

# **Connect At Calvary**

*January 2011*

## ***A New Beginning***

After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so he died, old and full of years. (Job 42:16-17)

Dear Friends,

**Happy New Year! And .... I hope your Christmas Holiday Season has been full of Christ's joy, peace, hope and love.**

**Thinking about the New Year – it is 2011 – can you believe it? I have been thinking that every 'New Year' brings with it the opportunity for a 'New Beginning'!**

**And as I have been thinking about the New Year, I thought about the incredible story of Job. I love the book of Job. And one of the reasons I love the book of Job is because it ends on a note of contentment and peace. A great story with a great ending! Reflect with me: Job was probably about seventy when the book opens, so he is an old man when it ends. And at the end of life, we see in Job an incredible picture of peace and contentment. God had greatly blessed him. Job's life wasn't always peaceful and he wasn't always content, he had seen it all, the ups and downs, the blessings and the tragedies that life brings. Job could have looked back over his life and held onto resentments, grudges and anger for all the loss in his life. But in the end, Job was content and at peace, thankful to God. Job had discovered the value of beginning anew in life, leaving behind what is harmful and looking ahead and embracing God's loving and faithful presence and embracing the virtues of giving God thanks and praise for everything, allowing contentment and peace to be born anew in his life.**

**I was thinking .... before us stretches a 'New Year', a 'New Beginning'. The old is past, put away forever. God invites us always to forget about all the distrust and fears, all the anxieties of the past, all the resentments we have been holding against others, all the grudges, all the criticisms--to put them away and begin again.**

**The question that hovers over us as we close this book is, on what basis are we going to live in this New Year? Will it be on the old basis of it-all-depends-on-me, do-it-yourself goodness before God, trying my best to be pleasing to God and meaning it with all my heart but never realizing the depths of loss with which I have to deal? Or will I accept the gift of God that is waiting for me every day, fresh from His hand, a gift of forgiveness, of love, peace, hope and joy already mine?**

**Will it be on that basis? If it is, this will be a year in which we live that will be characterized by peace, contentment, fragrance, and beauty. Squeeze Christ's joy out of 2011! *Happy New Year!***

**Blessings Always,  
Pastor Dwight**

## Remember in Your Prayers..

Lyle & Frances Fischer  
Ricky Wieczorek Jr.  
Vivian Isane  
Fay Swenson  
Amy Einspahr  
Flynn Murray  
Deborah Heinle  
Rick Fierro  
Gertie Woehl  
Austin Pitney  
Lillian Chell  
Jay Wheelock  
Kari Trapp  
Dorothy Herman  
Jim Heying  
Judy Lyon  
All Military Men and Women

## Baptism...

Edward "EJ" Morrison son of Dustin & Sarah Morrison.

Walter Gerhardt Fick son of Damon & Andrea Fick.

Hunter James Larson son of Nathan & Ami Larson.

Frank Kenneth Gott son of Frank & Patricia Gott.

## Sympathy To...

Sharee, Terra, Karisa and Alexis Marsico and family. Their husband and father, Steve Marsico, died.

Janet McCaskey and family. Janet's mother, Lolian Rehfeld, died.



**THANK YOU** to all who gave so generously to the Humane Society. We gave dozens of items and they were so appreciative of the donations. Confirmation Students.... Madelyn Braun, Mallory Fine, Reed Ellefson, Daniel Iverson, Tori Helfenstein

## Calvary Lutheran Financial News As of November 30, 2010

Year to date offerings	\$ 668,684
Year to date expenses	\$ 871,684

### November 2010

Offering	\$ 55,222
Expenses	\$ 80,619
Difference	\$ - 25,397

### MIF Building Loan

Amount of Loan	\$3,300,000
Balance of Loan	\$1,499,769

### 2007-2010

### "From the Heart Capital Campaign"

Pledges	\$ 3,113,108
Received to date	\$ 2,936,451
Pledges remaining	\$ 181,557

## MILESTONE MINISTRIES

will celebrate with first grade students and their families on **Wednesday, January 19, 2011, during the 6:30 Worship Service.** 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 for reserved seating for dinner in the Fellowship Hall and in the Sanctuary during the 6:30 Worship Service. Please call or email Kellie Meissner, Family Ministries Coordinator, with questions or to reserve your place at 342-9043, 430-9684 or [kmeissner@rapidnet.com](mailto:kmeissner@rapidnet.com) **We look forward to spending this time with you!**

**HELP NEEDED...** We have a need for kitchen and dining room help for our Wednesday meals. If you would be interested in helping or would like more information, please call Mary Ann Kretschmar at 716-9336.

# Stories & More



*for preschoolers & parents*

## JANUARY DATES FOR "Stories & More"...

January 16 - Epiphany  
January 30 - Holy Baptism

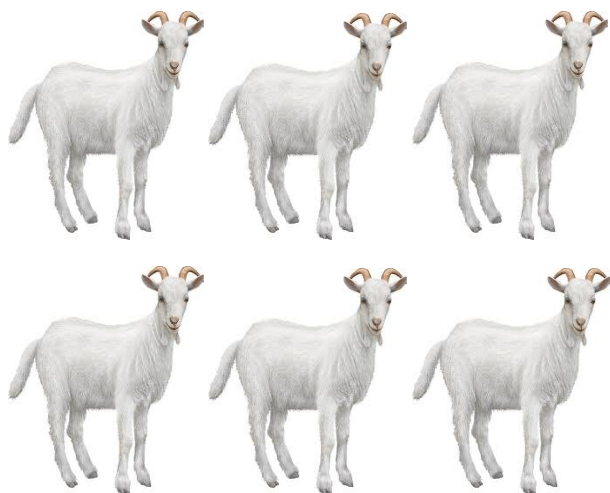
Time: 9:15 - 10:00 am

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

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## OUR GOAT HERD

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



**\$130.00 equals one goat!**

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



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, January 11, 2011** to take down the Christmas decorations as our monthly service activity and fellowship. On **January 25, 2011**, we will resume with our Bible study: *God's Standard or Gold Standard - The Study of Proverbs*. **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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## Ladies...

We will be having our monthly Women's Bible Study Fellowship on **Wednesday morning at 11:00 am on January 5, 2011 or Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Dakota Room**. Come for some lovely fellowship, devotions and discussions.



Ladies, don't forget that if you would like to share news of what is occurring in your ministries, that you can post it under Calvary's Women's Ministries section of the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or let Pastor Kirstin know. If you have questions or would like more information, please call Pastor Kirstin at 342-9043.



**Middle School  
News**

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## CL<sup>3</sup>ICK ...

We will **NOT BE MEETING** on January 3, 2011.



**LADIES**, coming in February, we will begin a new Bible Study. So what is the upcoming Bible Study all about...

**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." **This Bible Study will begin February 9, 2011.** Sign up at the Information Desk. A copy of the workbook will be available to purchase through/by January 27, 2011. The cost for the workbook will be \$7.50. More information, as to meeting times, will be forthcoming. Questions? Call Pastor Kirstin at 342-9043.

## Adult Forum

will resume on **January 9, 2011 in the Dakota Room at 9:20 am.** This



upcoming Forum will be **Part 2: Being in Discussion - The Native American** presence, culture and our understanding. Questions? Contact Pastor Kirstin at 342-9043.

**Adult Forum in February** will be on the book **Three Cups of Tea**. This forum will be led by Nancy May. There will be more information to come, but if you would like to have a paperback copy of the book for the Forum, please sign up at the Information Desk. The book will cost approximately \$9.00. Questions? Please contact Pastor Kirstin at 342-9043 or Nancy May.



## The Fifth Graders

at Calvary Lutheran will participate in a

Communion Celebration on **Wednesday, February 2, 2011.** For some, this will be their first communion; for others who already commune, it will be another opportunity to experience the forgiveness of sin and the promise of life and salvation. Fifth graders and their families will have a full evening together with dinner, worship and a communion service. As these children journey through life and come to the Lord's Table to receive Christ's presence and grace, may they be strengthened in faith, empowered in their serving and blessed with all of God's heavenly gifts.

## 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.



## The Wheels for Outlaw Committee

wants to thank Calvary Lutheran for your contributions to the fundraiser for a van for Outlaw Ranch. With the

matching funds from Thrivent Financial, over \$3200 will be sent and Outlaw is on its way to having a safe, reliable vehicle. *Thanks for supporting this ministry!*

**FOOD CERTIFICATES** may be purchased at the Information Desk before and after each worship service or in the church office during the week. Purchasing food certificates benefits Church Response and Calvary Lutheran.

# SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 23, 2011  
11:30 am

We are in the process of updating our constitution. Any changes in our constitution require approval by the congregation at two separate meetings. The first meeting will be **January 23, 2011**. The final vote will be held at the Annual Meeting on February 27, 2011.

The constitution with proposed changes highlighted, can be found on the church website or in the church office.

**WEB SITE ...** Go to [www.calvaryrapidcity.org](http://www.calvaryrapidcity.org). Click on events - go to the month of January. Click on the January 23rd event and the constitution will be available for you to read.

## AGENDA

1. Consideration of proposed changes in the Calvary Lutheran Church Constitution

## Social Concerns

### News...

As a result of Calvary's  
Social Concerns Awareness  
Week:

- ✓ 14 families/77 individuals received Christmas gifts
- ✓ \$1100.00 for "Sharing the Dream" Guatemalan Artisans
- ✓ 1 month of water filters for a Guatemalan Orphanage
- ✓ 4 new individuals to help with Mission Meals and Habitat Lunches
- ✓ 1 family joined Calvary's church family

**Thank you Calvary!** We look forward to working with more and more congregational members in this important outreach ministry. A Blessed New Year to you from your Social Concerns Committee.



## Coats for Kids...

If you have children's coats sizes 6 through adult medium that you no longer need, please bring them to Calvary. They'll be given to children in the Rapid City area. Hats and gloves are needed as well. Questions? Please call Sandi Ohlen at 341-1078. **Thank you for your generosity!**

## 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



# Camp Night! with Lutherans Outdoors

## Wednesday, January 26

6:30 pm Worship, Calvary Lutheran



Staff from Outlaw Ranch will present an informational and entertaining video during this Wednesday worship. All Wednesday education programs will include information and/or a visit from Outlaw staffers as well.

*Find out what meaningful adventures await you and your children this summer ... please join us for this fun and informational evening!*

**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**

*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).*

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

**1-2-3 Camp**

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

**Outlaw Ranch**

*A one-night camping experience to learn what it's all about, with games, crafts, music, hiking and camp fire. 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**

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

**Outlaw Ranch**

*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**

**July 24 - 29, 2011**

**Atlantic Mt. Ranch**

*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**

**July 24 - 29, 2011**

**Atlantic Mt. Ranch**

*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.*

**10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

**Counselor in Training (CIT)**

**June 12 - July 1**

**Outlaw Ranch**

*Receive one week of training to learn about camp staff duties and return for the next two weeks to work side-by-side with LO staff.*

# January 2011

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:30 PM Worship New Year's Day
2 8:15 AM Worship 10:15 AM Worship	3 5:30 PM Social Concerns 7:00 PM Handchimes	4 6:30 PM Praise Sinners 7:00 PM Altar Guild	5 11:00 AM Womens Fellowship 6:50 PM Alleluia Choir 8:00 PM Men's Choir	6 9:00 AM Quilters 5:00 PM Ex Council 6:30 PM Womens Fellowship	7 5:30 PM Cross Roads 6:30 PM Pot Luck	8 5:30 PM Worship 6:30 PM Pot Luck
9 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship	10 6:30 PM CLICK 7:00 PM Handchimes	11 6:30 PM Faith Alive 6:30 PM Praise Sinners	12 9:30 AM Phoebe C 4:45 PM Dinner 5:00 Wed School 6:30 PM 6-12 Grade 6:30 PM Worship 6:50 PM Alleluia Choir	13 7:00 AM Mens Bks 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Council	14 11:30 AM Keenagers	15 5:30 PM Cross Roads
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