

# The Calvary Call

## Youth to serve Soup Supper

Calvary's Youth will serve fresh chicken noodle soup and chili from 5:00 – 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 14 in connection with the Social Ministry Blood Drive.

Relishes and dessert will complete the meal. The money raised from



this event will help send the youth to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2010.

We ask you to generously support the youth to further their Christian growth. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested. Your donation helps to off-set the cost of the food while allowing a little money to be raised for the Gathering.

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## Join Our Blood Drive

Calvary's Social Ministries Board is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 14 from 4 to 7 pm.

We encourage you to come and give the gift of life. Donating just 1 pint of blood can help as many as 3 people!

Come to the parish hall on Wednesday to give blood and stay for some delicious soup served by Calvary's youth.



## Sunday School Choir to sing

The Sunday School choir, children in preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will sing at the 10:30 wor-

ship service on Sunday, October 11.



## New! Children's Church

Starting in October, we will offer "Children's Church" once each month at Calvary.

Beginning Sunday, October 11, during the 10:30 worship service, the children will leave the regular service during the Ser-

mon Hymn and go to the Lower Level Sunday School area for a special lesson just for them. Following the sermon, the children will return for the remainder of the service. We hope you and your family will enjoy and participate in this new format

## Meet our Sunday School Staff

The Lord has blessed Calvary with dedicated Sunday School teachers for the 50 plus children attending Sunday School on Sunday mornings. Please keep Calvary's teachers in your prayers – that the words of their mouths and the meditations of their hearts plant seeds in our children, so they may grow in their faith and understanding of their relationship with our Lord.

**Assistant Superintendent:** Diane Krause

**Opening:** Dee C.

**Preschool:** Julie B.

**Kindergarten:** Michelle H.

**First & Second Grade:** Sharilyn S.

**Third & Fourth Grade:** Kyle M. and Stacy B.

**Fifth & Sixth Grade:** Stacy T., Calvary LYF with Cindy Storm, DCE

**Bells:** Ken J. and Dee C.

We are still looking for another First & Second Grade teacher plus 2-3 adults to help with the Fifth through Eighth grade students. Please talk to Cindy Storm, DCE to become part of this vital ministry at Calvary.



**INTRODUCING OUR  
Sunday School Staff**

## New Bible Studies Beginning!

### Old Testament Favorites with Pastor Ken Schmidt:

Join with Pastor Ken Schmidt on Wednesday afternoons beginning October 7 at 2 pm as we take a look at favorite Old Testament Bible stories. The study will last an hour and will meet each Wednesday at 2.



### "Making Children Mind without Losing Yours." with Pastor James Travis

Join Pastor Travis on the first Sunday of each month at 4:30 pm for a new Bible Study on Parenting. Babysitting is provided. We will have a light meal following the study. Single parents, couples, and children are all invited.



## New! The Lutheran Study Bible

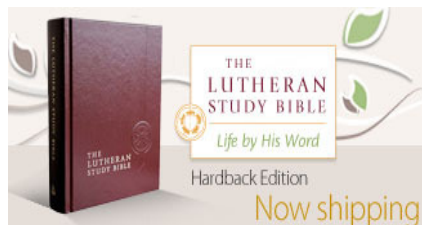
Concordia Publishing House is offering a special pre-order price for the NEW *Lutheran Study Bible* coming Reformation Day, 2009.

This Bible is the first study Bible in English to be developed from the ground up with notes that are distinctively Lutheran, prepared by theologians, scholars, and pastors from over 20 Lutheran churches around the world.

A companion book, *The Lutheran Study Bible Journal*, guides you through the Word to show how Scripture applies to your daily life.

A copy of the new Bible is on display at the church in the Friendship Room for you to re-view. A sign up sheet is also available for you to reserve your copy at the special introductory price of only \$34.99 (regular price: \$54.99).

Other styles and print sizes are also available at special introductory pricing. See the large sign-up sheet in the hall way at church on the office window for options.



## October is for Women!

Calvary's Lutheran Women's League (CLWL) has lots of exciting things happening in October!



### October 4 is LWML Sunday.

We will celebrate the mission of Lutheran Women all around the world with a special service at 8 & 10 am and at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 7. "Look to the Hills...God Reigns!" is the theme for this year's celebration.

All the women of the church are invited to attend the **Fall Semi-annual meeting** of the Calvary Lutheran Women's League (CLWL) on Thursday evening, **October 29, 2009** at 7:30 pm.

Pastor Ken Schmidt will be our guest speaker followed by refreshments and fellowship.

This gathering is a great opportunity to find out what the CLWL and the various circles do throughout the year and how YOU can be a part.

October is also **Soap Month** at Calvary: Please bring your new (wrapped) bath-size bars of soap to church and place them in the

special collection boxes in the Friendship Room. Women's groups all over the country collect bars of soap that are sent to the mission field.

We continue to **collect and recycle** empty inkjet and/or laser printer cartridges, cell phones, laptops (with power cords), and palm pilots to redeem for cash. These funds will be used to pay for expenses associated with hosting the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) National Convention to be held in Des Moines in 2015. Bring your items to church and place them in the collection box in the Friendship Room. It's easy and it's good for the environment too. Questions on what can be recycled? Check out the CLWL Bulletin board in the Friendship Room at the church.

Coming in December is our **Annual Cookie Walk!** We will need bakers and candy makers as well as shoppers. Shoe boxes are also on hand to be wrapped in bright paper now. Call Caroline Rentel (947-4503) for more information. Plan now to participate **December 6!**



## From the Pastor:



Are you Superman? Are you Wonder Woman? Can you leap a tall building in a single bound? Can you fight crime with a karate chop and a left hook? Can you cook meals, work outside the home, maintain the house, transport a family to school, athletic events, practice, music rehearsal, and balance church, God, spouse and family all at the same time?

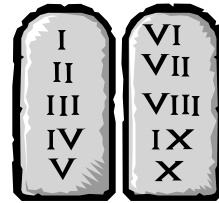
To be honest, I think you have to be Superman/Wonder Woman to live with all the demands of today's world and actually get them done or just live as a hermit. Consider the following wisdom from Agur son of Jakeh in Proverbs 30:24-28:

*"Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer; coneys are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the crags; locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks; a lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces.*

The point of this passage is simple: You do not have to be Superman or Wonder Woman. Instead, you need only wisdom.

From where does wisdom come? "The beginning of all wisdom is the fear of the Lord."

When God is first in our life all these other things fall into place. All of a sudden every detail is not first priority, but instead second, third, or even fourth. Look at the priorities in the 10 Commandments:



1. God begins with God (You shall have no other gods),
2. With use of his name (You shall not misuse the name of the LORD - prayer and praise),
3. Worship (Remember the Sabbath Day).
4. Then in the fourth commandment God switches to family (Honor your father and mother.)
5. In the 5th commandment (You shall not murder) he deals with preserving our own life.
6. In the 6th commandment

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(You shall not commit adultery) he deals with spouses loving each other.

7. In the 7th through 10th commandments (You shall not steal, lie, covet, etc.), he deals with our property.

Notice the order of priority: God, prayer, worship, family, self, spouse, possessions, reputation, contentment. All of these God cares about and are in order. There is much truth in the acronym "JOY" (Jesus, Others, Yourself).

So it is wise to say in this busy fall: don't make candy bar sales more important than your spouse (Others can sell the candy bars). Likewise, take the advice of

the ant and Proverbs 20:4 "A **sluggard** does not plow in season; so at **harvest** time he looks but finds nothing." Yes there is time for church, work, family, play, etc.

Where God is first, these will come together. For with God even our failures are confessed to God and they are forgiven in Christ Jesus. Ants that sleep during the summer die, but thanks be to God humans who prioritized video games over family can have forgiveness in Christ Jesus. The Christian is not superman. Some things just do not happen, but at the proper time even an ant gets things done. Let God be



## Will Writing Seminar—Free Catered Meal

On Sunday, October 18, at 5 pm we will have a special catered dinner followed by an educational presentation from Jim Schroeder of Iowa District West.

Jim's topic is "Writing a Christian Will." Some of the areas he will cover are:

- Writing a statement of faith to be included in your will
- The importance of writing a will and how to get started

- Updating your current will after life changes
- Ideas on reducing taxes
- Avoiding arguments over personal possessions
- Methods of giving an inheritance to your children over a period of years...

And many others.

The dinner and program are free. To reserve your space, call

## From the DCE Cindy Storm

### “Children’s Church”

#### What does this mean?

Calvary wants parents to come to worship with their children. We read in Scripture *“People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these...And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.”* Make 10:13, 14, 16.

Starting October 11 at the 10:30 worship service Calvary will offer Children’s Church. What does that mean? It means that prior to the sermon hymn; the Sunday School age children (ages 3 -10) will come forward to receive the blessing of the congregation, then leave for a

“sermon” time designed especially for them.

The children will “hear” a “sermon” downstairs with the DCE along with praise and worship. This time is especially designed for this age group to meet their spiritual needs while parents can quietly hear God’s Word through a sermon by the Pastor especially for them.

The children will return during the offering time to their parents for the remaining part of the service.



This is a new format to Calvary’s service. As we experience this new format, the DCE and Pastor would like to hear from our members about it. Our vision is to bring faith, hope and strength to ALL Christ’s people, including our little ones.



## For Youth & Parents—NYG

There will be a meeting for Youth who are planning to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July, 2010 and their Parents on Wednesday, October 15 at 6:45 pm.

We will look at hotel choices and fill our registration papers.

For more information please contact Cindy Storm, DCE, at 239-1575.

## Our Church Family:



### *Transferred In:*

*Carl B.* from Trinity LCMS, Hinton Iowa on August 26, 2009, by request.

### *Affirmation of Faith:*

*Mark M.* was received into membership by Affirmation of Faith on Sunday, September 6, 2009.

### *Confirmed:*

*Lori M.* received Adult Confirmation on Sunday, September 6, 2009.

*Christina S., Tiffany G., and Brandy B.*, received Adult Confirmation on Sunday, September 13, 2009.

*Clifton L., Jerod L. and Jake H.* received High School Confirmation on Sunday, September 27, 2009.

We welcome you all into full fellowship and pray for your continued growth in your faith.

### *Marriage:*

Congratulations to *Carrie C & Chad K.* who were united in Holy Matrimony at Calvary Lutheran

Church on Saturday, September 5, 2009. We pray the Lord's blessings on your new life together

### *Baptisms*

We welcomed in to the Family of God through the spiritual washing of Holy Baptism: *Piper K.*, daughter of Molly & Justin K., September 13, 2009. Sponsors were Brian & Julie J..

May the Holy Spirit keep this child in saving faith until life everlasting.

### *Transferred to the Church Triumphant:*

*Darlene M. Jones* was called to her Eternal Rest on September 6, 2009. The funeral service was held at Calvary on Thursday, September 10, 2009.

Our prayers go out to her family and friends.

### *Released:*

*Alison O.* was released from membership on , September 17, 2009, by request.

### *Staff Vacation:*

The Church Secretary, Joan



Mason, will be on vacation Sept. 30 through Oct. 9.



**Oct. 4 – LWML Sunday: “JESUS!”**

**Oct. 11— “Daily Encouragement”**  
Hebrews 3:12-19

**Oct. 18— Baptism Remembrance**  
“Vanity” Ecclesiastes  
5:10-20

**Oct. 25— Reformation Day**  
(observed) “Fear God  
and Give Him Glory”  
Revelation 14:6-7



## Book Club News

Calvary’s Book Club met on Tuesday, September 22 to review books for the coming year. That list of this year’s readings is posted outside Cindy Storm, DCE’s office.

If you enjoy reading, stop by and see what the group is reading. Everyone is welcome to join in for discussion of a specific book, or for regular monthly meetings.

The CBC meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room. Discussion begins at 12 noon and lasts approximately 50 minutes. Bring a sack lunch and join in fellowship at 11:30 am, prior to our discussion.



## IDW Pastors’ Conference

Please note—Pastor Travis and DCE Cindy Storm will be attending the Iowa District West Pastors’ Conference in Des Moines Iowa October 11 through 13.

If you have a pastoral need during that time, please call the church office at 239-1575.



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6:30 Garden Club

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Joan Mason—Church Secretary on Vacation through October 11

4 <b>LWML Sunday</b> 8 Worship w/HC 9:15 Education Hour 10:30 Worship 4:30 Parenting Bible Class*	5 Pastor's Family Day 5:15 Praise Aerobics, Parish Hall	6 Primary Voting 8 am-8 pm Parish Hall 7 Deborah Circle 7 Dorcas Circle 7 Trustees Bd. 7 Boy Scouts	7 9:30 Lamplighters at First, Kingsley 9:30 Bible Study, PA 2 OT Bible Study** 5:30 Confirmation 7 Worship w/HC	8 5:15 Praise Aerobics, Parish Hall	9 5:15 Praise Aerobics, Parish Hall Steck/Carpenter Wedding rehearsal	10 Steve Steck & Tina Carpenter Wedding
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Joan Mason—Church Secretary on Vacation September 30—October 11

11 <b>Baptism Celebration</b> 8 Worship 9:15 Education Hour 10:30 Worship w/HC	12 Pastor's Family Day 9:30 LWML Quilters 5:15 Praise Aerobics, Parish Hall	13 Noon Golden Age 6 Care Team 6:30 Outreach Bd 6:30 Education Bd. 7 Boy Scouts	14 9:30 Bible Study, PA 2 OT Bible Study** <b>4-7 pm Blood Drive</b> <b>5-6:30 pm Soup Supper</b> 6:45 Youth meeting 5:30 Confirmation	15 5:15 Praise Aerobics, Parish Hall 6:30 Garden Club	16 5:15 Praise Aerobics, Parish Hall	17
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Iowa District West Pastor's Conference, Des Moines

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\* With Pastor Travis  
\*\* With Pastor Schmidt

## Worship Assistants for October

**Elders:** Sun. 8:00 am: Bruce L. or Brad C.  
Sun. 10:30 am: Duane N.  
Wed. 7:00 pm: Vic R.

**Ushers:**  
**Sundays:** 8:00 am:: Dennis B., Clark B.  
Shawn H.  
10:30 am: Glen C., Dolly C.  
Keith S., Kevin S.  
**Wednesdays:** 7:00 pm: Clyde W.

<b>Acolytes:</b> <b>Sunday 8 am</b> <i>October 4 &amp; 7</i>	<b>Sunday, 10:30 am</b>	<b>Wednesday 7 pm</b>
Chris C. Tanner P.	Cristin G. Brooklynne G.	Ariana M. Shea M.
<i>October 11 &amp; 14</i> Jenny M. Amelia D.	Josie H. Timothy M.	Hunter F. Chris U.
<i>October 18 &amp; 21</i> Emily B. Megan B.	Dallas B. Rylee B.	Megan K. Page W.
<i>October 25 &amp; 28</i> Chris C. Jenny M.	Taylor J. Mickayla L.	Avery L. Jessa W.

**Chancel Guild:**  
Sunday, Oct. 4 8 am: Marilyn M., Nada E.  
Wednesday, Oct. 7, 7 pm: Penny H., Betti S.  
Sunday, Oct. 11, 10:30 am: Sharon J., Lorraine A.  
Sunday, Oct. 18, 8 am: Terry W., Virla M.  
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7 pm: Wilma J., Vandy J.  
Sunday, Oct. 25, 10:30 am: Sharilyn S., Rhonda H.

**Greeters:**  
Sundays, 8 am: Penny H.  
Sundays, 10:30 am: Glen & Dolly C.



## Care Team Ministry Report **Diane Krause**

It is uplifting and thrilling that God has blessed Calvary with a care team ministry that is striving to more intentionally connect with all members. Caring about others has been evident for years through the many kind words and acts of love demonstrated individually, through groups such as the circles, through the wonderful blessings provided through the boards, as well as through the church as a whole.

As you well have ascertained by now, the care team exists to further assist our church body in connecting with our members in order to strengthen them, encourage them, and help them however they may need.

The team, at its September 15 meeting, had a great time with Dee Clausen's meeting opener, partnering up to present matched parts of Bible verses that remind us of how we as brothers and sisters in Christ should conduct ourselves. For example Romans 12:11, "Love must be sincere...that we are to be devoted to one another in brotherly love, that we truly are to honor one another above ourselves, AND that we are to never lack in zeal, but keep our spiritual fervor in serving the Lord!"

Julie Barto led our meeting devotion with a presentation en-

titled "Praying from the Heart", how criti-

cal it is to honor the Lord with our sincere and heartfelt prayers and to end with an "Amen" or two! Saying "Amen" with confidence and faith seals that prayer to the working of Holy Spirit!

A team covenant was agreed upon by all; expectations, how the team will make decisions, deal with conflict, and how to be supportive of each team member. Input was shared regarding the care team survey and making contact with respective zone members. Again, remember this is a process. Training at our September meeting focused on Dorcas as a model of unselfishness and how she ministered to everyone the best she was able no matter who, what, where, when!

Team members were encouraged to invite attendance to Pastor Konkel's (a minister for the deaf) message Sept. 20, to get surveys out to people, as well as encouraging participation in faith formation opportunities at Calvary. This month's care team meeting is October 13 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending and/or becoming involved is very welcome!



## Altar Flowers

Commemorate a special occasion, a new baby, or remember a loved one by sponsoring the weekly Altar Flowers in 2009. Sign your name and the occasion to the chart on the bulletin board in the Friendship Room.

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.



## Camp Brunch—October 4

Fall is in the air and it is a great time to join us for an October Omelet Brunch to be held in the Ginny DeWall Dining Hall at Camp Okobojo on Sunday, October 4 from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm

The menu for this final brunch of the season includes omelets prepared your way by

the staff of Red's Café (Hartley, Iowa), cheesy potatoes, muffins, and more! A free will offering will be collected with all proceeds going for designated projects and the Camp's Annual Fund.



## Former Vicar says "Hello!"

On Thursday, September 24, 2009, Rev. Robert Wolff and his wife, Marlys, stopped by Calvary. They toured the church and visited with the staff. They wanted

to say "hello" to all the members from his term as Calvary's Vicar in 1956-1957. Rev. Wolff is now retired and lives in California (address available in the office).

## Calvary Serves at Soup Kitchen

Volunteers are needed to assist at the Soup Kitchen on Monday evening, October 26.

If you would like to participate in this important mission outreach, please call Mary Ann Betsworth at 239-2523.

## Thank you!

"The family of Darlene Jones would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, phone calls, food and memorials after the recent passing of Darlene." *Jim & Myrna Jones, Jeannette & Fred Davis, Robin & Bob Miller.*

"Dear members of Calvary: Deb & Larry Mesward and I thank you so much for all the hugs and greetings given us at the picnic in August. The service, the delicious food and the fine entertainment and prizes made it such a fine time to remember." *Ethelyn Knoernschild*

"To the Adult Bible Study Class: Thank you for thinking of us in our time of need. I know that we will put the money to good use through our travels to and from Omaha. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers." *Bruce, Diana, Ryan, Gwendy, Briar & Becca Lahrs.*




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## Support Our Schools

I am writing to tell you about the [Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization \(ILSTO\)](#) and to invite you to contribute to the STO. In these interesting times, you can be certain of two things:

1. You will be able to see the benefits of your donation each and every day in the classrooms of Lutheran Elementary Schools.
2. You will get back 65% - 90% of your donation in the form of Iowa state tax credits and federal charitable gift deductions.

For the 2009-10 school year, 500 Iowa Lutheran elementary students received approximately \$300,000 in assistance, all made

possible by generous donations by people like you. Our goal for this year is \$500,000.

Please help the next generation of Lutheran students and send your contribution to the STO. Donation forms are on the web at: [iowalutheransto.org](http://iowalutheransto.org) or call and I will send one out to you.

Thanks in advance for your willingness to help, and feel free to contact me with any questions. Deadline for donation is Dec. 31, 2009.

Dewey Torkelson  
ILSTO Program Manager for IDW  
712-260-2991

## From Lutherans for Life:

### Reformation Day (observed)

"Being a Christian is not a spectator sport; following the Savior calls for courage and commitment ... The



Reformation  
Sunday

Lord has entrusted us with the salvation story ... we are people of Christ with the one and only message of hope that can for-

give sins and save souls. 'Thus far, no further.' Here is where we make our stand."

*Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker on The Lutheran Hour*

**This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).**

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