



**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 VOLUME XXIV, #3      MARCH 2009



**Lenten Mid-week suppers are at 5:30 with  
 worship following at 6:30.**

March 4<sup>th</sup> served by – January, February & March HUB groups  
 Free will donations go for camp scholarships.

March 11<sup>th</sup> served by – April, May & June HUB groups  
 Free will donations go for camp scholarships.

March 18<sup>th</sup> served by – July, August & September HUB groups  
 Free will donations go for camp scholarships.

March 25<sup>th</sup> served by – Luther League  
 Free will donations go for Luther League Activities

April 1st served by – October, November, & December HUB groups  
 Free will donations go for camp scholarships.

**Palm Sunday – April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Maundy Thursday Service – April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Good Friday Service – April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Easter Sunday – April 12<sup>th</sup>**

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A Note on Weather Related Closings

It is winter in Minnesota and with that comes weather that presents us with the question whether there is worship or evening activities. During the week if school has been cancelled church activities are cancelled as well. On Sundays cancellations are posted on <http://www.katoinfo.com/closings>, announced on the radio stations KTOE and KDOG or call the church. If church is cancelled the answering machine



## Coming Events

Coffee Talk Returns!  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 10:00 am  
or  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 9:15 am  
**Begins March 9<sup>th</sup>!**

We will be reading and discussing the book *Letters from a Skeptic* by Greg Boyd.



*When Greg Boyd became a Christian, his father, Ed, thought he had joined a cult. For fourteen years, Greg tried to talk to his father about Christianity, with little success. Then, in what he saw as a last ditch effort, Greg invited his father participate in a dialogue through letters in which Ed could express all his doubts and questions and Greg could attempt to answer them, and prove the validity of his own views. To Greg's surprise, his father agreed. Over the course of almost three years Greg Boyd and his father Ed corresponded about Christianity, the Bible and faith, Ed, a skeptic with a lot of questions, engages his son's expertise with love, transparency and candor. This book is the collection of those letters.*

This book is a great book which will provide many opportunities to think critically about the Christian faith. It may challenge current thoughts and raise questions. Discussions will be thought provoking. Participants will be asked to read 2-3 correspondences between father and son and be ready to discuss them. Pastor Krista will be facilitating discussion on Mondays at 10 and Dave Reedstrom will be facilitating discussion on Sundays at 9:15.

The book is available at Barnes and Noble for 13.99, the Lighthouse for \$13.99, Amazon.com <http://www.amazon.com/> for \$11.99 soft cover, and CBD <http://www.christianbook.com> \$10.99

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**Church-Wide Cleaning Bee**  
**The week of March 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.**  
All church clean-up day on **March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am.**

**Hub Group leaders please contact your groups to line up cleaning teams.**

**Areas of Responsibility**

**January** - Fellowship Hall **February** – Sanctuary **March** – Sacristy and Storage Room **April** - Library **May** – Luther League Room and Chapel  
**June** – Nursery/Classroom and Hallway  
**July, August, and September** – Kitchen  
**October** – 2 Bathrooms, church office **November** – Narthex and hallway  
**December** – Sanctuary

# Calvary Lutheran Church Women's Retreat



**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am-4:00pm  
Calvary Lutheran Church**

Join with other women gathered around the topic of prayer. There will be fun, food, fellowship, and hands-on activities. Pastor Carole Lundell will be the leader of this retreat. She is a passionate and creative speaker who will enlighten and provide us with opportunities to “Pray Outside the Box.”

Cost: **Free will** donation to offset supplies and speaker

Invite friends this event is open to public.  
Please call the church office to register for the event.

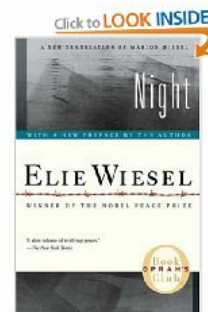
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**Join us for Book Talk on March 24th as we  
discuss Elie Wiesel's book *Night*.**

Night is a chilling book that takes us through Wiesel's memoirs of living through the Holocaust. It is a book that looks at his recollection of his thoughts about the events and his understanding of God. This book tends to bring more questions than answers.

Come and discuss it with us.



# Calvary Lutheran Hub Unit—Duties and Responsibilities

DATE	GREETERS	LECTORS	COFFEE HOSTS
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3/1

3/8

3/15

3/22

3/29

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## USHERS

3/1

3/8

3/15

3/22 Luther League

3/29

## ACOLYTES

3/1 Louis Wingen

3/8 Louis Wingen

3/15 Alex Coopman

3/22 Alex Coopman

3/29 Louis Wingen

## We Are People Joined in Study

### Second Sunday Special

**Joy Leafbald**  
**YMCA — Fitness and Faith**

### CLCW Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Jeanne Howland's home**

# Stewardship Matters

**WE BELIEVE THAT STEWARDSHIP IS A RESPONSE TO ALL THAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US.  
WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING TO ONE ANOTHER AND THE WORLD.**

**AS ACTS OF STEWARDSHIP WE...**

*Pray for the ministry of Calvary Lutheran Church*

*Worship regularly and actively invite others to join us in the worship life of Calvary*

*Actively share gifts, talents, and abilities within the ministry of Calvary*

*Give financial support of the ministry of Calvary Lutheran Church*

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## Stewardship Nuggets for Families and Children

*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21, NRSV)*

Every family has at least two kinds of treasures. One is money and another is time. During the forty days of Lent from Ash Wednesday to Easter, take the time each day to share regular family devotions with your children. That will be "valuable" time. Also, plan a special family offering with them. There is a tradition during the forty days of Lent for Christians to "give up" something. Families have chosen a wide variety of things: from television viewing (a time commitment) to chocolate (a money and health commitment). A distraction is set intentionally aside so that one's attention is on our relationship with Christ. Money is set aside for a purpose that brings higher satisfaction.

For instance, your family may choose to do without a weekly visit to a fast food restaurant. A simple meal at home can become a special meal. Have each member of the family participate in some way. Talk together about the amount of money that was saved by eating the simple meal at home. Then place the savings in a jar or other container. Plan a brief, age-appropriate devotional that connects the simple meal to the Lenten theme. On Easter Sunday, this money becomes a special family offering. Other things to "sacrifice" could include weekly trips to the zoo or ice cream parlor, an hour of television or video games each day, or a Saturday movie outing or video rental. Working together toward a common goal and spending time together in God's presence will far outweigh anything your family chooses to "give up" during Lent.

### Questions for Discussion

- How does giving up something help us draw closer to God? How does giving up become gaining?
- Jesus often ate with people. What do suppose they talked about when they ate together?
- Why do we prepare for Easter and why is it so important to us?

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## Stewardship Principle for March

Obey responsibly to glorify God as a faithful proclamation of God's word. We acknowledge our faith and show our faith in the gospel for the glory of God and the building up of the body of Christ. This takes courage. It includes our life long obedience, including the ways we treat our families, others, and ourselves.

**"... you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ." 2 Corinthians 9:13**

<b>2009</b>	Weekly Budget 4 Sundays	2/1/09 Actual \$	2/8/09 Actual \$	2/15/09 Actual \$	2/22/09 Actual \$	<b>TOTAL FEB \$ Needed</b>	FEB Actual
General	\$1,834.00	\$1,252.30	\$1,466.32	\$1,061.25	\$1,343.00	<b>\$7,336.00</b>	\$5,122.87
Improvement	\$ 100.00	\$ 350.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 350.00	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	\$ 800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,934.00</b>	<b>\$1,602.30</b>	<b>\$1,466.32</b>	<b>\$1,161.25</b>	<b>\$1,693.00</b>	<b>\$7,736.00</b>	\$5,922.87

## We Are People Joined In Celebration

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bryan Lachmiller, Laura Holtmeier
- 3 Vicki Reedstrom
- 4 Karen Ostermann, Charlene Tryhus
- 5 Jaelyn Bateman, Roberta Bogenschutz,  
Paulette Nelson & Brent Krosch
- 9 Gerry Doring
- 10 Jane Griffin
- 11 Matthew Erickson
- 12 Dylan Pasbrig
- 14 Paula Pasbrig
- 16 Shelly Wingen
- 19 Rachel Swalve
- 21 Anne Gremel, David Miller
- 22 Mary Doring
- 23 Robin Gumbel, Lee Sing
- 25 Courtney Pestka
- 27 Val Laborde
- 28 Mattye Kopischke
- 29 Marcy Door
- 30 Kay Hoeft
- 31 Liza Ingvalson

### MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Dennis & Barb Huebsch
- 6 Jon & Leslie Davis
- 13 Jerry & Faye Schwantes
- 19 Mike & Jody Gabrik
- 20 Scott & Bianca Ziegler
- 23 Dennis & Michelle Coopman
- 25 Doug & Lee Sing
- 26 Dean & Kay Ulrich
- 28 Tim & Jeanne Howland

## We Are People Joined in Prayer

### **We pray for our community-**

Karen and Arlen Ostermann—as Karen continues to recover from her surgery.

Our sympathies and prayers for the family and friends of Lori Strand.

Our sympathies and prayers for the family and friends of Lucy Laborde.

Gerry and Mary Doring—as Gerry recovers from heart surgery.

Donna and Mac Richards—as Donna continues to recover from knee surgery.

Beth Shields as she has surgery and starts treatment for breast cancer.

Pastor Krista and Matt

## We Are People Joined In Community

### APRIL HUB UNIT TO MEET MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>

April Hub Group Members and Leaders are asked to remain following the Worship Service on Sunday, March 8th, at 11:15 am to organize parish leadership for the month of April.

#### Leader

Dennis and Barb Huebsch      278-3507

#### Team

Bev Bindig      278-3905  
Gerry and Mary Doring      278-3040  
Lucille Doss      345-4473  
Randy and Jodie Hanson      278-4231  
Kay Hoeft      278-4244  
Esther Kunz      278-3840  
Steve and Val Laborde      278-3602  
Julie Miller      726-2152  
Dick and Iris Nelson      278-3129  
Vivian Strand      278-3057  
Nathan and Mary Ulrich      278 -3176

**HUB LEADERS PLEASE NOTE:** Copies of the Hub Unit Responsibilities sheet which are filled out each month at these meetings are available in the compartment above the guest book in the Narthex. Please give completed sheet to Carla for the next newsletter by March 25th.

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE IN WORSHIP AND GIVING**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>TITHES &amp; OFFERINGS</u>
2/1/09	76	\$1,251.20 (general fund) 350.00 (improvement fund)
2/8/09	92	1,466.32
2/15/09	71	1,061.25 (general fund) 100.00 (improvement fund)
2/22/09		1,343.00 (general fund) 350.00 (improvement fund)

## We Are People Joined In Community

**Hub Leaders** Please mark your calendars for Church Wide Cleaning Bee the week of March 15 – 21<sup>st</sup>. With an all church clean on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>. Hub Group leaders please call your Hub Group members for sign up.

**Help at Funerals:** When there is a funeral at Calvary and you are available to either provide a cake and/or help in the kitchen, please contact either Barb Huebsch 278-3934, cell #3405794; or Deb Krosch 726-6890 or Charlene Tryhus 546-3377. Leave a message if they do not answer and they will get back to you. They may still need to call others, but this will help them know who is available that day.

**The Family of Lori Strand** wishes to express their gratitude for the love and support our Calvary Family has showered upon us at this sad time. We are thankful that Lori was a member of a compassionate church where she felt well loved. She enjoyed your card and visits as well as your faithful attendance at her Birthday Parties. Thank you Very Much. May God Bless Calvary Church.

**Thank you** to Rick Buck, Darrell Ziegler and Dave Reedstrom for their work on the bathrooms. They look Wonderful!

**We want to say a BIG thank you to:** Sheila Scharping, Heather Pasbrig, and Darrell Ziegler for their recent tenure on Church Council. We sincerely appreciate their gifts and energy in making a difference for all of us here at Calvary Lutheran Church. Their wisdom, sense of humor and tenacity will be truly missed at our monthly meetings. These three fine folks performed their responsibilities with passion and their service has made Calvary Lutheran Church a better place.

**Calvary's Prayer Chain:** In difficult times remember you have a family at Calvary that wants to help. Please contact Pastor Krista if you have need for prayer for yourself or a loved one. We are looking for someone who would be willing to help chair the prayer chain.

***Men of Calvary – KEEP WATCH***

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