTION, a non-profit support group focused solely on helping grieving individuals after the loss of a loved one, meets at 5:30 PM the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 15 at Lueken's North meeting room. For questions, contact coordinator Bonnie Jevning at 751-3118 or e-mail to: jevdaq@paulbunyan.net.

VIA DE CRISTO WEEKEND OPPORTUNITY



Via de Cristo Mission Statement: By grace, with the Holy

Spirit, we challenge leaders to discover and achieve their personal calling, assisting them to influence their environments with the Gospel.

What is VIA de CRISTO?

VIA de CRISTO is a Spanish phrase meaning "Way of Christ." VIA de CRISTO is a highly structured three day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God's grace. It is a combined effort of lay people and clergy toward renewal of the church.

Trinity Lutheran Church · Thief River Falls, MN
February 9-12 · February 16-19

If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Andrew or Pastor Genelle.

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, December 7 at the Peppercorn Restaurant for lunch. Please bring items for LWR kits such as combs, soap, toothbrushes, nail clippers, & towels. All widows are welcome.

CALVARY QUILTERS

Quilting meets at 9 AM each Thursday in the craft room. All are welcome to join us!

GLOWING AGE will meet Dec. 13 at noon in the church lounge.

MEN'S OPEN GYM

Come work off some turkey influenced additions and play some basketball in our gym. Open gym will meet Monday, December 5, 12 and 19 at 7:15 PM.

ADULT EDUCATION

MAKING SENSE OF SCRIPTURE: BOOK STUDY AND DIALOGUE

Join us as we study an excellent book, *Making Sense of Scripture*, by David Lose, professor at Luther Seminary. The study will look at vital questions like these: *Is the Bible true? Is the Bible the Word of God? What kind of authority does the Bible hold? Sessions will include short video sections from the author.*

✚ 7-session Sunday morning series, using book and video presentations by David Lose

✚ 9:45 – 10:30, Choir Room

✚ December 11 & 18 (different special forum on December 4)

✚ Led by Hans Vigasaa, Greg Snyder, and Pr. Andrew

FEEL FREE TO JOIN IN ONGOING BIBLE STUDIES, TOO!

✚ **Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study**
6:30 AM, Southside Restaurant

✚ **Women's Circles**, various times (contact the church office)

✚ **Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study**
10:00 AM, Calvary lounge.

GUEST SPEAKER TIGER MCLUEN



TIGER MCLUEN, PRESIDENT OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Tiger is the president of Youth Leadership, an organization that educates, equips and encourages youth workers both in and out of the world of higher education. A former youth pastor, Tiger currently serves as adjunct faculty at Bethel Seminary and is the author of two books, *Equipped to serve* and *The Student Leadership Training Manual*. In addition to teaching Youth Leadership's intensive classes, Tiger is a

popular speaker, author, consultant and mime. Tiger loves his wife Sue, his motorcycle and Chipotle burrito bowls.

YOU WILL LAUGH AND YOU WILL LEARN.

How does one raise a child in faith? How do you teach, as parent or grandparent, your children or grandchildren about Jesus, his gifts of love and grace and how to be a disciple to others? My friend and former seminary instructor Tiger McLuen will be at Calvary to teach us the best practices of faith formation. Tiger is a gifted speaker and presenter, who also brings years of experience as youth pastor, volunteer and seminary professor. Not only will you laugh hysterically you will walk away with some very practical and useable knowledge. We encourage all parents and grandparents to attend this event, "Caring for Kids in an iPod World", Sunday, December 4th between services in the Fellowship Hall.

HALF DAY YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING

What: Incredible youth ministry training by Tiger McLuen

When: Saturday December 3; check in at 9:30 AM; first session at 10 AM

Where: Calvary Lutheran Church; 2508 Washington Ave S; Bemidji, MN

Who: Anyone who works with youth, including your student leaders

Cost is \$10 a person with a church team max of \$100

Here is an opportunity to bring your ENTIRE team, adult and student leaders, to learn more about the crazy, intense, wonderful world of youth ministry. Tiger will guide us through two sessions:

Session 1: Principles for Effective Youth and Family Ministry

Grounded in Scripture, this session gets to the heart of what makes a leader into someone who can impact the life of a teenager, and will inspire you to be clear about your role in the busy world of adolescence. In addition to taking time to re-focus on some foundational core principles of effective ministry, this seminar navigates the tension often felt between relational ministry and teaching the gospel. This will encourage, equip and inspire you in your important work with students, and will give you something practical to use as you equip and encourage your own ministry team.

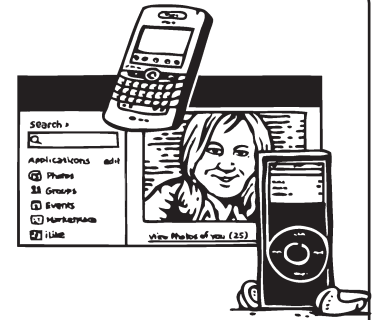
Session 2: Building a Faith that Matters

This session will address the issues involved in building a faith in teenagers that goes beyond simply attending youth group events. How do we help shape, develop and nurture a faith that integrates to their real world? What are the barriers to effective discipleship with teen-agers? How can we fight the significant drop-out rate we are experiencing in our ministries?

See Hans to register for this exciting event!

PARENT/ STUDENT CONFIRMATION

SPECIAL CONFIRMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CONFIRMATION STUDENTS - DECEMBER 7



For the second year, our confirmation year includes two sessions for parents and confirmation students to attend together, both focusing on real-life issues that come up for young people and families. Our first session, which all students are expected to attend with at least one parent or guardian, is on Wednesday, December 7, from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m., the regular confirmation time. Kelly Brevig, community education and outreach coordinator for the Sexual Assault Program for Beltrami County, will be leading a session on how technology and the media affect our way of viewing our bodies and relationships. This will be a safe, age-appropriate, faith-framed conversation about healthy living and how we can encourage one another. Child care will be available. Talk to Hans or Pr. Andrew with any questions or concerns.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR GRADES 3 – 5

We are seeking your input as we explore the possibility of adding a Wednesday afterschool program here at church in January. Here are some of the hopes for this program. Please log on to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QW87HDK>

When: Wednesdays

Time: 3:15 pm (or as soon as we can get you from your school to church) - 6:15 pm (includes eating supper as a group if needed)

Who: Upper Elementary Students (grades 3, 4, and 5)

What: Gym time, Snack, Chapel, & Faith Teaching

We will need help with transportation, snacks and some small group leaders (if we have enough enroll). The entire congregation is invited to think and pray about how they could support this ministry. Any and all feedback is welcome.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Hey, did you know Calvary's Youth group has a place on Facebook!!!
Just go to Calvary Lutheran Church High School Youth of Bemidji

HIGH SCHOOL

TIME TO GO CLUBBIN'

High Schoolers Club is rolling in the youth room. Club happens nearly every Wednesday night that school is in session. It is crazy games, singing, road trips, scavenger hunts and your friends will be there, yeah they told me and lots of God talk. Club helps you get through your week. For the month of December we will digest the book "Not a Fan," where we will be asked to DTR – are you a fan or are you a follower of Jesus. Club is for everyone in High School and their friends and starts nearly exactly at 7:25 PM

BREAKFAST CLUB

Hey recharge your week with a word from God, join us for Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club meets every Thursday morning for juice, donuts and God's Word. We will be finishing book of Jonah, perhaps the best and worst prophet in the Bible. We gather in Mr. Stevens Math room at 7:27 AM. Invite a friend and start your day out right.

MISSION TRIP

Our high school 2012 mission trip will be to Lincoln County, West Virginia. This is an amazing site, one of my favorites. I still have spots available. Please see the youth board by the youth room for more information and registration forms. Sunday December 4, we serve coffee and rolls between services.

SUNDAY CLASS – HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE?

Here is an invitation to high school students to come to class. Starting November 6th in between services we will digest the book "Making Sense of Scripture." This study will meet every week through December 18th. We will be in conversation about such topics as is the Bible true?, how is the Bible the Word of God?, what kind of authority does the Bible have? and more. Please see Hans if you have questions and to pick up your book.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

TGIF

Come play in the Gym Bin. Join me for some jumping, jammin' and aerial rocket fun. TGIF is open to Calvary middle schoolers and their friends. TGIF is Friday, December 2 at 7:30 PM. The event is free but the fun ends at 9 PM.

SUMMER OF 2012 - MISSION TRIP

Middle schoolers the date and place have been set. The 2012 mission trip will be to Lake Traverse, SD, basically Sisseton, SD. Our trip is June 3-8, 2012 and the cost is \$240. More information and registration forms are available on the youth board. And new this year we will start having prep meetings beginning in March.

REMINDER:

- ❑ **Coming December 7! Special Confirmation Session for Parents and Confirmation Students**

RENEWAL NIGHT

In a world that boasts so much beauty, warmth and love, it is surprisingly easy to forget that there is a goodness and sweetness to life. We believe that we crave this goodness with all our heart. But unfortunately, we often lose our connection to that which makes us truly happy. All of us feel a sense of brokenness at times. Some times the things that happen in our lives or the poor choices we have made overwhelm us and spin us into a wild depression. We experience loneliness and feel like we are the only ones going through this life unhappy and unable to make positive life giving choices.



We often hear people say- "If you only knew me, you wouldn't allow me to worship", "I can't relate to church, they don't understand what I am going through" and "church just doesn't seem important to me".

Why don't you check out Renewal Night at Calvary- every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Lounge. It is a casual environment that is safe, open, honest and kind. We want to rebuild that connection to goodness. We want to have a night to discover what it means to live as Christian in this very confusing world. You will find a place for God and God's people to name, claim and heal.

We are: an experience offering hope & healing to those in a spiritual transition....on the move...

We are: a place where God and God's people gather for hope, healing and renewal, where the Spirit moves us toward peace and renewal.

We are: a Safe place, where you can be honest about yourself and your relationships

And most of all, we believe that Prayer and Love will guide us to a better place. And we wish with all our hearts that you will find Love. That Love that is beyond our knowledge and impossible to understand but over time is able to heal us and fill us with peace.

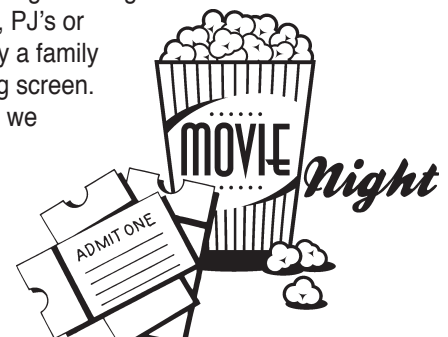
Journey with us, Laugh with us, Dream with us... thank you for coming Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.

~Kevin Cease

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 6:30 PM we will host an Indoor Drive-In Movie Night. Bring your pillows, blankets, PJ's or chairs and come enjoy a family friendly movie on a big screen.

The movie is free and we will have snacks for purchase. Get out of the cold and come watch a great movie. We will be showing a VeggieTales movie.



FINANCIAL SPIRITUAL PLEDGE FOR 2012

Currently our council is predicting needing \$700,000 to be given through our general offering next year in order to meet our mission and ministry goals for 2012. Many congregation members already have a spiritual practice of tithing and intentional giving and many are still learning. One approach to learning how to give intentionally is the financial spiritual pledge. It is a way to break down the larger number needed into small portions and then to think about how you can respond. This year's breakdown is 250 giving units pledging \$2,800 a year OR \$234 a month OR \$54 a week. The pledge is between you (and your family) and God. That is why after writing it down on the pledge form, we ask that you address an envelope to your home address and seal it. We will mail back these reminders mid summer of 2012. Pledge forms are on the usher tables and in the church office. Pray about your part in meeting our mission goals for 2012.

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Dear Calvary Members,

We have an exciting opportunity to offer you. This is something that will help Calvary consolidate our debt and pay you better than market rates of return on your money.

Calvary currently has several short term member loans maturing. Because we fell short in our Forward in Faith Campaign and giving has been below budgeted amounts we have been unable to pay all of these short term loans off. Because of this, council is soliciting loans from members to raise up to \$150,000 to pay off the short term member loans. In the past two years we have retired approximately \$145,000 of member loans.

The new member loans will be for a 10 yr. term. 10% of the initial loan will be paid back quarterly each year along with the accumulated interest. The interest rate will be calculated annually based upon the prime interest rate. The minimum interest rate will be 3%, the maximum rate 6%. Members who currently have loans with Calvary are given the first opportunity to participate. After that they will be done on a first come first served opportunity. Please talk to Martha in the office or contact Council President Paul Iverson at 444-4848.

Sincerely,

Calvary Lutheran Church Council.

\$5000 DEBT REDUCTION CHALLENGE

Your council and staff have teamed up to challenge the congregation to multiply their \$5000. We have \$70,000 of short term debt to pay off by Dec. 31 and have received about \$30,000 to date. Debt Reduction at Calvary helps free us to do the mission and ministry God is calling us to. Every dollar helps!



NEW DRIVEWAY IS COMPLETE

The new driveway is complete! Thanks to all who helped make this new road a safe and efficient access to our parking for all the daily activities at our church! Our next task will be to pave the new parking lot, aprons to our new driveway and our new entrance from the north by August 1, 2012.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OCTOBER

Income - all sources \$74,703.47
Expenses..... \$77,354.97

YTD

Income - all sources \$623,990.22
Expenses..... \$629,342.34

October Ministry Partner

ELCA Missionary Sponsorship
\$991.00



THRIVENT CHOICE

Giving back makes an important impact in people's lives. Last year alone, Thrivent Financial provided more than \$100 million to help congregations, communities and individuals in need. Members who own Thrivent Financial products help make this support possible.

Calvary has received over \$8,000 this year by YOU designating Thrivent Choice Dollars to Calvary Lutheran! THANK YOU! If you have questions about your Choice Dollars, please contact your Thrivent Rep.

WORSHIP SPONSORS

Have a special event coming up? Would you like to give thanks to God? One way we honor your life journey is by inviting you to sponsor worship. We include your event or loved one as part of the prayers of the church and on the announcements. It is one more way that we are intentional about walking with you as a church family. Donations go to offset costs associated with worship (microphones, music stands, cords and much more!) Sign up on the fellowship doors. We thank the following for sponsoring December services:

Dec. 4 Kevin, Ann, Brett, and Allison Cease in memory of Arlene Cease.

Dec. 11 Dick and Lorraine Sauer in honor of their 50th anniversary.

Dec 18 Terry and Jean Diffley in honor of their 40th anniversary (12-18-71).

Dec. 25 Sponsorship open.

Dec. 25 Jan Engen in memory of Donavon's birthday, December 30th.

The 2012 worship sponsorship sign sheets are hanging up on fellowship hall doors. Please consider this opportunity!



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Sunday
8:30 AM & 10:45 AM
Tuesday
6:30 PM
Wednesday
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8:30 AM - 9:00 PM
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CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DEC. 26 & JAN. 2 TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY. THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM DEC. 27 – DEC. 30 FROM 8:30 – 12:30.

DECEMBER SERVICE GROUP

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!

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