

The Calvary Call

September
2011

Biblical World View — 10 for Ten Challenge

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During September, I challenge you to examine your life to see how much of the Bible you use for every day life. In other words, do we see our God, Jesus Christ, still at work? Do we still see our God giving us gifts and abilities and using them? Do we see our God calling us to share our faith? Do we see our God challenging us with our money?

Having a Biblical World View means that God impacts more than our minds, but also our hearts and hands. It affects our decisions, priorities, spending patterns, and who we help in the world. The series will deal with the following:

Week 1 – Sept. 4 – The Biblical World View – Jesus Chose Us

Week 2 – Sept. 11 – The Biblical World View – New Shoes – Jesus in the Mind (Rally Day)

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Distinguishing Confirmation

What do we do in our Wednesday night 5th-8th grade classes? Have you ever wondered?

Pastor Travis teaches the **Catechism** to the 7th & 8th grade students. The Catechism is Lutheran doctrine as written in Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. These are the beliefs Lutherans hold as true as found in God's Holy Scriptures. Luther's *Small Catechism* helps to organize God's teachings for the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the

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New Shoes...and the start of school...



There is a special "Shoe" skit, music and meeting the teachers.

All guests will do a special shoe craft followed by refreshments in God's Word and cookies and juice/coffee.

...Sunday School that is, for all children ages 3 and up.

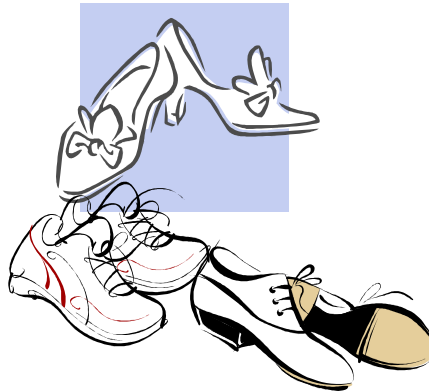
Everyone is invited: students, parents, grandparents, and siblings to

***Rally Sunday
September 11, 2011
9:15 am in the Sanctuary
for the Opening of the
2011-2012 Sunday School
year!!!***



Recycle your Old Shoes!

We are looking for old, gently used, shoes in all sizes for Rally Sunday on September 11. Drop off your old shoes in DCE Cindy Storm's office. Now through September 10. Then mark your calendars for Rally Sunday and see what we do with them!



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Week 3 – Sept. 18 – The Biblical World View – Money & the Tithe

Week 4 – Sept. 25 – The Biblical World View – A Leap of Faith – Acting

Week 5 – Oct 2 – The Biblical World View – LWML – Women in Service

Week 6 – Oct 9 – The Biblical World View – 10 for 10 – A Challenge

The challenge: Ten for ten.

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The idea is to make a commitment to try to put the above lessons

into practice. For example, new shoes are only good if they are worn: to try attend 10 Sunday School classes for 10 weeks, or read ten chapters of the Bible every day for 10 weeks (700 chapters (2/3 of the Bible). Test the Lord, and see if indeed the Lord blesses you. A leap of faith to use a talent you have never used before in the church like playing an instrument for worship or helping with a Sunday Class, or even, going on a mission trip.

David Chewning writes below how the 10 for 10 might af-

fect how we manage money:

“Faith empowers us to give generously. What we do with our money is a reflection of the condition of our hearts. Our willingness to give is an indicator of where the priorities in our lives are. Tithing (giving ten percent) is a statement of faith. Because our hearts are filled with the love of Christ, His love is visible in what we do and give. As Christians today, we are motivated for stewardship by the gift of God's grace through His Son. Our giving can have no greater foundation than the Gospel of forgiveness.”

“The Apostle Paul said, *“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income...”* (1 Corinthians 16:2). Our giving gives our Lord honor and gratitude for Who He is and what He has done.”

During the ten for ten, we will urge members to try proportionate giving and see what

the Lord does. Keep in mind for the New Testament Christians, tithing is an expectation rather than a command. For some of us, tithing is already a reality and,

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by God's grace, you may be called to achieve an ever higher level of giving. For many others, the tithe will be a leap of faith. In Ephesians 3:20-21, Paul's words promise us that our faith in God to enable our giving is well-placed. *"Now to Him Who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory*

in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

May our love for the Lord be reflected in our everyday life.

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Distinguishing Confirmation—continued

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Apostles' Creed, Confession and Absolution, the Sacrament of Baptism, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



DCE Cindy Storm teaches the **Bible** to the 5th & 6th grade students. Not only do the students learn about the accounts of God's people as found in the Bible, we also strive to know God as He reveals Himself through His Word. God created the world and what does the creation tell us about God?

To make this distinction clearer:

1. On all monthly calendars Confirmation (past term) will be designated as 5th-8th **Grade Instruction**.
2. All information relating to Pastor Travis' class will be designated by **Catechism**.
3. All information relating to DCE Storm's class will be designated by **Bible 101 or Bible 102**.
4. Confirmation is an event when adults and youth stand up in front of the church and confirm what the Holy Spirit has already done in their Baptism. Students confirm their faith in class on Confirmation Day and every day they stand up for Jesus!

Attention! Junior Youth Event!

The team has practiced for weeks.

The visitors traveled 100 miles for this game.

The refs are in their uniform.

The field has been marked and readied.

The clock is set.

The announcer is at the mic.

The fans are in the bleachers.

The cheerleaders are on the deck.

The players take the field as the band plays the school song.

The teams take position....

Everything is ready for the



Sunday, September 18

11:40 am in Calvary's Parish Hall.

The food is on.

The activities are planned.

All students from 5th -8th grade are invited to the FUN!!

Life at St. Anthony's from the DCE

I had the privilege on a weekend in August to take three youth to St. Paul, MN to visit our Concordia University and to serve at St. Anthony's Care Facility. It was amazing!

It is all that simple. The Father loved so ardently that He gave His Son. The Son loved so lavishly that He gave strength, faith, health, eventually even His life blood. The Father and the Son loved so persistently that together they give their Spirit without ceasing into our hearts.
(From "The Source and the Flow" by Franklin Clark Fry)

And that was what was so remarkable – to watch the love of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Spirit flow through these three youth into the resi-



dents of St. Anthony's. We started the afternoon with a briefing from Dr. Steve Arnold, resident chaplain, about the care of an Alzheimer patient. We then had the opportunity to take an Alzheimer resident for a walk to the duck pond at the facility and talk with them for while. It was a pleasure listening to them share their world with us. One of our friends even yodeled for us.

It was cooking class with the residents after our walk. Guess what we made...homemade strawberry jam and bread & butter pickles. And oh, how the residents loved to share their recipes and their special canning tricks to make the best jam and pickles. With muscle help from our youth, some of the residents even mashed up the strawberries for the jam. There were a lot of strawberries to use!!! And the vinegar smell from the pickles brought sweet memories of the past.

We completed the afternoon with a watermelon feed on the patio. The four of us moved about thirty residents from the floor out into the fresh air and served watermelon to all. What a party!

God's love flowed through our youth that day and it was incredible to experience!



Library News

Fall Into a Good Book at Calvary's Library

Books for Kids

Noah's Floating Animal Park

This book combines humor and rhyme to help kids understand the events of Noah's flood and the spiritual lesson it teaches us today.

Daniel's Diary – How God Saved Me From the Lions

This creative retelling of Daniel's story from the Bible in diary form is overflowing with the great news that God listens to His people. Daniel's personal entries and pictures reveal how he goes from being a sought after dream reader and powerful

governor to a possible dinner for lions.

Books for Adults

Let's Roll by Lisa Beamer, wife of 9/11 hero Todd Beamer

In *Let's Roll* Todd's wife Lisa reveals what happened on ill-fated flight 93, as well as poignant glimpse of a genuine American hero. She talks about Todd's growing up years, their marriage, and their last week together and family moments without him. Through this wife and mother an entire nation can Find Hope, Inspiration and Strength.



Book Club

We begin a new year on Thursday, September 22. Starting at 11:30 am, join us as we have our sack lunches and the discussion of the book for September, *For One More Day* by Mitch Albom, begins at noon.

Everyone is welcome to join the group. If you would like to participate but the time is inconvenient for you, please call Cindy Storm, 239-1575, to give your workable alternate.

The complete list of books for our fall/winter session is posted by DCE Storm's door.

We'll see you on Thursday, September 22. Don't forget your lunch or your books!



Tables of 8

Join in the fun! We have a great way to help couples and singles get to know other people your age at Calvary!

Be a part of a *Tables of 8* group for the Fall session, running September through November. See the Sign-Up sheet in the Friendship Room at church and place your name as host, or guest so that we can get our groups organized soon! Questions? Contact Diane Krause at 239-5646 or Kim Cale at 239-2000.

If you were involved this past spring with a group it would be wonderful if you would consider being a host for a new group!

Rms. 12:10, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love."
Rms. 12:13, "Share with God's people...practice hospitality."



Tables *for* Eight

Care Team News—September

Forgiveness was discussed during the care team's last meeting. The opening activity invited responses to the following; *Share a few words regarding the benefits of forgiveness as it pertains to God, to you personally, or to the person or people who have been forgiven.*

One of the richest resources of the Christian faith is the surprising gift of forgiveness that God offers us through Jesus Christ. Our ability to share the forgiveness of God with others is one of our most valuable assets.

Great thanks goes to Judy Rental who makes the monthly prayer calendar a reality. Put this month's issue on your fridge, your bathroom mirror or any

place convenient so you can see it daily!

We hope many of you enjoyed the annual picnic this year AND we encourage all to get back in the swing of things by making it a point to participate in Rally Sunday on 9/11!

Everyone is encouraged to consider being part of this fall's *Table of Eight* opportunity! Sign-up sheets are in the friendship room or you may contact Diane Krause or Kim Cale. A team of folks has been meeting to discuss safety and preparedness at Calvary. An insert will be included in the Sept. 11 Sunday bulletin with more on this topic.

How do you Pass the Faith to Your Family?

Answer: Biblically speaking the faith is passed on when children hear the Word: *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:13-15)

We can argue about who should "preach" to them, and the answer really should be parents, pastors, mentors, teachers, and music, should all be telling them!

But consider the research. Who do kids listen to? The answer, according to George Barna, kids listen to music, internet, TV, laws, and parents over any teacher, pastor, etc. (See the Chart) So according to the research, if the parents are not telling the kids or at least telling and

showing the children they also listen to pastors, they will not listen to a pastor or a Sunday School teacher.

I would urge you as families, grandparents, to deliberately pray with the young children in your families so they see your faith. Do the following:

American Society's Dominant Influences:

Tier 1 – Most Influential: Contemporary Music, Movies, TV, Internet, Laws, Public Policies, & Parents

Tier 2 – Less Influential: Peers, Schools, Radio, Mentors, Colleges & Universities, Siblings

Tier 3 – Least Influential: Churches, Faith Communities, Adult Education, Counseling, Therapy, Extended Family.*

You: "(Child's Name) Do you know what that cross is on the wall?"

Child: "What?"

You: "That cross is where Jesus died. Did you know Jesus is my Savior?"

Child: "???"

You: "Jesus also rose from the dead and takes my sins and your sins away."

Simple conversations like this will help you pass on the Good News to your children. If they know you believe and they see you putting it into practice, they will be much more willing to listen to Sunday School teachers, pastors, and other Christians, because they know the message of Jesus is worth listening to!

* from *Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions* by George Barna

Our Church Family:

Baptisms:

We welcomed into the family of God through the spiritual washing of Holy Baptism:

Madison Jenna M daughter of Daniel M & Kayla T, on Saturday, July 30, 2011. Sponsors were Scott M, Chris M, Danielle T and Marcia R.

Seth, Dylan, and Ashlee L, children of Craig & Debra L, on

Sunday, August 14, 2011. Sponsors were Doug & Christine L.

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



Men's Ministry Breakfast, Sept. 17

Are there "storm clouds" on the horizon of your life right now? Are you troubled by the chaotic storms of our current society? Are you concerned about the turbulent times of our culture? Are you looking for an opportunity to "lend a hand" and make a real difference in the lives of hurting people?

Then join us as we "Ride the Storm Out" together at our IDW Men's Ministry Event, Sept. 17th at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Mapleton.

Registration starts at 8 am and the cost for the day is \$10 per person. We encourage all the men of Calvary to attend! Breakfast, lunch, Bible Study, "hands-on" mission projects, Mission Central tours, and

fellowship opportunities for men of all ages.

Contact Jill at the District Office at (515) 576-7666 or go online at www.idwlcms.org and register today!



Trunk -N- Treat

The logo for 'Trunk-N-Treat' features the words 'Trunk', '-N-', and 'Treat' stacked vertically in a large, black, serif font. To the right of the text is a cartoon illustration of a green Volkswagen Beetle with its trunk open. A dog wearing a blue suit and a red hat is standing next to the car, holding a basket of treats.

Sunday, October 30 4 – 6 pm

Watch for details in October Call

or call Cindy Storm 239-1575.



Worship Assistants for September

Elders: Sun. 8:00 am: Len S/Dennis B
 Sun. 10:30 am: Kent K/Duane N
 Wed. 7:00 pm: Charles K

Ushers:
 Sundays: 8:00 am: Dennis B, Clark B
 Brad C Nathan C
 10:30 am: Stewart U, Greg W
 Jeff W, Randy G

Acolytes:
Sunday 8 am **Sunday, 10:30 am** **Wednesday 7 pm**
Sept. 4 & 7:

Chancel Guild:
 Sunday, Sept. 4, 8 am: Julie K, Dolly C
 Wednesday, Sept. 7, 7 pm: Julie B, Sandy O
 Sunday, Sept. 11, 10:30 am: Donna L, Caroline R
 Sunday, Sept. 18, 8 am: Vicki B
 Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7 pm: Ramona M, Regena K
 Sunday, Sept. 25, 10:30 am: Penny Hofer, Betti S

Greeters: Sundays: 8:00 am: Ken & Nada E
 10:30 am: Caroline R

Wednesday Sermon Series—THE HOLY BIBLE

September Wednesday Sermon Series at 7 PM

Opening up the Bible can sometimes be daunting.

To help with that feeling, every Wednesday during September, the sermon will give an overview of the entire Bible, that way the 66 books of the Bible might be seen in the context of their history. After all, all the indi-

vidual books were written for a purpose.

Our fifth through eighth grade students and one or both of their parents will be attending this service in place of class during September, however everyone in the congregation is also welcome to attend. It will be a normal worship service, but different from the ones on Sundays!

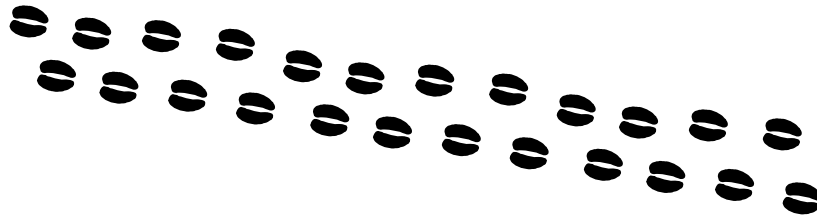
Celebrate your day in a special Way!

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!



Happy Birthday!



We've been looking for you!

One of the biggest vote getters on our survey a few months ago was hosting a *Hog Roast*. And our little piggy has been searching for people who are willing to be a committee to plan this event.

Setting the date, getting the word out, gathering the supplies, planning the cooking and serving and cleaning up are just a few of the tasks waiting for the group.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Friendship Room at the church

so that you can add your name to the list. Or you may call the office at 239-1575 and give us your name.

Just think about all the fun and chances for fellowship an event like this can be! Not to mention the lip-smacking goodness of pulled pork! Yummmm.



Thank You!

To Pastor Travis & Pastor Schoop: If you have ever wondered if what you are saying are the correct words to inspire people in need...the answer is YES. The Scriptures that you shared with me always seem to come at the right time in my daily circumstances, and the timing of your visits were when I really needed that extra pick-me-up.

"I still read the many cards that were sent to me, they are a reminder of what great friends I have here at Calvary. But most of all, thank you for your prayers. I called on the angels and felt your prayers a multitude of times during my day. But most of all, I felt and believed in the power of God for he can do marvelous things. He has shown and given me may miracles." *Sharon Beller & Family.* "All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired." (quote from Martin Luther (1483-1546) German priest.)

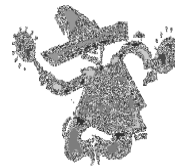
"Dear Friends of Calvary, Thank you so much for all the visits, calls, cards and prayers while Terry was in the hospital and nursing home. Thank you also for all the food, memorials and prayers after her death. A special thank you also to Pastor and Stacy Travis for their visits,

prayers and time during Terry's illness and death. All your acts of kindness are greatly appreciated. Terry very much loved and treasured all her friends at Calvary."

Richard Will & Family

Muchas Gracias! (Many Thanks!)

The Picnic was fantastic and we all had a great time! Good food, good fellowship and hearing God's Word made for a wonderful day. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a success. Look for a detailed report in the October issue of the Calvary Call. (Note: the Picnic Committee will meet on Sept. 12 at 6:30 pm to review the bills and donations.)



Bag-a-Lunch: Another great summer!

We had a lot of fun this summer with the children of our neighborhood. We served over 1,300 lunches from June 1 through August 12. We celebrated birthdays and had special guests share our meal times. We thank all who gave of their time and resources. See the October Call for a detailed report. Thanks again!

Concordia Publishing House is having a Fall Bible Sale!

For a limited time CPH is offering discounts on *The Lutheran Study Bible*, *The Concordia Self-Study Bible*, the *Story Bible* and more!

Gain a deeper understanding of God's Word with Bibles for all ages from Concordia Publishing House. Whether you are looking to update your study Bible or to purchase your child's first bible, CPH has something for every one.

The Lutheran Study Bible is a best sell for its Christ-centered approach with study notes and practical application that you can trust to be distinctive Lutheran. It is available in many different styles.

The Story Bible is drawn directly from Scripture and includes Old Testament promises of the coming of Jesus. This beautiful children's Bible story book is filled with realistic art that is great for ages 3-8.

Other popular Bibles are also on sale. See the sign up sheet on the window of the church office for more information.

Bibles make great gifts for the holidays, baptisms, anniversaries and birthdays. We will take orders through Thursday, November 30, 2011, so that our shipment will arrive in time for Christmas. Please note: in order to get free shipping, we must order 10 or more Bibles.

Don't delay, get your order in today!

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Iowa District West and the Personal Missions Subcommittee is sponsoring an Outreach Resource & Training Event on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at St. John Lutheran church in Storm Lake, Iowa, from 9 am—4 pm.

See the poster on the back of the September Prayer Calendar included in this newsletter for more information.

Devotion

“It’s all that simple: The Father loved so ardently that He gave His Son. The Son loved so lavishly that He gave strength, faith, health, eventually even His life blood. The Father and the Son love so persistently that together they give their Spirit without ceasing into our hearts.

“All that we Christians are called upon to do, all we can do, is to be an open watercourse for the divine love. We do not create any part of it; it would be an arrogant illusion to think we did. We must not blockade it; if we did, we would be the adversaries of God, not His children. We are simply to reflect it, back to Him and out to His world. Our calling is to give it free flow.

“That means we are never generous. We never give any gifts. We are merely to be the channel for the good gifts which come in a steady stream from God. He expects us to take the vitality, which he pours into our

veins, and the money, which He has given to us in trust, and to see to it that they are spent for the things that are closest to His heart. It is all that simple — and imperative.”

Franklin Clark Fry (1900-1968)

All Saints' Devotion book
The Source and the Flow

Lord, keep the conduit that leads through me from being clogged!

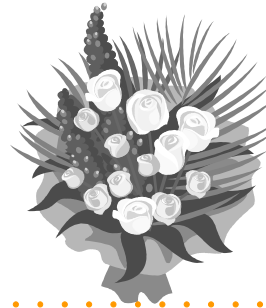


Altar Flowers

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.



Our Ministry Needs YOU!



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

Instrumentalists: Share your talent with the organ or as a solo during the worship services

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Treasurer's Statement of Income & Expense

July 2011 —

Checking Account Balance, 07/01/2011 \$ 33,538.45

Plus Income	24,088.68
Less Expense	−19,923.99
Plus Interest	1.02
Plus transf. from LCEF	<u>0.00</u>
	4,165.71

Checking Account Balance, 07/31/2011 \$ 37,704.16

LCEF Steward Account Balance 06/01/2011 \$ 218.94

Plus Transfers In	\$ 0.00
Less Transfers Out	0.00
Plus Interest,	<u>0.20</u>
	0.20

LCEF Steward Account Balance 07/31/2011 \$ 219.14

Dedicated Funds

Social Ministries	\$ 313.19
Building Fund	12,424.86
Designated Memorials	19,043.07
Undesignated Memorials	75.00
Special Accounts	28,361.34
Outside Purposes	29.70
National Youth Gathering	893.95
World Missions	.00
Capital Improvement	<u>1,746.60</u>
Total All Obligated Funds	\$ 62,887.71
Un-obligated Funds	−\$ 24,964.41

Total Checking & Savings Funds \$ 37,923.30

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

All information for the weekly bulletins must be turned into the Church Office no later than 12 noon on Thursdays.

All information for the monthly newsletter must be turned into the Church Office no later than 8 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. Thank you!

Finance Secretary's Report

Income Received for July 2011

Envelopes	\$ 21,313.00
Plate.....	587.45
YTD Envelope & Plate Total:.....	126,483.78
Other:	
Sunday School.....	00
Building Fund.....	90.00
Children's Story Bibles.....	131.00
Pastor's Special Fund.....	100.00
Adult Bible Class	90.27
VBS 2011-Malaria Initiative.....	522.96
Memorials, Undesignated.....	865.00
All America Concert Tickets reimburse.....	30.00
Children's Conference Registration.....	150.00
Concordia Plans Employer Health Rewards.....	100.00
Men's Prayer Coffee donuts.....	4.00
Thrivent Choice Deposit.....	105.00
 Total.....	 <u>\$ 24,088.68</u>
Deposits:	
07/03/2011	\$ 4,794.71
07/10/2011.....	3,943.24
07/17/2011.....	3,261.00
07/24/2011.....	8,785.00
07/31/2011.....	3,199.73
07/06/2011 Thrivent.....	105.00
 Total for Month.....	 <u>\$ 24,088.68</u>
 2011 Year-to-Date Total:	 \$ 158,730.49

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

