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“A Humble Response”



What do you desire for Christmas? You can choose from the new Apple I-Phone 4, a sixty inch 3D plasma television, or the new Spirit Fitness treadmill, a featured item at Costco.com. The other day we asked Matthew what he wanted for Christmas. To help him narrow down his choices we gave him a pen and toy catalog to look through. We said anything that you would like to have for Christmas please just circle with your pen. With great enthusiasm, Matthew open the catalog to the first page circled one to two items. He then went to next page circling three to five items and by the time he got to last page he just circle the whole page.

Wouldn't the Christian life be so much simpler if God could just give us a divine Christmas catalog and all we had to do would be circles words like "...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23a)." After circling them, God would then just give us those "fruits of the Spirit" we circled.

Most of us have learned that as God's children he doesn't exactly answer our prayer request the way we would expect. In some cases, God will give you unexpected surprise as Mary discovered before the first Christmas came. The angel Gabriel came to Mary saying "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus (Luke 1:30-31)." How would you react to this awesome news? Mary's reaction was nothing more than a humble response. She said, "I am the Lord's servant ... may it be to me as you have said (Luke 1:38)."

When this Christmas comes, instead of worrying about what you will get or what you will give others, just take a moment and give God a humble response of thanks for the greatest gift of all Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

Merry Christmas

Pastor Kurt

PS. I wanted to thank the entire congregation for an awesome pastor recognition Sunday and the nice gift card to Costco.



December Birthdays



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3 <i>Susan Gensmann</i>	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Denise Gullickson</i>	11
12 <i>Mirth Stedje Joseph Hall</i>	13 <i>Kaylie Roush</i>	14 <i>Carol Klain</i>	15	16 <i>Valli Ostrem</i>	17	18 <i>Jeff DuPuy</i>
19	20 <i>Brenda Bauer</i>	21	22	23 <i>Jane Radel Joyce Schaumburg</i>	24	25
26	27 <i>Stacey Pitt</i>	28 <i>Harrison Ostrem Gabriel Felton</i>	29 <i>Tony Pepe</i>	30	31 <i>Eric Pitt</i>	

Don't see your name on the birthday list?

If you would like us to know more about you fill out your yellow cards Sunday

Morning and place them in the offering plates.



Announcements



Food Pantry Needs: At this time are TURKEYS!

Calvary's Closet is in need of gently worn winter boots for men and children. Thanks for your support and contributions!

Sunday Morning Prayer: There are a few of us who meet with Pastor Kurt for prayer each Sunday morning from 8:30-8:45 a.m. Join us, as partners in prayer, for the awesome privilege of lifting up Calvary, Pastor Kurt, worship, and the needs that God places on your heart.

All are Welcome!!

Inspirational Women's Group will meet Wed. Dec. 1st, at 1:30 p.m. in the Welcome Area. We will review a book from our church library, followed by a Bible Study. Come and join us!

Cookies! Cookies! Cookies!

- * The ladies of the church are sponsoring their annual Holiday Cookie Sale.
- * This is a major source of funding for our treasury which provides Calvary's kitchen supplies & other expenses throughout the year.
- * Please support us by donating a batch or two of your favorite homemade Christmas cookies or candy.
- * Please deliver your donation to the church between 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., on Saturday, December 18th.
- * The sale will be Sunday, December 19th after the 10:30 a.m. service.
- * We will be selling places of treats for \$2.50.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Friday, Dec. 24th, at 7:00 p.m. There will be communion served.

*A little child, a shining star,
A stable rough, the door ajar,
Yet in that place, so crude, forlorn,
The hope of the all the world was born.*

Please Remember that articles for the Sunday bulletin need to be in the church office by 1 p.m. on Wednesdays, and the Echoes, by the 20th of each month. Thanks!

(Announcements Continued...)

Council Highlights (the next council meeting will be the budget proposal meeting Dec. 7th, thos highlights will be in the January Echoes).

Annual Reports from the chairpersons and leaders of ministry are due Dec. 15th. (Pastor, Coucil President, Worship, Property & Management, Living Free Ministries, Wyldlife, Preschool, Immanuel Home, FLBC, HeBrews, CLCW, Mission Endowment Fund, & EnCourage Youth. We have received Community Kitchen Evergreen, Calvary's Closet and Sunday School.) These reports are a great opportunity to share with the congregation what God has been doing in and through people at Calvary in 2010.

The Nominating Team is in the process of filling positions of ministry at Calvary. Keep them in your prayers and those God would rise to serve him. Please consider if there is an area God is calling you to serve.

Church Directory: We are in the annual process of updating our membership directory. Please notify Connie (Mon. - Thurs., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) in the church office (752-4102) if you have ADDRESS and/or PHONE CHANGES. Also, if you don't have a mail box in the Welcome Area, and would like one, please let us know.

Christmas Decorating and Dinner: We thought we would do things a little different this year. There will be two days of decorating the church. The first day will be a preparation day of hauling boxes & getting the Christmas tree in the stand. This will occur Wed. Dec. 1st from 5-7 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be on the Welcome Area board for that evening. Then on Friday Dec. 3rd we will do the finishing touches. Decorating will occur form 5-7 p.m. followed by a celebration dinner so that we may enjoy the fruits of our labor. HeBrews will be sponsoring a nice meal of roast and mashed potatoes with all the trimmings. If you would like to help with the meal preparation & clean-up please see the sign-up sheet or call Laurie Smith at 257-1271. Our thought is that a two day set-up will make decorating more enjoyable for kids of all ages. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the season of Our Lord's birth!

Winter Training is here! Get plugged into our technical ministry! Now is the time to learn how to run the sound board and computer during Calvary's worship services. Grow and serve in a ministry which helps others to hear and experience the word of God. Have fun working with musical groups. Enjoy support and fellowship with a team of devoted Christmas who share your passion for technical ministry. Training sessions will be Wednesdays, December 8th & 15th, at 5:45 p.m. Contact Jenny Rau for more information (756-6966).

(Announcements Continued...)

Community Kitchen-Feeding the Flathead needs help getting Christmas gifts together for our guests. They need: perfume, lotion, flashlights, scarves, conditioner, dental floss, knit hats, socks (extra large men-size 16 and/or women size 12), slippers (extra large men size 16 and/or women size 12), coffee singles for a 4 cup coffee maker (decaf and/or regular), after shave, tooth paste, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, shave cream (men and women), gloves (extra large). We'll keep collecting items until close to Christmas. Please put them in the Pantry or give Connie, Brenda, Denise or Kim. Thanks very much, Kim Snell.





Congratulations to the kids who received Bibles Sunday November 21st. They are James Albrecht, Jenna Johnson and Christen Smith. May God grow in your love for Him and His word!

Also, Congratulations to Shelby Olsen who will be receiving her bible in December!

Dear Friend & Sponsor: The Kalispell Police Department would like to express our sincere thanks for financially supporting our child safety and drug education program. We feel it is our sworn duty to provide the public with protection and safeguards expected of us. Our planned child safety and drug education program will help us do that. You have recognized that we desperately need to reach our children with accurate and vital facts that will educate and help them grow as safe, happy and useful citizens. The materials and services we have carefully selected are developed exclusively by the National Child Safety Council, a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. Because of your generous support, we are able to provide this well-rounded program for our children. Without your help this could not have been possible. Thanks again, not only from the Police Department, but also from all of the young people who will be touched by your helping hand.

Sincerely,
Roger Nasset
Kalispell Police Department

THANK YOU!



Our Sympathy and Prayers...

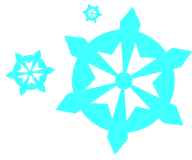


*...To the family of **Don Smith** (Glen Smith's father). Don passed away on Monday November 8th. His funeral was Friday November 12th in Libby, MT; with Pastor Kurt Rau officiating.*

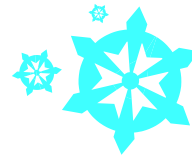
*...To the family of **Rose Christensen**. Rose passed away November 14th. Her funeral was Thursday November 18th at Johnson/ Gloschat Funeral Home.*

*...To the family of **Benjamin "Ben" Kampf**. Ben passed away November 22nd. Ben funeral was Saturday November 27th at Calvary Lutheran Church.*





November Budget



SUMMARY FOR THIS MONTH'S RECEIPTS

Worship Offerings	8313.50
Give Them Wings/Building Use	400.00
New York Life Annuity Interest	<u>950.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	9663.50

MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Expenses in November	12430.53
Unpaid Expenses in Jan. - Nov.	<u>+ 0.00</u>
Total Expenses	12430.53
Total Expenses Paid in November	<u>- 12430.53</u>
UNPAID EXPENSES IN JAN-NOV	0.00

DATE	ATTEND.	WORSHIP OFF.	NEED WKLY
			(to meet budgeted goal)
11/7	88	2269.00	2937.33
11/14	85	2447.00	2937.33
11/21	78	2235.00	2937.33
11/28	63	1362.50	2937.33

MONTHLY RECEIPTS (\$12,728.42 needed per mo. to meet budget goal)

"My God shall supply all my needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

JAN	13577.05	MAY	13634.50	SEPT	11925.39
FEB	11968.13	JUN	10852.14	OCT	14538.72
MAR	10753.75	JUL	14662.75	NOV	9663.50
APR	11369.75	AUG	12255.13	DEC	

Jan. – November: All Expensed Paid

Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.





Tid Bits



I

Think

That we

Shall always

See, God's

Gifts upon our

Christmas tree.

You cannot touch

Them with your hand,

Yet they are there at

Your command. There's

joy and faith and hope

renewed. There's laughter

for a happy mood. There's

gratitude for each new day;

a time to think, a time to pray.

The Christ has come with Holy Light

To shine and make your pathway bright.

All these are yours if you can see God's

Gifts

Upon

Your

Christmas Tree.