

# Calvary Echoes

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# Staff Page



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## *A Message from Our Pastor*



Recently the Hubble Space Telescope took a new photo of a galaxy referred to by scientists as the “fountain of youth”. This galaxy is about 85 million light years away in a group of galaxies called the Virgo Cluster. This photo taken by Hubble reveals an awesome and brilliant spiral galaxy in the shape of a fountain or spring of water, but instead of water they’re stars. The Bible says “The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known (Psalm 19:1-2).” The heavens truly show how big, how awesome, and how spectacular our God really is. This same God that created this incredible galaxy has also created you too for the purpose of proclaiming His glory.

In John chapter 15, Jesus says that the key to proclaiming God’s glory is by living in a continuous love relationship with the Living God. Jesus said, “I am the vine you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:5).” As long as I remain in a real and personal relationship with Jesus then I will be able to live a life that proclaims the praises of God.

The other day my son Matthew asked me to play a racing game on the Xbox 360. Being busy, I suggested that Matthew play it alone; whereas, his immediate response was it won’t be the same thing. When we try to relate to God on our own terms it’s never the same thing we read about in the Bible. Why is that? God and God alone will reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways to you. He alone is the One that creates a relationship with you, sustains it, and grows it. You will never have to worry about dreaming His dreams or advising God on His global plans. All you need to do is hang out with Jesus through His Word, daily prayer, and with His body, the Church.

What happens when you spend time with Jesus? God will transform your life from one of sin and death to a life that shines like the stars of heaven. Jesus once told a Samaritan woman that many people are looking for the source of life or the “fountain of youth” in all the wrong places. He said, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life (John 4:13-14).”

Throughout the years there have been many people that have spent most of their life looking for the mythical “fountain of youth”. All of these lifelong journeys have ended with the same result unfulfilled purpose and significance. However, Jesus comes along saying that anyone that has a relationship with me will never thirst again in any area of life.

Is it your desire to live a life that will matter for eternity? Do you desire to shine like the stars in heavens? Would you someday like to hear from the Creator of the universe “well done, good and faithful servant?” I want to encourage you like never before to get involved in what God is doing at Calvary; be it worship, small group, or some ministry. By doing so, you too will be connected to a Jesus-centered community that continues to proclaim the praises of God in both words and more importantly deeds.

Brother in Christ,

Pastor Kurt



# June Birthdays



| Sunday  | Monday               | Tuesday             | Wednesday                                | Thursday               | Friday  | Saturday            |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|---|---------------------|
|  |                      |                     | 1<br>Al Sylling                          | 2<br>Makenzie Westphal | 3   | 4                   |
| 5   | 6                    | 7<br>Lacy Schneider | 8  | 9<br>Anna Lybeck       | 10  | 11<br>Dianne Bitney |
| 12  | 13<br>Lauretta Olsen | 14<br>Megan Pepe    | 15<br>Krista Thorson                     | 16                     | 17  | 18                  |
| 19  | 20                   | 21                  | 22                                       | 23                     | 24<br>Jenna Johnson   | 25                  |
| 26<br>Megan Russell   | 27                   | 28<br>Robin Roush   | 29<br>Stephanie Smith<br>Rachelle Felton | 30                     |  |                     |

Don't see your name on the birthday list?

If you would like us to know more about you, please fill out your Yellow cards

Sunday morning and place them in the offering plates!



# Announcements



**Food Pantry Needs:** Food of the month- pork& beans

**Please Remember:** that articles for the Sunday bulletin need to be in the church office by 1pm on Wednesday and articles for the ECHOES need to be in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!!!

**Remember: Hebrews Café:** is open 8:30 – 10:00 am Sunday mornings!

**BASKET MAKING BEE!** Would you like to have fun with friends and do something unique and creative? A half day class is being offered on pine needle basketry. Each person will be weaving a beautiful basket using ponderosa pine needles collected here in the valley. The class is \$20, includes all supplies and will meet at Calvary. If you are interested please see sign-up sheet on the Welcome Area bulletin board. For more info or questions you may call Cindy at 257-8453.

**CREATION NORTHWEST:** The Creation Festival this year is July 20-23 in Enumclaw, Washington at the Expo center. This is a wonderful opportunity to be enriched with worship music all day long for 4 days! Musicians include: Chris Tomlin, Newsboys, David Crowder Band, and Francesca Battistelli. Tickets are on sale now. In previous years this has been at the Gorge in Washington, and everyone camped. This year you may camp if you wish, but you can also stay in Hotels that are nearby. Help yourself to a flyer in the Welcome Area, or go online to [www.creationfest.com](http://www.creationfest.com). Pastor Kurt and his family are going this year and they are excited to see many families from Calvary come too! Make this your summer vacation and renewal! If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Kurt or Jenny.

**'NEWSBOYS' CHRISTIAN CONCERT** is Tues, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> during the Northwest Montana Fair. The 'Newsboys' have had several #1 hits & have been featured in more secular media outlets than the average Christian band. If you would like to join us for the concert, the youth fund will contribute \$10 (per ticket) to a **limited** number of tickets. Tickets are \$25 for reserved seats or the Praise Pit (which is the area on the grounds directly in front of the band, where you can bring your own chairs or blankets) or \$20 for General admission. Please contact the church office if you are interested. We are asking for your portion of the tickets to be paid upfront, so we can purchase the tickets all together by the end of July, watch for further info to come! Thanks & hope you can join us for an awesome time of praise & worship!

**TARPS FOR TENTS** We are putting together tote boxes filled with heavy duty plastic tarps, ropes, and tent pegs that can be shipped where needed and used as emergency shelters. With the increasing number of natural disasters worldwide, these totes can be prepared ahead of time and when needed, shipped to our sister churches near the disaster for distribution. If you wish to help by bringing in tarps, rope or tent pegs, please do. If you have any questions, feel free to call Rick Funk at 257-7716. If you would prefer to donate funds for the purchase of these items, please make the checks out to Calvary Lutheran Church and write Tarps for Tents on the Memo line.

**MAGAZINES FOR OUR TROOPS!** There is a box in the Welcome Area for used or new magazines that will be sent to our troops. If you have any you could share, that would be great and an encouragement for our troops overseas!! Thanks ☺

**PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT** will be Thurs. & Fri. June 16<sup>th</sup> (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.) & 17<sup>th</sup> (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.) at the Samaritan House Administrative Building, 1110 2<sup>nd</sup> St. West in Kalispell. Get Connected. Get Help. A one stop shop of resources and services for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Come get the help you need! For questions call 758-5445. This event is co-sponsored by Samaritan House and Community Action Partnership.

**NEEDS BOARD OPPORTUNITIES!** **CCLI Rehearsal License:** The cost will be \$100.00 and will allow us to make 199 copies. CCLI has put together a license which allows music directors to share audio recordings of songs with their worship band members. They have obtained permission from many publishers to put together the rehearsal license. A big part of learning new songs is being able to get the “feel,” “flow” or style of a song. The best way is to listen to an original recording of the song. This license allows worship leaders to legally copy audio recordings and/or share audio files with the worship band. This will help us to learn songs quicker with less frustration, and allow us to all understand the song the same way. This will be a great tool for our worship band. ***‘Epic’ floor cleaning materials to do the Worship Area floors, front & back*** (\$575). We have had \$315 donated - balance for the cost of materials is \$260! Thanks for your generosity & prayers! ***Dishwasher Repairs - \$595.50***

**Thrivent Builds** - Once again this year, Thrivent Builds, is helping build a house with Habitat for Humanity. This years build, is a townhouse in Columbia Falls. The ground breaking was the middle of May and the site work has started. Calvary has a work day scheduled in August-keep this in mind as you make your summer plans. You will here more details later this summer.

**Hope Pregnancy Ministries Baby Bottle Fundraiser!** Between Mother's Day & Father's Day, fill your baby bottle with loose change, bills or a check & bring your bottle back to church on or before Father's Day. Baby bottles are located in the Welcome Area. Hope Pregnancy Ministries serves women experiencing unplanned pregnancy by providing free pregnancy testing & ultrasound with options counseling, as well as mentorship & material needs for young moms! Get involved today by filling & returning a baby bottle! Questions? Call 257-5700.

**'INSPIRATIONAL' WOMEN'S GROUP** will meet Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

**Calvary's Quilting Ladies** will not be meeting through the summer. Thanks to all who have joined us! We look forward to getting back together this fall!

**Calvary Lutheran Church Women (CLCW)** will be having a meeting, Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss Lutheran World Relief and other donation and service opportunities. Please join us!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 'PandaMania': July 11–15, 8:30-11:30a.m. VBS**  
*ITEMS NEEDED/DONATION SLIPS!* Check out the table display in the Welcome Area! There are different items needed for VBS. This works just like a giving tree; take a slip, bring the item back and place it in the basket by the table display! There is also a donation jar located on the display table, if the Lord is calling you to help fund this wonderful event! For more info or to help in any way, give Sandy a call at 871-4199/ Koya at 752-2888. Thanks for your support and prayers!

**Sunday School** for kids and adults will continue throughout the summer, at 9 am. Come join us!

**"ENCOURAGE" YOUTH** meets at 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and will continue through the summer. Any youth from 7<sup>th</sup> grade through High School are welcome to join us!!



## *Dear Calvary...*



**For your kindness, your thoughtfulness, your generosity; I'm so very grateful to you.**

I don't know how to start or where to stop in this letter. Guess it's because one forgets how many people are out in the Lord's heavenly creation that cares not only just for themselves, but for others! And with the Lord's prayer they use to help, to guide, to heal. O lord thank you for giving these people a caring heart and a life filled with hope. For they have given me a gift that to me is more than a gift. It is a quilt, but not just a quilt, a creation made by heavenly hands, with knots tied by angels. So to me it is filled with love, hope, courage, strength and prayer. There is not nearly enough thank yous to show my appreciation for this quilt. Thank you, your gift has touched me deeply. You all are so very kind and caring.

God Bless All of You. Thank You Again, D. J. Billman





# Council Highlights



## May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Devotion read by Eric Maisch; Revelation 1:17.

Pastor Kurt led bible study - 'Do it now', Procrastination in Ministry: What does God want you to do in His ministries? No better time to start than now. The initial thrust will help you keep up movement for Jesus.

James 4:17.

### **FYI**

1. Life Line Screening went well, 100+ people. Motion passed to allow them to return in the future.
2. VBS: next planning meeting is Tues, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Decoration making is Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.
3. Nursery is in need of assistants on Sunday mornings. Insurance requires either 1 adult to 2 or more children or 2 adults if only 1 child is present, cannot be 1 to 1.
4. Sign update: finished but waiting for letters & cover for reader board.
5. Boiler update: planning for a mtg. to explore what is the best option.
6. Basement fire Exit Signs update: battery powered signs will be installed.
7. Front Door Lock--will contact the person who repaired the ramp door.
8. Constitution Revision: going well, church membership was addressed.
9. Community Kitchen Evergreen: need to update the kitchen to fit the needs of the amount of people being served. It will be requested to have an assessment from those involved, so these needs can be met.
10. 'Newsboys' will be at the fair, 8/16. Motion passed to allow youth fund to pay \$10 per ticket, up to \$350, for congregation to attend.

### **LET'S TAKE ACTION**

1. Mission Focus for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter: Thrivent Builds has been requested to receive a portion; other options will be discussed at June Council Mtg.
2. Testimonies were shared of God working in the lives of loved ones!
3. Next Executive Mtg. is Tues. June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.; next Council Mtg. is Tues. June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer



# May Budget



## SUMMARY FOR THIS MONTH'S RECEIPTS

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Worship Offerings                | 9678.00         |
| Give Them Wings Preschool B. Use | 395.00          |
| TOPS B. Use                      | 13.50           |
| New York Life Annuity Interest   | 950.00          |
| Lawnmower Gas/change             | <u>+ 5.00</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>            | <b>11041.50</b> |

## MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Expenses in May               | 12276.01         |
| Unpaid Expenses in Jan.-April | <u>+ 0.00</u>    |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>         | <b>12276.01</b>  |
| Total Expenses Paid           | <u>- 7587.31</u> |

*UNPAID EXPENSES* 4688.70

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ATTEND.</u> | <u>WORSHIP OFF.</u> | <u>NEED WKLY</u><br>(to meet budgeted goal) |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|---|
| 5/1         | 62             | 2509.00             | 2898.12                                     |
| 5/8         | 74             | 2557.00             | 2898.12                                     |
| 5/15        | 65             | 1770.00             | 2898.12                                     |
| 5/22        | 79             | 2842.00             | 2898.12                                     |
| 5/29        |                |                     | 2898.12                                     |

MONTHLY RECEIPTS (\$12558.50 needed per mo. to meet budget goal)

Never again need I say "I don't have" for "My God shall supply all my needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

|              |     |      |
|--------------|-----|------|
| JAN 12161.00 | MAY | SEPT |
| FEB 12529.00 | JUN | OCT  |
| MAR 11755.97 | JUL | NOV  |
| APR 13336.00 | AUG | DEC  |

### May Unpaid Expenses

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| LCMC (5% of 5/29 Offering)    | ?               |
| Calvary (5% of 5/29 Offering) | ?               |
| Salaries (approximate)        | 3100.00         |
| Pastor's Salary               | 1088.70         |
| Pastor's Housing Allowance    | <u>+ 500.00</u> |
| <b>Total Unpaid (Approx.)</b> | <b>4688.70</b>  |

**Checkbook Balance 5/25/11: \$3984.28. There is one Sunday left in the month, with Monday being a holiday the offering deposit will be made on Tuesday, 5/31. Salaries will be paid then.**



# Tid Bits



## A FATHER'S CALMING WORDS

As a young Frenchman pushed his son's carriage down the street, the youngster howled with rage. "Please, Bernard, control yourself," the father said quietly. "Easy there, Bernard, keep calm!"

"Congratulations, monsieur," said a woman who had been watching. "You know just how to speak to infants - calmly and gently." Then leaning over the carriage, she said, "So the little fellow's named Bernard?"

"No, Madame," corrected the father. "He's named Andre'. I'm Bernard."

*The Speaker's Digest*

- Children are like wet cement. What ever falls on them makes an impression.  
H. Ginott
- Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance.  
Unknown
- Cooperation is doing with a smile what you have to do anyhow.  
Unknown
- Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk.  
Doug Larson
- The only limits to God's grace are the limits we put on it.  
Unknown