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OUR VISION

“Through the cross of Jesus Christ, God is calling Calvary Lutheran Church to intentionally reach out and invite all people, nurture their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ, and send them to live a faithful and fruitful life of witness and service.”

Come Worship with us:
Saturday evenings at
5:30 p.m. in the Chapel
and Sunday mornings at
8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and
11:05 a.m.

**Midweek Lenten Services
thru April 13
5:15 & 7:00 p.m.
Holden Evening Prayer**

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“A PLACE CALLED CALVARY”

We so easily refer to our congregation by the familiar name Calvary. But in these concluding weeks of Lent, as we approach Holy Week and Easter, it is well for us to consider the significance of our congregation's name.

Some Bible versions translate the place where Jesus was crucified by the Aramaic word Golgotha, meaning the place of the Skull. Other Bible versions translate it as the Latin word Calvary. Thus, the new King James version translates Luke 23:33, "And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.."

Our hymnody and songs of worship also utilize the name Calvary to point to the place of our Lord's crucifixion. The first verse of one of our well known Lenten hymns is a prayerful plea, appropriate for these days: "Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain." Another holy week hymn, "Go to Dark Gethsemane," also points to the centrality of Jesus' death on the cross at Calvary. Verse 3 reads, "Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete."

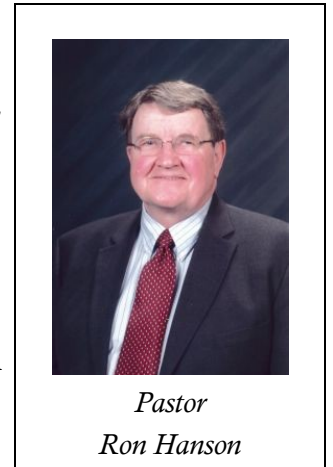
Why has our congregation taken its name from the place called Calvary where the most heinous act in history was committed when Jesus, the Son of God, was put to death on a wooden cross? Because with the apostle Paul, we claim the cross planted deep in the earth of that hill called Calvary as the center piece of our salvation. In 1 Corinthians 2:2, Paul writes, "I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." In Colossians, Paul also declares that God "has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (1:13-14)

Martin Luther also directs us to the centrality of Christ's saving deed on Calvary when he writes his explanation of the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed: "At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil—not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death."

In the coming weeks, as we mark our journey with Christ from death to life during Holy Week and Easter, let us faithfully gather as the community of faith that has taken the place of his atoning suffering and death as our name. As we come together at Calvary, let us "mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete."

In His Royal Service

Pastor Ron Hanson



*Pastor
Ron Hanson*

JOIN US FOR LENTEN MEALS



Before or after the worship service, please join us for Lenten soups, sandwiches & desserts from 5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Bethany Hall. A free will offering will be collected. We will have two tables as we did last year

with four lines total for speedy service. One serving area will be in front of the altar/stage and the other in front of the kitchen doors. This is a great time for fellowship and tasty soup!

Wednesday, April 6

Cheddar Baked Potato, Lasagna & Tomato Basil with Ravioli

Wednesday, April 13

Chef's Choice



Choir Rehearsals Resume

On Wednesday evening, April 27, the Wednesday evening choir schedule will resume with the times prior to Lent.

5:30 p.m.—Free Spirits

6:05 p.m.—Cherub & Chapel Kids

7:15 p.m.—Calvary Choir

NEW MEMBER CLASSES will meet April 3 and April 10 in the Friendship Room at 10:00 a.m. Orientation night/dinner will be Thursday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. in Bethany Hall.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

New Members will be received Sunday, April 17 at the 9:00 a.m. New Horizon worship service.



April Special Music

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| April 2: | 5:30 p.m. Sandy Hanson |
| April 3: | 8:00 a.m. Shirley Ringness |
| | 9:00 a.m. Ann Phillips and Dave Moen |
| | 11:05 a.m. Calvary Choir |
| April 6: | 5:15 & 7:00 p.m. Debbie Larson |
| April 9: | 5:30 p.m. Terry Shaw |
| April 10: | 8:00 a.m. Marie Staley |
| | 9:00 a.m. Chapel Kids |
| | 11:05 a.m. Free Spirits |
| April 13: | 5:15 & 7:00 p.m. Sara Kallhoff |
| April 16: | 5:30 p.m. Grant & Preston de Cathelineau |
| April 17: | 8:00 a.m. Amanda Mathiasen |
| | 9:00 a.m. Noah's Ark/PromiseLand Children & One Accord |
| | 11:05 a.m. Noah's Ark/PromiseLand Children & Calvary Choir |
| April 21: | 5:15 p.m. Chet Sommers |
| | 7:00 p.m. Calvary Choir |
| April 22: | 12:00 p.m. Michelle Sommers & Marie Staley |
| April 24: | 6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service |
| | 8:00 a.m. Lori Halvorson, Calvary Choir, Brass & Guests |
| | 9:30, 11:00 a.m. Calvary Choir, Brass & Guests |



Last month Rachel Arnold, Alizabeth Haug, Hailey Johnson, Karlie Larson, Cassidy Skaro, Rachel Tait and Gina attended the SW MN Youth Gathering at the St. Cloud Holiday Inn. The theme for the event was "Gracebook" 1 Corinthians 10:13 was the theme verse. We attended three engaging worship services in which adults and youth alike shared moving stories of how God has worked in their lives during difficulties. We also enjoyed doing a number of fun things and serving in the St. Cloud community.



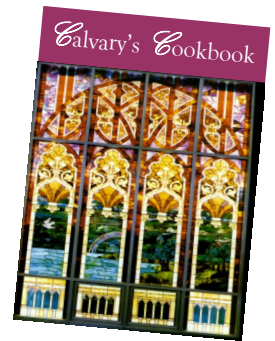
Calvary Women of the ELCA

Spring Gathering—Saturday, April 19, 2011—8:30 a.m.
Kerkhoven Lutheran Church

Cost: \$7.00—Sign up in the Church office by April 4

The first week in May we will be putting Health Kits together. We are asking each Circle to put one kit per person together or donate to buy a kit per person. **One kit should contain the following items:** 1 hand towel and 1 wash cloth (dark colors recommended), 1 bath size bar of soap (4-5 oz. in it's original wrap), 1 adult size toothbrush (in its original wrap), 1 sturdy comb (remove packaging), 1 metal file or nail clippers with file attached (remove packaging, do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the file), 6 bandaids (1/2 to 3/4" secured together with a rubber band). The cost to assemble a kit is between \$6-\$10.

Remember Calvary Cookbooks make a great gift anytime. Cookbooks may be purchased at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or during regular Church office hours, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.



ADULT FORUMS

Adult Bible Study, Sundays at 10:05 a.m. in Bethany Hall.

April 3—A New Member at Calvary—Now what?
Pastor Dean

April 10—Christian views of Death—Pastor Dean

April 17—Pastor Ron

“Our yesterdays teach us how to savor our todays and tomorrows.”

~Patsy Clairmont

BOOK CLUB OPPORTUNITIES



Jr. High:

On Sunday, April 3, at 10:10 a.m. we'll meet at LuLu Beans to continue our conversation about the book *The Rescuer* by Dee Henderson.

Sr. High:

On Sunday, April 10, at 10:10 a.m. we'll meet at LuLu Beans to discuss the book *Unlocked* by Karen Kingsbury and to enjoy fellowship with one another.

Adults:

On Sunday, April 10, anyone interested in being part of an adult book club is welcome to meet at 10:10 a.m., in the Youth Lounge. Please bring ideas of day and time to meet and book titles.

CALVARY SOFTBALL SIGN-UP



If you're interested in participating in the Calvary Softball team this summer, please let Gina know.

GRADUATION BANQUET

On Sunday, May 22, at the 9 a.m. service all graduating Calvary Seniors will be recognized. After the service a **special banquet will be held in Bethany Hall**. Each of the graduating seniors will receive a complimentary ticket. All others in attendance will need to purchase a ticket from Gina for \$6 per person. A letter with more information about this banquet will be sent home in the near future. Graduating seniors, please select three pictures to give Gina for a PowerPoint presentation that will be made in your honor.

YOUTH & FAMILY BOARD MEETING

On Thursday, April 7, at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room the Youth & Family Board will meet. All are welcome!

YOUTH COUNCIL

On Wednesday, April 20, at 5 p.m. we'll meet in the Youth Room.

PARENT FORUM

On a Sunday in April, a forum will be held for parents on a topic related to parenting. Stay tuned to the bulletin for further details.

COMING SOON



Calvary Youth & Family Facebook page with exciting news about what we're up to inside and outside the church! Stay tuned...

SR. HIGH YOUTH

If you are a Sr. High Youth and would like to be part of the planning group for Wednesday night opportunities for youth your age, please let Gina know. We have a group of interested youth that will be meeting at a coffee shop in the near future. Join us if you can!

50'S DRIVE-IN:

Save the date! Sunday, June 26, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Calvary Parking lot, we will have music, classic cars and great fellowship. If you are interested in helping in anyway, please contact Gina.

First Communion Classes – FED AND FORGIVEN

Classes continue in April for fifth graders. Wednesdays, April 6 and 13, they will be making their chalices and patens. Wednesday, April 20, they will bake Communion bread and have orientation for receiving their first Communion, which takes place at either the 5:15 or 7:00 Maundy Thursday worship service, April 21.



TANDEM TALES – SUNDAY, APRIL 10

During the education hour, 10:05 – 10:55 a.m., downstairs in Bethany Hall, children and parents-- anyone who loves hearing the stories of the Bible--are invited to Biblical storytelling event. Bible stories are told in contemporary, unusual, and comic ways. Tandem Tales is presented by Homeward Bound Theater Company of Chanhasen.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 17



Children 3-years-old through 6th grade will sing on Palm Sunday at both the 9:00 and 11:05 a.m. worship services. Children will gather in the Friendship Room 15 minutes prior to the 9:00 service to get their palms and line up for the processional. There will be Sunday School that morning. Children will gather in the Friendship Room again before the 11:05 service. They may leave after they sing.

Vacation Bible School

This year, VBS will be held at Calvary and we will be going solo. The dates are Sunday, June 12 through Thursday, June 16. VBS will be held in the evenings. Specific times and further information on this year's VBS will follow in your bulletins and newsletter. Watch for it. If you would like to help out with VBS, please speak with Mary. We welcome your help and ideas. The VBS program called RENEW, is based on the parable of the sower, Mark 4:1-9 and is an environmentally-focused program that inspires kids and adults to grow in faith, have fun and change the world as they practice stewardship of creation! Registration for VBS begins April 10 at the Tandem Tales event and ends May 29. Music CD's will also be available April 10. You may register online at Calvary's website or at the Welcome Center.



**VBS VOLNTEERS
WANTED**

ELEMENTARY RETREAT

GLLM is offering a retreat for kids in grades 2-5 at "The Hill" at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, Friday, May 13, 7 p.m. to Saturday, May 14, 1 p.m. The fee is \$45. The retreat is a "mini camp" experience. Parents are welcome but not required to attend with their children. Kids will be assigned a counselor who will stay in a cabin with them. Registration forms are available at the church Welcome Center. See Mary if you have questions.



Saving for Education

Save your "Box Tops for Education," Campbell Soup labels, milk carton tops (Kemps), Labels for Learning (Food Club receipts from Cash Wise. You can also save scanner slips from Food Club products (with the numbers beginning with 368) A box is located on the Food Shelf donation shelf by the office. When we collect a bunch, we will turn them into WEAC to purchase needed items for the Willmar school district.



SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

Thanks to all of you who made our Food Shelf Drive so successful. The actual totals for the month are close to the goals we set. Watch the bulletin for the correct information.

April does bring us closer to more sun and warmer weather. Along with this change, there are changes in our projects. Watch the bulletin board and the bulletins for more information on Habitat for Humanity and other pending projects.

Please check out the bulletin board by the office for a number of "Thank You's" that were received following our distribution of gifts from the Giving Tree. One gift can make a difference. If you can't warm up due to the weather, read some of these comments and you will be warmed with the impact your generosity has on those in need.

Always remember this verse, "For God loves a cheerful giver!" Thanks for your generosity!
~Social Concerns Committee

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

June 10-12, 2011

West Rich RV Park by Spicer



Family Camp

Any questions call Sandy Hanson at 235-7211

Watch your bulletins and newsletters for more information.

Invite someone new to join the fun.

(Doesn't a campfire with s'mores sound good right now?)

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

A heartfelt thank you to our Calvary family for your prayers and sympathies during the illness and death of Vern's mom.

*Sincerely,
 Vern & Linda Broberg*

Lutheran World Relief to aid in Japan disaster relief Group gets Calvary funds



When Calvary congregants drop their offerings into the plate during the April 6 Lenten services, they will be

supporting a mission organization with a long history of global outreach: Lutheran World Relief.

Here's the organization's mission statement: "Affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world, to end poverty, injustice and human suffering."

Calvary supports many mission organizations with financial donations, and it can be difficult to immediately assess how the funds are used. It should be noted, however, that LWR is engaged in one of the worst natural disasters of our time: the Japan earthquakes and subsequent tsunamis.

So, what is the organization doing? According to its Web site, LWR is considering massive deliveries of quilts and kits, which provide essential items to people in disaster situations. The organization says it is also supporting ELCA-related aid efforts in Japan.

For more information on LWR, visit: www.lwr.org

Thank for your generosity and for continuing to hold the disaster victims in prayer.

Gregg Aamot, Mission Committee

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Check out Calvary's web site at www.calvarylutheranchurch.com

NTY: NOT THROUGH YET

Welcome Back to N.T.Y.

Date: April 8, 2011 at 12:00 noon

Speaker: Bunne Frost, Coordinator of
Bethesda Outreach & Wellness Center

RSVP: Please call the church office
(235-2508) by Wednesday noon,
April 6, to make reservations.

NTY: A group that claims to be at
least 55 years old.

No joining required - come when you can!

PARISH NURSE NOTES

These tips come from the American Heart Association.



Check out these quick links for information and resources to help you manage arrhythmias and your risk of heart disease and stroke.

- [Visit our Arrhythmia Health Center at Heart Hub.org](#) for information, tips and tools for living with arrhythmias and protecting your health.
- See how the heart's electrical system works – or doesn't work – with our [Arrhythmia multimedia library](#).
- [Get a free personalized Heart Profiler report of your atrial fibrillation treatment options](#) to discuss with your healthcare professional.
- [Subscribe to our Arrhythmia e-newsletter](#) for monthly news, resources and recipes.
- [Download printable information sheets](#) about preventing and managing heart disease and stroke and living heart-healthy.
- [Know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack](#).

Also, in just a few minutes, the American Heart Association's My Life Check can provide your personal heart score and a custom plan with the seven simple steps you need to live better. Visit [My Life Check](#) to get started.

If this information does not meet your needs, we are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1 or 1-888-4-STROKE.

~Parish Nurses Dena Eichelberger and Dona Haines



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MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

April 6 – Week V

Holden Evening Prayer

5:15 & 7:00 p.m.

AT THE ALTAR!

April 13 – Week VI

Holden Evening Prayer

5:15 & 7:00 p.m.

IN THE PEW!



HOLY WEEK

April 17 - Palm/Passion Sunday

April 21 - Maundy Thursday

Foot Washing & Holy Communion

5:15 & 7:00 p.m.

April 22 - Good Friday

- 12:00 Noon - Joint Worship at Calvary
- 4:00-5:30 p.m. - Ecumenical Experience at Bethel
- 5:30-6:00 p.m. - Community Worship at Bethel
- 7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service at Vinje

FESTIVAL OF EASTER

Sunday, April 24

6:15 a.m. Sunrise Worship

7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

Easter Festival Worship

8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.

**Special Lenten
Mid-week Offerings**



Out of love for
our Lord and

the work of His church, we share special offerings each
week to support these specific ministries:

Apr 6 – Lutheran World Relief

Apr 13 – Global Health Ministries

Apr 21 – Community Meal