

## November Calendar

**1st**  
6:30 pm Praise Singers Rehearsal

**2nd**  
1:00 pm Women's Book Study      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      7:00 pm See Through the Scriptures  
7:15 pm Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

**3rd**  
9:00 am Quilters

**5th**  
4:00 pm Women's Book Study      5:30 pm Contemporary Worship  
7:00 pm CLICK for 6th, 7th, 8th Graders

**6th**  
8:15 am Traditional Worship      9:15 am Godly Play  
9:20 am Adult Forum      10:15 am Contemporary Worship

**7th**  
5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal      7:00 pm Altar Guild

**8th**  
6:00 pm New Member Orientation      6:30 pm Praise Singers Rehearsal

**9th**  
9:30 am Phoebe Circle      1:00 pm Women's Book Study  
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      7:00 pm See Through the Scriptures  
7:15 pm Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

**10th**  
7:00 am Men's Breakfast      9:00 am Quilters      12:00 Noon Endowment Mtg.

**11th**  
11:30 am Keenagers

**12th**  
4:00 pm Women's Book Study      5:30 pm Contemporary Worship  
6:30 pm Congregational Potluck      7:00 pm CLICK for 6th, 7th, 8th Graders

**13th**  
8:15 am Traditional Worship      9:20 am Adult Forum  
10:15 am Contemporary Worship

**14th**  
5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal      5:30 pm Social Concerns Meeting  
7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal

**15th**  
6:30 pm Praise Singers Rehearsal

**16th**  
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  
7:00 pm See Through the Scriptures      7:15 pm Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

**17th**  
9:00 am Quilters      12:00 Noon Church Council Meeting  
18th 5:45 pm Cornerstone Rescue Mission Meal

**19th**  
4:00 pm Women's Book Study      5:30 pm Crossroads Worship  
6:30 pm Congregational Potluck      7:00 pm Family Movie Night  
7:00 pm CLICK for 6th, 7th, 8th Graders

**20th**  
8:15 am Traditional Worship      9:15 am Godly Play  
9:20 am Adult Forum      10:15 am Contemporary Worship

**21st**  
5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal      7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal

**22nd**  
6:30 pm Praise Singers Rehearsal

**26th**  
5:30 pm Contemporary Worship

**27th**  
8:15 am Traditional Worship      10:15 am Contemporary Worship

**28th**  
5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal      7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal

**29th**  
6:30 pm Praise Singers Rehearsal

**30th**  
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 "See Through the Scriptures" Study      7:00 pm Pre-Confirmation  
7:00 pm High School      7:15 pm Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

# Connect At Calvary

## November 2011

To all God's beloved, who are called to be saints; grace and peace be to you....

*“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. **And be thankful.** Let the word of Christ, dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God the Father through him.”*  
(Colossians 3:15-17)

*THANKFUL* otherwise also known as: grateful, appreciative, filled with gratitude, relieved, beholden, [content](#), gratified, [indebted](#), [obliged](#), [overwhelmed](#), [pleased](#), [relieved](#), [satisfied](#) ... an expression of feeling.

An expression of feeling that dwells in this world, within every one of us; it is an expression of feeling that allows the peace of Christ to settle upon us. There is much to be *THANKFUL* for! As I contemplate the meaning of being *THANKFUL*; it is obvious that there are times that we do not pause to express this feeling.

For example, what fantastic weather we have been experiencing lately - especially, for the Fall season! *“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God the Father through him.”* I am truly grateful and appreciate the extra days of warmth and sunshine, spending the time outside in God's magnificent creation experiencing the peace that Christ ministered for.

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul wanted to remind the Christians living in the diverse cultural and religious region a primary teaching from Christ. That, to be thankful to God, means to recall His great deeds of mercy in Christ toward us. And, such a reminder therefore is motivation for Christian living. In the Matthew Henry Concise Commentary, one can read: “Let the peace of God rule in your hearts; it is of his working in all who are his. Thanksgiving to God, helps to make us agreeable to all men. The gospel is the word of Christ. Many have the word, but it dwells in them poorly; it has no power over them. The soul prospers, when we are full of the Scriptures and of the grace of Christ.” ***Giving Thanks.... Being THANKFUL*** is a never failing expression of love, grace and mercy for all our relationships. What are you *THANKFUL* for? Can you fill out the word of being THANKFUL with that that fills your life?

God's Blessings for each-and-every one of you!  
Pastor Kirstin



**Perry Krush** - President, **Brent Gromer** - Vice President, **Kathy Miller** - Treasurer, **Leanna Jenner** - Secretary, **John Duffield**, **Linda Iverson**, **Kendra Larson**, **Shad Storm**, **Terri Stuck**



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**Baptisms**

Quincy Ellis Hibbard son of Cory & Jill Hibbard  
Hudson Lee Nopola son of Jay & Jayme Nopola

**Wedding**

Tyson Steiger & Sarah Milner

**Sympathy To**

Juanita Christianson and family. Juanita's husband, Larry Christianson, died on October 4th.

Charles Abell and family. Charles' wife, Dianne Abell, died on October 11th.

**Financial News as of September 30th**

Year to Date Offering \$ 597,104  
Year to Date Expense \$ 671,456

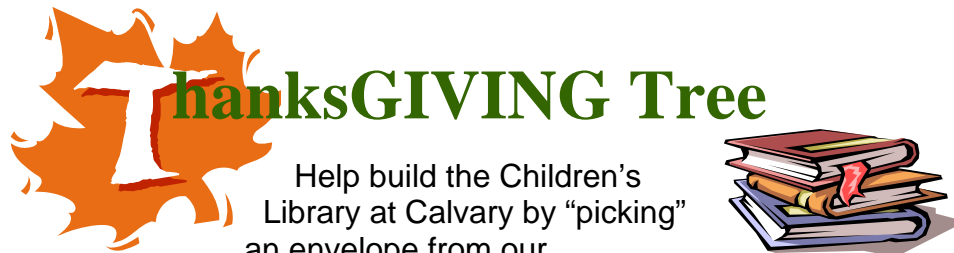
September Offering \$ 69,219  
September Expenses \$ 64,871  
Difference for September \$ +4,348

*Thank You! I want to say a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped with Trunk or Treat! A great time was had by all! I would be happy to take comments or suggestions for future Trunk or Treat events. kmeissner@rapidnet.com Thanks again  
Kellie Meissner*

**Godly Play Classes**  
Sunday - November 6  
Sunday - November 20  
9:15 am - 10:00 am



You are invited to join Pastor Dwight and Kathy Stensgaard on a sabbatical trip to Turkey and Greece. We will be **FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL** from May 2-13, 2012. For more information call the Church Office at 342-9043.



Help build the Children's Library at Calvary by "picking" an envelope from our ThanksGIVING Tree! Donations range from \$3 to \$20 and are indicated on each envelope. Just fill the envelope with your donation and drop it in the box under the tree. The ThanksGIVING Tree will be available through November 23 and is located in the Narthex by the office. Donations will be used for purchasing new titles for the library!

**NeSoDak – Klein Ranch – Outlaw Ranch  
Fort Courage – Atlantic Mountain Ranch**

The 2012 Summer Camp Schedule is now available on the Lutherans Outdoors website and **registration opens Monday, November 7.** All LO campers register directly through Lutherans Outdoors. Check the website at [www.LOSD.org](http://www.LOSD.org) for a complete schedule and registration information, or call 800-888-1464.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS...** The members of Social Concerns would like to thank everyone who took the time to sign-up to volunteer or who came and talked with us concerning the various servant ministries. **THANK YOU** for sharing your time and talents. Also, if you are still interested in participating in one of the Social Concerns ministry areas, please contact Pastor Kirstin at 342-9043. **There is still time to Adopt-A-Family for Christmas!** Consider sharing God's grace, mercy and unconditional love through helping make the holiday season a bit more comfortable to a family in need. Information concerning this program can be attained through contacting Pastor Kirstin at 342-9043.

**Would you like to help with a meal?** Upcoming dates are: **Habitat Meal...Nov. 5, Women's Mission Meal...Nov.15 Cornerstone Mission Meal...Nov. 18.** Please contact Pastor Kirstin at 342-9043. **Thank you!**

**Advent Ideas...** Family Ministries will have a table in front of the Dakota Room on Nov. 30 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. Stop by and look at all of the fun ideas on ways to celebrate Advent with your children.



**CLICK** is Children Living, Loving and Learning In Christ's Kingdom. It is a youth group for middle school age children (Grades 6-8) which meets in the Youth Room every Saturday night at 7:00 pm. There will be **NO** Click on **November 26, 2011.**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVENTURES TRIP will be July 26 - August 1, 2012.** Our destination this year is the North Shore and Thunder Bay, Canada. For more information, please pick up a registration form at the Information Desk or from Pastor Kirstin or Stephanie Lehmann. **Space is limited to the first 35 students. The cost will be \$375 per person.** Questions?? Call Pastor Kirstin at 342-9043.

**0-2 YEAR OLD MILESTONE...** Milestone Ministries will celebrate with 0-2 year olds and their families on **November 16, 2011.** This month our focus will be on celebrating our baptism. We will have reserved seating in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and in the Sanctuary for the 6:30 pm worship service. Please call Kellie Meissner, Family Ministries Coordinator, for more information or with any questions at 430-9684.



**Family Movie Night...**

Family Ministries is hosting a family movie night on **November 19th.** We will start the evening with a potluck after worship - each family is asked to bring a dish to share. **The movie "Rio" will start around 7:00 pm;** the run time is 1 hour and 36 minutes. *Bring the entire family for a fun night out!*



**2011-2012 EDUCATION MISSION PROJECT... TOOLS TO GROW FOOD...**

This year we are joining forces with the ELCA World Hunger organization to purchase tools to help families grow food. \$25.00 will create a kit of tools for a family in need.



**Christmas Festival Choir...**

We are looking for people to sing in our Christmas Festival Choir at our worship services on **December 18th at the 8:15 and 10:15 services.** We need your voice for this special musical offering even if you are not currently singing in a choir. **Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, November 6th and go through December 18th, from 9:20 - 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.** Questions?? Call the church office at 342-9043.