

The Calvary Call

▶ January, 2010

Super Bowl Sub-Sandwich Time!

Calvary Youth offer you the ultimate sandwich meal for the ultimate bowl game. We are talking the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 7. Whether your team wins or loses, you will be a winner by selecting Calvary youth as your sandwich headquarters.

For \$5.50 you receive not only a specialized sandwich to tickle your taste buds, but chips and a homemade brownie. Let Calvary's Youth be your catering headquarters. Be sure to order enough sandwiches for friends and family. (use the form on page 3)

The youth are taking orders **January 17th through the 31st**. Contact a youth or fill out the order form. Please use one form per sandwich. Include your name and phone number. Sandwiches can be picked up on Sunday, February 7th from the kitchen after 9 am. Thank You for your support!

Watch for additional information about Super Bowl Activities at Calvary in the February Call.



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TV Free Week is Coming!

PLAN AHEAD FOR
TV FREE WEEK
February 7 – 12, 2010

Events for the entire family of all ages!!!

We want you to be a part of the events! See

the February Call for lists of events, dates, and times.

Don't be left out in the snow – Come into Calvary for fun, fellowship, and food during the "dark days" of winter.



Children's Church

Children's Church has been a great success! We have between 20 and 30 children ages 3-8 years attending.

Because of this achievement, we are extending the service to two (2) Sundays each month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month in 2010. The children will sing on the 2nd Sunday of each month as usual.

We would be happy to hear feedback from parents and congregational members. Please talk to Pastor Travis or DCE Storm



Children's Church: This month will be offered at the January 10 & 24th 10:30 services.

Adult Confirmation Classes

LCMS 101 Class is starting. We have classes on Sundays starting January 10 at 11:30 AM. Also our Thursday 7 PM will con-

tinue! Not only is this a great class for "newbies" it's also a good "refresher course" for "old hands!"

5th Sunday Potluck & New Member Welcome

On Sunday, January 31 we invite the whole congregation to come to the Parish Hall at 11:45 (Immediately following the late service) for a special potluck.

Confirmed, transfers in and/or Baptized during 2009.

Please bring a dish to share. Plates, cutlery & beverages will be provided.

We hope to see everyone there!



In addition to having our normal fellowship, we will recognize all those newly

Calvary Lutheran LYF Sub-Sandwich order form

Pick up: February 7, 2010

\$5.50 per sandwich — one sandwich per form

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Please check items for your sandwich.

Sandwich includes chips & a bar

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|--|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> turkey | <input type="checkbox"/> onion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ham | <input type="checkbox"/> lettuce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> tomato |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swiss cheese | |

the "works" (all of the above)

Pick up form the Calvary Parish Hall Kitchen

SOLD BY: _____

- check (make check out to Calvary LYF)
- cash
- _____ # of forms (sandwiches) included with this order

Proceeds will go towards Youth activities

Positions Available at St. Paul's School

We are accepting names for a position for afternoon "extended care". The hours would be from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. We are also accepting names for a classroom aide. The hours would be from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. The hours for each could be combined to make one position

(12:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Aide/"Extended Care"). If you are interested call: 258-6325.

Thank you, Alyce Strong, Principal, St. Paul's Lutheran School, 612 Jennings St., Sioux City, IA

Baptism Recognition

During 2009, we recognized Baptism anniversaries once each month with a special remembrance of baptism liturgy or prayer.

For 2010, we will pray for individuals and families the week of their Baptism Anniversary instead. This way everyone will be included in the public prayers once each year.

The church records do not include everyone's baptism date. If you do not see your name listed, please call Joan Mason (239-1575 ext. 0#) and include your baptism date! Thank-you!



Thank you!

Thanks to all who ordered poinsettias this holiday season.

We had over 50 plants this year. For a complete list of donors, please see the folder in the Friendship Room at the church.

If you would like to have your

plant at home, please stop by the church during regular business hours: Monday-Thursday, noon–4 pm or following the worship services on Sunday and Wednesday.

Thanks again for your generosity!



Let Us Thank the Lord! Pastor Travis

*Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:*

Isaac Watts penned these familiar words as a paraphrase of Psalm 90 that is especially appropriate to be read or sung New Years Eve/Day or at funerals. Isaac Watts wrote 150 plus hymns like this for his 1719 collection, *The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament*. Another Psalm paraphrase you will recognize by Watts is *Joy to the World* which is based on Psalm 98. Yet, did you realize this Psalm is really about Jesus second coming not Christmas. Next time you sing those, words think of the great joy that comes from Jesus at the end of the world for Christians!

Calvary was able to do great things with God's help this past year. With God's help, His Word

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

was preached and sacraments administered throughout the year here at Calvary. In places like China this would be impossible. I want to thank Joan Mason for putting together our scripture readings, newsletters, bulletins, etc. Likewise to Joan McGaffey

for keeping the church clean and a fitting place to hear God's Word and Don Van Roekel for clearing the snow. Likewise we give thanks for having Cindy Storm DCE for providing God's Word especially geared for children during worship, confirmation, etc.. And new this year, Pastor Ken Schmidt for helping with visiting the shut-ins, sharing God's Word in Bible Study, and sharing it once a month on Wednesday evening worship. And for Pastor Schoop's continued gifts proclaiming God's Word and Bible study among us!

Then there are those who get little credit such as the Chancel Guild for keeping all the communion supplies up to date, the Garden Club and Trustees who keep the grounds and building clean and beautiful. There are all those on the Youth Board, Board of Christian Education, Sunday School teachers, VBS helpers, Outreach Board, Social Ministries Board, Stewardship Board, Lamp Lighters, the tireless work of the Elders, Worship and Music Committee, Organists, Calvary Lutheran Women's League who value missions. We then tried some new ventures with God's help, the Bag-a-lunch program, Easter Egg hunt, and Children's

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Church etc; Thank God for their success! I give thanks for all those who I can't even begin to list, who give time talent and treasure and serve God joyfully without the recognition of an office or an official plug here!

Who do we give credit ultimately: It is God who is at work, motivating us, gracing us with the abilities to do all these important tasks in God's house!

In 2010 God we pray to God the final stanza of Isaac Watts hymn, "Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while

troubles last and our eternal home." I pray also for each of you that God and our Savior Jesus Christ would be your strength as forgiven people in 2010. That he would give you strength to continue to use all of your gifts in 2010. And that all of our members would joyfully make use of their gifts and offer them to Jesus!

Prayer - Psalm 90:17

"May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands."
Amen

In Christ, Pastor James Travis

Guest Speakers & Preachers — 2010

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, Calvary tries to host a guest missionary for the sake of our 5th-8th grade Sunday School classes. These speakers usually speak down stairs in the Blue Room informing them what is happening around the world in missions. Last year we thank Lee Umland and Elle Menz for speaking with them.

This year we look forward to Pastor Mark Gerken (January 10 – Mission Executive for Iowa District West), Chaplain Steve Benson (February 14 – Missionary to Sioux City Hospitals and Nursing Homes), Dr. James Lamb (March

14 – President of Lutheran's for Life). Since these speakers are also pastors, I have asked them to also share their message with the congregation during worship services on those Sundays.

Since, these are such quality speakers I am not going to leave town, but as your pastor will be present with you for these presentations. In fact, some of them are donating their time and effort to be with us. I pray that all of you continue to be edified with God's Word in 2010.



From the DCE Cindy Storm

I witnessed a most amazing event on December 20 at the Children's Christmas service. The young children were gathered around the manger with "Mary", "Joseph" and the baby. While the service continued, three little girls next to the manger were "taking care" of baby Jesus. This was an action of the heart worship for these three girls. We, as adults, know this "baby" was just a doll but He (Jesus) became real to these three girls as they offered their gifts of care and love.

I know that as you read this Christmas is now a past holiday. My prayer for each of you in 2010 is that you, too, can come to the manger, lose yourself to the world, and worship the Son of God in your everyday life by loving those God puts into the "manger" in front of you.

God's riches blessings to each of you in 2010.

Cindy Storm, DCE

Sunday School Choir — January 10

The Sunday School children (grades preschool through 4th) will sing at the 10:30 service on January 10, and then will go downstairs for Children's Church.

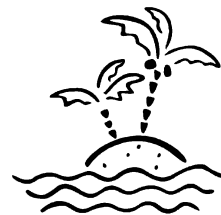


A good joke? Or sad comment?

Louie was shipwrecked and lived alone on a desert island for years until he was finally rescued.

Before leaving the island, he gave the rescue party a tour. "I built my self a house. That's it there. Here's the barn, and over here is the church I worshipped in."

"What's that building over there?" one of the rescuers asked. Louie sneered, "That's the church I *used* to belong to."



Our Church Family:



Transferred In:

Zachary Mathers, from Christ LCMS, Gladbrook, Iowa, December 21, 2009, by request.

Baptisms:

We welcomed in to the Family of God through the spiritual washing of Holy Baptism:

Madison Sue Book, daughter of Brian & Carrie Book, granddaughter of Bill & Linda Book, on December 16, 2009. Sponsors were Becky Book and David Porter.

Dale Emmanuel Hix, son of Brian & Heather (Johnson) Hix, Frisco, Texas on December 24, 2009. Sponsors were Dave & Stacie Lenzen.

May the Holy Spirit keep these children in saving faith until life everlasting.

Transferred Out:

Melissa Townley to King of Kings LCMS, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, December 7 2009, by request.

Thank you!

"A Big Thank YOU to everyone who helped in anyway — from baking to working — to make our Cookie Walk a real success. The proceeds will go toward mission projects of our CLWL. Thanks again for a great job!" *The Calvary Lutheran Women's League (CLWL)*

"Thank you to all who remembered my family with cards and gifts this Christmas season. We are gratefully for your love and kindness. It is a joy to serve you at Calvary. May God continue to bless you and your family in this New Year."

Cindy and Ed Storm

"Thanks to Kevin Kuhlmann, Isabelle McLarty, Vic & Leora Renken for their help putting together the December Call and the Advent Devotion Booklets. Your help was greatly appreciated."

*Joan M. Mason, Calvary Church
Secretary*

"Thank-you for the many cards and gifts from our fine family of faith at Calvary. God continue to bless all of you in the New Year.

Pastor, Stacy, Isaac, & Micah

Jan. 3: "True Wisdom" Luke 2:40-52

Jan. 10: "Baptism of Our Lord"
Guest preachers: Sunday: *Mark Gerken*;
Wednesday: *Ken Schmidt*. Bible Class:
Mission Presentation

Children's Church at
10:30 am service

Jan. 17: "Bring Your Empty
Cups to Jesus" John
2:1-11

Jan. 24: "Parents are from Venus,
Children are from Mars" Luke 4:16-30

Children's Church at
10:30 am service

Jan. 31: "Desire Love" 1 Corinthians
12:31b-13:13



Book Club News

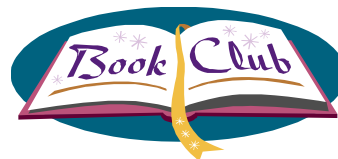
[The Four Seasons \(2001\)](#) A novel
by [Mary Alice Monroe](#)

They are the Season sisters, bound by blood, driven apart by a tragedy. Now they are about to embark on a bittersweet journey into the unknown, an odyssey of promise and forgiveness, of loss and rediscovery.

Jillian, Beatrice and Rose have gathered for the funeral of their younger sister, Meredith. Her death, and the legacy she leaves them, will trigger a cross-country journey in search of a stranger – a stranger with the power to mend their shattered lives. As the emotions of the past reverberate into the present, Jillian, Beatrice and Rose search for the girls they once were – in

hopes of finding what they really lost: the women they were meant to be.

Interested in discussing the above book? Come to Calvary's Book Club and join the conversation. The Club meets the 4th Tuesday each month, (January 26). For those who want some social time, bring your sack lunch at 11:30. The book dialogue begins at noon. We are done around 1 pm.



Worship Assistants for January

Elders: Sun. 8:00 am: Brad Cale/Bruce Lahrs
 Sun. 10:30 am: Duane Nelson
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Vic Renken

Ushers:
 Sundays: 8:00 am: Reg McCloud, Craig Merry
 Kyle Moore, Phil Ubben
 10:30 am: Jim Lacy, Clifton Lacy
 Jerad Lacy, Jake Hanson
 Wednesdays: 7:00 pm: Vince & Sue Tillo

Acolytes:

Sunday 8 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Wednesday 7 pm
<i>Jan. 3 & 6:</i>		
Emily Buckholtz	Savannah Bush	Chris Baker
Megan Buckholtz	Gavin Bush	Jordan Kinney
		Crucifer: Dan Tillo
		Torches: Alex Tillo, Jenna Lee
		Book: Kaylee Oehlerking

Jan. 10 & 13:

Chris Clayton	Cristin Groetken	Ariana Monell
Tanner Peterson	Brooklyn Groetken	Shea Monell

Jan. 17 & 20:

Jenny Mansfield	Dallas Bruneau	Hunter Fergen
Amelia Duax	Rylee Bush	Reese Burke

Jan. 24 & 27:

Emily Buckholtz	Taylor Jones	Megan Kaiser
Megan Buckholtz	Mickayla Lacy	Page Winge

Jan. 31 & Feb. 3:

Chris Clayton	Chris Osterholt	Avery Lee
Jenny Mansfield	Jacob Mebius	Jessa Walker

Chancel Guild:

Sunday, Jan. 3, 8 am:	Sharilyn Steck, Rhonda Hageman
Wednesday, Jan. 6, 7 pm:	Diana Lahrs, Julie Clayton
Sunday, Jan. 10, 10:30 am:	Annelie Schoop, Nancy Harrison
Sunday, Jan. 17, 8 am:	Julie Barto, Sandy Ohl
Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7 pm:	Donna Lieber, Caroline Rentel
Sunday, Jan. 24, 10:30 am:	Margaret Binnebose, Vicki Boddy
Sunday, Jan. 31, 8 am:	Ramona Mehrer, Regena Klein
10:30 am:	Marilyn Moore, Nada Early

Greeters: Sundays: 8:00 am: Brad & Kim Cale
 10:30 am: Caroline Rentel

Care Team Ministry Report **Diane Krause**

As you read this the celebration of Christ's birth continues into this wonderful new year and beyond. What joy there is in being refined as the spiritual journey of each of us continues, in and thru Christ ALONE, thanks be to God! His birth, his life, his suffering, and his death, all save you and me from our sins and from eternal death. What incredible gifts they are!

The care team's goal in 2010 is to continue modeling intentional connection with Calvary's flock AND encouraging genuine care and compassion to all.

There are many, many, many ways to serve those in our midst. May we each listen for God's prompting within our hearts to help, serve, uplift and love those whom He places in our paths. The door is always open to have you join in this endeavor, praying and otherwise.

I read a wonderful story in the December 2009 issue of *The Lutheran Witness*. It was a story of how a lady who, at 100 years of age, was prompted by the Holy Spirit to connect with and encourage a seeker who eventually became a brother in Christ! As we are prompted by the Holy Spirit, whether it be in in-reach or outreach, or any other ministry endeavor, may we with great joy and peace follow through. May

we with deep gratitude for being sons and daughters of the king, vow, as this year unfolds, to serve others like He so graciously and compassionately serves us!

Psalm 107:8-15, *"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."*

The care team meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2010. God's blessings to all!



Altar Flowers



The new 2010 sign up sheet is on the board in the Friendship Room.

Commemorate a special occasion or remember a loved one by providing Altar Flowers for the worship services in 2010.

We will order a bouquet from Terry Lee's Flower shop for a cost

of \$32.10 to be delivered to the church prior to the Sunday you select. If you prefer to provide your own flowers, please let the office know at least one week before your date.

Note: We can accommodate up to 2 bouquets each week. Thank you for helping to make the sanctuary beautiful with flowers.

Be a Senior Companion!

There is an immediate need for Senior Companions the Sioux City area!

Are you over 55, in need of some extra income, and have a few extra hours each week? Consider becoming a Senior Companion!

Senior Companions are adults over 55 who develop a meaningful relationship with other adults in need of additional support to maintain their dignity and independence through living in their own homes.

Call Amy Campbell or Linda Hesebeck at the Senior Companion Program, 712-577-7858, or 712-577-7848 for more information.



Senior Companions

Birthdays this month—January

Jan. 1	James Coughlin Jeffery Walker	Jan. 29	Scott Baker Wendy Forney
Jan. 2	Dawn Comstock Gwendolyn Lahrs Alex Tillo		Sonora Lynch Randy Ohl William Storm
Jan. 3	Daniel Musselman Sandy Ohl	Jan. 30	Kathryn Crawford James Jones Christian Kriech Mary Ruschmann
Jan. 6	Darin Wickey	Jan. 31	Nickolas Milbrodt Mark Musselman Micah Travis Jason Weitzel
Jan. 7	Myrna Johns Jordan Kinney		
Jan. 8	Regena Klein		
Jan. 9	Linda Thoreson		
Jan. 10	Jennifer Gengler Juliana Kilstrom		
Jan. 12	Keith Hanks, Jr. Kari Livermore		
Jan. 13	Ashley Karrer Roger Lieber Alyk Miller		
Jan. 15	Candie McDonald		
Jan. 16	Austen Fey Theodore Goss Sandra Kunze April Schomberg		
Jan. 17	Wilma Junck Kai Robertson		
Jan. 18	Shelly Groetken		
Jan. 19	Ashley Hansen Michelle Hansen		
Jan. 22	Marla Junck		
Jan. 23	Mikaela Cale		
Jan. 24	Susan Funck Chad Krastel Kim Kull Becca Lahrs Jennifer Nelson Marsha Pojar Lauren Streepy		
Jan. 25	Royce Van Roekel		
Jan. 26	Kelly Freed Robert Ludwig Chris Pojar Mark Roberts Holly Ubben Samantha Ubben		

If your birthday is missing or not correct, please call the Church office at 239-1575. Thanks and have a great birthday!

Use the special envelopes in your offering box to **give thanks for your birthday with an offering to Calvary's Birthday Scholarship Fund.** Monies from this fund help Calvary students attend LCMS Educational facilities.



Playtime for Little Ones



Calvary Playtime is Monday at 9:45 am. Playtime is open to all preschoolers accompanied by an adult in

the Leed's area.

This time is to help preschoolers use their extra energy built up from being indoors due to weather.

There is no registration or fee. We do ask a responsible adult stay with the preschooler during each session. Playtime is NOT staffed. However, the Called staff at Calvary will present a devotion.

Playtime will be Mondays from 9:45 to 11:15 with devotions at 10:30.



2009 Giving Statements

The 2009 Giving Statements will be available in the Friendship Room at the church beginning Sunday, January 17.

If you would like to have your statement mailed to you, please

contact the church office, 239-1575, 12-4 pm, Monday—Thursday, or leave a message on the secretary's voice mail (0#)

Thank you for your generous gifts in 2009.

2010 Offering Envelopes



Stop by the Friendship Room at church, and pick up your box this month to save on mailing costs.

Please Note: Your Offering Envelope Number changes each year. Be sure to check the date on your envelope so that you will be credited with the correct amount of your gift.

Treasurer's Statement of Income & Expense

November 2009

Checking Account Balance, 11/01/2009		\$ 13,350.21
Plus Income	21,089.47	
Less Expense	20,695.97	
Plus Interest	.74	
Plus Transfer LCEF	<u>0.00</u>	
	605.76	

Checking Account Balance, 11/30/2009		\$ 12,744.45
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LCEF Steward Account Balance 11/1/2009		\$ 36,369.54
Plus Transfers In	\$ 0.00	
Less Transfers Out	0.00	
Plus Interest,	<u>65.64</u>	
	\$ 65.64	

LCEF Steward Account Balance 11/30/2009		\$36,435.18
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Dedicated Funds

Social Ministries	\$ 313.19
Building Fund	10,601.86
Designated Memorials	11,766.67
Undesignated Memorials	4,089.13
Special Accounts	26,810.02
Outside Purposes	56.12
National Youth Gathering	1,350.05
World Missions	20.00
Capital Improvement	<u>1,746.60</u>
Total All Obligated Funds	\$ 56,641.40
Un-obligated Funds	\$ 7,461.77

Total Checking & Savings Funds	\$ 49,179.63
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Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

All information for the weekly bulletins must be turned into the Church Office no later than 10 am 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!
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Finance Secretary's Report

Income Received for November 2009

Envelopes	\$ 17,651.00
Plate.....	671.84
Other:	
Sunday School.....	77.80
Building Fund.....	95.00
Undesignated Memorials.....	20.00
Altar Flowers.....	32.10
Poinsettias.....	231.00
Thanksgiving Offering.....	470.00
Pastor's Special Fund.....	125.00
Parish Hall use	50.00
Paraments refund.....	208.25
Birthday Scholarship Fund	20.00
Sink Replacement—CLWL	547.57
Christian Reader	4.00
Election Custodian.....	65.00
Social Ministries.....	150.00
Door Offering for Seminaries.....	116.00
Men's Prayer Coffee.....	10.00
Office Supplies rebate	5.00
Lutheran Study Bibles	539.91
Total.....	<u>\$21,089.47</u>

Deposits:

11/01/09.....	\$ 4,705.56
11/08/09.....	4,801.47
11/15/09.....	5,599.06
11/22/09.....	3,478.73
11/29/09.....	2,504.65
Total for Month	<u>\$ 21,089.47</u>

2009 Year-to-Date Total: \$ 200,567.60

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From Lutherans for Life:

"America needs no words from me to see how your decision in *Roe v. Wade* has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fa-

therless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts—a child—as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters." *Mother Teresa*

This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life –
www.lutheransforlife.org.

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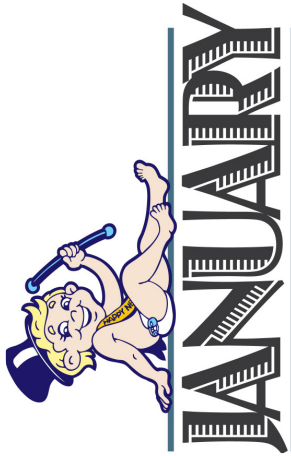


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