

January Calendar

Sunday, January 1st

10:15 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, January 2nd

5:30 pm Wednesday Band 7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir

Tuesday, January 3rd

6:30 pm Praise Singers Rehearsal 7:00 pm Altar Guild

Wednesday, January 4th

7:15 pm Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 5th

9:00 am Quilters

Saturday, January 7th

5:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, January 8th

8:15 am Traditional Worship Service

9:15 am Godly Play 10:15 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, January 9th

5:30 pm Social Concerns Meeting

5:30 pm Wednesday Praise Band Rehearsal

7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm CLICK for 6-7-8 Graders

Tuesday, January 10th

6:30 pm Praise Singers Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 11th

9:30 am Phoebe Circle 6:30 pm Teacher/Parent Meeting and Training

Thursday, January 12th

7:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Quilters 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Friday, January 13th

11:30 am Keenagers

Saturday, January 14th

5:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service 6:30 pm Congregational Potluck

Sunday, January 15th

8:15 am Traditional Worship Service 10:15 am Contemporary Worship

Monday, January 16th

5:30 pm Wednesday Praise Band Rehearsal

7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm CLICK for 6-7-8 Grades

Tuesday, January 17th

6:30 pm Praise Singers Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 18th

9:30 am Naomi Circle

4:45 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

5:00 pm Wed. School Session 1 5:30 pm Wed. School Session 2

6:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Pre-Confirmation

7:00 pm High School Youth 7:15 pm Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 19th

9:00 am Quilters

Friday, January 20th

5:45 pm Cornerstone Rescue Mission Meal

Saturday, January 21st

2:00 pm Valentine Card Making Party

5:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, January 22nd

8:15 am Traditional Worship Service

9:15 am Godly Play 10:15 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, January 23rd

5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal

7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm CLICK for 6-7-8 Grades

Tuesday, January 24th

6:30 pm Praise Singers Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 25th

4:45 pm Wednesday Evening Meal

5:00 pm Wed. School Session 1 5:30 pm Wed. School Session 2

6:30 pm Worship Service 6:30 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm Pre-Confirmation 7:00 pm High School Youth 7:15 pm Alleluia Choir

Thursday, January 26th

9:00 am Quilters

Saturday, January 28th

5:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, January 29th

8:15 am Traditional Worship Service 10:15 Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, January 30th

5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm Hand Chime Rehearsal

7:00 pm CLICK for 6-7-8 Grades

Tuesday, January 31st

6:30 pm Praise Singers Rehearsal

Connect At Calvary

January 2012

**"Come; Let us Adore Him,
Christ the Lord"**

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2.6-7

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! As you read this newsletter today – we are still celebrating Christmas – the 12 days of Christmas begins on Christmas Day and continues for 12 days. So, I thought – why not reflect one more time on the good news that the Lord has come – Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Children sometimes blend fiction with fact as they retell the story of Christ's birth. I didn't hear it – but I read it – that one child as he was retelling the story of Christ's birth said: "Mary and Joseph had to stay in a cheap motel at Bethlehem, because a party was going on in the Holiday Inn, and there was no room for them there."

As I read that little fellow's rendition of Christ's birth, I thought to myself, if fellow travelers that night were singing, laughing and having a party in the Bethlehem Inn, they certainly weren't celebrating Jesus' birth. The event of Jesus' birth – at the time made about as much of an impact on the world as a snowflake falling softly on the roof.

But how different it was in the humble Bethlehem stable where shepherds were on their knees! They heard and believed the angel's message that Christ, their Savior and Lord, was born. And they adored Him (Luke 2). Later, the Wise Men also 'bowed down and worshipped him (Matthew 2).

I have always liked a quote by an English writer, Charles Lamb who wrote: "If Shakespeare would come into this room, we would all arise. If Christ came in, we would fall down at His feet." I like that quote – because it rings with truth. The good news of Christmas is that Christ has come into our presence to fill our lives with God's abundance – come let us adore Him!

The abundance of God in which we are filled full to overflowing - of course - is not just material things, but more; God's hope, love, peace and joy --- along with God's goodness, faithfulness, kindness, mercy, grace, patience, acceptance, forgiveness, and courage fill our lives with abundance. God has come to us to fill us full of every gift of heaven.

This is why we – with the angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven praise God and adore Him!

Come let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Blessings, Pastor Dwight



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Baptisms

Alli Jae Nielsen daughter of Judd & Jennifer Nielsen.
Addilynn Mae Kraft daughter of Josh & Heidi Kraft.
Zoe Lynn Marie Gott daughter of Frank Gott & Kalyn Quest.
Kinlee Raelyn Gossel daughter of Jeff Gossel & Dawn Johnson.

Sympathy To...

LaVern Banning and family. Lavern's brother, John, died on November 26th.

Fred & Helen Smith and family. Their daughter, Barbara Booth, died.

Jack, Nancy, John and Regan Ashley and family. Their mother and grandmother, Florence Ashley, died on December 9th.

Malcom Chapman and family. Malcom's father, Eddie Chapman, died.

Ray & Mary Burnett and family. Ray's mother, Blanche Burnett, died on December 16th.

Wedding

Frank Kenneth Gott & Kalyn Elizabeth Quest
Jamie Higgins & Jessica Dell

Financial News as of November 30, 2011

Year to Date Offering \$ 748,366
Year to Date Expense \$ 806,839

November Offering \$ 68,878
November Expenses \$ 61,676
Difference for November \$ +7,202



Myron Nelson...

for the many years of service you have given to the Lord at Calvary Lutheran Church. We have been blessed by your heart of faith and selfless service.

Myron, God's Blessings Always!

Myron is retiring in his full time capacity but he will continue to serve Calvary in the following ministry areas: Keenagers, Good Samaritans, visitation and coordinating weddings, funerals and events.



Godly Play Classes

Sunday - January 8th

Sunday - January 22nd

Godly Play Classes are for families with young children. We meet from **9:15 am - 10:00 am** upstairs in the education area. **For more information check our website at www.calvaryrapidcity.org**

MILESTONE MINISTRIES will be celebrating with first grade students and their families on January 18, 2012. The focus of this Milestone celebration will be "Favors for Neighbors" in loving God and one another. As a part of this celebration, we would like to invite first graders and their families to join us for reserved seating for dinner in the back of the Fellowship Hall and in the Sanctuary during the 6:30 Worship Service. Please RSVP to Kellie Meissner, Family Ministries Coordinator at 430-9684 or kmeissner@rapidnet.com. **We look forward to spending this time with you!**



Valentine Card Making Party:

Family Ministries is hosting a card making day on Saturday, January 21st from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Make hand-made cards to use yourself or to send a Calvary Lutheran member who needs a little love! Bring your creative spirit and any craft supplies you wouldn't mind sharing for this special event; old cards or calendars, colored paper, ribbons, stickers, stamps and punches. Come enjoy valentine fun, snacks and refreshments. Bring the family and show your love. Question? Contact Kellie Meissner at 430-9684 or kemeissner@rapidnet.com

ADULT FORUM will begin on February 5, 2012 with Nancy May leading the Forum. *The topic and book is based on Great Lion of God* by Taylor Caldwell. It is considered historical fiction and would be an interesting comparison to today's world both in our country and in the Biblical world of St. Paul.



CLICK will be changing back to Mondays, starting January 9, 2012. Middle School Youth will meet at 7:00 pm in the High School Youth Room...see you there. There is **no CLICK** on January 2nd. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



A YEAR WITH THE BIBLE... If you would like, join Pastor Dwight in a New Year's Resolution to read through the Bible in 2012. **If you are interested, there is a reading plan on the bulletin stands called, '52 Week Bible Reading Plan'.** Pick one up! In 2012, as we read God's Word, may we ask God each

day to speak directly to us from the Scripture portions we are reading. May we be expectant, and as we are continually exposed to God's Word day by day may we be blessed with knowledge and understanding of God and us.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETING JANUARY 11, 2012...

Parents... your presence is invaluable! Please join the Calvary Education Team in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, January 11th for a Parent/Teacher Meeting at 6:30 pm.** Hear plans for our 2nd Semester of Wednesday School, Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation. There will be music, snacks, volunteer highlights and Q & A feedback plus important summer camping information. Childcare will be available. **(There will be NO classes, meal or worship this evening; regular Wednesday schedule will resume January 18th).** Mark your calendars!



RUMMAGE SALE COMING TO CALVARY IN JANUARY...

Help us raise funds for the Middle School Impact Trip to Canada this summer. Bring your rummage to Calvary January 4th - January 10th. The rummage sale will run from January 11th - 15th. **PLEASE, NO CLOTHES!** Questions? Call Stephanie at 381-1567.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FUNDRAISER FOR THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS...

During the month of January, the High School Youth will be holding a used DVD/CD Sale in the Narthex. This will be like the book sale but will be exclusively used DVD movies and used CD music...WHAT FUN!! Please bring in your used DVDs and CDs and donate them to the sale. We raised over \$800 at the November Book Sale. Thank you so much for all of the generosity and support that you show for the youth of Calvary. **YOU ARE AMAZING!!** Tom Martin, High School Youth Coordinator