

# Connect at Calvary

August 2011

To my fellow saints,

*By the time it came to the edge of the Forest the stream had grown up, so that it was almost a river, and, being grown-up, it did not run and jump and sparkle along as it used to do when it was younger, but moved more slowly. For it knew now where it was going, and it said to itself, "There is no hurry. We shall get there someday."*



What a lovely image, one that seems quintessential to this time of the year. The weather has warmed up, the sun shines longer and stronger, most individuals find time to take a bit of respite. For an imaginary bear, Winnie-the-Pooh, was a very wise bear. Summertime greetings to you; wherever your journeys have taken you to ... be it to the lake, across state or to more distance attractions. Of course, with the continual bustle of activities, BBQs, yard work - and work (in general) the Holy Spirit is a presence that helps us to understand where we are to go ... which is in the footsteps of Christ.

During this Pentecost season, a journey with old and new disciples the Lord continues to meet us wherever we are ... be it geographically, emotionally or mentally because *"you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."* (Acts 2: 39)

Michael Jorgensen, referencing Luther, once explained that the journey with Christ impacted our faith because: *"we can tie them back to his ideas of grace. He states that "grace makes the law dear to us..."*. Another phrase for the "Law of Christ" is the "Word of God." This again can be taken a step further and one could say that the Law, or Word of God (which is love), is what binds us and frees us in our journey for true discipleship. Since it is grace that makes the Law dear to us, it can clearly be stated that the root of discipleship according to Luther is also grace."

There's an ancient quote that goes like this: *"a thousand mile journey begins with one step"*; with what is left of summer grow and prosper in your faith with the firm knowledge that *"you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."* Christ has called us to step forward to share His grace continuously as we journey along.  
GLORY TO GOD!

God's Blessings to You, Pastor Kirstin

## *Remember in Your Prayers..*

Lyle & Frances Fischer  
Vivian Isane  
Amy Einspahr  
Gertie Woehl  
Lillian Chell  
Kari Trapp  
Judy Lyon  
Mary Swanson  
Judd Reaney  
Walt & Enid Asheim  
Erling Urdahl  
Paul Baumberger  
Glenda Gruba  
David Wackerfuss  
Fay Swenson  
Margret McIntosh  
Elsie Miller  
Jerry Verdrine  
Jay Wheelock  
All Military Men and Women

### *Baptism...*

Gavin Chase Erickson son of Jeffery Erickson & Keli Callahan.

### *Sympathy To ...*

Tom Stewart and family. Tom's wife, Sandy, died on June 30th.

### *Weddings...*

Gary Callahan & Jeanne Bruckner  
Luke Putnam & Kate Thelen  
Travis Wheeler & Heidi Rice  
Carson Phillips & Jennifer Hasvold  
Erick Sykora & Brianne Sorensen



### *Blood Drive*

Calvary will be holding a blood drive on **Monday, August 8th**, in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate blood, please call Bill Schmagel, Blood Drive Coordinator, at 342-3519.

**Website...**[www.calvaryrapidcity.org](http://www.calvaryrapidcity.org)  
**Facebook...**[www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com)



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**John Duffield**  
**Linda Iverson**  
**Kendra Larson**  
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**Terri Stuck**

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### *Calvary Lutheran Financials as of June 30, 2011*

Year to date offerings	\$ 385,325
Year to date expenses	\$ 466,424
Offering	\$ 52,182
Expenses	\$ 67,491
Difference	\$ - 15,309

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### ***NEEDED... Laptops and Projectors for Calvary Education Program.***

Calvary's brand new 6th and 7th Grade curriculum starting this September, requires the use of one laptop in each classroom. Ideally, we would like 4 laptops and 4 projectors for 4 separate classrooms. If you have any laptops or projectors that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to our education program! Contact Stephanie Lehmann at 381-1567 or [steph.lehmann1@gmail.com](mailto:steph.lehmann1@gmail.com)



Faith Alive! On **Tuesday, August 23, 2011**, we will be gathering at Sylvan Lake for an evening of fellowship and dinner...come after work or

earlier (4:00 pm - ?). Entrance into Custer State Park is \$6.00 per person. Questions, please contact Pastor Kirstin at 342-9043.



to the wonderful Vacation Bible School Youth Leaders: Tori Helfenstein, Mallory Fine, Paige Muck, Jazmin Brue, Anna Sykora, Katherine Sterling, Ashley Thompson, Elizabeth Greager, Charlie Claussen, Beth Schleusener, Abby Palmer, Shelby and Andrea Duffield. The preschoolers loved spending time with you. **Fantastic Job!**

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## *Praise Singers...*

Thinking of singing?? Be a part of the Praise Singers this fall! We will begin our practices on Tuesdays in September from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. We need teens to adults to bring forth the loving message of God through upbeat, meaningful Christian music. Questions?? Call Laurel French at 341-4773 or the Church Office at 342-9043.

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## **Join Crossroads - Calvary's Modern Contemporary Worship Team!**

Do you have a strong interest in modern, contemporary Christian music and worship? Calvary's Crossroads Worship Team is looking for a few dedicated persons with instrumental and/or vocal talent to share their gifts as part of our core team. Crossroads plays once a month at the 5:30 Saturday evening Worship Service and practices on one other day of the month. Our group is typically made up of a few singers, guitarists, a bass guitarist, a drummer, and a piano player with occasional violin or flute opportunities as well. We play from lead sheets which require a knowledge of chords and the ability to improvise, rather than written music. If you are interested, please contact Doug Lehmann at 605-391-7139 or [doug.lehmann1@gmail.com](mailto:doug.lehmann1@gmail.com)

## *Day Camp - 2011 - A Huge Success!!!.....*

**Special thanks** to the many people who made Day Camp at Calvary this summer a huge success! Over 70 children were blessed by the Outlaw Ranch Counselors, as well as by the many people who contributed so generously of their time, talents and resources. Outlaw Ranch sent us 8 incredible counselors who were the "hands and feet" of Jesus to our children for 4 awesome days of games, crafts, music, and Bible study. **Kirk and Andy Guymon** selflessly came everyday to help with audio/visual needs, and put together an awesome slide show and photo display of the week's exciting activities. **Thank you to Trisha Ellingson, Lauri Schleusener, Tina Voth and Mary Jacobs** for providing lunch for the counselors. **Thank you to the Landguth, Meissner, Lehmann, Muck and Polzen families** for providing supper for the counselors throughout the week. **Special thanks to Darla & David Hagel** for helping out with the cookie fellowship that followed the Thursday Evening Family Program. **Thank you to the many people** who brought snacks for the morning and afternoon sessions. Last but not least, **thank you parents** for bringing your children to church! Together, we helped our children grow in faith and experience God's amazing love!

### **Calvary Lutheran Church Staff**

**Lee Ann Henry**...Office Manager  
**Myron Nelson**...Business Manager and Visitation Ministry  
**Dan Senftner**...Capital Campaign  
**Sonia Sykora**...3 yr. olds - 5th Grade Coordinator  
**Stephanie Lehmann**...6th - 9th Grade Coordinator  
**Tom Martin**... 10th-12th Grade Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Audio Visual/Web Coordinator  
**Kellie Meissner**...Family Ministries Coordinator  
**Judy Frost**...Program Office Support  
**Al Spreizer**... Director of Music and Worship  
**Kathy Stensgaard**...Wednesday School Music Leader, Hand Chime Choir Director, Stories & More for Preschoolers & Parents Coordinator  
**Laurel French**... Praise Singers Director, Congregational Care Coord.  
**Mary Minton**...Praise Singers Accompanist  
**Ann Quam-Haakenson**... Alleluia Choir Accompanist  
**Bergie Osterloo**...Wednesday School Accompanist  
**Deb Martin**...Wednesday Night Music Coordinator  
**Karen Schleusener**...Wednesday Evening Meal Coordinator  
**Christy Schulz & LaRae Day**...Nursery  
**James Jennings**...Custodian  
**Herb Cleveland**...Supply Pastor  
**Kirstin Kellaher**...Associate Pastor  
**Dwight Stensgaard**... Senior Pastor



# Hey there, Parents of Young Children!

Are you aware of the Sunday morning program we offer for families with young children?

We use a curriculum called “Godly Play”. This unique material was inspired by the Montessori approach to education which honors each child’s natural sense of wonder. Storytelling is at the heart of each Godly Play lesson. Families gather around to hear the sacred stories and parables of our Christian faith which are told using hands-on materials. The Godly Play approach encourages children to make meaning for themselves through “wondering questions” (i.e. I wonder what part of the story you liked best? I wonder what part of the story is most important to you?) The story is followed by activities (which each child or family can choose), snack, music and prayers-all done in a casual, comfortable setting.

We meet from 9:15 to 10 a.m., two Sundays a month, September through April.

This program differs from Wednesday School, so even if your child attends Wednesday School, your family may enjoy our Sunday morning Godly Play.

If you would like more information about Godly Play at Calvary, or if you would like to join us, please call the church office at 342-9043. To catch a glimpse of some of our activities from last year, check out the pictures on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Parents, grandparents, children...you are invited to come and “check it out!”

## WE ARE LOOKING ...



for one or two people who would like to join the hand chime choir. If you are able to read music, would enjoy being part of a very cool group, are available to rehearse on Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m. and play at worship about twice a month...consider becoming a hand chime player! Chime rehearsals will resume the end of August. If interested please call the church office at 342-9043.

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## Monthly Planner

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