

nEWSLETTER

Calvary Lutheran Church

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Dear Members and Friends of Calvary:

My time as your pastor soon draws to a close. My last Sunday at Calvary will be November 6th. How do sixteen years go by so quickly? I was going through some of the church files and found the first article I wrote for the January, 1990 Calvary Newsletter. Here is a portion of that article as I initiated my ministry with you.

As I begin my ministry with you here at Calvary Lutheran, my heart is filled with thanks and anticipation. I wish to thank the many who have welcomed me and my family so warmly. Your expressions of hospitality are greatly appreciated.

Our move from Red Lake Falls, Minnesota went smoothly, thanks to the efforts of Dennis, Barb and Jeremy Huebsch, Ray and Matt Thorson who drove, loaded and unloaded all the Meiers' household goods.

Thank you to the many who moved our family into our home and provided hot meals those first days we were setting up housekeeping. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

These first weeks at Calvary have shown me your deep love for Jesus Christ and the work of His ministry through this congregation. My family and I are pleased you have called me to serve as your pastor. Please bear with me these first weeks as I begin to learn your names and get acquainted.

To help you know me and my family better, let me share a bit about the Meiers.

Sonja grew up in Battle Lake, Minnesota, on a dairy farm with her two brothers and two sisters of whom she is the oldest. She attended Lutheran Deaconess School of Nursing in Minneapolis and got her Baccalaureate in Nursing from the College of St. Theresa in Winona. She has worked as a Pediatric Nurse, School Nurse, Early Childhood Parent educator and Aerobics Instructor.

We have three children. Heidi will be eight in January and is in second grade. Britta is five and Christopher is twenty months.

Much has changed in these sixteen years. Yet, our mission remains the same. Our Congregational Mission Statement states it clearly.

***"We worship and proclaim Jesus Christ as our Savior
To show Christ's love to our neighbors near and far."***

May we never waiver from our God given privilege of sharing the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Bill Meiers

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, October 1	9:00 am	8 th Grade Confirmation Retreat
Saturday, October 9	4:00 pm	McGowan Farm Hayride and Hot Dog Roast
Thursday, October 13	2:00 pm	Calvary Senior Fellowship & Bible Study
Sunday, October 16	5:30 pm	Luther League House Hopping (Scharping's)

Wednesday, October 26 6:00 pm Youth Christian Concert - MSU Ballroom
Sunday, October 30 10:15 am 4th Graders catechism presentation

CALVARY LUTHERAN HUB UNIT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

DATE	GREETERS	LECTORS	COFFEE HOSTS
10/02	Jodi, Hannah & Emily Miller	Hannah Miller	Jodi, Hannah & Emily Miller Dorothy Bammert

10/09

10/16

10/23	Luther League	Luther League	
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10/30

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10/02	Evette and Drew Ingvalson
10/09	Ken & Brock Hannem, and Jodi, Hannah and Emily Miller
10/16	Jeff Bateman, Sheila, Zach and Cece Scharping
10/23	Luther League
10/30	

ACOLYTES

10/02	Jaclyn Bateman
10/09	Brock Hannem
10/16	Brent Krosch
10/23	Cece Scharping
10/30	Emily Miller

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Carllie Wingen
3	Lori Strand, Esther Kunz
4	Dana Dennis
5	Dezare Gabrik
6	Joan Turtle
7	Sarah Matzke
8	Monica Grannis
9	Vivian Strand, Tim Howland
11	Gail Gremel, Breanna Marso
12	Wayne Koester
14	Dennis Gremel
15	Orren Doss
16	Ben Kranz
18	Kole Ziegler
19	Andrea Dunker
20	Carla Diesch, Chad Ostermann
21	Steve Larvick, Amy Hoffman
22	Doris Brude
23	Sarah Wingen
27	Jacqueline Nelson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3	Jim & Tammy Kelly
7	Darrell & Dianne Ziegler
13	Marvin & Lois Zuehlke
21	Mike & Karen Mitchell
28	Gerald & Carol Larson
30	Aric & Kristine Ratcliff

29 Jennifer Thorson

Please let Carla know of any additions or corrections to the birthdays or anniversaries calendar, for any month of the year.

NOVEMBER HUB UNIT TO MEET OCTOBER 10

November Hub Group Members and Leaders are asked to remain following the Worship Service on Sunday, October 9th at 11:15 am to organize parish leadership for the month of November.

Leaders:	Tim & Jeanne Howland (4,11)	625-8004
	Deb Ireland (10,11)	546-3562
	Jeff & Julie Bateman (3,11)	278-4481
	Gene & Jane Griffin (8,11)	278-4647
	Andy & Heidi Hermel (3,11)	344-4360
	Kay Hoeft (4,11)	278-4244
	Jim & Tammy Kelly (4,11)	278-3557
	Jim & Carolyn Marble(3,11)	625-4383
	Harlan & Linda McCorkell (2,11)	546-3182
	Dennis & Paulette Nelson (1,11)	278-3507
	Dick & Iris Nelson (4,11)	278-3129
	Tom & Vicki Overas (3,11)	387-4960
	James & Jana Pestka (4,11)	278-4156
	Jenny Schultz (10,11)	278-3652
	Steve & Patti Tryhus (1,11)	278-3186
	Joan Turtle (7,11)	625-6785
	Dean & Kay Ulrich (6,11)	278-3890
	Garrett Ulrich (6,11)	278-3890

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 October 26.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE IN WORSHIP AND GIVING

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TITHES & OFFERINGS
9/04	62	
9/11	118	2,268.50
9/18	120	
9/25	56	831.00

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for news items and announcements for the October Newsletter is Wednesday, October 26. Please turn in all items to Carla by due date or put them into her church mailbox.

CALVARY SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

The Calvary Senior Fellowship will meet on Thursday, October 13th at 2:00 pm at the church. All are welcome for food, fellowship and our continuing study of the "Lutheran Woman Today" Bible Study. Please bring your copy if you subscribe.

TIME CHANGE OCTOBER 29

Remember to set your clock back on Saturday night, October 29 so you don't get to church before the pastor.

4TH GRADERS TO RECEIVE LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

Fourth Graders and parents are asked to be present on Sunday, October 30 at the 10:15 am service where all will receive their own copy of Luther's Small Catechism. All Fourth Graders, parents, baptismal sponsors, family and friends are encouraged to be present.

CALVARY FOURTH GRADERS

Dezare Gabrik
Adyson Johnson
Sadie Roesch

Amber Gabrik

Karli Kelly
Tyler Schweim

Sydney Howieson

Heather Pestka
Raina Townsend

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING OCTOBER 30

Christian Education Leaders will meet with the Calvary Education Committee at 11:15 am on Sunday October 30. All Sunday School Teachers and Leaders are asked to be present as the Christmas Program assignments will be made for each class and other information will be shared with the group.

"CHRIST IN OUR HOME" devotional booklets are now available for all members on the Narthex table. Daily devotions for October, November and December are conveniently written for family use.

LUTHER LEAGUE TO RAKE FOR VINE

The Calvary Luther League will meet at the church on Saturday, October 29th at 8:45 a.m. to travel to our assigned work site to rake for those who are not able to. Please dress for the weather and bring your rake with you.

MANKATO AREA LUTHERAN SINGLES

The October Restaurant Night for Area Lutheran Singles will be held on Monday, October 17th at 6:00 p.m. Meet at the Great Wall Restaurant in upper North Mankato on Commerce Drive. Please RSVP with Pastor Mary Iverson at 257-3156 if you plan to attend.

CALVARY YOUTH TO ATTEND CHRISTIAN CONCERT

Calvary Youth in grades 7 - 12 are invited to attend the "Remedy Drive" concert on Wednesday, October 26. The concert begins at 6:15 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. It will be held at the MSU Ballroom. This event is sponsored by Common Ground (Mankato Area ELCA Churches). This is a Winter Warm-Up event for Youth in grades 7 - 9. Adults are also welcome.

PLEASE NOTE!!

ReRun Day will not be held this year. Please do not bring your rerun items to church this year.

CLCW WILL AGAIN THIS YEAR

CLCW will attend the Bake & Gift Sale at Madison East Center, Saturday, November 19th from 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. This will be done instead of the "Cookie Walk". Proceeds from the sale will go toward Calvary's Kitchen.

CLCW WILL BE HOLDING A BOOK REVIEW

A book review of "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd. Pastor Ann will lead the review at Julie Miller's home Saturday, October 22 at 7 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

- ** Ray Thorson who had surgery in September.
- ** Our Sunday School Teachers as they begin the 2005 - 2006 school year.
- ** Shirley Meiers, Pastor Meiers mother, who is at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.
- ** Our Congregation as the process of calling a new Pastor begins.
- ** Rick Buck who had two surgeries in September.
- ** Those who continue to suffer from Hurricanes Katrina & Rita.
- ** Tim Miller who had surgery in September.

WE CELEBRATE WITH:

Ethan James Grannis who was baptized on September 11, 2005.
 Sarah Ann Van Ryswyk who was baptized on October 2, 2005.
 Gundula Gremel and Nick Mezzi who were married on September 3, 2005.

THANK YOU!!

Doug Sing for installing the new flag pole in front of our church.

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know,
 Though my hair is white as snow.
 Though my sight is growing dim,
 Still He bids me trust in Him.

***(CHORUS) YES, JESUS LOVES ME...
 YES, JESUS LOVES ME... YES, JESUS
 LOVES ME THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.***

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
 With my hand in His I'll go.
 On through life, let come what may,
 He'll be there to lead the way.

(CHORUS)

Though I am no longer young,
 I have much which He's begun.

Let me serve Christ with a smile,
Go with others the extra mile.

(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."

(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,

And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.

(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does he know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

Church Council Meeting. Tuesday September 13, 2005.

Members present: Joel Brude, Pastor Meiers, James Pestka, Jodie Miller, Sheila Scharping, Karen Ostermann, Erica Kittelson, and Leslie Davis.

Pastor Meiers read devotions.

Erica Kittelson read the minutes from the July meeting.

Joel Brude made a motion to accept the July minutes, Jodie Miller seconded. Minutes approved.

Sheila asked if there were any corrections needed in the June minutes.

Leslie Davis made a motion to approve the June minutes, Jodie Miller seconded. Minutes approved.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Sheila had copies of the report for the council to review.

- James said that there are cemetery improvement bills that need to be paid.
- Joel asked if the \$1,500 raised for Tanzania had been sent. Mary hadn't received and Pastor stated that the Synod couldn't locate. The bank shows \$2,300 in the Mission fund. The Financial statement does not reflect that amount and there are other discrepancies.
- Financial Secretary's Report is not approved until such time as Sheila and Tess can meet to resolve the discrepancies

Treasurer's Report:

July and August reports were reviewed.

James Pestka made a motion to approve the July and August reports. Leslie Davis seconded.

Reports approved.

- Unpaid bills as of 9/12 are \$2,600 plus some additional bills from Wendy Frarck for the Contribute program and website updates (\$90, \$98 and \$25).
- Budget is behind \$6,755 through August 31st.

- Council discussed continuing education for Pastor Meiers. Payment is due one year in advance. The Synod will be contacted to find out which congregation will pay for the continuing ed.

Old Business:

- Sheila asked about the prayer chain. Pastor stated that it is still under way.
- Pastor told the council that both the risograph and the copy machine are functioning. The Ikon repairman discovered both machines had shorted out due to high humidity in the copier room.
- James is going to call about a new fire extinguisher for the back of the church.
- Joel proposed implementing an upgrade initiative to pay for current and future improvements, upgrades and projects. The council was concerned with the impact of such an initiative and discussed fundraising efforts and other ideas to raise money, such as bulletin and newsletter inserts.
- Sheila is going to look into another waffle feed for this fall.
- Sheila asked about council approval to hook up DSL. DSL has been approved so she will get that set up.
- James discussed the cemetery project and stated that next year's mowing may go back to bids. Mowing will be brought up at the annual meeting.
- Jodie asked about the status of background checks. Sheila had looked into and found background checks are required for pastors but not other church staff. Charity Insurance states that the church isn't covered if something happens with a staff member and a background check wasn't done.

New Business:

- Pastor Meiers discussed the steps the church and council need to take to find an interim pastor and a new pastor.
- Hosanna in Rochester votes September 25th to accept Pastor Meiers call recommendation.
- James will look into bids for replacing the roof. He'll price steel and asphalt.
- Jana isn't able to work on the website anymore. Joel is learning the program.
- Pastor talked about upcoming events.
 - On October 1st the synod is having a study of prayer in Rochester
 - October 9th is the gathering at McGowan farm. 4-7
 - Pastor will be gone Sept. 25th for the 140th anniversary of his first congregation. Pastor Anne will step in.
- Katrina matching funds will be going on the next 2 Sundays.
- Sheila read a letter recieved from a two year church in Saint Peter called Rejoice. The church is asking for a \$5 donation to start a new church.

Leslie made a motion to donate \$5, Jodie seconded. Motion approved.

James made a motion to adjourn. Karen seconded. Meeting adjourned.