

Calvary Lutheran Church

The Calvary Call

March,
2011

Are You a Fan? Or a Follower?

Worship During March & April:

You can't just be a "fan" in the stands: Being a disciple means carrying the cross, denying self, leaving the worldly ways, and standing up for Jesus. Being a "follower" means we believers in Jesus have crossed over from death to life. It means some will say this is crazy and foolish, some will leave Calvary Lutheran Church, and some will leave Christianity altogether. Jesus predicted this, because the cross is foolishness for the Gentiles and a stumbling block for the Jews, but taking the cross is Jesus' way! Don't just "like" Jesus and Calvary on your Facebook page, [follow Him!](#)

Sundays in Lent Sermon Series: *Fan or Follower?*

March 13: 1st Sunday in Lent:

Fan or Follower? Luke 14:26

March 20: 2nd Sunday in Lent:

There Is Perishing without Repentance.
John 3:1-17, Romans 4:1-8

March 27: 3rd Sunday in Lent:

There is No Disciple Without Surrender.
Matthew 16:21-28

April 3: 4th Sunday in Lent:

There is No Life Without Death—Take up Your Cross. Matthew 10:17-42, Galatians 2:11-20

April 10: 5th Sunday in Lent:

There is No Believing Without Following. John 12:25-42

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Lent



Mission U: Equipping to Share—Everyday Evangelism

On Saturday, March 5, 2011, Calvary will host "Mission U" a program provided by Lutheran Hour Ministries.

This course challenges lay people to recognize and embrace their roles as Christ's witnesses. You will identify witnessing obstacles and receive biblical tools to overcome them. You will learn to recognize and to initiate faith-sharing conversations. You will practice sharing your faith in unique contexts and within relationship models you may likely encounter. This course provides ample hands-on application to increase confidence.

The program starts at 9 am and will end at 2 pm. Lunch will be provided and childcare is available.

Please register by calling the church office 712-239-1575 or by email: rev.travis@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

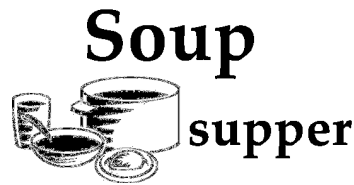


Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Calvary's Confirmation classes will serve a light supper on Wednesday, March 9 from 5:15 to 6:30 pm. Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

Soup, crackers, relishes, deserts and beverages are on the menu. Cost is free-will offering.

Following the meal, all are invited to attend our Ash Wednesday service with Holy



Wednesday mid-week Lent Sermon Series: *Christ in the Strangest Places*

March 9 : Ash Wednesday

"Mine!" Exodus 20:17. The commandments point out our desire to acquire.

March 16: Mid-Week 1

"Nothing" 2 Kings 4:1-7. Elisha provides for a widow.

March 23: Mid-Week 2

"Marked" Isaiah 44:5. God marks his people.

March 30: Mid-Week 3

"Enlist" Judges 6:16. Gideon's Call.

April 6: Mid-Week 4

"Invest" Jeremiah 32:25. Jeremiah buys a field in wartime.

April 13: Mid-Week 5

"Finish" 1 Kings 11:3. Solomon can't finish what he started.

Lenten Devotion Booklet

Enclosed in this issue of the *Calvary Call* you will find a small devotional booklet for Lent.

I Have Heard the Cries of My People—The Exodus for Lent by Reed Lessing has devotion for

every day of the Lenten Season beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Holy Saturday.

It is our hope that you will share these devotions with your family every day.

Worship Is Work — Pastor James Travis

Did you know that worship is defined as work? Yes, as Lutherans we call worship "Divine Service." In other words, the Divine (God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit) serves (works for) us and we in turn serve (work for) the Divine. The word liturgy means "Public service" (work).

God's work was, and is, hard. If you compare him to a weight lifter, he benched the world. Jesus served us by a perfect life, by his suffering and death on the cross, by his resurrection and ascension into heaven. Jesus bothered to climb down from heaven humbling himself and serving us. God continues to work hard for us through His Holy Spirit who works in us faith, fruits of the Spirit, and praying for us.

God does not even take cat naps (Psalm 121)! Jesus said he is with us always: "Take Eat: This is my body! ...For the forgiveness of



sins" "Where two are three are gathered in my name there I am in their midst" "Lo, I am with You always to the end of the age."

We in turn work for him taking our crosses (We will learn more about this during worship on Sundays during March 13 - April). We work by singing songs or at least making a joyful noise, by listening and focusing on God's Word in easy and difficult scripture passages! Did you ever think of confession as work? Admitting sins, that takes effort!

No wonder some churches have eliminated longer Bible readings and confessing sins, because they take work. By repeating scripture week in and week out we commit them to memory so that they are easier to share with others and if we ever become hurt or stranded they will be in our minds for comfort.

It also takes work to focus during prayer and to also offer up other silent prayers throughout the worship (Check out the hymnal front cover for prayer ideas or pg 300-312).

We work at using our money to serve our families, church, and other needs.

Is there some entertainment value in worship? Sure there is,

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real worship is never boring because real people are gathered. Real infants who like to talk! Real kids who have new questions every week. Real distractions and opportunities to encourage fellow Christians. Real strong people, real people afflicted with diseases and pain. Real people that would be damned if God had not saved us by His blood on the cross.

I am entertained that God accepts our work, our humble prayers, our humble offerings, our humble songs, our humble building and does not just zap us.

The only boring worship is where the worshiper refuses to let God serve them, and they refuse to serve him back, they are only looking for a laugh or a pleasing sound. Yes, worship can be work, but I pray it is joyful work knowing that even with kids as time goes on it becomes easier as they learn how to receive God’s work and serve him too!

Wow! Calvary, God is working for you. Calvary, work for God!

Pastor James Travis



Youth Lock In!

The Confirmation class will have a Lock-In on March 19-20.

All Youth in Grades 5-8 and friends will come to the Parish Hall Saturday, March 19 at 8 pm and participate in a number of activities lead by students from Concordia College at Seward.

Fun, food, and fellowship will continue all through the night

ending at 8 am on Sunday March 20.

Please let Pastor Travis or DCE Cindy Storm know if you will be bringing a friend. Via calling, texting, or email.



Youth Servant Event



All youth in grades 8 through 12 are encouraged to sign up for the Youth Servant Event, June 19-24 in Henning, Minnesota.

Parents and interested youth are invited to come Sunday, March 6 at 12 noon to find out more about this exciting opportunity for service, fellowship and fun!

Thrivent Goes to Camp!

Thrivent Community/Great Plains Associates is sponsoring a weekend camping event (April 8-10) at Camp Okoboji LCMS for Thrivent members and guests.

On Saturday, April 9, 2011 all attendees will provide service to the camp. Lodging will be available at the camp on April 8 and 9. Babysitting will be provided on Saturday during our work

hours and meals will be provided to all workers.

Please mark your calendars to help with the spring cleanups. More information will be provided in your March bulletins or you may contact Lanette Falk, Thrivent Events Coordinator, 712-239-0880 or

nettiekay@cableone.net.

Receive *The Lutheran Witness*

It's time to order your subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* magazine. This is the premier publication of all things relating to Lutheranism in America.

For only \$20.83 you will receive 12 issues filled with timely topics on a wide range of happenings with Lutherans today. Also included in each issue is a

special insert about our own Iowa District West.

Call the office 712-239-1575, or email the secretary at calvarysecretary@aol.com and get your name on the list.



From the DCE — Cindy Storm

The day is coming, coming very soon...the day everyone wants to be Irish. St Patrick's Day – March 17. Oh, we all have our own reasons; the corned beef and cabbage, the Pub



with its lively music, the Pot of Gold, Riverdance and more. And I ask myself

“Why? Why does everyone want to be Irish, if even for a day?”

I believe people are attracted to the “Irish character” because there is something spiritual found in the Irish character. Mara Lief Crabtree, a scholar who has done extensive research into the formation of the Irish culture has some insights into this. Below are excerpts from Crabtree’s scholarly paper “Forbid Not The Little Ones” published in 2006.

1 – *“Practicing the Celtic attitude of joyfully receiving and accepting the community’s young members as truly being God’s gifts contributes greatly to children’s sense of personal worth, acceptance of self, and connectedness to the family unit.*

2 – *The spiritual language of prayer, understood in Celtic tradition as one’s ‘primary speech’, if heard and taught in children’s everyday life experience, devel-*

ops spiritual awareness and the understanding of God as Person—present and active in one’s life.

3 – *Encouraging children’s understanding of, and love for, nature assists in developing the practice of stewarding natural resources and living with an attitude of thankfulness for the gifts of God.*

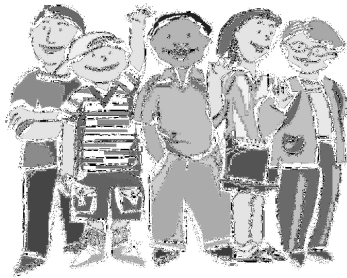
4 – *Participating in the accomplishment of daily family life tasks at the level of effort and responsibility appropriate to children’s ages and abilities engenders a sense of community.*

5 – *The Celtic tradition’s of gathering at home, hearth, and table models...the idea that the structures of daily tasks, interaction with family, and the rhythm of shared daily life contributes to a “lived theology” that seeks community with others and understands that support from one’s family is essential to spiritual growth.*

6 – *The Celtic tradition’s delight in and practice of diverse artistic endeavors inform the need to encourage children’s creative expressions as a process vital to the development of spiritual sensitivity, the practice of worship and an overarching appreciation of life.*

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Our Church Family:



Baptism:

Briley Jade Binneboese, daughter of Carl & Brandy Binneboese, February 20, 2010. Sponsors: Yesinia Sitts and Tera Sitts. May the Holy Spirit keep this child in saving faith until life everlasting.

Transferred to the Church Triumphant:

Peggy Jo Porter was called to her Eternal Rest on Monday, January 31, 2011. The funeral service was held at Calvary on Thursday, February 3, 2011.

Our prayers go out to all her family and friends.

Released:

Jeremy & Rachel Vander Plas and children: Dayanarra, Thalie, and Jasper, February 7, 2011. By request.



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...Celtic theology celebrates the understanding that "the life of God is born anew among us in the birth of a child". Therefore, a community is blessed, enriched, and ennobled by the gift of children, and is encouraged to go on in faith."

I hope to give you some food for thought.... maybe even the thought of being "Irish" year around. Let your spirit live in the faith given by our Heavenly Father.

"May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand."



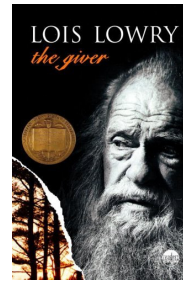
Book Club News

“Jonas’s world is perfect. Everything is under control. There is no war or fear or pain. There are no choices. Every person is assigned a role in the community. When Jonas turns twelve, he is singled out to receive special training from The Giver. The Giver alone holds the memories of the true pain and pleasure of life. Now it’s time for Jonas to receive the truth. There is no turning back.”

Come discuss Jonas’s world with Calvary’s Book Club on Tuesday, March 22 at noon. Start

early by bringing your sack lunch at 11:30 to share some social time.

We discuss the book on Tuesday, March 22 – 11:30 sack lunch with friends, noon discussion in the conference room at Calvary.



Coffee House

Sunday School parents are invited to the “Coffee House” located in the Sunday School Gathering area for a cup of delicious Starbucks coffee, tea or water along with tasty treats.

This is an opportune time to visit with other parents and share your stories with each other.



Grief & Growth program

Hospice of Siouxland will begin the Spring Adult Grief & Growth program Tuesday, March 8 and run every Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm for seven weeks at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3204 S. Lakeport St., Sioux City.

There is no cost to attend the Grief & Growth. Participant donations are accepted and appreciated. Pre-registration is required as group size is limited. Call 712-233-4144 to register or for more information

Worship Assistants for March

Elders: Sun. 8:00 am: Brad C/Bruce L
 Sun. 10:30 am: Carl H
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Charles K

Ushers:
 Sundays: 8:00 am: Brad C, Nathan C
 Jake H, Curtis K
 10:30 am: Todd F, Brian H
 Nick H, Kent K
 Wednesdays: 7:00 pm: Vince & Sue T

Acolytes:

Sunday 8 am	Sunday, 10:30 am	Wednesday 7 pm
March 6 & 9:		
Megan B	Dallas B	Brandy S
Allyssa T	Connor W	Brandon S
March 13 & 16:		
Chris Clayton	Brooke G	Gavin B
	Mickayla L	Rylee B
March 20 & 23:		
Amelia D	Tristin J	Dan T
	Taylor J	Alex T
March 27 & 30:		
Jenny M	Jake L	Megan K
Kennedy B	Jacob M	Paige W

Chancel Guild:

Sunday, March 6, 8 am: Sharon J, Lorraine A
 Ash Wednesday, March 9, 7 pm:
 Sunday March 13, 10:30 am: Wilma J, Vandy J
 Sunday, March 20, 8 am: Sharilyn S Rhonda H
 Sunday, March 27, 10:30 am: Diana L Julie C

Greeters: Sundays: 8:00 am: Dee E
 Linda H
 10:30 am: Julie C

The Power of “WE”

In a “me” culture, Iowa District West and Lutheran Family Service partner to offer “WE” experiences. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 14.3 –21st Ave. North, in Fort Dodge hosts:

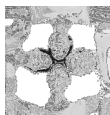
WE are God’s Family
for couples on Friday Evening, March 18, 7-9 pm. Fee: \$25 per couple



WE are God’s Men
Men’s Ministry Breakfast, March 19, 8 am–12 noon. Fee: \$10 per person.



WE are God’s Women
Women’s Breakfast,



March 19, 8 am–12 noon. Fee: \$10 per person.

Keynote presenters for the events are Rev. David and Kathy Ludwig, authors of *The Power of WE*. Dr. Ludwig has spoken internationally on the spiritual growth of relationships within oneself, family and church.

Register for any of the events by contacting the Iowa District West Office, (515-576-7666; or sue.light@idwlcms.org). Please register by Monday, March 14. Visit www.idwlcms.org or the church office for more information. Registration payment is due at the event.

Missions Banquet

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Carroll Iowa is hosting a Missions Banquet on Sunday, April 10, from 5– 7 pm.

During the Banquet, the Iowa District West *Ablaze* Mission

Grants will be awarded.

To register for the banquet, contact Sue Light at 515-576-7666 or email at sue.light@idwlcms.org.

The Rummage is Coming Soon!

Clear your closets and storage areas—the Annual CLWL Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for April 8 & 9.

Volunteers will be needed to sort, set up and organize sale

items as well as assist during the sale itself.

Please call Carol Banta at 605-422-0132 for more information.



Birthdays this month—March

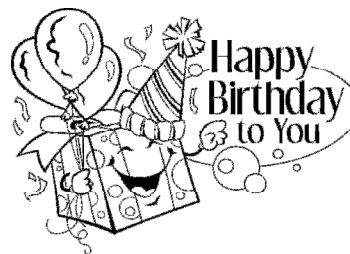
If your birthday is missing or not correct, please call the Church office at 239-1575. Thanks and have a great birthday!

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!



Belgian Waffles at St. Paul's

St. Paul's Lutheran School invites you to our **Annual Belgian Waffle Brunch** on Sunday, March 6th. We are serving from 8:30 to 1:00. Menu includes all you can eat Belgian Waffles with your choice of several different toppings, Sausages, Coffee, & Orange juice. Ticket prices include: Adults \$7.00, children 5-10 yrs. \$4.00, children under 4 \$1.00. Carry outs are avail-

able. We will also be having a Scholastic Book Fair and Bake sale. Tickets will be sold in advance and are available from any St. Paul's student (family) and teaching staff. Please come to have food and fellowship and to support St. Paul's school! The money raised will help purchase the new Math curriculum.



Our Ministry Needs YOU!

Your help is needed in the following areas:

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 23, 2011 (Carol Banta, 605-422-0132)
- Distribute flyers in the Leeds community
- Greeters at the Sunday Worship services (8 am: Vandy Junck, 712-239-2293 or 10:30 am: Mary Ann Burg, 712-239-2848)
- High School Youth Event helpers & organizers (DCE Cindy Storm, 712-239-1575)
- Visitors to Nursing Homes and Shut Ins. (Pastor Travis, 712-239-1575)

A Look Ahead: Holy Week

Holy Week services will be April 17 through 24. We invite you, your family and your friends to worship with us:

April 17: Palm Sunday services at 8 & 10:30 am

April 20: Service of Confession & Absolution at 7 pm

April 21: Maundy Thursday services at 12 noon & 7 pm

April 21: Good Friday services at 12 noon & 7 pm

April 24: Easter Sunday services at 8 & 10:30 am.

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 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.

Thank you so much!

"Thank you for your recent gift through Mission Central in support of our work with the church in Asia. Thank you for all your support and prayers. It was about 6 months ago that we were with you in Sioux City. Thanks for your continued concern and friendship.

"I write from a train as I return to Hong Kong from Central China. The trains are very busy with people returning to their hometowns for Chinese New Year. Hundreds of millions of Chinese are traveling to see their families during these busy three weeks. Standing in lines for tick-

ets gives me time to reflect on how God made each one and wants them to hear the Gospel.

I was in Central China for a training workshop in Lutheran Theology. I also was meeting a young man, Daniel, who would like further study in Scripture in order to serve the church as an evangelist to young people. Please pray for Daniel and that we will be able to engage him with good training focusing on Christ." *Joel & Iantha Scheiwe*

(Calvary supported the Scheiwe's with a \$5,000 missions gift in 2010 and again in 2011.)

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From Lutherans for Life:

“Adopted sons are no different than sons. They have an inheritance coming, eternal life with the Father. That’s why ‘sons’ is used in Galatians 4:7 and not ‘children.’



In those days sons received the inheritance. Paul makes the point that those who God adopts—men,

women, boys and girls—all have the full right of sons, all have eternity waiting.”

Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life –

A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life –

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Calvary’s Members at Home

Edith Beck

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