

Calvary Lutheran Church

The Calvary Call

November
2010

Guest Speaker — Nov. 14

Please join us on Sunday Nov. 14, to hear Rev. Gerald Kovac speak during the worship services about *Food for the Poor*.

Food for The Poor was founded on the basis of this message from the Gospel of St. Matthew: "As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." (Matt. 25:40)

They seek out the poorest of the poor in 17 different countries, aiding some of the most destitute. In each face we see the living Christ, who is hungry, thirsty, a stranger and naked.

This ministry focuses on the greatest needs of the destitute. Just as our Lord served those society ignore, they are there: feeding the hungry, building water wells for

thirsty villages, building house for the homeless, aiding the impoverished elderly, raising orphans in a loving atmosphere of Christian discipline, health the sick or overcoming illiteracy by supporting schools.

Pastor Kovac will deliver the message "Letting the Son Shine Through" at both worship services as well as lead a discussion during the Adult Bible Study hour on Sunday, November 14.

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Calvary on TV



To commemorate our 75th Anniversary, Calvary will be featured in the Church Salute Segment of the U.S. Farm Report show! The show will air on November 21, 2010, from

6:00am-7:00am. It is carried on the local NBC station KTIV.

If you are unable to watch or record the show, the U.S. Farm Report website is updated each Monday morning with the most recent show available at that time. Their website is: www.usfarmreport.com.

When the Music Stopped

Written by Chaplain Jim Higgins
LSA Anaconda is at the Ballad Airport in Iraq, north of Baghdad

"I recently attended a showing of 'Superman 3' here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium we use for movies, as well as memorial services and other large gatherings. As is the custom back in the States, we stood and snapped to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature. All was going as planned until about three-quarters of the way through The National Anthem the music stopped.

"Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-22 year-olds back in the States? I



imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments; and everyone would sit down and call for a movie. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place.

Here, the 1,000 Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again. The Soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. And again, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect to happen? Even here I would imagine laughter, as everyone finally sat down and expected the movie to start.

But here, you could have heard a pin drop. Every Soldier continued to stand at attention. Suddenly there was a lone voice, then a dozen, and quickly the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers,

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19th Annual Cookie Walk, Dec. 4

The Calvary Lutheran Women's League (CLWL) will host the 19th Annual Christmas Cookie & Candy Walk on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010 from 8 am to 11 am.

We are in need of Christmas wrapping paper to decorate our shoe boxes. If you have any to donate, please bring it to the church and place it in the box in the Friendship Room. Your help is

greatly appreciated.

Watch for more Cookie news in the November bulletins and



Support Calvary's Troops!

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finishing where the recording left off

"And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

It was the most inspiring moment I have had here in Iraq. I wanted you to know what kind of Soldiers are serving you here. Remember them as they fight for you!

Show Your Support for Calvary's Troops:

The Calvary Youth wish to honor ALL men and women who

have served or are presently serving in the Armed Forces with a meal prepared for them and for the congregation.

On Sunday, November 14, following the 10:30 worship service, you and your family are invited to come to the Parish Hall for dinner.

On the menu will be pork loin, mashed potatoes, corn, assorted jello salads, rolls, beverage and assorted desserts.

In return for a fine meal we ask Calvary members to give a free will donation to cover the cost of their food and that of a service person and their family.



From the DCE

Cindy Storm

I want, I want, I want...if you have children, you hear this frequently. Our children are exposed to massive amounts of media that are designed to create "neediness" for the product being sold. Finish the following advertisement slogans:

- You deserve a _____
- Have it _____
- Reach out and _____

How do you know the endings? Commercials are repeated over and over. The need is drilled into your brain. And of course you think, if I only have that item, I would be happy. How deceptive the world is...to think we can fill our inner most needs with things.

In November we set aside a day to give thanks. I don't know about you, but for me, when I still feel empty because I have tried to fill my needs from the

world, it is hard to be grateful. I still have the need that is not being met. It is only when I turn to God to fill me with His blessings that my heart finds satisfaction and gratitude.

God alone knows our needs and will generously provide for each need. From Matthew 6: 31-33 *"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

Let us give thanks to God for His great knowledge of our needs and His generous pouring out of blessings to satisfy all our needs. I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving Day full of God's glory and blessings.

Serving you at Calvary,

Cindy Storm

Children's Christmas Service Practice

Christmas Service Practice: Parents, please note on your master home calendar for Sunday School practices on Sunday afternoons in December. Exact times will be given in December Call.

The Children's Christmas Service will be Sunday, 19, 2010. Be sure to invite Grandparents, relatives, and neighbors to hear the Christmas miracle through the children.

Expanding Ministry List

Could you help with one of the following:

- Installing a couple shelves in the Basement Room and Organizing a Closet at Church
- Sorting Old Records
- Donating a Small Flat-screen Computer Monitor
- Rummage Sale Items for CLWL
- Food for Social Ministry's Food Pantry at Calvary
- Food or money for the Social Ministry's Board annual Christmas Baskets for Shut-Ins
- Christmas Wrapping Paper for Calvary Cookie Walk
- Helping with a Youth Lock-in
- Sharing a Music Talent During Worship

Contact Pastor Travis, the church office or drop off items, if you can help with any of the above. Thanks!

Playtime is Back!

Calvary Playtime starts Monday, November 15 at 9:45. 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.

Hayride & Bonfire!

All 5th through 8th graders and their friends are invited to a Hay Ride & Bonfire with hot dogs, s'mores and more, on Saturday, November 13, from 5-7 pm. Meet at Calvary and we will head to the Hay Ride from there.



Pastor's Notes

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

I am thankful for all of you and the faith that Christ has given to you! The following are some of the things I am thankful for this month:

November 1st is *All Saints Day* or as it used to be called All Hallows Day (Hallow - To Make Holy - To Make a Saint). Calvary has a tradition of inviting all family members of those who have lost loved ones and hearing their names once again and being reminded they as believers even now have their name written in the book of life. This holy day was created to correct all the false teachings about Ghosts, spirits, and people who die. The fact is that all the souls of believers (saints) go directly to be with Jesus, whereas all the souls of unbelievers go to hell. They do not remain around haunting houses. No, only false/lying spirits better known as demons haunt houses. If you have a real haunted house call me. God's Word actually has something to say to this.

November 2nd is Election Day. Take advantage of your right to rule (by representative) our country. We actually have a say in how our government is run! God does not tell us

whether to vote for big government or small government, but as wise rulers of the United States it is important to stand up for right and wrong by voting for representatives who have good judgment for right and wrong).

Consider which candidate will promote the life of the unborn, orphans, widows, and the aged and provide justice for them. Also consider candidates who will promote healthy marriages (marriage as defined as one man united with one woman). Consider the integrity and honesty of the candidate, but don't stop there. Consider those who are godly and will protect Christians' rights to worship, teach and practice the faith.

Listen to the scripture: *"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior..."* 1 Timothy 2:1-3 Even after you vote pray for all who take office!

Throughout the month of November, **youth confirmation, High School confirmation, and adult confirmation classes** are taking place at Calvary. Pray for

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all of our students especially for Chris Rubalcava and Blake Perryman as they prepare to confirm their faith in church later this month. Welcome them into church and to your activities.

A new adult class is starting Friday Nov. 5 at 4:30 PM at Calvary — Call me if you are interested in reviewing or would like to take this class. Also pray for and give thanks for the numerous youth opportunities. Did you realize we have 36 youth in our confirmation program this year? Praise God.

Thanksgiving Day is November 25. Take time for your family. Thank God for them. In our home, we often will read Psalm 136 and then add our own list of thanksgivings, along with giving thanks to God in worship. Ten lepers were healed, but only one came back to give thanks.

Let that "one" be all 800 members of Calvary giving thanks in worship either here or wherever you live! Thank God

you have been given forgiveness and eternal life!

Lastly, simply be thankful that we have: family, church, job, etc. But also be thankful for the difficulties and sorrows. Be thankful for a God who is with us through the tough times as well as the good.

Be thankful for all who serve in the military, especially those from Calvary: Richard Rawson, Scott Heeren, Austin Nelson, Jack Fergen, Shawn McGuire, Justin Johnson, Aaron Jessen, Zackery Hansen and Travis Bentz. (If I have missed someone please let us know so we can pray for your loved one also!)

"For the harvest of the Spirit, Thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us, Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God."

Pastor James Travis

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Thank You, God!

Dear members and friends,

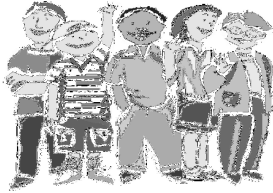
St. Paul regularly thanked God for the people of God in the various churches. He wrote: *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy*

*because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ..."*Philippians 1:4-5

I too thank God for all of you for all you do at Calvary. I thank God for a wonderful 75th anni-

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Our Church Family:



Baptism:

On Sunday, October 10, 2010, we welcomed into the

family of God, through the spiritual washing of Holy Baptism, *Sophee M*, daughter of Janine M. Sponsors were Trisha J and Mandy A. May the Holy Spirit keep this child in saving faith until life everlasting.

Christmas? Already?!

It is time to start thinking about the holidays and getting our orders in early for fresh poinsettia plants to enhance the many services at Calvary during the Christmas season.

Once again, you will have the opportunity to order a fresh and sturdy poinsettia plant in honor or in memory of loved ones. The price is the same as last year: \$11 each. Envelopes will be in the church pews starting Mon-

day, Nov. 1 and orders will be taken through Wednesday, Dec. 8 for delivery on Dec. 17.

You may also order by calling the church office at 712-239-1575. Please note: All orders are prepaid.

Plants will be available for you to take home following the Christmas Day service at 9 am.



Anniversary Photo Board is Up!

You are invited to take a moment and check out the bulletin board in the hallway at the church.

On it, you will see part of the fun we had during our Anniversary celebrations.

The entire month of September was filled with many wonderful things and these photos capture only a small part.

THANK YOU!!! To ALL who took part in this grand celebration of 75 wonderful years!

Book Club News

In pitch-perfect voices, Kathryn Stockett creates three extraordinary women whose determination to start a movement of their own forever changes a town, and the way women—mothers, daughters, caregivers, friends—view one another. A deeply moving novel filled with poignancy, humor, and hope, *The Help* is a timeless and universal story about the lines we abide by, and the ones we don't.

This is our November "read".

If you want to join in the discussion of this fascinating book, come at 11:30 am with your sack lunch or at 12/noon for discussion. We talk for about 1 hour. Come to one meeting or become a regular – whatever. See you Tuesday, November 23.



Greeters & Ushers Needed in 2011

Greeters: People with warm handshakes and big smiles who welcome all who come to Calvary on Sunday mornings. No experience is needed! Please sign your name to the sheet on the table in the Friendship Room indicating the month and service time YOU would like to serve.

Ushers: Men & Women who 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 on Sunday mornings. Add your name to the list in the Friendship Room for the service times you prefer.

Thank you for your willingness to serve God's church at Calvary!

Lutheran Laymen's League Rally

The Fall Rally of the Midwest Zone L.L.L. will meet at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 21. Registration is at 12:00 Noon, with a free will offering meal starting at 12:30. Immediately following the meal,

Speaker/Entertainment will be Church Ministries – Keith Miller, who plays the saw blade with a violin bow. Please RSVP to Steve Segebart at 239.5847 or segesj@aol.com.

Worship Assistants for November

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: Curtis Kull, Brad C
 Nathan Cale, Jake H
 10:30 am: Kevin S Keith S
 Ken S
 Wednesdays: 7:00 pm: Brandon L

Acolytes:	Sunday, 10:30 am	Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday 8 am		
Nov. 7 & 10:		
Megan B	Dallas B Seth L	Kylie C Jessa W
Nov 14 & 17:		
Chris C	Brooke G Connor W	Hunter F Avery L
Nov. 21:		
Amelia Duax	Tristin J Taylor J	Alex T Shea M
Nov. 24: Torch Bearers:	Tanner P & Kobey P	
	<i>Cross Bearer:</i> Dan T	
	<i>Book Bearer:</i> Jordan K	
Nov. 28 & Dec. 1:		
Jenny Mansfield	Jake L Jacob M	Alex T Dan T

Chancel Guild:
 Wednesday, Nov. 3, 7 pm: Marilyn M, Nada E
 Sunday, Nov. 7, 8 am: Penny H, Betti S
 Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7 pm: Sharon , Lorraine A
 Sunday, Nov. 14, 10:30 am: Terry W Virla M
 Sunday, Nov. 21, 8 am: Wilma J Vandy J
 Wednesday, Nov. 24, 7 pm: Sharilyn S, Rhonda H
 Sunday, Nov. 28, 10:30 am: Diana L, Julie C

Greeters: Sundays: 8:00 am:
 10:30 am:

What's Happening at YOUR Camp?

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Calendar of Events

November 12-13 Fall Women' Retreat

November 12-13 Camp Board of Directors' Retreat

November 24-26 Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December 2-4 Hunting Retreat

Fall Women' Retreat

" Well" – a Bible study with this theme will be our topic for this retreat. Check the Website and the District mailing for registration forms. The retreat facilitators will be Angela Naeve, Judy Gronbach, and Lori Gamble.

Hunting Retreat

The 2nd Annual Hunting Retreat will be December 4-6, 2010.

Please check the Website for more information and the registration form.

Winter Hours

Beginning Monday, November 8, 2010 the Camp office will be closed on Mondays. Office hours will be Tuesday – Friday 8:00 am -4:30 pm.

C.H.A.O.S. NEWS!

The dates for C.H.A.O.S. (Christians Hyped About Our Savior) have been set. Because of changes in District youth events, this Jr. High event will be held on February 18-19, 2011. It will be 19 hours of fun, fellowship, and growing in faith for all students in the 6th-8th grades and their youth leaders.

2011 Camp Schedule

The Camp Okoboji 2011 Schedule has been posted on the Camp' Website at www.campokoboji.org.

Holiday Worship Schedule

Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 7pm, Nov. 24. (The Church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 25 & 26.)

Advent/Christmas Worship Services: Nov. 28 is the first Sunday of Advent. We will hold special

Mid-Week Advent services on Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22, at 7 pm. The *Children's' Service* will be Dec. 19, at 4 pm. The *Family Christmas service* will be Dec. 24 at 5 pm, *Candlelight* at 11 pm, and *Christmas Day*, Dec. 25, at 9 am.

Calvary Care Team — Diane Krause

Happy November!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanks-Living!

Thanks to God for his abundant resources in which He so richly blesses us. John 10:10 says everlasting life through faith in Jesus Christ is truly the greatest gift of all. That gift urges us to present ourselves as living sacrifices in order that we may serve our living and loving Lord. Paul, in Romans 12, says that God desires his children to teach, preach, rule, serve, suffer, love, live and act toward friend, foe, and all men. This is what we Christians do. Our care team exists to help Calvary be a more caring and concerned church, to encourage members to pray for each other and assist all as the Holy Spirit leads.

The care team read Chapter 2, *God as the Caregiver*, in our Christian Caregiving, A Way of Life study book. It helped us remember that we as Christians are responsible for *care* but that it is God who is responsible for the *cure*. Paul says in 1st Cor. 3:6-7; "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." Totally placing trust in God to provide

results frees both caregivers and care receivers alike! What joy it is to uplift and to connect with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pastor Travis presented information about Operation Barnabus, an endeavor the LCMS churches are involved with across the world, to assist the military families of those deployed. Pastor distributed a list of members serving or just home from serving. It is good to ask what is needed and to serve from there. Times are difficult. Help us Lord, we pray, to be filled with joy and peace as we go about our lives in and through You to be of loving service to all. We ask your blessing especially upon all our Calvary-connected military men and women and their families, whether serving currently, or a veteran, who are making or have made great sacrifices to protect our freedoms. Amen. The next care team meeting is Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. God's blessings to all.



Altar Flowers

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

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versary celebration, for all those who attended, the committee who prepared for the anniversary, those who prepared the memorabilia and history, those cleaned, those who helped make it possible for new carpet, those who installed, made and built the pergola, picture wall, mission banner, and 75th anniversary banner. I thank God for those who simply came and worshipped our great God. I thank God for those who prepared, served, decorated and attended the four awesome congregational meals.

I also thank God for our youth! They were and are wonderful! They celebrated the 75th anniversary by attending special old style confirmation worship services on Wednesday learning

about why we worship as we do from the Bible with their parents. We had over 80 present on average every Wednesday. I also thank God for all who have continued to make the mission of reaching the lost a top priority.

I thank God for the Elders, Trustees, Council, Boards of Stewardship, Youth, Education, Social Ministries, worship board, and all the groups in CLWL, LYF, Greeters, Ushers, Funeral Committee, Chancel Guild for keeping everything moving forward!

I know all of you do all these things for the Lord and need no thanks, yet as a Pastor I thank God because these responses are proof that God's Word indeed is powerful and effective in this place!

Pastor James Travis

From Lutherans for Life:

"Words like 'beget,' 'descendents,' and 'genealogies' [in the Holy Bible] prove that life goes on! The enemy strikes at life; he steals, kills, and destroys, but he cannot stop the Creator's hands from creating. Life—in the womb or out—is dealt constant blows by the enemy, but eyes focused on the promise of sweet life see victory." *Linda D. Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life*

This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life –
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Calvary's Members at Home





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