

Calvary Lutheran Church

The Calvary Call

June
2011

VBS—June 26-30

READY, SET, GO WILD!

We are wild for Jesus! And kids of all ages won't want to miss a minute of this Big Jungle Adventure, Calvary's 2011 VBS, June 26 – 30. It is so BIG we are offering the same program two different times to fit family schedules.

We have a morning session from **9:30 – 11:30 for children age 4 through 2nd grade.** We have an **evening session for the ENTIRE FAMILY** (children of all ages) from 6 to 8 pm **PLUS Adult Academy.**

Return the VBS registration in this issue of the *Call* or go to www.calvaryleeds.com and scroll to the middle of the front page to register on line; or call 712-239-1575.



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Calling All Kids! Can you find the animals?

There are five animals hiding in the pages of this *Calvary Call*. Find them and cut them out. Bring them to VBS, June 26-30, for a special treat. Do you know their names?

**Ascension Celebration, Sunday June 5,
8 & 10:30 am, Wednesday, June 8, 7 pm**

Why is Ascension Day important?— P. Travis



If Jesus does not exist Ascension Day is not important. Likewise if heaven does not exist Ascension is not important. Yet, Ascension marks the day Jesus ascended into heaven and we believe as Christians we will follow where He goes!

Jesus was born, we were born. Jesus was baptized, we were baptized. Jesus died on the cross, we die in our baptism to sin. Jesus rose, we rise in our baptism and physically on the last day. Jesus ascended into heaven, we too will go into heaven with

Jesus. That is why this is an important day.

This year we are going to celebrate the Ascension differently: We will be inviting everyone to celebrate it on Sunday June 5. Yes, it is normally on a Thursday 40 days after Easter!

Please invite your friends. This service ranks up there with Christmas and Easter, but because of its time in the year many people have gotten away from attending the service due to Ball-games, and beautiful weather! God bless you as you make Jesus' Ascension your own ascension!

VBS Adult Academy

We have an exciting line-up of speakers this year for our Adult Academy. The Academy will be held in conjunction with our VBS program, June 26-30. The Academy is from 7-8 pm. All adults are welcome to come at 6 to participate in the VBS Opening.

Sunday, June 26: Pastor Schoop will speak on "Heaven."

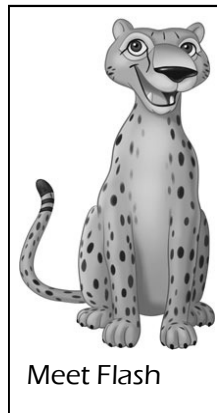
Monday, June 27 Dr. Bob Dunker, WIT president will speak on "Christian Life in your Vocations and as Parents."

Tuesday, June 28: Pastor Andrew Carlson from Ireton, IA , Navy

Chaplain and Gulf War Veteran, will present dealing with deployment and post-deployment issues and how the church can be active in the lives of the military and their families.

Wednesday, June 29: no Adult Academy – Worship.

Thursday, June 30: Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans for Life, will present End of Life issues.



Meet Flash

VBS Staff Meeting

Tuesday, June 7 at 6 pm

Come and get prepared for our Big Jungle Adventure.

So on the day of VBS we are all well prepared for God's Word tells us, "*So whether you eat or*

drink or WHATEVER you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31)

Let us be our best for God and the children of VBS.

We are "growing" a JUNGLE for VBS



eration use their imagination.

The 2011 VBS Theme is *The Big Jungle Adventure*. We are creating a jungle for the children and **need lots of artificial plants and stuffed jungle animals** for the jungle.

Remember traveling in your imagination to far off exotic places? Today you can help the next generation use their imagination.

If you can lend any of the above to VBS please call Cindy Storm at 712-239-1575 or 712-251-2884. Someone will be happy to pick them up and deliver them back at the end of VBS (June 26-30).

Please make sure your name is on the bottom so we return it to the rightful owner. Thank you and God bless.



VBS Recycling

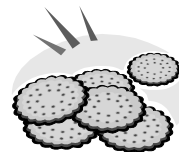
To be good stewards of the resources God has given each of us, the VBS committee would like to ask you to donate the following items, some of the items that might otherwise be thrown away. Below is a list of items needed for our crafts:

- Large brown paper bags
- Clean tube socks (great way to get rid of the one that is missing the mate)

- Sandwich-size Ziploc bags (consider donating 5 or 10 bags)
- Clean tin cans (at least a 10.5 oz size)
- Green jungle plants
- Stuffed animals

And lots of COOKIES!!!!

(see page 15)



Calvary Event Survey Results

In May, the Council asked Calvary members to complete a survey about events that could be congregation-wide activities.

All these events and projects are worthy but the Pig Roast & Bag-A-Lunch received the largest amount of interest for our people to participate in as a congregation as well as the Annual Church Picnic and TV-Free Week. Other events such as those listed will be supported as the Lord provides helpers. Everyone needs to work together to make these events happen..

87 surveys were returned with the following results:

38 — Pig Roast (We will have a planning meeting to make this a reality in the near future.)

22 — Bag -a-Lunch

18 — Trunk or Treat

18 — 5th Sunday Pot-luck

17 — Ice Cream Social & Talent Show

16 — Vacation Bible School

7 — Sioux City Date Night Marriage Retreat

Other events suggested on the surveys:

Easter Egg Hunt

Adult Academy/VBS

Monthly Young Couples' Group

Camp Okoboji Weekend

Old Fashioned Pot-Luck

Scrapbooking Church Events & Celebrations

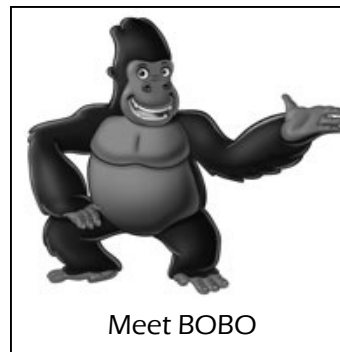
Old Fashioned "Hymn Sing" and/or Church Service

All Church Picnic—August 28

Mark your calendars today for the Annual All Church Picnic this August at Hinton City Park.

Along with our Outdoor Worship we will have great food, fun, entertainment, music, games and more!

See you at the Park!!!



Calling ALL Adventureland Fans!

Wednesday, June 22 is Lutheran Day at Adventureland.

Tickets are \$20 per person.

Adults are needed for driving.

All Youth (5th grade and up) are invited on this trip.

Adults and Youth **MUST** (no exceptions made this year) contact DCE Cindy Storm (251-2884) on or before Wednesday, June 15 if you plan on attending.

See poster outside DCE's office for details.

“When Church becomes boring.” Martin Luther

Have you ever said, "I don't really need to be at church/ Sunday School because it is just review anyway?" Martin Luther has some interesting comments on this statement.

Luther says this is Satan at work: "For Satan can abide nothing less than the light of the Gospel. Therefore, when he sees that it begins to shine, then he rages and goes about with all main and might to quench it. Moreover, Satan turns men particularly also from the Gospel by excessive fullness. For when the Gospel is diligently and daily preached, many being [saturated with it] begin to loathe it, and little by little become negligent and [go away from] all godly behaviors.

Again, Satan seeks to prevent parents from bringing up their children in the study of the Holy Scriptures, but to employ them rather entirely to [moneymaking] arts or occupations. It is not with-

out cause, therefore, that Paul warns the hearers of the Gospel to make their pastors and teachers partakers with them in all good things. "If we (he says to the Corinthians) sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we should reap material things from you?" (1 Cor. 9:11)?

The hearers thereof ought to minister material things to them from whom they have received spiritual things. For it is impossible that those that are godly indeed should permit their pastors to live in need and poverty (Luther on Galatians 6:6 "And let the one who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches.")

Luther says the solution to a "boring church life" is to invest in it (pray and give)! The other solution is to be aware that Satan is at work trying to get us to think Church is boring!

VBS Mission Project

There's a great need for Christian compassion around the world. So how can you help? Support Calvary's VBS Mission Project: **Lutheran Malaria Initiative.**

Did you know that more than 500 million people get sick with malaria every year? Every year 1 million people, most of them children in Africa, die of malaria. That's one death every 30 seconds!

Did you also know that malaria is preventable? Every \$10 we collect buys a treated net that will help save the lives of these children who are dying preventable deaths.

Our goal is to collect \$500 through our VBS program to help save children's lives... children who might not have heard about our loving God.

How can you contribute? Write out your check to **Calvary – VBS** or place your money into an envelope marked **Calvary VBS.** All money so designated will be put towards the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. Thank you for getting involved!



Meet Ruby

Our Ministry Needs YOU!

Adopt a Planter or Pot: The outdoor flower beds need help with weeding, new flowers, watering, etc. Contact Jim Anderson, 239-4203 Note: Inside plants need love too!

Vacation Bible School: Helpers, teachers, recreation leaders, crafts, etc., evening or morning sessions. Contact Cindy Storm at 239-1575.

Ushers: Men & Women 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 being a welcoming presence for Calvary. Call the church office 239-1575.

Greeters: For the Sunday Worship services—8 am: Vandy Junck, 712-239-2293 or 10:30 am: Mary Ann Burg, 712-239-2848

Bag-a-Lunch: Free lunches will be given to Leeds children on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, June 1 through August 15, 11:30-12:30. Helpers are needed whether regularly, once a week or once a month. Contact Lanette Falk at 239-0880.



Celebrating Sunday School:

Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Parents' baptismal promise to God for their child(ren):

...be brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God, bring him/her to the services of God's house, and provide for his/her further instruction in the Christian faith...

In this context we, the congregation of Calvary, wish to recognize faithful keeping of this promise by recognizing perfect Sunday School attendance through our school year.

Perfect attendance for **one month:**

Kai C, Ethan H, Caden W, Holly D, Micah K, Bryce M

Perfect attendance for **two months:**

Parker F, Becca L Briar L, Avery B, Brody S, Kenedi S, Michael D, Brady P

Perfect attendance for **three months:**

Matthew H, Kenzie W, Emma H

Perfect attendance for **four months:**

Josh M, Hannah M, Noah H

Perfect attendance for **five months:**

Madelyn C, Carter C

Perfect attendance for **seven months:**

Isaac T

Perfect attendance for **eight months:**

Micah T.

To God give the glory for faithful parents and faithful Sunday School teachers.

Sunday School teacher recognition:

Pre-kindergarten: Julie and Denny B

Kindergarten: Nathan C, Justin H, Katherine C, Mikaela C

1st/2nd Grade: Michelle H

3rd/4th Grade: Lindsey H

Fifth – Eighth Grade: Stacy T

Opening: Dee C



Meet Humphrey

Our Church Family:

Baptism:

This month we welcomed into the family of God through the spiritual washing of Holy Baptism:

Briana L, Latasha C & Annabelle Laird, daughters of Thatvaly C, May 15, 2011. Sponsors: Julie C and Christina S

David P, son of Derek & Kate P, May 22, 2011. Sponsors: Shelly G and Joe W.

Nicholas Charles Nobert, May 26, 2011. Adult Baptism.

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

Confirmed in Faith:

On Sunday, May 8, 2011, the following students were confirmed:

Savannah Bush, Brooklynne Groetken, Jennifer Mansfield, and Daniel Tillo.

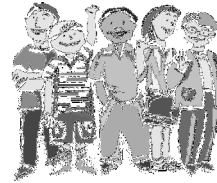
May God continue to bless you as you grow in faith.

Transferred Out:

Carly H. to Bethel LCMS, Lawton, Iowa, May 11, 2011, by request.

Released:

Nicole G-M, May 11, 2011, by request



Do you know where they are?

We need your help in locating addresses for the following members. If you have a current address or phone number for any of these people, please call the church office at 239-1575 and let us know. Thank you.

Corey Adair	Craig Blunck	Toni Boschker
Roberta Carmen	Amanda Donnell	Tony Downing
Randal Fredericks	Sally Krause	Collen Larson
Alexandra Larson-Kyte	Michelle Lieber	Jean Martin
Timothy Orban	Casey Schlumbaum	Lori Schmidt
Teresa Schumacker	Daniel Shank	David Shank
Douglas Sherrill	Michelle Sherrill	Valinda Sherrill
Carolyn Stabe	Jim Stabe	David Stowe
Lisa Stowe	Brittanie Tague	Jennifer Thomas
Debra Toliver	Nordyn Vickery	Shannon Wade
Robert Worden		

Books in the Library:

Stop by the Library and check out these good reads:

For Adults:

The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven by Kevin and Alex Malarkey

This is a true story of Kevin Malarkey and his six-year-old son Alex, who in 2004 suffered a terrible car accident. The impact from the crash paralyzed Alex and it seemed impossible that he could survive. When Alex awoke from a coma two months later, he had an incredible story to share. This true story is of an ordinary boy's most extraordinary journey. As you see Heaven and earth through Alex's eyes, you'll come away with new insights on miracles, life beyond this world and the power of a father's love.

Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent

When 4-year-old Colton Burpo made it through an emergency appendectomy, his family was overjoyed at his miraculous survival. What they weren't expecting, though, was the story that emerged in the months that followed – a story as beautiful as it was extraordinary, detailing their little boy's trip to heaven and back. (Dr. Gibbs of Concordia Seminary writes a critique of this book from a Lutheran per-

spective. Please read it along with the book.)

For Kids

The Berenstain Bears Discover God's Creation by Stan & Jan Berenstain

"God's creation we have found has a better picture and better sound and worlds of wonder all around. Thanks Lord for this world we've found."

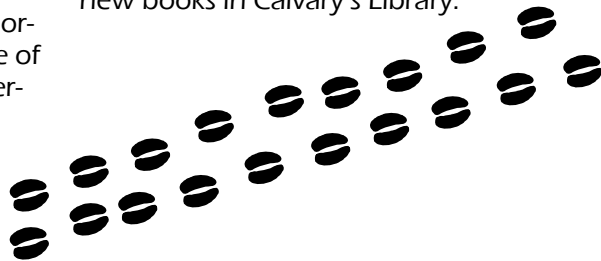
Mama Bear pulls the plug on TV and the Bear Cubs are upset. What are they going to do now? All it takes is a peek outside for Brother and Sister to see that God has given them a beautiful world that is far more fun than the TV screen.

The Boy on the Yellow Bus by Crystal Bowman

What makes someone a hero? Super power? Amazing ability? Special knowledge?

When a young boy shares his seat on the school bus we are reminded that you can do important things no matter what your size. And when you're kind to others you're a hero in God's eyes.

Check out these and other new books in Calvary's Library.



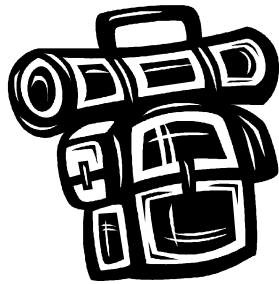
Come to Camp Okoboji this summer!

Camp Okoboji offers summer programs for all age groups and experiences. Below are the scheduled camps for this year.

Be sure to check out their website for a full description of each camp: www.campokoboji.org

Don't miss out on great summer fun!!!! Calvary does have limited scholarship funds available. Please talk to DCE Cindy Storm for the details of the scholarship.

Jun 17-18	Quilt Display /Auction
Jun 17-19	Kids' Kamp
Jun 19-25	Minneboji
Jun 26-Jul 2	LCMS Servant Event
Jun 27-Jul 1	Jr. Joy DAY Camp
Jul 3	Brunch at Camp Okoboji
Jul 3-9	July 4th Family Retreat
Jul 10-16	Jr. High Week
Jul 17- 23	Concordia Cub Week
Jul 24-30	Youth Week
Jul 31-Aug 6	Family Retreat I
August 7	Brunch At Camp
Aug 7-13	Family Retreat II
Aug 16-18	Saints Alive Retreat



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To Serve and Be Served

Three youth and the DCE will attend Camp Okoboji's Calm Down Retreat Sunday, June 12 through the 15th. While at Camp the youth will be served and learn to serve others by fixing meals, doing work along bike trails and more. Please pray for these three youth as they enter this training.



Voter's Meeting—June 26 @ 9:15 AM

Calvary's Voters will be meeting June 26 between services. Would you like to serve on a board, serve as an officer, etc. see the bulletin for more information on positions available!



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

Celebrate your day!

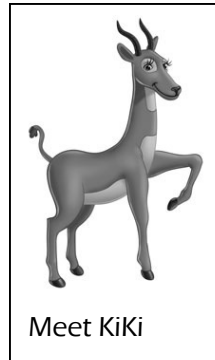
Use the special envelopes in your offering box to **give thanks for your birthday with an offering to Calvary's Birthday Scholarship Fund.**

Calvary helps with tuition at Lutheran Schools such as St. Paul (Sioux City), 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!

Cookie Bakers Unite!!

VBS students will be looking forward to delicious homemade cookies and snacks June 26-30. We will need about 15 dozen cookies each day. You may bring them to church on or before June 26. We will freeze them until they are needed. This will give you a chance to bake in the cool June mornings. Cookies may be placed in the DCE's office at anytime.



New Member Classes begin

All interested persons are invited to attend the next session of *Luther 101* led by Pastor Travis on Thursday evenings beginning June 2 at 7 pm.

This class is open to all who wish to become members of

Calvary, those members who want to refresh their confirmation memories and those who want to know more about the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

New *Story Bible* available now

Teach children about the Bible in a way like never before.

Concordia Publishing House's new release, *The Story Bible*, delivers beautiful life-like art combined with features not normally found in children's Bibles such as discussion questions, learning activities, and prayers.

The Story Bible is designed to engage children and to build a strong foundation in Christ. For ages 3-8.

For more information or to see samples visit Calvary's Library. Regular price is \$29.99, you can buy this wonderful Bible for just \$19.99 plus \$2 shipping (\$21.99).

Altar Flowers

Commemorate a special occasion or remember a loved one by providing Altar Flowers for the worship services in 2011. 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.



News from our Community:

WALK FOR LIFE:

We encourage all Calvary people to join the *Walk for Life* to be held on June 4, 2011, starting at 8:30 am. Sponsor forms and more information are in the Friendship Room or the church office.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:

St. Paul's Lutheran School (Sioux City) annual golf outing is June 13 at Two Rivers golf course. Tee off is 12:30 pm. The cost of this year's event is \$60 per person. This includes 18 holes with cart and great steak dinner, or \$14 for adults for just the meal. Prizes possible, fun guaranteed! If you'd like to sponsor a hole, please call Ralph Schroeder 712-258-4662 or Russ Senstad 712-898-3053 for additional details.

BARNABUS PROJECT:

Our heroes have been deployed to the war in Afghanistan, but what can the church do? How can we, as Christians, offer Jesus' love to these people?

Mike Moreno, Operation Barnabas Counselor, LCMS has developed a workshop addressing these very issues and he will be at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa to offer encouragement and share ideas and resources to individuals and congregations.

There is no charge for this workshop which will be held Wednesday, June 15, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with lunch included. Please register for this workshop by calling Redeemer at 712-276-1125.

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Finance Secretary's Report

Income Received for April 2011

Envelopes	\$ 14,662.00
Plate.....	849.13
YTD Envelope & Plate Total:.....	66,078.93
Other:	
Sunday School.....	44.25
Building Fund.....	60.00
Lent/Easter Offerings.....	5,383.00
Easter Lilies.....	346.00
Memorials, Designated.....	1,000.00
Memorials, Undesignated.....	25.00
Birthday Scholarships.....	60.00
Adult Bible Class	52.20
75th Mug sales.....	24.00
Church Insurance refund.....	57.00
Office supplies.....	180.00
Designated Gift.....	1,000.00
Mapleton Relief	45.00
A/V System.....	300.00
Thrivent Choice Deposit.....	1,289.00
 Total.....	 <u>\$ 25,376.58</u>
Deposits:	
04/03/2011	\$ 5,572.51
04/10/2011.....	4,263.37
04/17/2011.....	6,584.68
04/24/2011.....	7,667.02
04/07/2011 Thrivent.....	1,289.00
 Total for Month.....	 <u>\$ 25,376.58</u>
2011 Year-to-Date Total:	\$ 89,695.44

Need a Listening Ear?

Call the Lutheran Family Service of Iowa at 1-800-622-7285
or the Sioux City office at 712-276-9000

From Lutherans for Life:

"Children, vulnerable and dependent, desperately need security, and it has ever been a duty and a joy of fatherhood to offer it. Being a father requires strength ... and more than a little courage ... to persevere, to fight discouragement, and to keep working for the family ... With God's grace, fathers find the patience to teach, the fortitude to provide, the compassion to comfort, and the mercy to forgive ...

Let us ... express our thanks and affection to our fathers, whether we can do so in person or in prayer." *Ronald Reagan, former president of the United States* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org



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