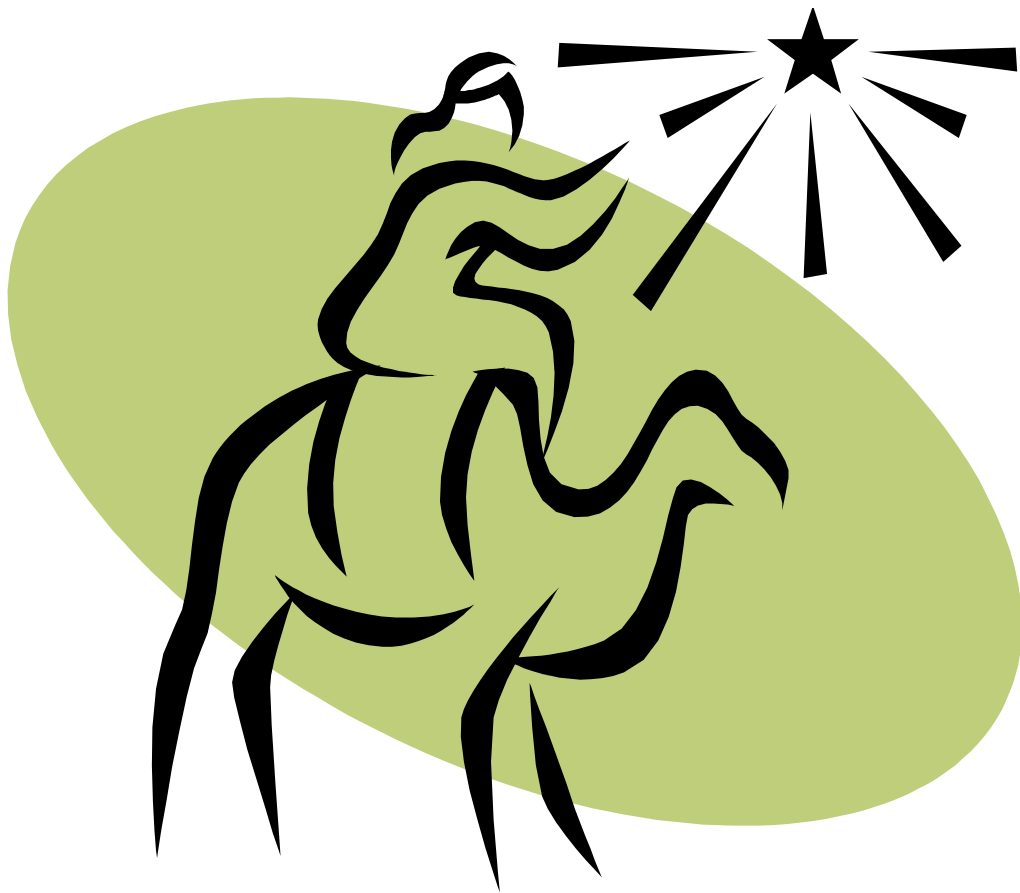


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A Message From Our Pastor



‘A THANKSGIVING YEAR’

It’s finally arrived, a brand new year! It amazes me all the New Year predictions that are made at the start of a new year. They have the same odds I guess as the weatherman has concerning the week’s forecast. However, one thing is for certain, and that would be Jesus of Nazareth. The Bible says that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8)”.

As we begin this New Year, I want to invite you to have a year of thanksgiving for God’s gift of grace to you. Paul discovered firsthand how deep and amazing God’s grace can be. God told him concerning His grace “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)”.

God’s grace is all you need to living your life in the here and now, it provides a purpose to live for, and it’s your ticket to be part of God’s family now and for eternity. God’s grace is all we need to live day by day in the very center of God’s will for our lives.

What should we do in response to God’s grace? The Bible says “I always thank my God for you because of His grace given you in Christ Jesus (1 Corinthians 1:4)”. I want to encourage you to make this a year of Thanksgiving to God for His awesome gift of grace.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Kurt



Announcements



FOOD BANK Food item of the month is peanut butter.

HEBREWS CAFÉ is open 8:30-10 a.m. Sunday mornings in
Calvary's Fellowship Hall! Come join us for breakfast and a latte!

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES were placed in your church mailboxes the week of Dec. 26th! If you would like envelopes please make note on your yellow attendance sheet at Worship or contact the church office (752-4102). We also have gone through the mailboxes and reorganizing them. If you don't have a church mailbox & would like one, please let us know! Thanks!

CHURCH DIRECTORY: We are in the process of updating our church directory, if you have an address, phone or name change contact the church office. Thanks for helping our records stay accurate!



HELP WANTED!! January is an extra busy month in the church office. If you would be willing to help with putting together the Annual Reports & Telephone Directories (Thursday, January 12th) so the Annual Reports can be in the church mail boxes by Sunday, Jan. 15th – please contact the church office (752-4102) for details.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 22nd. There will be a potluck dinner, then the meeting. The Annual Report booklets will be in the church mailboxes the Sunday before the meeting (1/15/2011). Please take them home, read over them and bring the report booklet and your questions to the Annual Mtg. Plan to attend; this is your opportunity to make your hopes and concerns known. Please remember to keep the upcoming meeting in your prayers.

'INSPIRATIONAL' WOMEN'S GROUP will meet Wed. Jan. 4th, 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!



THERE WILL BE A VISITATION TEAM MEETING on Thursday, January 5th from 5-6 p.m. at Calvary. We will be discussing how to take the next step in getting started with visitation. For anyone still interested in being a part of the visitation team, it is not too late to join us. See the church bulletin board for more info. Thank you, Sherry Balison.

CALVARY 'S CLOSET NEWS: The Evergreen Thursday Kitchen Meal starts promptly at 6 p.m. in order for people to be on time for the meal, the hours for the Closet are changing. **NEW HOURS WILL BE:** Thursdays 4-6 p.m. May God Bless Each of You! We will see you at 4 p.m. Thursday!!

CHRISTIAN MOVIE/DVD LIBRARY: If you have a Christian movie/dvd you would like to share with Calvary, they can be brought to add to our current library of books! We already have a few movies for you to enjoy!



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 ☺

TARPS FOR TENTS We put together tote boxes filled with heavy duty plastic tarps, ropes, and tent pegs that can be shipped where needed and used as emergency shelters. 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 & write Tarps for Tents on the Memo line.

BOILER EXPENSES PAID! Final bill - \$31,912.93. We had paid \$25,000 to Diamond Plumbing; which left a balance due of \$6912.93. Amount from 3 Rivers Bank: NW Energy rebate - \$2424.50, gifts towards matching \$980.12; matching fund gift \$2000; Thrivent Choice Dollars \$106, October New York Life interest \$950; and \$452.31 from the Parsonage Sale Fund, which will be reimbursed when we receive \$500 from Calvary's Mission Endowment Fund. Praise God for His provision and your willingness to support this need! Thank You!



CHURCH SIGN VANDALIZED: A few weeks ago the church sign was vandalized and the letters stolen. To repair the damage done to the sign & replace the letters it will cost approx. \$300. **BEYOND THE BUDGET OPPORTUNITY:** One bucket of Epic Floor Cleaner to do the upstairs women's bathroom, complete the Fellowship Hall and Worship Area floors - \$320. This will complete all the floors on the main level of Calvary! Please keep these items in prayer for God's provision or if this may be an area you are called to contribute! Thank you for your generosity and prayers.



Dear Calvary...

CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS to Ava-Marie Mae Dalimata and Jesse R. Chasteen who were baptized during the Worship Service, Dec. 25th. Welcome to God's family!

WITH SINCERE THANKS: Thank you so much for the help this holiday season. Your graciousness means the world to us. Merry Christmas to all.

With much love and peace, Krystal & Family.



Council Highlights

Pastor Kurt opened with prayer.

Devotion: Eric Maisch led on Genesis 9:13

Bible Study: led by Pastor Kurt. Imitate Jesus' Pattern of Life.

Jesus' three types of relationships: 1. Up Relationship (God), 2. In Relationship (disciples), 3. Out Relationship (the crowd/the lost).

Prayer for the needs and members of Calvary.

FYI:

1. **Boiler:** up and running! Just a few finishing touches left.

2. **Fire Exit Signs:** pending

3. **Church Sign:** Under \$200 to fix the metal frame. New Letters are pending.

4. **Annuity:** Interest drops in 1/14/2012. We will discuss investment options or to stay where we are.

5. **Constitution Revision:** The team will meet (Feb. 7th) after the Annual Mtg. to look over the final draft.

6. **Other:** **a)** Light bulbs in Worship Area, change to CFI bulbs for energy efficiency and brightness. Rebate opportunity through Flathead Electric. **b)** \$300 to do Epic on remaining floors on main floor; we will put on Needs Board. **c)** Duplo printer in the office not working. We will use our leased printer for all copying. This will increase our monthly lease expense because total copy count will be above the contracted lease amount. **d)** 'EnCourage' Youth lock in is Fri, Dec. 16th at 7:30 p.m. & ends Dec. 17th at 9 a.m. Food needs sign up will be passed around at Worship.

LET'S TAKE ACTION:

1. 2012 Budget Proposal: Secretary Salaries increase to cover additional hours for Assistant Secretary. Discussion on salary instead of hourly wages for Secretary/Custodians. Budget revision/proposal for 2012 passed.

2. Christmas Eve offering will be used for new lights in the Worship Area (estimated cost - \$400), remaining offering will go to General Fund.

3. Mission Focus for 4th Quarter:
- Boys and Girls club
- Ray of Hope
- Samaritan's House

4. Snowplowing: We will continue to have the same person.

5. Annual Mtg:- Reports due Dec. 15th
- Nominating Team is Kristy Johnson, Phyllis Carson, Sandy DuPuy; elected from Council are Betty Goeddertz & Jeff DuPuy.

6. Executive Mtg is Dec. 13th at 6:30 p.m. Council – Jan. 3rd at 7 p.m.

7. Other: Christmas bags after the Sunday School Christmas Program.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Mission Focus for 2011 was dispersed to:

1st Qtr: (\$504.47) to each Neighbors in Need, Community Kitchen Evergreen & Wyldlife camp/Evergreen Student.

2nd Qtr: (\$533.94) to each Flathead Shrine Club & Thrivent Builds, (\$533.95) to Good Shepherd Fund.

3rd Qtr: (\$524.72) to each Hope Pregnancy & LCMC NW District, (\$524.73) to HeBrews Café.

4th Qtr: (\$561.22) to Boys & Girls Club of Glacier Country, (\$561.23) to each A Ray of Hope & Samaritan House.

**PRAISE GOD FOR THIS PRIVILEGE TO SHARE HIS BLESSINGS
WHICH IS DONE THROUGH YOUR GIVING!!**





WHO ME?

I need to be forgiven, Lord,
So many times a day.
So often do I slip and fall;
Be merciful, I pray.
Help me not be critical
When others' faults I see.
For so often, Lord,
The same faults are in me.



A CHRISTIAN IS:

A Christian is one who makes it easier
for other people to believe in God.

FOR THE NEW YEAR

Hold fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)

Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)

Pray earnestly every day (I Thessalonians 5:17, 18)

Pray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)

Yield not to temptation (I Thessalonians 5:22)

Neglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)

Examine yourself daily (II Corinthians 13:5)

Work diligently for the Lord (I Corinthians 15:58)

Yield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11, 16)

Exercise yourself in godliness (I Timothy 4:7)

Aim at sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)

Redeem the time (Ephesians 5:15, 16)