

The Calvary Call

Calvary Lutheran Church

February 2012

TV Free Week is February 18-25

The Confirmands will kick off the week with a Lock-In on Saturday Feb 18 through Sunday Feb 19. At noon on the 19th. The Youth will serve a meal to the congregation. Check out the church website and the Sunday Bulletins for details regarding times and other events through the week.

Monday, Feb 20 will feature the Chili Cook-Off and Bingo games. Prizes will be awarded for the best chili and winners of the Bingo games.

Tuesday we celebrate Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Pancakes and other fun things will be on tap. A Bible Study led by Pastor Schoop will also be offered for adults.

Wednesday, Feb 22 is Ash Wednesday. A Soup Supper will be served prior to our Ash Wednesday service that evening.

Thursday, February 23 has been set aside for you to spend at home with your family—we encourage you to have dinner together and take time to visit with each other or play a game together.

Friday & Saturday caps off the week with our annual Sioux City Date Night Marriage Re-treat for married couples of all ages.



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CLWL Rummage Sale—April 20-21

SAVE THE DATES!! Calvary's annual rummage sale will be held April 20th and 21st, which is just around the corner! Please keep this in mind as you are cleaning drawers and closets this winter.

A room is available to store your gently used items if you would like to bring them prior to the sale. It is located by taking the steps from the Friendship Room to the Blue Room on the lower level, the last door on the left. You may bring your items anytime the church is open. Please do not

bring any type of flammable items.

We have decided **NOT to sell adult** clothing, but infant and children's clothing will be accepted. Any adult clothing that is donated will be shared with agencies that support families in need.

Rummage updates will be included in future issues of the Calvary Call and in weekly bulletins.

Thank you for your help in making the 2012 rummage sale a success!

Register for Date Night, Feb 24-25!

Go to siouxcitydatenight.com and register for a romantic weekend get away for you and your spouse.

We also offer the option of just attending the dinner & keynote presentation on Friday evening for \$50

See the website for fees and more information!

Special Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Feb. 26, 2012

Life Rally:

Dr. James Lamb, Executive Director of Lutheran's for Life will be in Sioux City February 25 & 26 to speak at the Sioux City Right to Life Prayer Rally. The Rally itself invites Christians from all denominations to learn and rally for Life.

This year's rally will be hosted by Central Baptist on the corner of Indian Hills and Outer Drive at 1:30 PM on Sunday February 26. Refreshments will be served after the rally and prayer. This is our opportunity as LC--MS Lutheran's to stand up for life together and show the rest of Christendom our stand for life.

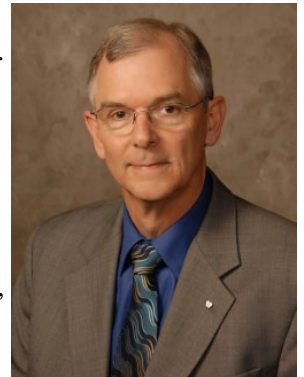
On Saturday, February 25, at 6 pm, Calvary will host Dr. Lamb and Right to Life for a dinner and preview of the rally. Cost is \$11. Please RSVP by Feb. 17 by calling: 712-239-1575. Call soon, limited seating available.

Dr. Lamb grew up in the small, southern Minnesota town of Good Thunder. There he married his childhood sweetheart, RoxAnne. The Lambs have been blessed with two sons and two daughters-in-law, a granddaughter, Jamie, and grandsons, Luke, Grant, and Zane. Dr. Lamb and RoxAnne live in State Center, Iowa.

Dr. Lamb received a B.A. in Biology from Mankato State University in 1973. In 1975 he enlisted in the USAF and served as an Emergency Medical Technician at the USAF Academy Hospital in Colorado Springs. He entered Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis in 1978, served his vicarage year at St. Paul, Royal Oak, Michigan, and graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1982. In 1994 he received his Doctor of Ministry from Concordia, Saint Louis.

Prior to accepting the position of Executive Director of National Lutherans For Life in April, 1996, Dr. Lamb

served as senior pastor at St. Paul, Garner, Iowa, for fourteen years. During this time he also served as Circuit Counselor, member of the board of directors for Lutheran Family Service of Iowa, chairman of the board of directors for a community/school youth program, spiritual advisor for a local Lutherans For Life chapter, and chaplain of the Garner Volunteer Fire Department. He presently serves on the Sanctity of Life Committee for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Life Ministries. He is the author of numerous brochures, articles, and essays connecting God's Word of Life to the life issues.



From the DCE, Cindy Storm: Center of Life

Where is your Center of Life?

This is an all-consuming daily question for Palestinians living in East Jerusalem. In 1967 the Israeli government issued identification cards to those living in East Jerusalem, granting them permanent residency – not citizenship – rights. Children born after 1967 may or may not receive this identification card based on a number of factors. One factor is the place of birth of the child. A child born to a resident of East Jerusalem, if not born in East Jerusalem, does not receive this ID card. Therefore, the parent cannot return to their home with this child. If you marry a person outside of East Jerusalem, you maintain residency if you live in East Jerusalem but your spouse does not have residency. Electricity, telephone and tax bills, and school or work cer-

tificates are some of the documents Palestinians can use to prove that their center of life is in East Jerusalem. If the government can prove a resident is absent from their home more than seven years, the resident loses ALL right to return to their home. They become a refugee because there is no other place in Israel or the West Bank they can live for they are not citizens of either country.

Where is your Center of Life?

This is not even a question we would ask living in the United States. Yes, strangers will ask "Where do you live?" but we have the freedom to live wherever we want. We do not worry about the citizenship of our children or if we marry someone from another state. Our status remains unchanged.

We are a citizen, and not just a resident.

Where is your Center of Life?

As a Christian this question is important to ask. Where is your Center of Life? What is the last thing you would maintain if forced to give up everything? Your job? Your house? Your family? Your spouse? Your God? What is the one thing you love so much that you would be willing to die before giving it up?

Where is your Center of Life?

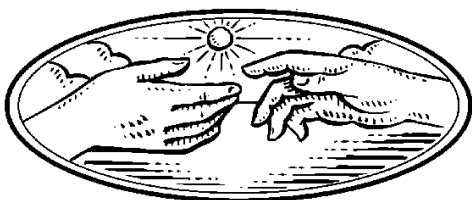
I know what God would say: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) God's Center of Life is YOU!!! He gave up everything BUT YOU!

From Pastor Travis: How's your "love tank?"

Valentines' Day is almost here! Is your love tank full? Yes, whether you are single or married God wants your "love tank" to be full!

Okay, maybe I should define what a love tank is: 1 John 3:16 says, "... Anyone who does not love remains in death... This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our loves for our brothers." Love is something we first receive from God and that love equips us to show love to others.

There are three different kinds of love in the Bible!



The first and most familiar type of love is *agape* love. Agape love is the kind of love that God gives to us in an undeserved fashion. We might call it an undeserved act of grace motivated by the heart of God. John 3:16 and 1 John 3 describe this love in detail. It is the love that all Christians possess even when they might feel unloved. God's love was shown when Jesus died for sins we have done, left un-

done, for those yet uncovered, atheists, Muslims, and me!



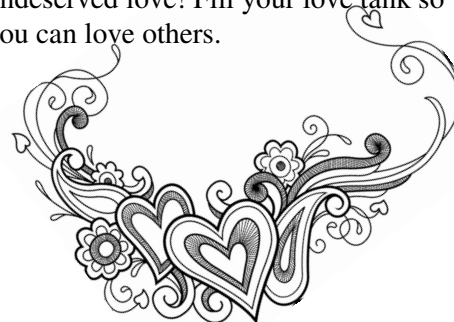
The second kind of love is *philos* love. It reminds me of the city of Philadelphia which means in Greek "the city of brotherly love." This is the kind of love we as people show to one another. Brotherly love motivates me to show kindness to the people of Dakota Dunes when their homes were under water. It motivates me to give food to a person who is hungry. Brotherly love is ultimately motivated by the agape love shown to us by Jesus.

The third kind of love is *eros* love. Eros is called erotic love, the love that is shown between married people. Erotic love in and of itself is not sinful and is created by God. Before the fall there was no lust and so Adam and Eve walked the earth naked. Martin Luther writes, "The act of begetting would have been



a most sacred one without any passion of lust such as there is now, and children would have been in original righteousness and uprightness." (Luther's Works Genesis 1-5 pg 116. See Genesis 2:22-25

All three of these loves have their place in life. Our love tanks get empty when the first two loves are neglected and when the third type of love turns into lust. Thank God Jesus has come to forgive us for our empty love and when love turns to lust. May his love fill and equip you to show true righteous love not just on Valentines' Day, but everyday with his help. Take the Lord's Supper this week, confess your sins and receive his love in Absolution either in worship or in Private Confession and Absolution. Read God's Word to be filled with tough love and undeserved love! Fill your love tank so you can love others.



Pick up your Lenten Devotions (small or large print) at the church on Sunday, February 19.

Care Team News — February 2012

Many of the Christian care giving guidelines for prayer also apply to the use of the Bible in caring relationships. As with prayer, one's use of the Bible needs to fit in as a natural part of the total conversation to help meet people's specific needs.

What a joy it is to connect with others with these wonderfully unique

resources. We read and hear scripture so that we are comforted in the forgiveness of sins, energized thanks to the hope of eternal life, and so that we are better able to minister to others effectively. Let us always be ready "to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." (1st Peter 3:15)

Jesus says in Matthew 24:35, "Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*, LSB 582. Praise God! The care team's next meeting is Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Diane Krause, Chair

Calvary's Members at Home

Edith Beck

Mildred Scherner

Bob Funck

Gerry Utecht

Don Grieve

Judy Helin

Robert Lacy

Evelyn Miens

Deloris Reed



Book Club Meets February 16

Lanette Falk will lead us in a discussion of our book for February: *The Pact* by Jodi Picoult.

From Jodi Picoult, one of the most powerful writers in contemporary fiction, comes a riveting, timely, heartbreaking, and terrifying novel of families in anguish — and friendships ripped apart by inconceivable violence.

“Until the phone calls came at 3:00 A.M. on a November morning, the Golds and their neighbors, the Hartes, had been inseparable. It was no surprise to anyone when their teenage children, Chris and Emily, began showing signs that their relationship was moving beyond that of lifelong friends. But now seventeen-year-old Emily has been shot to death by her beloved and devoted Chris as part of an apparent suicide pact — leaving two devastated families stranded in the dark and dense predawn, desperate for answers about an unthinkable act and the children they never really knew.”

We invite everyone to join us on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 11:30 as we share our sack lunches, with discussion to follow at noon.



Altar Flowers

Commemorate a special occasion or remember a loved one by providing Altar Flowers for the worship services in 2012. Sign your name to the poster in the Friendship Room and we will order a bouquet from Terry Lee's Flower shop for a cost of \$32.10.

If you prefer to provide your own flowers, please let the office know at least one week before your date.



We can accommodate up to 2 bouquets each week. Thank you for adding to our services with flowers.

Things to remember:

Ruth Circle Meeting Change: Super Subs Sunday – Feb. 5

Due to the TV Free Activities on Tuesday February 21 we are moving Ruth Circle to Thursday February 23. Please mark your calendars, hope to see you all there.

Don't forget to pick up your sandwich and drink before leaving church on Sunday. Stop by the kitchen between 9 – 10 am to purchase an extra sandwich if you forgot to pre-order. Sandwiches are \$6 with chips and a

dessert bar. Pop is \$.50 extra. Support our youth and enjoy a great sandwich. Thank you.



Worship Assistants for February, 2012



Elders:

Sunday, 8 am: Denny Barto./Len Sembach
Sunday, 10:30 am: Kent Kilstrom/Duane Nelson
Wednesday, 7 pm: Vic Renken

Communion Assistant: Brian Hickman

Ushers:

Sunday, 8 am: Brad B, Brad C, Nathan , Kent L
Sunday, 10:30 am: Todd F, Brian H, Nick H, Joe O

Chancel Guild:

Wednesday, Feb. 1 7 pm: Margaret B, Vicki B
 Sunday, Feb. 5, 8 am: Ramona M, Regena K
 Wednesday, Feb. 8, 7 pm: Marilyn , Nada E
 Sunday, Feb. 12, 10:30 am: Penny H, Betti S
 Sunday, Feb. 19, 8 am: Sharon J, Lorraine
 Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7 pm: Wilma J, Vandy J
 Sunday, Feb. 26, 10:30 am: Sharilyn S, Rhonda H

Greeters:

Sunday, 8 am: Len & Sue S
Sunday, 10:30 am: Sharilyn S

Acolytes:

Sunday, 8 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Wednesday, 7 pm
Feb. 5 & 8: Amelia D	Rylee & Gavin B	Megan K, Paige W
Feb. 12 & 15: Alyssa T	Chris O	Peyton B, Kennedy B
Feb. 19 & 22: Megan B	Ethan & Emma B	Jordan K, Kylie C
Feb. 26 & 29: Chris C	Jake Lee, Seth L	Mary B, Brandon S
Projector Schedule:		
Feb. 5 Mary D	Jake L	Peyton B
Feb. 12 Pastor T	Seth L	Jordan
Feb. 19 Emily B	Brooke G	Kennedy B
Feb. 26 Chris C	Jacob M	Brandy S

God's Worship Service Needs YOU!

Ushers:

Men & Women are needed to assist at the Worship services by handing out bulletins, answering questions, assisting worshipers looking for a place to sit, taking up the offerings, and be-

ing a welcoming presence for Calvary. Call the church office 239-1575 and volunteer.

Greeters:

For the Sunday Worship services—8 am: Vandy Junck, 712-239-

2293 or 10:30 am: Mary Ann Burg, 712-239-2848

Instrumentalists:

Share your talent with the organ or as a solo during the worship services

Finance Secretary's Report

Income Received for December 2011

Envelopes.....	\$ 22,215.15
Plate	647.75
YTD Envelope & Plate Total:	\$ 222,558.81
Other:	
Sunday School	43.30
Building Fund	50.00
Advent/Christmas	3,730.31
Poinsettias	276.00
Parish Hall use	150.00
Birthday Scholarships	150.00
Called Staff offering	1,411.00
Designated memorials.....	525.00
Children's Christmas service	1,141.77
Library	500.00
Soc. Min. Food Pantry	45.00
Adult Bible Class	83.10
Altar Flowers	32.10
Initial Offerings.....	13.00
Lamplighters	100.00
Youth	10.00
Acolyte robe cinctures	79.20
Seminary Door Offerings.....	257.00
Thrivent Choice Deposit.....	322.00
Total.....	<u>\$ 31,781.68</u>
Deposits:	
12/04/2011	\$ 4,474.35
12/07/2011	673.50
12/11/2011	7,281.00
12/18/2011	9,935.23
12/25/2011	7,671.60
12/31/2011	1,424.00
12/06/2011 Thrivent.....	322.00
Total for Month.....	<u>\$ 31,781.68</u>
2011 Year-to-Date Total:.....	\$ 272,682.45

Treasurer's Statement of Income & Expense

December 2011 —

Checking Account Balance, 12/01/2011		\$ 24,897.61
Plus Income	31,781.68	
Less Expense	—30467.12	
Plus Interest	.98	
Plus transf. from LCEF	<u>0.00</u>	
		1,315.54

Checking Account Balance, 12/31/2011 \$ 26,213.15

LCEF Steward Account Balance 12/01/2011 \$ 219.97

Plus Transfers In	\$0.00
Less Transfers Out	0.00
Plus Interest,	<u>0.21</u>
	0.21

LCEF Steward Account Balance 12/31/2011 \$ 220.18

Dedicated Funds

Social Ministries	\$ 358.19
Building Fund	7,824.86
Designated Memorials	16,428.32
Undesignated Memorials	1,130.00
Special Accounts	25,516.73
Outside Purposes	3.00
National Youth Gathering	1,893.95
World Missions	0.00
Capital Improvement	<u>1,746.60</u>
Total All Obligated Funds	\$ 54,901.65
Un-obligated Funds	— 28,468.32

Total Checking & Savings Funds \$ 26,433.33

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

All information for the weekly bulletins must be turned into the Church Office no later than 12 noon on Thursdays.

All information for the monthly newsletter must be turned into the Church Office no later than 8 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. Thank you!

The *Calvary Call* is published monthly by Calvary Lutheran Church, 4400 Central Street, Sioux City, Iowa, 51108. Information for the next month's newsletter is due the third Monday of each month.

Contact us: Phone 712-239-1575; FAX 712-239-8727; email — Pastor Travis: Rev.Travis@hotmail.com DCE Storm: CalvaryDCE@aol.com; Church Office: CalvarySecretary@aol.com; Church Website: calvaryleeds.com

A Message from Lutherans for Life:

“Christians must see children as gifts from God, not as projects. We should see marriage and parenthood as a stewardship and privilege, not as a mere lifestyle choice.

We must resist the cultural seductions and raise children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and understand family life as a crucible for holiness, not an experiment in happiness.”

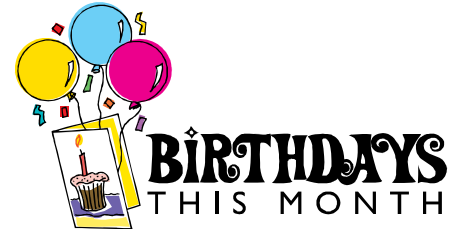
Albert R. Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

– A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

February Birthdays

Feb. 1 Michael McLarty
Katie Simpson
Feb. 2 Kathy Johnson
Raymond Reed
Feb. 3 Jill Kohn
Lisa Schindler
Annelie Schoop
Feb. 4 Rylee Bush
Jack Lawrenson
Brandon Livermore
Madison Musselman
Feb. 5 Kenneth Harder
Feb. 6 Leisa Burke
Doug Richey
Tim Stusse, Jr.
Feb. 7 Lisa McGaffey
Feb. 8 Sara Perryman
Feb. 9 Savannah Bush
Janal Davis
Noah Holmes
Christopher Rubalcava
Feb. 10 Darrell Stusse
Feb. 11 Katie Boisen
Feb. 12 Tina Steck
Feb. 13 Fred Charier
Feb. 14 Nancy Harrison
Feb. 15 Diane Bokemper
Diane Krause
Kendall Wingert
Feb. 16 Curt Clayton
Margaret Storm
Feb. 17 Joyce Hutton

Larry Kunze
Carol Parrish
Trevor Ploeger
Feb. 18 Erin Colley
Christopher Musselman
Sarah Richling
Feb. 19 LuAnn Blanchard
Spencer Boone
Susan Lowrey
Feb. 20 Kenneth Harder
Feb. 21 Julie Coughlin
Carter Holmes
Michael Prosser
Feb. 22 Dennis Barto
Abbie Blackwell
David Clausen
Edith Domnisse
Jessa Walker
Feb. 23 Edith Beck
Adam Bentz
Emma Bush
Ethan Bush
Lori Mehrer
Joe Mills
Hans Nelson
Feb. 24 Susan Chartier
Christopher Clayton
Feb. 25 Reese Burke
Feb. 26 Kylie Gengler
Joan Mansfield
Feb. 27 Carol Casotti
Hanna Cooke



Piper Kaiser
Michael Tillo
Feb. 28 Christy Cale
Mary Duax
Derek Kohn
Randy Quandt
Arik Sherrill
Feb. 29 Sharon Van Roekel

(If your birthday is missing or not correct, please call the Church Office at 712-239-1575, so that we have the correct information. Thanks and have a great birthday!)

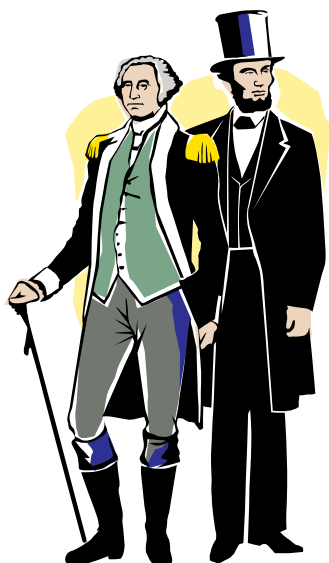
Celebrate Your Day in a Special Way:

Use the special envelopes in your offering box to **give thanks for your birthday with an offering to Calvary's Birthday Scholarship Fund.**

Calvary helps with tuition at Lutheran Schools such as St. Paul's in Sioux City, as well as at one of the 10 Concordia Universities, or two Seminaries.

Gaining a Lutheran education is an investment in one's faith! Contact Cindy Storm, DCE for more information!

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February

Bringing Faith, Hope, & Strength to All Christ's People

Guest Mission Presenter

Join us Sunday, February 5 as we welcome Gary W. Thies to Calvary.

Mr. Thies is the Mission Development Counselor with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Gary lives on a farm in western Iowa. He is looking forward to sharing with us the exciting news of what is really happening in mission in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

He has traveled in 75 counties and spoken in more than 1,250 churches. He will bring us an exciting power point presentation as well as artifacts direct from the mission files.

Mr. Thies will give his presentation at both worship services (8 am & 10:30 am) and will lead the Adult Bible Class at 9:15 am. Invite someone to come with you and you too can be a missionary!

Lenten Series: Free Spiritual Fruits!

Is your patience sometimes short? Does your mind ever race? Do you feel ill-equipped to fully show love? Then this year's Lenten Series is for you.

God gives us his Holy Spirit, but the Spirit does not just live in us, he also produces fruit. We will look at them one each week starting Ash Wednesday on February 22, from Galatians 5:19-26.

February 22 – Gentleness –
with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

February 29 – Lent 1 – Patience

March 7 – Lent 2 – Faithfulness

March 14 – Lent 3 – Goodness

March 21 – Lent 4 – Self Control

March 28 – Lent 5 – Peace

April 5 – Maundy Thursday – Kindness

With Jews for Jesus Presentation of Seder

April 6 – Good Friday - Love