

The Calvary Call

March, 2010

Passover presentation

Peter Nasser of Jews for Jesus will speak at Calvary Lutheran Church on Wednesday March 17 at 7pm. Peter Nasser will show us what it would have been like to celebrate the Passover meal in Jesus' day. This presentation will help us bet-

ter appreciate Maundy Thursday.

Raised in an Arab Christian home in Israel, Nasser knew about Jesus but was never a true believer. He came to know Jesus as his Savior after a series of personal trials. His wife, Yarden, is Jewish and grew up in the Ukraine. At age 15 she moved to Israel to attend religious school. She

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Holy Week Experience—March 31

On Wednesday, March 31, at 5:30 pm there will be a special Holy Week Experience for ALL

members of Calvary ages 0 to 99 years of age.

The Parish Hall will be opened at 5:30 pm for all to experience through their senses, the sights, sounds, and the touching Jesus

felt during his last days before the cross.

Walk through the experience at your leisure. When you are finished you are invited to the sanctuary for some quiet time before the Service of Absolution and Confession at 7 pm.



searched the Hebrew Scriptures and came to believe in Jesus as Messiah. Yarden and Peter met while working on a Jews for Jesus evangelistic campaign in Israel and were married in 2005. Peter says, 'It's God's plan. I love Jews and she loves Arabs and we have peace with each other.' They now serve together at the Jews for Jesus Tel Aviv branch.

Moishe Rosen founded Jews for Jesus in 1973 and revolutionized Jewish evangelism with his creative approach. 'Our model is the Book of Acts,' says Rosen. 'Jesus' disciples didn't linger in the Upper Room. They went down to the streets where the people were.'

David Brickner, a fifth-generation Jewish believer in Jesus, succeeded Rosen as Executive Director in 1996. Brickner has kept Jews for Jesus on the cutting edge as the ministry has expanded and established branches in eleven countries,

including the United States, Brazil, Israel, Russia, France, and South Africa. "We exist to make the Messiahship of Jesus an unavoidable issue to our Jewish people worldwide,' Brickner states. 'There are still a few that haven't heard of us!' To Peter Nasser and other Jews for Jesus staff, the objective evidence of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, and the transformation in their our own lives provide ample evidence that Jesus was who he claimed to be - the Jewish Messiah. Nasser will be happy to answer questions after the presentation. Call 712-239-1575 for more information. There is no admission charge.



Dr. Lamb, LFL President at Calvary on March 14

This month's guest missionary is Rev. Dr. James Lamb. He will share special words with us "For Life." We will confess our sins against life but also receive God's forgiveness for life. There is no sin too big for God to forgive.

Dr. Lamb will also be the speaker at the Annual Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Sioux City LCMS churches on Easter Sunday, April 4, at 6 am.



Children's Church & Sunday School Choir



The Sunday School children (grades pre-school through 4th) will sing at the 10:30 service on March 14, receive a blessing and then will go downstairs for Children's Church. Children's Church will also be offered on Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 am.



JOLT 2010 —Youth Event

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring a Lutheran event for our 6th – 8th grade students.

Lutheran students and their friends from the Siouxland area and beyond are invited to Come on March 27, 2010 to the Morningside College Rec Center for a day of fun and service.

The Event starts at 3 and ends at 10 pm. We'll have lots of food, activities, fellowship, and

inflatables. We'll help package 100,00 sacks of food for the Kids for Hunger—Haiti mission.



Peter Eide, famous Christian music artist, will present a concert at 7.

This whole day of events is **FREE** for everyone!

Bring your friends! PS: Everyone who comes gets a free t-shirt!

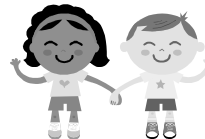
Pre-School & Kindergarten Roundup

St. Paul's Lutheran School will host the 2010 Preschool & Kindergarten Open House & Round up on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 1:30 pm in the St. Paul's Gym, 614 Jennings Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

Children must be 5 years old by September 15, 2010, for Kindergarten and 4 years old, for Preschool this fall.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call 712-258-6325

"Strengthen your understanding of God's love and protection as you learn at St. Paul's Lutheran School!"



Annual Easter SonRise Service

The LCMS Lutheran Churches of Sioux City and Calvary invite you to enjoy a special Easter Sunrise service at Eppley Auditorium on April 4 at 6 am. Come worship with your brothers and sisters across the city and even invite friends and neighbors to a non-threatening environment to hear God's Word.

The service will last an hour giving plenty of time to celebrate here at Calvary. Brass, organ, and bells will help lead hundreds of voices respond to God's Word. Pat Monroe will be present to interpret for the Deaf community.

This year's guest preacher is Rev. Dr. James Lamb. He will share special words with us about "Easter Life." Dr. Lamb is married to his childhood sweet-

heart, RoxAnne. They have two sons and four grandchildren. He has a B.A. in Biology from Mankato State University in 1973. He received both a Master of Divinity (1982) and Doctor of Ministry (1994) from Concordia Seminary in St.



Louis. Prior to accepting the position of Executive Director of Lutherans For Life in April, 1996, Dr. Lamb served as senior pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Garner, IA for fourteen years. As part of his duties, he now travels internationally speaking in a variety of settings and sharing the Biblical "For Life" message. He is the author of numerous brochures, articles, and essays connecting the Word of Life to the life issues of our time.

Holy Week at Calvary

March 28: Palm Sunday Worship at 8 & at 10:30 am with Communion

March 31: Wednesday:

Holy Week Experience, 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Service of Confession & Absolution, 7 pm.

April 1: Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion at 12

noon and 7 pm

April 2: Good Friday Worship at 7 pm

April 4: Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service Eppley Auditorium at 6 am.

Worship with Communion at Calvary at 8 and 10:30 am.



Funerals: A Time to Share One's Faith (part 1)

Did you know that at a funeral, people are more open to hearing about Jesus? It is true! They want to hear a message that will comfort them in their time of distress. Even a life-long Atheist may be willing to hear the reality of God and his work.

Certainly, the Word of God will be shared by the pastor and read in the liturgy and from the scripture. Yet, people will be even more intrigued to hear God's Word from the lips of the deceased, to hear their last Testament.

Most people have prepared a Will describing where their earthly possessions are to go. But, what about their most important possession, their faith? Why not pass on the faith in a



Testament? A professional way to go about this would be to talk to Jim Schroeder of the LCMS Foundation. However, a simple way anyone can prepare such a Testament is to fill out the little form printed on the opposite side of this page. Pick out your favorite hymns that speak your faith, write your faith in your own words, use extra paper and tell each child, grandchild, friend, a special message about how much they mean to you.

I don't recommend waiting till after death to tell others about Jesus, but don't forget this may be one of your greatest moments to help others come to know Him better.

Pastor James Travis

"Old" Study—"New" Time!

Join Pastor Schmidt at a new time for Bible Study at Calvary!

Beginning Wednesday, March 3, at 10:30 am, Pastor Schmidt will lead the class in a discussion of *Favorite Old Testament Stories*.

This class is open to all who

want to come and hear about our favorite Old Testament people and how we can relate their experiences to our own lives.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays!



(Use this form as a guide to help you formulate your "testament" for your family)

The Funeral Service

Scripture Texts

Sermon Theme & Text _____

Hymn(s)

Special Music _____

Organist Other Musicians _____

Concerning The Child of God

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____

Father & Mother (with maiden name)

Baptism date _____

Baptism place _____

Confirmation date _____

Confirmation place _____

Confirmation verse _____

Marriage date _____

Marriage place _____

Word's that you would like to have shared at the funeral about Jesus: _____

Word's that you would like shared with your family members:

From the DCE: TV-Free Week reflections Cindy Storm

TV Free week in some ways reminds me of the first Christians. In the book of Acts the first Christians gathered together, broke bread, devoted themselves to the teachings of Jesus and had everything in common. During the week of February 7 – 11 over 200 Calvary members met together, ate together and shared the evenings' events (had something in common).

As we came together as one body, people brought prepared food to share with the group. There were many conversations around the meal tables as our members shared their day with one another.

Each evening God's Word was offered through a Bible study so that we could grow in our faith. The children were involved with games to grow in their understanding of how to be a Christian with other children. Women met and sewed pillow cases to give some cheer to those who face great medical chal-

lenges. And there was a great deal of joy-filled laughter as we attempted to do some silly activities as we shared the company of one another.

Although it was an extremely successful week there was one thing missing – our 479 brothers and sisters who did not attend. We MISSED you! We will have TV Free Week next year at the beginning of February. We would love to have you come at least once, join the meal table and relax with people who want the very best for you.

A big thank you to ALL who helped make this event possible. I hesitate to name names because I do not want to leave out any of the wonderful volunteers, some well behind the scenes that contributed as much as those who were up front serving food.

God has blessed our congregation with good memories and friendships founded upon His great love.

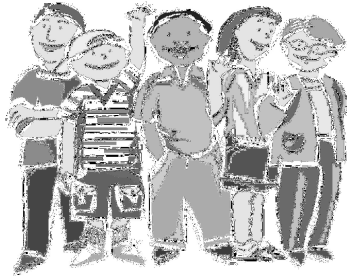
Easter Lily orders

Once again, you have the opportunity to purchase Easter Lily plants to grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The cost is the same as last year, \$11 per plant, and the order envelopes are in the pews (or call the office at

239-1575). Please complete the information on the front of the envelope to honor or remember your loved ones and place the fee inside. All orders are prepaid and due no later than March 25. Thank you



Our Church Family:



Wyatt Malcolm Robinson, son of Michael & Bobbijo R. February 14, 2010. Sponsors were the Congregation of Calvary.

Chloe F., February 21, 2010. Sponsors were Chris Warren and Keith H.. May the Holy Spirit keep these children in saving faith until life everlasting.

Transferred in:

We welcome back *Carol B.* February 1, 2010, by request. It's good to have you back, Carol!

Baptized:

Book Club News

The Children's Blizzard unfolds a terrible blizzard by tracing its impact on six pioneer families and their children. Here too is the story of the US Army Signal Corps officer who forecast the storm, his superior officer in Washington, DC, who headed the fledgling US Weather Service, and the tangled bureaucracy that made it so difficult to spread word of the storm to the people of the region. David Laskin, author, also explains the meteorology behind this event – why it was so intense and so sudden – and gives a vivid picture of exactly what happens to the human body when exposed with no food or shelter to

prolonged cold.

Blending history, meteorology, human interest, and vivid details about the settlement of the prairie, *The Children's Blizzard* is a work that brings to life both an era of American history and a single unforgettable day.

Join Calvary's Book Club on Tuesday, March 23 to discuss *The Children's Blizzard*. Bring a bag lunch at 11:30 to socialize. The discussion begins at noon.

March 3: Lent Mid-week
"Praying from the Belly
of the Great Big Fish"
Jonah 2:1-10

March 7: Third Sunday in Lent
"Katrina, Cedar Rapids,
Haiti, California, Now
What?" Luke 13:1-9

March 10: Lent Mid-week "The
God of the Second
Chance" Jonah 3:1-4

March 14: Fourth Sunday in Lent
"For Life" — Guest
Preacher: Dr. James
Lamb

March 17: Lent Mid-week "The
Passover Meal" —
Guest: Peter Nasser

March 21: Fifth Sunday in Lent —
"Running Dad's Busi-
ness" Luke 20:9-18

March 24: Lent Mid-week "About
Face!" Jonah 3:5-10

March 28: Palm Sunday — Pro-
cession of Palms "The
Lord Has Need of It"
Luke 19:19-40



The Sign of Jonah — Lent Mid-Week

Our Lent Mid-week services follow *The Sign of Jonah* at 7 pm every Wednesday during Lent.

It may sound fishy but it's a natural fit. When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign, he said, "I will give you only the sign of Jonah." After three days in the belly of the earth, Jesus rose with news of God's prodigal grace.

This series explores the mean-



ing of *the Sign of Jonah* as we follow Jonah

on his journey and Jesus on his way to the cross.

The service includes familiar hymns, dramatic readings by our youth and meditations.

It's not too late to follow the daily devotions in the special booklet that was included with the February *Calvary Call*. Copies are also available on the table in the Friendship room at church.

▶ March 2010

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Holy Week: March 28-April 4
CLWL Rummage Sale April 9-10

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Worship Assistants for March

Elders: Sun. 8:00 am: Brad C./Bruce L.
 Sun. 10:30 am: Greg W.
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Vic R.

Ushers:
 Sundays: 8:00 am: Denny B., Clark B.
 Brad Binnebose, Kent L.
 10:30 am: Brian H., Nick H.
 Chris M., Joe M.
 Wednesdays: 7:00 pm: Clyde W.

Acolytes:

Sunday 8 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Wednesday 7 pm
Mar. 7 & 10:		
Emily B.	Chris O.	Hunter F.
Megan B.	Jacob M.	Reese B.
Mar. 14 & 17:		
Chris C.	Savanna B.	Avery L.
Tanner P.	Gavin B.	Jessa W.
Mar. 21 & 24:		
Jenny M.	Cristin G.	Megan K.
Amelia D.	Brooklyne G.	Page W.
Mar. 28 & 31:		
Emily B.	Dallas B.	Chris B.
Megan B.	Rylee B.	Jordan K.

Chancel Guild:

Sunday, March 7, 8 am: Julie B., Sandy O.
 Sunday, March 14, 10:30 am: Donna L., Caroline R.
 Sunday, March 21, 8 am: Margaret B., Vicki B.
 Palm Sunday,
 March 28, 10:30 am: Ramona M., Regena K.

Greeters: Sundays: 8:00 am:
 10:30 am: Glen & Dolly C.

Care Team Ministry Report Diane Krause

God's blessings to all at this time of Lent, a time to reflect upon our many transgressions and to be renewed, revived and uplifted as Christ works repentance and forgiveness within our souls!

The Care Team extends prayers for God's richest blessing and favor upon each of you. We encourage you and thank you for "being about His business" also! We hope everyone is being touched by reading the "Daily Devotional Prayers for Lent" in The Sign of Jonah booklets.

The Care Team met Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Nine attended. Dee Clausen opened with a prayer and an activity which invited us to finish this sentence, "God's love means to me..." Diane Krause facilitated part one of the devotional study, "The Spirit Anointed Christ for Mercy." Jesus Christ, our Prophet, Priest, and King, was anointed to free us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. As the anointed we ought freely (and do) to help our neighbor through our body and all its good works. 1st John 4:11, "Dear friends, since God loves us, we ought to love one another."

The Gospel gifts bring forgiveness and beget merciful living. Lives that have received Christ's mercy/grace cannot but

be merciful toward their neighbor! To build a community in love and mercy, what an honor and a privilege! March's study will be "The Spirit Anointed Christ...to Preach Good News to the Poor."

Zone reports were shared. Each and every contact, whether made in person, by phone, or via correspondence, makes a difference. Keeping at it is key! Judy Rentel shared her website where she is able to make great cards. Thank you Judy!

Guidelines for Calvary's 2020 Vision were reviewed. The Care Team plans to work together to arrive at three visions it would like to see occurring in 2020. Those visions will be written into an article for the December Calvary Call 2020! The next care team meeting is March 16, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at church. If you are interested in securing more information about the Care Team you are welcome to get in touch.



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. (Please note: there are no Altar Flowers during Lent)

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.

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

Adult Confirmation Classes: "Luther 101"

"Luther 101" classes have begun. We have classes on Sundays at 11:30 am and Thursdays at 7 pm.

Not only is this a great class

for "newbies" it's also a good "refresher course" for all of us "old hands!"

There's still time to join the Sunday, 11:30 class!

Place your Ad in the Anniversary Book!

The 75th Anniversary Booklet will contain advertisements to defray the cost of publishing.

If you own a business, provide a service, sell products or would like to advertise in the book, please contact Carol Banta at 605-422-0132 (email at: rbc1685@longlines.com) or Lanette Falk at 712-239-0880, (e-mail at: nettiekay@cableone.net) for additional information.

The deadline to be included in the book is March 14, 2010.



Sioux City “Date Night”

Would you and your spouse like to “get away” for a romantic weekend? Do you & your spouse want to learn more about keeping the romance and the love of God in your marriage? If you answered “yes” to either of those questions, plan now to attend the *Sioux City Date Night!*



Calvary and St. Paul’s Lutheran churches are sponsoring a weekend retreat for all married couples in Sioux City, whether

they belong to our churches or not.

5 pm Friday to 1 pm Saturday, September 17 & 18 is the date, Stoney Creek Inn is the place. For \$120 per couple, you will receive a lovely room at the Inn as well as 3 meals. You & your spouse will have time alone as well as group activities as we all seek the transforming love of Jesus Christ in all our relationships.

Watch for more information coming on the web and in the *Calvary Call*.

Rummage Sale—April 9 & 10

Start clearing those closets and storage rooms! The Calvary Lutheran Women’s League (CLWL) is holding their Annual Rummage Sale earlier this year: April 9 & 10!

Bring your gently used items to the church anytime from now to April 8:

Knick-knacks, books, decorations, toys, games, purses, shoes furniture, baby & children’s clothing, dishes and working kitchen appliances are welcome.

Sorry, but we can no longer accept televisions, electronics (computers, printers, phones, etc)

or adult clothing.

We will also be needing workers to bring food, set up and sell. Please call Carol Banta at 605-422-0132 for more information or to volunteer.

Not only will you have a cleaner house, you will also be helping the CLWL with their mission projects!



From Lutherans for Life:

"When we reach out with hands of compassion to the pregnant teen and her baby with love and support, we are the hands of God. When we teach our children to trust the Lord of life even when they make bad decisions, we are the hands of God.

"When we care for rather than kill the elderly, ill, or handicapped, we are the hands of God.

"That's what Lutherans For Life is all about—helping Christians connect, through either our words or actions, biblical truth to life issues. When that happens, lives are changed."

Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life

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

Calvary's Members at Home





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