

# Connect At Calvary

February 2011

## LOVE vs. HATE

*“Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murders, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”*

1 John 3: 14-18

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

Love verses hate, it is a very thin line that separates the two. To love can be difficult. To hate, an easier route so often taken ... and if that is the case how can we take lightly God’s commandment that we are *to love* our neighbor as ourselves? What a conundrum when our emotions get the better of us, causing us to set aside the Lord’s Word. It is February, and a month that seems to be solely dedicated to proclaiming our love for one another. But remember, God calls us to love ceaselessly. In the scripture verses for the letter of 1 John, the writer is reminding us of this fact. That, to know God is to obey His commandments therefore living in love with one another... even if we perceive a flaw or find ourselves in conflict.

So, what is love? You could look up the definition in a Webster-Miriam Dictionary - but understand that the explanation given is not what God is teaching us. Love is not a passing moment, it is not only intense desires; rather we are able to understand what love is by hearing the words written in 1 John. **Love is “We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.”** In another definition seeking resource, “*Crazy Talk: A Not-So Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms*” love is defined as: A verb. “Not a thing that is blind but the act of actually seeing the needs of others and of putting their needs higher than yourself or your needs. Love is certainly isn’t blind. Love stares the suffering and needs of the neighbor- and even of the enemy - hard in the face. And then does something about them.”

Throughout scripture we are given continuous examples of God’s love for us. As a popular song in 2003, by The Black Eyed Peas, croons

People killin', people dyin'

Children hurt and you hear them cryin'

Can you practice what you preach

And would you turn the other cheek

Father, Father, Father help us

Send us some guidance from above

'Cause people got me, got me questionin'

Where is the love (Love)

Where is the love (The love)

Where is the love (The love)

**Where is the love**

**The love, the love**

Well, where is the love? It is not in the heart-shaped chocolate boxes. It is not in the big plush teddy bears. Love is exactly where our Lord has shown us ... in His love for us, in our actions towards one another. Hear God’s words: “*Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.*”

God’s continuous blessings to you!

Pastor Kirstin Kellaheer

## Remember in Your Prayers..

Lyle & Frances Fischer  
Ricky Wieczorek Jr.  
Vivian Isane  
Fay Swenson  
Amy Einspahr  
Flynn Murray  
Rick Fierro  
Gertie Woehl  
Austin Pitney  
Lillian Chell  
Jay Wheelock  
Kari Trapp  
Judy Lyon  
Mary Swanson  
Judd Reaney  
Jon Dahlke  
Russ  
All Military Men and Women

## Baptisms...

Logan Patrick and Maizee Lynn Dodge  
children of Michael & Marci Dodge.

Gavin Reed Johnson son of Brian & Sheila  
Johnson.

## Sympathy To...

Judy Frost and family. Judy's sister, Carol,  
died on December 27th.

Ken Herman and family. Ken's mother,  
Dorothy Herman, died on January 4th.

Sandra Babka and family. Sandra's husband,  
Harry Babka, died on January 12th.

Tim Cheever and family. Tim's father, Eugene  
Cheever, died on January 13th.

## Calvary Lutheran is now on Facebook!

Log on to  
[www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com) and search for the  
"Calvary Lutheran Church" page. Click the  
"like" button...for the latest and greatest news,  
information and photos from Calvary.

## Calvary Lutheran Financial News As of December 31, 2010

Year to date offerings	\$ 879,299
Year to date expenses	\$ 951,221

### December 2010

Offering	\$ 170,614
Expenses	\$ 79,586
Difference	\$ +91,028

### MIF Building Loan

Amount of Loan	\$3,300,000
Balance of Loan	\$1,487,164

### 2007-2010 "From the Heart Capital Campaign"

Pledges	\$ 3,113,008
Received to date	\$ 2,997,324
Pledges remaining	\$ 115,684

**MILESTONE MINISTRIES** will be teaming up with Education in the celebration of the Fifth Grader's Communion Celebration on February 2, 2011. Receiving communion is a special milestone in your child's faith journey. It is also a chance for parents to come together with your child and grow together in faith. Holy Communion is a great gift from God and we look forward to sharing this time with you!



### "Chili with the Bishop"

Join Bishop Zellmer and the Synod Staff for an evening of homemade chili and conversation regarding our common mission and future together on **Tuesday, February 15th, 5:30 pm at Faith Lutheran Church** in Rapid City. **All are welcome!**

# Stories & More



*for preschoolers & parents*

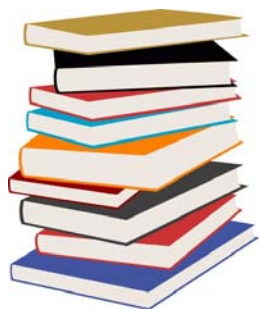
**FEBRUARY DATES FOR  
"Stories & More"...**

**February 6**

**February 20**

Time: 9:15 - 10:00 am

**All parents (or grandparents)  
with preschoolers welcome!**



**HIGH SCHOOL  
YOUTH BOOK**

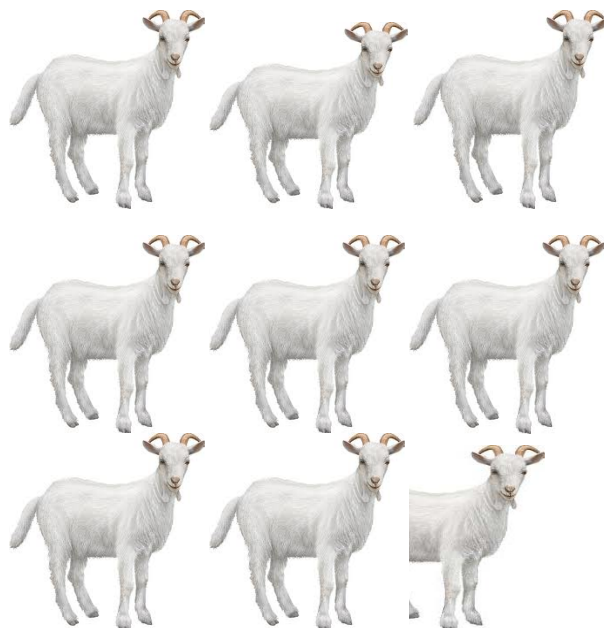
**SALE...** Back by popular demand... the High School Youth Group will be hosting our Winter Book Sale at Calvary

Lutheran Church through the month of February! We will have tables set up in the Narthex with the books displayed from February 1st through the 27th. Hard cover books are just \$1.00 each and only 2/\$1.00 for soft cover books. Please look through your book cases and storage areas and bring in the books you would like to donate to the High School Youth and we will sell them. They can be dropped off at the Book Sale tables at any time during the day or during worship times. Last year we made nearly \$1,000 from this book sale and this year we would like to beat that amount. **ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO LAS VEGAS IN JULY. Thank you for all of your generosity and support!**

Tom Martin

# OUR GOAT HERD

(Number of goats we can purchase with money collected to date).



With the gift of a goat from several individuals in our congregation in December, our herd has grown significantly. The goat pail is in the sanctuary every Wednesday and there is a "Give a Goat" jar on the information desk in the Narthex if you wish to contribute to our "Give a Goat" mission.

**\$120.00 equals one goat!**

For more information about Heifer International, go to [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)

**Thank You!**  
**THANK YOU!**

**Many Thanks** for all of the wonderful children's books that were given to our library from the Book Tree during the Christmas season. **Come by and check one out!**

**Congregational Potluck...Saturday, February 12th, after the 5:30 Worship Service.** Bring a food item to share.



## Congratulations to the Fifth Graders...

Fifth Graders will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion with their classmates and families on Wednesday, February 2nd. We pray that these children will be strengthened in faith, empowered in their serving and blessed with all of God's heavenly gifts.

A special thank you to Joanne Rugg, Nadine Long, Doreen Arneson, Audra Nesland, Tina Eberle, Terri Seljeskog, Niki Studer, Lauri Schleusener, Pastor Kirstin and Pastor Dwight for teaching the 5th Grade Communion Curriculum in preparation for this special event.

*"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."* 1 Corinthians 11:26



## Ladies...

Come, on **February 2nd at 11:00 am** for our monthly fellowship and devotions. It's a lovely hour! We will be meeting in the Dakota Room for tea/coffee and a snack.

Starting on **Wednesday, February 9th at 1:00 pm**, the **Bible Study: Organic God** will begin. If Wednesday does not work for you there is also a Saturday at 4:00 pm offering of the course.

**Organic God** by Margaret Feinberg is a DVD, workbook discussion based curriculum that helps us to understand that: *"In our ever-changing world, simplicity is a craving. What if we could simplify our lives starting with our faith? Imagine what it would look like to have an organic relationship with God, one that is stripped of all pollutants, additives, and other distractions that can cloud this ultimate relationship."* The **Organic God** removes the unhealthy fillers and purifies our relationship with the God of the Scriptures.



We will be starting a new unit on **February 13th at 9:20 am in the Dakota Room**. The facilitator will be Nancy May and she will be leading the Forum topic on Greg Mortenson's **Three Cups of Tea**. If you would like the book, it can be purchased through the church. Please sign up at the Information Desk if you would like a copy of the book.



is a program designed for individuals in the lively and on-the-go age demographic of the **20 - 30 year olds**. When our lives get so full, it is

often a relief to go to a place where one can be themselves without any obligations. **Faith Alive!** is just this place. **We will be meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall** to continue our Bible Study on *Proverbs: God's Standard or Gold*. We will also meet on February 22nd. **All are welcome to come!** Also, don't forget to look us up on Facebook. Questions?? Please contact Pastor Kirstin at 342-9043.

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We will **NOT BE MEETING** on February 7, 2011.



## Middle School News

### BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

*Chocolate Lovers Tasting Auction at Trinity Lutheran Church on Friday, February 11th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Proceeds to benefit Hope Village, Liberia.*



## Social Concerns Serving Opportunities

- **The first Saturday of every month** Calvary provides a hearty lunch for 15 Habitat for Humanity building site workers. We need volunteers to prepare and deliver a meal to the Habitat Restore by 9:00 am. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call Jodene Ehrich 415-8007 or Karen Mortimer 390-8937.
- **The third Tuesday of every month** Calvary members prepare and deliver a dinner to 30 residents at the Women/Children's Cornerstone Mission Group Home on Columbus Street. We need volunteers to help provide this meal for the homeless in our community. We have a suggested menu with quantity details or you can create a meal.
- **The third Friday of every month** Calvary members prepare and serve the Cornerstone Mission Meal. We need volunteers to purchase food for the meal, prepare and serve the meal. If you would like to help, please sign up on the Mission Meal poster next to the Information Desk in the Narthex. There is a place for purchasing food, preparing the meal and serving the meal on the poster. Preparing the meal takes place at the Mission from 2:00 to about 3:30 that afternoon. Serving the meal takes place at 5:45 that evening. If you have questions, please call Myron 342-9043 or Mary Lerdal 341-2952.

**If you want to make a difference and be involved with this worthwhile opportunity, please call Jodene Ehrich at 415-8007 or Karen Mortimer at 390-8937.**

[www.calvaryrapidcity.org](http://www.calvaryrapidcity.org)

Check out our website

for....



**Current events at Calvary**  
**Archived Worship Services**  
**Calvary's Newsletter**  
**Calvary's Constitution**  
**Wednesday Meal Menu**

### OUTLAW - PALOOZA FREE

**CONCERT** featuring David Lee Brown will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2011, 1:30 - 3:30 pm at Calvary Lutheran. **All are welcome!** Sponsored by Lutherans Outdoors.

### Calvary Lutheran Church Staff

**Lee Ann Henry**...Office Manager  
**Myron Nelson**...Business Manager  
 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  
**Ilene Sharkey**...Worship & Music Coordinator  
 Alleluia Choir Director/Organist  
**Kathy Stensgaard**...Wednesday School Music  
 Leader, Hand Chime Choir  
 Director, Stories & More for  
 Preschoolers & Parents  
 Coordinator  
**Laurel French**... Praise Singers Director  
 Congregational Care  
 Coordinator  
**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**...Nursery  
**LaRae Day**...Nursery  
**James Jennings**...Custodian  
**Herb Cleveland**...Supply Pastor  
**Kirstin Kellaheer**...Associate Pastor  
**Dwight Stensgaard**... Senior Pastor



## Meaningful Adventures Await You...

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota

### Registration for Summer Camps now open!

*Outdoor ministry is an important part of a young person's faith journey. There are plenty of great camping and outreach opportunities coming up for all ages! The suggested weeks listed below have been designated for Calvary students to bond as classmates. Other weeks may be available in addition to these. A full schedule can be viewed on the LO website at [www.LOSD.org](http://www.LOSD.org).*

**All Lutherans Outdoors Camp participants will register directly with the LO office this year.**

*Online and telephone registration is now open!*

**(800) 888-1464**

**(605) 274-5326**

**[www.LOSD.org](http://www.LOSD.org)**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**1-2-3 Camp**

**Outlaw Ranch**

**June 26-27 & June 28-29, 2011**

*A one-night camping experience to learn what it's all about, with games, crafts, music, hiking and campfire. Pack your sleeping bag, pillow and favorite adult for this first-time camping experience!*

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**



**Outlaw Ranch Camp**

**Outlaw Ranch**

**June 19-24 & June 26-July 1, 2011**

*Outlaw Ranch provides a rustic western setting with heated cabins, chapel in the old barn, horses and lots of fun activities.*

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Fort Courage**

**Atlantic Mt. Ranch**

**July 24 - 29, 2011**

*Kids will be taken back to pioneer times at this unique 1880's stockade! The week includes hiking, horseback riding, pumping water and cooking over the campfire, fun on the low ropes course and a special overnight tent camp out.*



**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Adventures Camp**

**Atlantic Mt. Ranch**

**July 24 - 29, 2011**

*Many outdoor adventures are available and tailor made for this group: mountain biking, backpacking, fly fishing, caving, kayaking, day hiking and swimming are just a few of the options.*

### Other Summer programs from Calvary Lutheran:

**Preschool**

**Vacation Bible School**

**Calvary Lutheran**

**June 20-23, 2011 (subject to change)**

Register at Calvary in April

**K - 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Day Camp with Outlaw Counselors**

**Calvary Lutheran**

**June 20-23, 2011 (subject to change)**

Register at Calvary in April

**Don't wait...sign up today  
for a meaningful adventure this summer!**

# February 2011

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6</p> <p>8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 PM Social Concerns 7:00 PM Handchimes</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 PM Faith Alive 6:30 PM Praise Singers</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 AM Pivocbe C 1:00 Bible Study 4:45 PM Dinner 5:00 Wed School 6:30 PM 6-12 Grade 6:30 PM Worship 6:50 PM Alleluia Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 AM Mens Bks 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Council</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:30 AM Keenagers</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:00 PM Bible Study 5:30 PM Crossroads 6:30 PM Pot Luck Lincoln's Birthday</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:15 AM Worship 9:20 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 PM CLICK 7:00 PM Handchimes Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 PM Praise Singers</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 AM Naomi C 1:00 Bible Study 4:45 PM Dinner 5:00 Wed School 6:30 PM 6-12 Grade 6:30 PM Worship 6:50 PM Alleluia Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:45 PM Mission Meal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4:00 PM Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 PM CLICK 7:00 PM Handchimes President's Day</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 PM Faith Alive 6:30 PM Praise Singers Washington's Birthday</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study 4:45 PM Dinner 5:00 Wed School 6:30 PM 6-12 Grade 6:30 PM Worship 6:50 PM Alleluia Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4:00 PM Bible Study 5:30 PM High School Worship</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:20 AM Adult Forum High School Worship High School Worship</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 PM CLICK 7:00 PM Handchimes</p>					

Jan 2011

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Mar 2011

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