

newsletter

Calvary Lutheran Church

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Dear Members and Friends of Calvary,

What does being an active church member mean? It means sharing more fully in the life of our congregation. Active church members choose to: Worship regularly, serve God and neighbor responsively and faithfully, witness and share God's love in our lives and give our time, talent and money to further the church's mission locally and throughout the world.

Why is it so important for me to be an active member of our church? Because you are the church! Calvary Lutheran Church is more than the building. The church is people - the combined life of all who believe that Jesus Christ is Savior. It is important to be active in church because the church needs you! As a follower of Christ, you are called to let your faith and good works bring light to the world. There are so many needs in the world and here in the Rapidan area. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be little Christs in the world doing His work.

Christ's ministry belongs to the church. This means Christ is alive and present in each member. Being an active church member allows you to: Express more fully your commitment to Jesus through worship and serving God. We anticipate more joyfully the time when we will be with Christ forever in eternity. Active church membership strengthens your involvement with other members of the congregation, and with potential members as well as it enables you to enrich your relationships with other people and to increase your opportunity to love and be loved in the same way in which Christ loved us.

The main reason for being an active member is love - for God, ourselves and one another.

In Matthew 18:30 Jesus says, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." There's much wisdom in what Jesus is saying. We are not hermit Christians left on our own. In His wisdom Jesus gives us the gift of the Church, one another. It is in the gathering together of the two or three or two or three hundred where we grow in our faith. We are strengthened by Word and sacrament to do our ministry both as individuals and corporately as the Church.

Calvary Lutheran is your family, your family of God. We need to gather regularly with the family for study, worship and fellowship.

So - be an active church member! Experiencing the unique joy of serving Christ through the congregation of Calvary Lutheran Church. Nurture your gifts and talents. Put your faith in Christ into positive action through the ministry of your church. Work to fulfill Christ's mission in the world. Enjoy that which is yours, the gift of the church.

See you in Church.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Bill Meiers

SEPTEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, Sept. 7 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teacher's Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 8 2:00 p.m. Calvary Senior Fellowship
 Sunday, Sept. 11 9:00 a.m. Rally Sunday - Sunday School Begins
 10:15 a.m. Festival Worship
 Sunday, Sept. 18 10:15 a.m. 3rd Graders receive Bibles

CALVARY LUTHERAN HUB UNIT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

DATE	GREETERS	LECTORS	COFFEE HOSTS	FLOWERS
9/04/05			Vivian & Lori Strand	

9/11/05

9/18/05

9/25/05

USHERS

9/04

9/11

9/18

9/25

ACOLYTES

9/05

9/12

9/19

9/26

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Terri Townsend, Kimberly Davis
- 4 June Lonnquist, James Paegel, Shirley Hoeft
- 6 Hannah Miller
- 7 Jeremi Rollings
- 9 Dean Ulrich, Travis Townsend
- 10 Jeff Door, Jody Menk, Mitchell Marso
- 11 Samantha Ulrich, Brad Lachmiller
Kelly Hoeft, Jesse Mayfield
- 14 Ellen Berger
- 15 James Roesch
- 16 Deyon Ellertson, Jennifer Vaughan
Jason Stilwell
- 20 Mike Ziegler, Amber Ellis, Sadie Roesch
- 21 Joel Koester, Kandy Thorson
- 22 Don Paegel
- 23 Marcus Fowler

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 George & Marcy Door
Wayne & Ann Koester
- 4 Kyle & Sarah Schweim
- 8 Brett & Brook Eekhoff
- 12 Jeremy & JoAnn Huebsch
- 13 Dennis & Gail Gremel
Harlan & Linda McCorkell
Nathan & Mary Ulrich
- 17 Don & Lori Waylett
- 19 Brett & Lynda Schaumburg
- 20 David & Carol Reedstrom
- 27 Robert & Carla Diesch

- 24 Karliana Kelly
- 25 Jodi Hanson
- 26 Heather Pestka, Steve Tryhus
Jason Bateman
- 27 Sophie Ziegler
- 29 Byron Nelson, Scott Ziegler
- 30 Judy Preis, Don Waylett, Jim Marble

OCTOBER HUB UNIT TO MEET SEPTEMBER 11

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

Leader:	Terry & Bunny Erickson (2,10)	278-3559
Leader:	Jodie Miller (5,10)	278-4883
	Dorothy Bammert (5,10)	388-1319
	Dana Dennis (10,12)	345-3409
	Jody Gabrik (7,10)	726-6086
	Mike & Wendy Howieson (2,10)	278-4511
	Deb Ireland (10,11)	546-3562
	Jill Krause (3,10)	278-4479
	Brad & Katie Lachmiller (5,10)	385-7878
	Mark Lachmiller (5,10)	625-8565
	Pastor Bill & Sonja Meiers (6,10)	345-1470
	Jodie Miller, Hannah & Emily	278-4883
	Myron & Paula Pasbrig (10,12)	345-3409
	Jenny Schultz (10,11)	278-3652
	Jerry & Faye Schwantes (3,10)	278-3261
	Jeff & Teri Townsend (2,10)	278-3099
	Bryan & Charlene Tryhus (3,10)	278-3377
	Audra Waylett (6,10)	345-1978
	Jack & Helen Wrucke (6,10)	278-3789

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE IN WORSHIP AND GIVING

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TITHES & OFFERINGS
8-07	111	\$1,626.00
8-14	115	957.00
8-21	96	810.00
8-28		1,308.80

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for news items and announcements for the October Newsletter is Wednesday, September 21st. Please turn in all items to Carla by due date or put them into her mailbox.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NEWSLETTER SENT TO YOU BY E-MAIL??

If anyone would like the newsletter sent to them by e-mail please let Carla know your email address and she would be glad to add you to her list.

TIME CHANGE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11

Please remember the time for worship changes on Sunday, September 11. Worship will be at 10:15 a.m., moving from the 9:00 a.m. summer hour.

CALVARY SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINS

Choir rehearsals for the 2005 - 2006 program year will again be scheduled weekly on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. beginning on September 14. All are encouraged to sing praises to our God.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION FOR 7TH, 8TH, AND 9TH GRADERS AND PARENTS

Parents and students who will enter grades 7, 8 and 9 are asked to meet Wednesday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the church for confirmation orientation. Calvary's confirmation program and schedule will be explained.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 7

Christian Education Leaders will meet with the Calvary Education Committee at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7. Materials for the year will be distributed and room assignments made. All Sunday School Teachers and Leaders are asked to be present.

CALVARY SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

The Calvary Senior Fellowship will meet on Thursday, September 8th at 2:00 p.m. at the church. All are welcome for food fellowship and our continuing study of "The Lutheran Women Today" Bible Series.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Offering received during Sunday School will be providing support to the children in Columbia and our Calvary Christian Education program. Encourage your child to bring a regular offering which helps establish early giving to God's ministry and support to our children's work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR 2005 - 2006

Sunday School begins September 11 at 9:00 a.m., age 3 through grade 6 will use the exciting curriculum, "Witness". This study material is based on the church lectionary so that the Sunday School Bible Lessons will be the same lessons used during the worship service. The Sunday School lesson will prepare our children to hear the word in the context of worship. Be sure to participate in worship and education as a family that all may learn of, worship and serve our Lord, Jesus Christ.

SENIOR HIGH IN NEW YOUTH ROOM

All youth in grades 10 - 12 will meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Room each week. Our senior high group will focus their discussions on important matters of faith and life as a teenager.

ADULT EDUCATION FOR SEPTEMBER (9:00 A.M. SUNDAYS)

"Parenting in Christian Love" will be the first offering for all adults (parents or not) beginning on Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome.

LUTHER LEAGUE (GRADES 8 - 12)

Please note the schedule for the coming year. Luther League will meet each Wednesday. ** Luther League will meet at 6:45 p.m. (grades 8 - 12) ** 8th & 9th graders meet for confirmation at 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Those who sing in the Calvary Senior Choir can attend rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Hopefully this schedule will allow all Calvary Youth in Grades 8 - 12 to fully participate in our youth ministry on Wednesdays, which is church night. Senior High Discussion and 8th and 9th grade Confirmation will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

THIRD GRADERS TO RECEIVE BIBLES - SEPTEMBER 18

Third Graders, their parents and sponsors are asked to be present at the 10:15 a.m. worship on Sunday, September 26 to receive their own personal copy of the Bible as a gift from the congregation.

*Brandon Laborde Jarred Hannem
Jared Van Ryswyk Carllie Wingen*

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Eighth grade students will begin their confirmation year at a retreat on Saturday, October 1st at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Please remember the young people listed below as they begin their confirmation journey of faith and study.

*Brent Krosch Emily Miller Chelsey Hoeft
Taylor Johnson Will Howieson*

CLCW (Calvary Lutheran Church Women)

CLCW held a meeting on August 13, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Those present were: Char Tryhus, Lee Sing, Sonja Meiers, Joyce Hiller, Kathy Thorson, Shirley Grannis, Michelle Diesch, Carla Diesch, Julie Miller, Carolyn Marble and Carol Reedstrom.

Devotions were lead by Char Tryhus. Treats were provided by Lee Sing.

BUSINESS

We will hold a Bible Study in September led by Pastor Ann. We would like to hold regular Bible Study for CLCW every other month, on 2nd Saturdays.

Pastor Ann will lead a Book Review in October of "The Secret Life of Bees" written by Sue Monk Kid. We will hold the Book Review at Julie Miller's home. Those interested should start reading now.

Re-Run Day - usually held in October. Lee and Paulette are retired (but are willing to help in an advisory capacity). CLCW is looking for anyone interested in taking over the organization and set up of the Re-Run Day.

November brings Thanksgiving and the annual Thankoffering Sunday. Ladies remember to set aside your loose change.

December will soon be here. We decided not to do the annual Cookie Walk this year. Instead we will once again join the Craft/Cookie (bake) Sale at the Madison East Mall. Monies will go toward our kitchen update costs, and possibly Theresa House and CADA.

We would also like to plan and set up a "Christmas Tea" (High Tea), possibly held at the Peddler. Those interested should come to our next meeting. Look for announcements in the Sunday bulletin.