

Calvary Echoes

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A Message from our Pastor



Last night Matthew's school had an open house for the parents. Each of the students was tasked with the responsibility of serving as tour guide for their parents. When we first got to the school, Matthew took us by the hand to his classroom. There he read a book to us, introduced us to his teacher, and then we proceeded to go on the school tour. The tour included interesting stops like the gym, library, computer room which is always hot, music room, and lastly administrative offices. I was thoroughly impressed with Matthew's ability to lead me around a big school without getting lost and how he introduce Jenny and myself to his various teachers throughout the night.

As I pondered this wonderful experience, it all of a sudden dawned on me. When was the last time I served as a tour guide for Jesus? As I prayed about this question, the Holy Spirit directed me to read the story of how the first disciples got connected with Jesus. As John the Baptist was preparing the people for the Messiah, Jesus walked right by John while he was talking to two followers. John said to them, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus (John 1:36b-37)."

One of two disciples who followed after Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. What's really interesting is how Peter first got acquainted with Jesus. The Bible says, "The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus (John 1:41-42b)." The first thing Andrew did after encountering Jesus was to chase down his brother and guide Peter back to Jesus so he too could experience a personal relationship with God's Son.

As I believe we are the generation that will experience Jesus' Second Coming, I also believe that as a church we need to answer the call to seek and save the lost before time runs out. Jesus prayed for this moment when He said, "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world (John 17:18)." We don't need to use scare tactics, logic, bribes, begging, or chocolate chip brownies to get people to come Jesus. All we need to do is rely on the Holy Spirit's power to transform us into tour guides for Jesus. As people begin asking questions be it about world events, family concerns, or personal problems, ask God the Father how he can use you to guide that person back to Jesus.

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	14 <i>Betsy Engle</i>	15
16	17 <i>Danielle Miller</i>	18 <i>Pat Paulson</i>	19	20	21 <i>Angela Maisch</i>	22 <i>Drew Lowry</i>
23	24	25 <i>Verlyn Krumland</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>Shelby Olsen</i> <i>Aaron Westphal</i>
30	31					

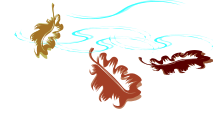
Don't see your name on the birthday list?

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



THE FOOD BANK serves at Calvary the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. They are in need of people to help set up at 8:30 a.m. and take down at 11:45 a.m. You are welcome to stay the whole time if you would like!! Please contact Calvary (752-4102) if you are interested in serving in this important ministry! THANK YOU!! **FOOD ITEM OF THE MONTH:** tomato products.

Sing to the Lord! A first meeting for adult choir will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 pm in the worship area. We will begin some songs as well as discuss how often we will be singing for worship. If you are interested in singing in choir we would love to have you come and bring a friend! If you have any questions please contact Jenny Rau at 756-6966.

Jazz Service October 9th! This year we will be having the St. Louis Rivermen leading worship on October 9th as part of the Glacier Jazz Stampede. The St. Louis Rivermen are six talented jazz musicians who are long on ideas and energy. When these guys get together they engage in musical conversations, playing everything from ballads to blues, barnburners and gospel. "Red" Lehr's sousaphone, Noel Kaletsky's reeds, Steve Lilley's cornet, Ray Templin's piano, Don Schroeder's drums, and Jim Maihack's trombone, weave a seamless jazz fabric that delights audiences. Inspiration and intuition at their best! This will be a fun Sunday with lots of Jazz and Gospel songs. Invite your friends!

LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING is Oct. 2–5 in Des Moines, Iowa. Pastor Kurt and two representatives from Calvary will be attending. Please pray for the gathering and those attending; for revival, inspiration, healing and fellowship of the Holy Spirit!

'INSPIRATIONAL' WOMEN'S GROUP will meet Wed. Oct. 5th, 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!

QUILTING: We are meeting again the last Thursday of each month, at 9 a.m. in the large room downstairs, below the Worship Area. All are welcome to join us! No experience or sewing skills necessary, just tie knots! Join us Thursday, October 27th!

THE NEW BOILER SHOULD BE ARRIVING and installed within a few weeks! Praise God for His provision of warmth for this winter! The final cost of the boiler is \$28,600; we have received \$21,600 from Margrethe Reep's Estate. We will also receive a rebate from NorthWest Energy for \$2200 after the boiler is installed and has been inspected. This leaves a balance of \$4800. Please pray for God's continued provision and if this may be an area you would be able to contribute to. Thank you!

NEEDS BOARD OPPORTUNITIES! *'Epic' flooring cleaning has been done in the Fellowship Hall; check it out! *The balance remaining to cover the materials is \$72.52.* *The cost of the material to seal parking lot cracks - \$200. Thank you for the donations totaling \$100, *a balance of \$100 is remaining.*

**All invited to attend the fall
WOMEN OF THE WORD CONFERENCE!**

When: Oct. 15 **Where:** Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Chester
Hosted by: New Beginnings Lutheran Church in Rudyard, Our Savior's Lutheran of Chester and St. Olaf Lutheran Church of Ledger. **Time:** Registration begins at 9am; meeting at 10am St. Olaf will have homemade cinnamon rolls available during registration! Yum! **Lunch:** chili, skillet corn bread, vegetable soup, wheat salad, pumpkin bars, coffee, tea, lemonade **Guest Speaker** will be Beth Roen.

We have been informed that the Havre Food Bank is having difficulty paying bills. It was suggested, whatever freewill offering we get go to that food bank. We would also like to suggest donating an item for the local food bank here in Chester. With the times being hard for so many, the committee thought this would be a good project. If you are able to give to one or both that would be great. Town Pump is matching whatever we give. Pretty cool! Thank you and thank you Town Pump.

Please RSVP by Oct. 10th if possible! It is really helpful, but no one will be turned away if you are unable to let us know ahead! We have several homes opening their doors, so please let us know if you need a place to stay. The local motel is pretty booked with all the workers from the two elevators being put up on both ends of town. It is quite a project.

Contact Julane Jensen by e-mail at julanejensen@hotmail.com Phone # 406-759-5366
Cell # 406-399-3065

CONSTITUTION REVISION TEAM has been meeting and is 75% of the way through the constitution! Please keep this important team in prayer as they continue to seek to follow God's leading and direction for the constitution of Calvary Lutheran.

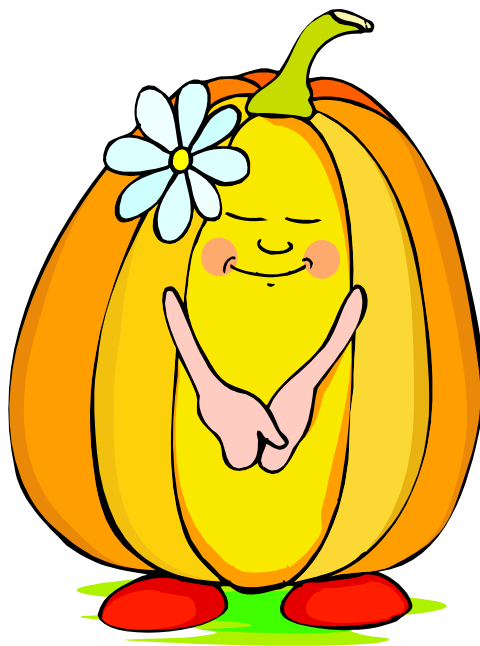
CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES- there are new Mission Letters for you to enjoy! If you don't have a mailbox & would like one, please make note on your yellow attendance sheet.

CLCW MINISTRY: Please continue shopping for school supplies and backpacks for kids. Also, we would like to have new or gently used bath or hand towels, washcloths and hygiene items available for folks who frequent our clothes closet. There is a basket in the Welcome Area to place these items. Bar soap (wrapped) and quilts will be shipped to LWR in April. Thanks for all of your donations. We can really make a difference in peoples' lives right here at Calvary!

HeBREWS CAFÉ is open Sunday Mornings from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Come join us each week for breakfast, coffee & espresso before Bible Studies; which begin at 9 a.m. We enjoy serving you again!

LIFE CHAIN Sun, Oct. 2nd, 2 - 3 p.m. (Intersection of Hwy. 2 and 93) 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.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls invites you to attend their Annual Smorgasbord Dinner on Sat, Oct. 8, from 4:30-7:30pm. A full turkey dinner with all the trimmings, & many Scandinavian treats will be served. Adults \$10, Children (ages 7-12) \$4, (ages 3-6) \$2. We hope you can attend for food, fun & fellowship!





Council Highlights



Pastor Kurt opened with prayer

Eric Maisch shared a devotion – Matthew 5:33 on obedience in following Jesus

Council divided into groups and did Bible Study from 1 Corinthians 15; asking the questions

1) What did Jesus say in this passage? 2) Why is it important today?

Council then gathered together, discussed the passages and prayed for needs of individuals and Calvary.

FYI

1. Boiler update: cost - \$28,600, have \$21,600 and will receive rebate from NW Energy of \$2200. Balance \$4800. Boilers should be here and installed within a few weeks. Will need 1 day to remove old boiler.
2. Projector update: fixed! Should be ready to go 9/28. Cost - \$350, which has been covered.
3. Fall Cleaning update: good crew, very efficient and accomplished many projects – rain gutters, painting, cleaning of the kitchen and Sunday school storage room, etc. Thanks to Daniel Erickson for organizing and all the helpers who came!
4. Fire Exit signs for the basement: Eric Maisch will do a walk through with the Evergreen Fire Dept. to get exacts of what's needed.
5. LCMC Annual Gathering: Oct. 2-5 in Des Moines, Iowa. Pastor Kurt, Otto & Moe Bessey will attend. Robert Malberg will be the Supply Pastor Oct. 2nd.
6. St. Louis Rivermen Jazz Band will lead Worship Oct. 9th.
7. Job Reviews: Al Sylling is pursuing, please keep in prayer.
8. Sign: we have some letters, waiting to receive the numbers and punctuation.

LET'S TAKE ACTION

1. 3rd Quarter Mission Focus of \$524.72 will be distributed to each: Hope Pregnancy Ministries, HeBrews Café and LCMC NW District.
2. Annual Mtg. Preparations: * Budget Requests are due Nov. 1st, so Nov. 8th Executive Mtg. can be the budget mtg. The budget planning team consists of Executive Team, 1 council member & 1 congregation member. * Annual Reports are due Dec. 15th from those in leadership areas. * Nominating Team is Kristy Johnson, Phyllis Carson and Sandy DuPuy; will need 2 delegates elected from Council.
3. Connie will set up Council Mtg. dates for through the Holidays and in prep of the Annual Mtg.
4. A male presence is needed in Calvary's Closet.
5. Testimonies were shared of God's answers to prayers!

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

September Budget

SUMMARY FOR THIS MONTH'S RECEIPTS

Worship Offerings	9551.08
TOPS Building Use	5.40
Give Them Wings/Building Use	412.00
New York Life Annuity	<u>950.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10918.48

MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Expenses in September	11280.80
Unpaid Expenses in Jan.-August	<u>+ 0.00</u>
Total Expenses	11280.80
Total Expenses Paid in September	<u>-11280.80</u>
UNPAID EXPENSES IN JAN-SEPT	0.00

DATE	ATTEND.	WORSHIP OFF.	NEED WKLY
			(to meet budgeted goal)
9/4	71	3010.40	2898.12
9/11	70	2321.92	2898.12
9/18	68	1988.00	2898.12
9/25	77	2230.76	2898.12

MONTHLY RECEIPTS (\$12,558.50 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 12161.00	MAY 12818.50	SEPT 10918.48
FEB 12529.00	JUN 10908.31	OCT
MAR 11755.97	JUL 12647.33	NOV
APR 13336.00	AUG 11321.04	DEC

Jan. - September Unpaid Expenses 0.00

PRAISE GOD, ALL EXPENSES PAID!!!

\$\$\$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 2011!



Tid Bits



Diary of a Church Consultant: Worship wars – are they still around?

By Ken Johnson, consultant

What do you expect in worship?

When Paul tried to inspire the Philippian church to move forward, he wrote, "... But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3: 13-14 NIV).

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.

I love that sentence because it has so much meaning. Why is it that some Christians are always behind the rest of the world? Why do we have to worship the same way that people did 30, 40, or 50 years ago? Why can't we realize that when God created the heavens and the earth he continued and created man and woman and gave them brains so they could be creative and produce new things?

Our purpose as Christians is to win people for Christ. Are we doing that when we are fighting over worship styles?

Why do some churches say, "We are not going to change our worship style even if the church dies. If people want to come to this church they will have to accept what we do. If they don't then they need to go to another church." Our culture has changed just like the cultures before us. There is nothing wrong with that; in fact it is important that we transform what we do as our culture changes or the church will die.

In the middle to late '60s we began using choruses in worship and the contemporary Christian music phenomenon began, which for the "worship purists" was a difficult pill to swallow. In the '70s we began developing many different products like models and colors of cars, literally thousands of different kinds of light bulbs, a wide variety of magazines, and at the same time an amazing evolution in worship began. We became creative in our worship, much to the chagrin of the mainline church.

Worship service length is an area of contention. I haven't found anywhere in the Bible or in any historical writings where it gives the length of the service. So how long should the service be? Is there a magical time limit of 60 minutes?

Bobby Sanderson, minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss., listed these questions in the church newsletter:

1. Is worship about God or is it about what I like?
2. Do I seek God's presence or the comfort of being with friends and doing what is familiar?

(Worship Wars continued . . .)

3. When is the last time God "blind-sided" me and spoke in a way I did not expect?
4. Am I so contemporary I lose the transcendence of God?
5. Am I so traditional that I forget God's relevance?
6. Do I see myself as part of an audience giving approval/disapproval to worship leaders?
7. Can God use what I don't like?
8. Am I more into music than the spoken word?
9. Do I ignore the command to sing just to get to the "message?"
10. Do I leave worship with a clear sense of what I'm supposed to do?
11. Is the style of worship more important to me than the object of worship?
12. Do I love God's presence as much as the songs I sing and play?
13. Can I worship God when it's hard work and my joy is running low?

Do any of these apply to you?

If we are worshipping God, and Jesus is the center of our lives, then we should unite, not fight. A church needs to hire the pastor that they feel is right for it and trust that person to lead them in the right direction. This simple strategy would preclude fighting.

Worship, especially corporate worship, is a main ingredient of the Christian faith. Worship time usually includes many different people, each one as important as the other, so the church needs to find ways to minister to all of them. We need to minister to all of the people some of the time, because we won't be able to minister to all of the people all of the time. This calls for variety in our worship.

Why are there different denominations and styles of worship? Are they there so people can choose how they want to worship? The variety makes that choice simple.

I believe that every time Christians worship, God speaks to those people he wants to hear. So you need to provide a wide variety of music and worship experiences to meet as many needs as possible. Go to worship this week with an open mind, looking for God to speak to you and you will go home wanting to go to church again next Sunday.

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