

Calvary Echoes

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A Message from our Pastor



After church this past Sunday, the family and I went over to Woodland Park to feed the ducks. Having just finished picking apples off the apple trees, we decided that it was now time to clean the freezer which included many zip lock bags of bread ends. We drove over to the park and started feeding the ducks including these really cool ducks called "wood ducks". The wood ducks look like God took a duck and painted it on every side. As we were feeding the ducks, the geese decided to join in starting with the grey ones, which were followed by the white ones. We literally had over thirty geese following us wherever we went. We started to back away and head toward the car. At that point the birds acted like sheep, they would go where we went including the car. We even went to other side of the park to escape the crowd and it only took a couple of minutes for some of the ducks to find where we were.

This scene reminded me of a similar scene in which Jesus was hanging out with the crowds. In fact the Bible says, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:36)." How many times in life do we feel that we are just wandering around aimless like sheep without a Shepherd? We can wander aimlessly on the job, how we manage our finances, and even how we conduct ourselves in a relationship. Unlike any other shepherd, Jesus doesn't just walk by but rather He has compassion for people then and now. He wants to stop and have a personal relationship with you. King David describes the kind of relationships that are God's desire "The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake (Psalm 23:1-3)."

I don't know where you are in your life right now, but I do know that Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He wants to spend time with you, His sheep. He wants to love you, know you and give you a real life to live. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me (John 10:14)." Would you like to know and love Jesus just a little bit more? Would it surprise you that this is the number one reason why God created you? God didn't create us so we could be the best workaholics the world has ever known. God created you so that we could have life and a relationship with Him now and forever (John 10:10).

Jesus wouldn't allow sin to get in our way of having a relationship with Him. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11)." If you desire to experience the type of life Jesus brings, then I want to encourage you to get connected to God through His church, a church small group, quiet time in prayer and the Bible. You might discover hanging out with Jesus is the best investment of time there is. As the Psalmist put it, "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked (Psalm 84:10)."

Brother in Christ, Pastor Kurt



October Birthdays

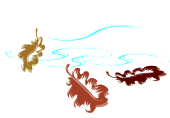


<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1 <i>Cyndy Deist</i>	2 <i>Derek Miller</i>
3	4	5	6	7 <i>Bob Iverson</i> <i>Isabel Larson</i>	8 <i>Kent Schaumburg</i>	9
10	11 <i>Robyn Maisch</i>	12	13 <i>Terry Caudill</i>	14 <i>Betsy Engle</i>	15	16
17 <i>Danielle Miller</i>	18 <i>Pat Paulson</i> <i>Brandy Rowe</i>	19	20	21 <i>Angela Maisch</i>	22 <i>Rose Christese</i> <i>Drew Lowry</i>	23
24 <i>Shaun Rowe</i>	25 <i>Verlyn Krumland</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>Shelby Olsen</i> <i>Aaron Westphal</i>	30
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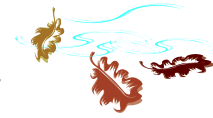
Don't see your name on the birthday list?

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 ITEM OF THE MONTH: canned veggies

CONSTITUTION REVISION TEAM has begun meeting. Please keep this important team in prayer as they seek to follow God's leading and direction for the constitution of Calvary Lutheran.

Hope Pregnancy Ministries calling out for volunteers The mission of Hope Pregnancy Ministries is to honor Christ by providing an alternative to abortion through life affirming education and intervention, offering help and hope to women in need. Volunteer opportunities are currently available in a variety of areas. No special experience or education is required. Please call Ronalee Skees at 257-6006 or email: ronalee@hopepregmin.org to learn more. Thank you for your consideration and assistance!

LIFE CHAIN Sunday, October 3rd, 2 - 3 p.m. This annual event is sponsored by Flathead Pro-Life for all Christians to get together at the crossroads of Kalispell, the corners of Main and Idaho and pray for an end to legalized abortion and that life will be held sacred in our country from conception to natural death.

'INSPIRATIONAL' WOMEN'S GROUP will meet Wed. Oct. 6th, 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!

LET'S GET REAL!!! A new **small group opportunity** is beginning October 13. Authentic Living in an Artificial World is a six-week look at understanding what it means to be a "real" Christian. It is a biblical look at some of the key identifying characteristics of real Christianity -- the only kind that can bring honor to Christ and a witness to His gospel. Learn how we can do our part to overcome the hypocrisy that many see as a barrier that keeps them from buying into our faith and choosing to follow Christ. Meetings will be Wednesday nights at Calvary beginning Oct. 13 at 7pm and lasting approximately 1 hour per session. Let the office know if you are interested in joining us so we can prepare the first lesson's information for you ASAP.

RECYCLING: we do have provision for the aluminum cans to be picked up and the proceeds will go to the Youth Acct. Feel free to bring your aluminum cans to help contribute to the youth!

**MONTANA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE FALL CONFERENCE
"SEXUAL PURITY"**

October 16th, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell
Session titles are: "Warning: Sex Education is Harmful to Children!", "Is Your Child Educated in 'Sex' Education or Biblical Purity?", "Women's Health: Let's be 100% Pro-life:", "How to Restore Purity to our Churches, Families and Nation". The featured speaker is Audrey Werner, R.N. from Dallas, Texas. Audrey is a National Speaker who has addressed audiences all over the country from church groups, parenting conferences, mom's groups, health care workers and "Focus on the Family" staff regarding the lies surrounding sex education. The conference is sponsored by Flathead Lutherans for Life. The registration fee of \$20 includes breakfast and lunch and can be paid on the 16th. Please register by calling Trinity's church office at 257-5683 or by e-mailing your intent to trinity@cyberport.net

LCMC WOMEN OF THE WORD The ladies of Faith Lutheran Church, Great Falls, invite all LCMC women to a special event to be held on Saturday, Oct. 16th, from 11:00am – 4:00pm. (Faith Lutheran Church ~ 3125 5th Ave S Great Falls.) Karla KaLeva from Cutbank will do a Bible study and spa program. All ladies need to bring 2 washcloths in a gallon bag as well as 2 hand towels for spa treatments to both hands and feet. The registration fee is \$10 which includes \$5 for lunch and \$5 for spa treatment. Pre-registration is requested if possible. Contact Julie Waag ~ kjamswaag@bresnan.net; Diane Lowry ~ dlowry13@bresnan.net; or call Faith Lutheran Church at (406) 454-1309. Come share in the food, fellowship, worship Bible study and program! *(It would be great to have a group of women from Calvary go! Contact the church office or make note on your yellow attendance sheet if you are interested.)*

Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Collection Have you noticed some pop can tabs collecting in the welcome area? I was curious about them and discovered they are really valuable and important! By donating the pop tabs from our cans we can help the Ronald McDonald House charities in their efforts to raise money to help families with ill children. I invite you to start collecting pop tabs with me as we seek to reach out to families in need. We will collect them in the welcome area. If you have any questions, please contact me at 756-6966. Jenny Rau



Labels for Education I have been wondering lately about how we as a church can support our local Evergreen school district. I started looking into the Campbell's soup labels that have been collecting in the welcome area. I discovered that this ministry has a lot of potential! The schools can earn lots of free resources from collecting the upc labels of various products we often use. I am starting a new collection to be located in the welcome area. If you would like to help our school district to get new resources please save the upc symbols off the products and bring them to church. Products that qualify include: Campbell's soups, Spaghettios, Franco American gravies, Pepperidge Farm products, Prego Sauce, Swanson broth, V8 drinks, Wolfgang Puck soups, BIC pens and pencils, and Pop Secret Popcorn. For a complete list please look by the display in the welcome area or you can visit the website: www.labelsforeducation.com. If you have any questions please contact me at 756-6966. Jenny Rau

CAN YOU HELP?! Do you feel that God may be calling you to serve others in our community? **Flathead Food Bank:** As they head into the holidays and winter months they could use more helping hands Tues. mornings 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Calvary. **Calvary's Closet:** Thurs. from 4 – 6:45 p.m. It would be great to have people monitor and serve the clientele in both rooms. The Closet is also in need of gently worn shoes for children, youth & men (especially men's size 11). **Wyldlife:** Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. We could use more helpers with the Jr. High and middle school kids. Please pray about where God may have you serve. If you feel called to serve with one of these ministries, you can make note on your yellow attendance sheet or contact the Church office. Thanks for your support!

HOME OPTIONS – Dear Friends in Ministry, I provide spiritual care for hospice patients in Flathead, Lincoln & Lake counties. Since I serve patients in your neighborhood (& perhaps even from your own congregation), I need to share a dilemma. I am spread thin. Would you or someone from your fellowship who is mature in their walk with the Lord lend a hand? Our patients are often unconnected with church; they yearn for spiritual answers. What it would look like: Volunteer basis, training provided; as-needed: no more than one patient at any time; & when needed: only ½ hr. per week (you choose day & time) & travel only within your general district. I know you've a ton on your plate; but to carry the encouragement of the Good News when there is but little time left. Won't you contact me to find out how this might work? I pray you do. Rev. Bob Thornton 751-4282 or bthor@krmc.org

Opportunities to Volunteer at Immanuel Lutheran Communities

- 1) **Gift Shop Volunteer at Immanuel Home** - we are currently looking to supply our gift shop with volunteer clerks on Mon. morning, Wed. & Thurs. mornings & afternoons, and Fri. afternoon. The morning shift is 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., the afternoon shift is 1 - 4 p.m. The activity level in the shop fluctuates significantly and so we are hoping that the recreation staff can bring residents down to visit. This will be a great time to play a game, help write a letter, share stories, do a crossword or just visit with our residents.
- 2) **Bingo Families or Groups!** Bingo continues to be one of the resident's favorite activities. We play bingo every Mon, Wed, and Fri. at 6 p.m. We are looking for families that would like to substitute occasionally. We need one person to call out the numbers and the rest of the family can help the residents with their chips and cards. It is a wonderful way to introduce the children to compassion and the world of volunteering. We have one family that has volunteered for Bingo once a month for 12 years. What a testimony to the children involved - about compassionate commitment!
- 3) **Musicians!** Do you have a gift to share? Everyone loves music and our residents are no different. We try to take residents to the high school concerts and we have some wonderful groups and musicians that come in often. But we all know "the more the merrier" and "variety is the spice of life". We are always looking for musical people.
- 4) **Crafters!** Our annual Christmas Bazaar is coming up in Nov. We would love to have the same kind of help we had last year...we had people from all over the valley contribute from their personal inventory of crafts. The 2009 Bazaar was a huge success! All the proceeds go to impact our residents in a variety of ways...we bring in special entertainment, take the residents out to eat, buy flowers and veggies-as well as the raised beds we plant them in. The list goes on and on. So if you have a few craft items that you could share with us, we would love it! And those of you in the market for a special gift this Christmas; you know where to come - Immanuel Lutheran Home on Fri. Nov. 5th. We'll have lefse and yummy caramel rolls for sale too!
- 5) There are many other ways to serve. If none of the above activities work well for you, there are many alternative ways to help. Please come by my office and we can find the right niche for you. Kathy Buffington, 752-9622, ext. 236; 185 Crestline Ave.

DISABILITY RESOURCE FAIR

October 22nd and 23rd

Gateway West Mall

The Whitefish Assemble of God Church & the United Way are partnering to hold the first Disability Resource Fair in the Flathead Valley. The Fair will have trade show booths, food vendors, entertainment, & hands-on activities for all ages. We are assembling what we think will be a complete spectrum of resources for the disabled. We want to make connections with the disabled, their families, their support, & help them find resources available to them. We are looking for volunteers with a heart for the disabled & people willing to spread the word about the Fair to the disabled. Can you help us? The Disability Fair is Fri. Oct. 22, from 11-7 and Sat. Oct. 23, from 11-2 at the Gateway West Mall. We will need to find volunteers who can help set up, clean up, greet visitors at the Mall, & help the disabled get from the parking lot to the Fair (if they need assistance). If you are interested in helping or would like more info, please contact Rick Heitz at 249-7354 or Pam Beckstrom at 881-2112. We are so excited. We look forward to talking to you about this Fair.

Yours, Jeff Wiedenmeyer Pastor, Whitefish Assembly of God Church

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

Immanuel Lutheran Home will be holding its Annual Holiday Bazaar on Fri, Nov. 5th. We are hoping that many of you have an item or two that you would share with us. We love all types of homemade crafts and would welcome any of your hard work. Please bring your things to Immanuel anytime before Nov. 1st. Leave a name & address with your contributions so we can give you an "in-kind" gift receipt for your tax records. Thank you & God's blessings to you,
Kathy Buffington, Director of Volunteers





Dear Calvary...



LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING is Oct. 3 – 6. Pastor Kurt & Jenny Rau will be our delegates. ALL EXPENSES ARE COVERED!! *Thank you to all who have contributed!!* This is an awesome opportunity for Calvary to become more connected and informed about LCMC! Please keep our delegates and the Gathering in you prayers!!

THRIVENT BUILDS - Thanks very much to all of you that contributed financially to help provide the meal for the crews on our work day. We appreciate your generosity! It looks like the building schedule is on track and we will be doing painting on our work day. Remember to sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Area if you would like to help on Oct. 2nd.

A BIG THANK YOU! Lutherans for Life thanks all who donated goods and helped with the September 18th rummage sale. The proceeds from the sale were \$1300.63. We also thank Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for providing an additional \$600 in matching funds. Our current projects are: Hope Pregnancy Ministries, KALS “Life Issues” program at 3:45 p.m., A Place of Refuge Home for Mothers and providing the “Life News” and other pro-life materials to churches. **Everyone is invited** to the next meeting of Lutherans for Life on Sunday, Nov. 14th, 1:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church.





Council Highlights



Eric Maisch opened with prayer; Devotion – Eph. 1:3-6, Creation: New Testament Style; Council continued with specific prayer for individuals & the church; Bible Study – ‘A Leader’s Prayer Life’

Treasurer’s Report Approved to use \$650 from Parsonage Sale for Pastor’s salary.

FYI

1. Fire Ext. for balcony - \$180. We have funding to cover this expense.
2. Door Update: Al Sylling is pursuing this.
3. Nursery pay will remain at \$10 per week.
4. Church \$250 balance for Annual Gathering expense will come from Gladys Jensen estate gift.
5. Substitute janitors will be paid \$10 per hour.
6. Timco Services has given us his boiler license to display. He will maintain the boiler & service it twice a year, (\$325 per time). This has been done and the furnace for the Fellowship Hall has been repaired (\$585.50). We have cancelled our maintenance agreement with Carson Brothers.
7. Flathead Food Bank has begun stripping and waxing the Fellowship Hall Floors. They volunteered to do this for the use of our facility.

LET’S TAKE ACTION

1. Council approved sponsor Jason Sternad’s Youth Ministry degree through Summit Bible College. This will be done with the Christian Education Scholarship Fund.
2. Constitution Revision team has begun meeting. We will take time to pray and look at Calvary’s 101 info, LCMC constitution & Calvary’s constitution, seeking to follow God’s direction for the constitution.
3. Mission Focus designees - 3rd Qtr: Thrivent Builds, Hope Pregnancy Center, and Flathead Food Bank. Each will receive approx. \$540.
4. Year End – Budget Requests are due Nov. 1st, so the Nov. Executive Mtg. can be a budget mtg. The budget planning team consists of Executive Team, 1 council member (Joseph Hall) & 1 member from the congregation (members will be asked). Annual Reports are due Dec. 15th from those in leadership areas. Nominating team – Phyllis Carson, Brent Jorgenson and Kristy Johnson plus 2 delegates need to be elected from council. (Council will pray and decide next mtg.)
5. Testimonies were shared.
6. Other: a) Kalispell Police Dept. Donations/Safety education – church will donate \$37.50 from the Youth League. b) Flathead Bible Camp letter invites Calvary delegates to their Annual Mtg. Oct. 9th. We can attend for info, but won’t be able to vote. c) Wyldlife is beginning. There is an overnight camp at Big Sky Bible Camp for all the Wyldlife kids from the valley, Oct 9-10.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer

September Budget

SUMMARY FOR THIS MONTH'S RECEIPTS

Worship Offerings	9794.00
Give Them Wings/Building Use	394.00
Community Kitchen Evergreen/Electricity	120.00
UI Tax refund	17.39
New York Life Annuity	950.00
Parsonage Sale for Pastor's Salary	<u>650.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	11925.39

MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Expenses in September	11996.72
Unpaid Expenses in Jan.-August	<u>+ 0.00</u>
Total Expenses	11996.72
Total Expenses Paid in September	<u>-11996.72</u>
UNPAID EXPENSES IN JAN-SEPT	0.00

DATE	ATTEND.	WORSHIP OFF.	NEED WKLY
			(to meet budgeted goal)
9/5	70	2316.50	2937.33
9/12	78	3637.00	2937.33
9/19	78	1897.50	2937.33
9/26	70	1816.00	2937.33
9/29 additional offering given		127.00	

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	
MAR	10753.75	JUL	14662.75	NOV	
APR	11369.75	AUG	12255.13	DEC	

Jan. - September Unpaid Expenses 0.00 PRAISE GOD!!!

\$\$\$BUDGET REQUESTS \$\$\$ are due Nov. 1st from the different areas of ministry. **Annual reports** from chairpersons and leaders of ministry are due Dec. 15th. 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 Son of God became man to enable us to become children of God.
C. S. Lewis

Jesus teaches that human need must always be helped; that there is no greater task than to relieve someone's pain and distress and that the Christian's compassion must be like God's - unceasing. Other work may be laid aside but the work of compassion never. *William Barclay*

My most cherished possession I wish I could leave you is my faith in Jesus Christ, for with him and nothing else you can be happy, but without him and with all else you'll never be happy. *Patrick Henry*

A friend once asked the famous conductor of a great symphony orchestra which instrument in the orchestra he considered the most difficult to play. Without a moment's hesitation the leader answered, 'The second fiddle. I can get plenty of first violinists. But to find one who can play second fiddle with enthusiasm - that's the problem. And if we have no second fiddle, we have no harmony.'

We are in danger of forgetting that we cannot do what God can do, and that God will not do what we can do. *Oswald Chambers*