

# Connect at Calvary

May 2011

## *Faithful Moms are Difference Makers*

*Dear Friends,*

*May is the time to say: 'Happy Mother's Day'!* This year as I have been thinking about my mom, again, I find myself thankful for all her love, sacrifice and faithfulness throughout my life. I have been thinking, my personal history, my life would not be what it is without my mom's caring and sharing, she has been a difference maker for me. I have been thinking, the history of the church would have looked very different without faithful moms. Faithful moms are difference makers.

Let's reflect! Church history might seem to suffer from "dead white male syndrome," but mothers have been central figures in the Christian tradition ever since Mary told Gabriel, "May it be to me as you have said." Some of the most notable Christian mothers have been celebrated for praying fervently for their children, modeling faith, and training their children up in the way they should go.

Probably the best known Christian mother from antiquity is Monica (331-387), a monumental figure in her son Augustine's autobiography, *Confessions*. Mother of three children, wife of a difficult man, she longed to secure every good thing for Augustine. Early in his life, this meant sending him to the best schools, advancing his career, and protecting him from a socially disadvantageous marriage. Later, she devoted herself to a different goal: drawing her son into the kingdom of God by whatever means necessary.

Monica had much to worry about regarding her son's spiritual health. He stole pears from a neighbor's tree, delighting in the evil of the act. He pursued his lusts heartily. More than once he ran off, largely to escape his mother's pious pressures.

When Augustine would not listen to her, Monica could only pray and weep for her wayward boy. In *Confessions*, Augustine recalled a mother who "wept to [God] for me, shedding more tears for my spiritual death than other mothers shed for the bodily death of a son." Eventually Monica brought her concerns to a Christian bishop, Ambrose, who assured her, "It cannot be that the son of these tears should be lost."

After years of supplication, Monica's prayers were answered. Augustine embraced Christianity and came to appreciate fully his mother's spiritual labors on his behalf. She lived to see him become a priest and died in peace, having told him, "There was one reason, and one alone, why I wished to remain a little longer in this life, and that was to see you as a Christian before I died. God has granted my wish and more besides."

Faithful moms are difference makers!

Happy Mother's Day!

Pastor Dwight

## *Remember in Your Prayers..*

Lyle & Frances Fischer

Vivian Isane

Amy Einspahr

Gertie Woehl

Lillian Chell

Kari Trapp

Judy Lyon

Mary Swanson

Judd Reaney

Russ

Walt & Enid Asheim

Erling Urdahl

Paul Baumberger

Daryl Pearson

Glenda Gruba

David Wackerfuss

Seth Rose

Fay Swenson

Margret McIntosh

All Military Men and Women

### **Baptisms...**

Brecken Cole Pekarski son of Jess & Sarah Pekarski.

Liam Cade Jordan son of Nick & Katja Jordan.

Taylor Lynn and Leighton Claire Steever daughters of Ryan & Katie Steever.

### **Sympathy ...**

Paul & Carol Niemann, Greg & Nicole Sears, Brian & Cristen Niemann, Alex Niemann, and Cory & Jill Hibbard and family. Their son and brother, Carl Niemann, died on March 30th.

Larry Repp and family. Larry's sister, Doris Kotschegarow, died on April 4th.

### **ADDRESS OR PHONE CHANGE....**

Please call the Church Office at 342-9043 and let us know of any changes. We like to keep our records up to date. **Thank You!**



**Perry Krush - President**

**Brent Gromer - Vice- President**

**Kathy Miller - Treasurer**

**Leanna Jenner - Secretary**

**John Duffield**

**Linda Iverson**

**Kendra Larson**

**Shad Storm**

**Terri Stuck**

### **Calvary Lutheran Financials as of**

**March 31, 2011**

Year to date offerings	\$ 182,147
Year to date expenses	\$ 249,792

### **March 2011**

Offering	\$ 56,191
Expenses	\$ 96,070
Difference	\$ -39,879

### **MIF Building Loan**

Amount of Loan	\$3,300,000
Balance of Loan	\$1,449,003

### **2007-2010**

### **"From the Heart Capital Campaign"**

Pledges	\$ 3,100,748
Received to date	\$ 3,027,246
Pledges remaining	\$ 73,502

**Congregational Potluck...Saturday,  
May 14th, after the 5:30 Worship  
Service.** Bring a food item to share. **All  
are welcome!**



**Come for a BBQ in Canyon Lake Park!!** We will be meeting at the parking lot that is immediately off the Canyon Lake Drive entrance - turn **LEFT** into the parking lot. **We will be meeting May 10th at 6:30 pm.** Please bring a dish to pass and whatever you would like for the grill. **See you there!**



## **OUR GOAT HERD**

### **\$2,411 - Twenty Goats!**

Twenty families with renewed hope...on their way to becoming self-reliant! Your money is headed to Heifer International.

But before a family receives a goat, Heifer International will make sure they know how to care for their new animal. Families will learn how to prevent overgrazing and how to collect manure for fertilizer. They will build a shelter to keep the goat healthy and plant grasses to feed their goat. When the goat arrives, they will know how to successfully take care of it. Once that goat has a kid, they will give that baby to another family in need and will share their goat knowledge with them. They will "pass on the gift", and your gifts will keep giving and giving.

Heifer's work is holistic and long lasting. They work with families for years, and over time, as each family Passes on the Gift of their animal's offspring and training, an entire community benefits. So, a word of **THANKS** to everyone at Calvary who shared in the "Give a Goat" project this year. With your help, twenty families are on their way to a brighter future.



### **Ladies...**

Come on **May 4th 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. **All women are**

**invited to this time of fellowship and devotions.** If you have questions or would like more information, please call the church office at 342-9043.

### **CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS...**

Calvary Lutheran Church will be holding a Senior Luncheon to

honor all of our high school graduates on **Sunday, May 15th.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45 am for this special event. This will be an opportunity to lift up our graduates and send them forward towards their next stage of life. **Please let Tom Martin know who will be attending. Contact Tom at 342-9043 or email tom@calvaryrapidcity.org. All Seniors and their families are welcome.** This is a very busy time of year, but please set aside some time for this essential time of fellowship and ministry.



### **Website....**

**www.calvaryrapidcity.org**

Get current information about Calvary. You are also able to listen to our weekly worship services on our website.

### **Facebook....** Log on to

**www.Facebook.com** and search for the "Calvary Church" page. Click the "Like" button for the latest and greatest news.



# Wednesday Evening Meals

have concluded for the year, and I wish to thank everyone who helped make the year a success. The many tasks involved in providing these meals each Wednesday require so many hands that I can't name you all here without the risk of forgetting someone. **Thanks** to all who helped set up, clean up and serve in the dining room under the guidance of Mary Ann Kretschmar.

**Thanks** also to all who cooked on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons and those who helped clean the kitchen every Wednesday night. We served 11,500 meals at 25 dinners for Calvary families and friends. The support for this ministry is overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to continuing it again next year. See you back in the dining room on September 21st!

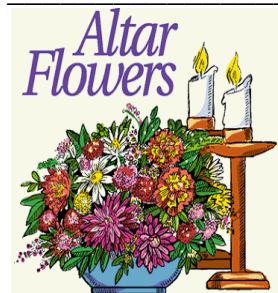
Karen Schleusener  
Wednesday Evening Meal Coordinator  
kschleusener@gmail.com

# Wednesday/Sunday School Registration for next year

Students currently registered with the Calvary Lutheran Education program will automatically be enrolled in their successive grade for the 2011-12 school year.

**We are asking all parents to check in with the Education Office to verify that information is current and correct.**

If there are no corrections, we will assume the information is current and that your student wishes to be enrolled for next year in the same Wednesday School Session/class time, for their appropriate grade.



## Altar Flowers

**We are making a change beginning May 1st...**

When you want to honor or remember a special occasion for someone, you may make a donation of \$15.00 to one of the following areas....

- Pay for the cost of Baptismal items....Candle/Baptismal Certificates, Sponsor's Certificates or for the Baptismal Cloth
- Camp Scholarship for our youth to attend summer camp
- Replace the flowers in the Altar vases

You can purchase fresh flowers and have them delivered to the Church. If you choose to do this, let the Church Office know by Wednesday of the week you will be putting the flowers on the Altar. Forms are on the bulletin cabinets.



## Confirmation

*Congratulations  
to the youth who  
will be confirmed on May 1st...*

Charlotte Claussen, Sarah Jo Hast  
 Alyssa Kadrmas, Madison McLaughlin  
 Katherine Rebekah Sterling, Kayla Troiani  
 Mallory Bemis, Sarah Conlee  
 Lauren Ellingson, Josie Kinzley  
 Maya Lehmann, Hannah Jo Mincks  
 Danny Anderson, Seth Clayborne  
 Joshua C. Johnson, Tim Palmer  
 Madeline Foerster, Kelsey Jaques  
 Katelyn Jennings, Sam Poppe  
 Isaac Rosby, Sierra Dadah  
 Kayla Jaques, Brandon Richardt  
 Jason Douglas Samuelsen, Jack Storm  
 Breanna Van Bochove

# Welcome New Members!!

Brett & Michele Anderson, Taylor & Ema  
Jennifer Anderson, McKenzie  
Patrick & Karla Aplin  
Robert & Rochelle Brancato, Haleigh  
Cassandra Brooks  
Doug & Marisa Carling, Jordyn, McKenzie  
Weston & Tenise Chapman  
Courtney & Deanna Clayborne,  
Seth, Kyli, Ashley  
Jayne Hall  
Lyle D. DuVall  
Mark & Diane Forsyth, Nicholas, Nathan  
David & Eli Fromm, Osten, Boden, Elsa-Sreya  
Kenneth C. & Stacie Huser Olson, Thor Olson  
Thomas & Christina Iliff,  
Christopher and Amber Sletto  
Dana Leadder Jones  
Jim & Jan Knutson  
Luke & Cari Mortimer, Sam, Sylvie  
Travis & Stacey Powrie,  
Jamie and Masen Noor, Rylee Powrie  
Dan Radke & Katlin Lee  
James & Carol Reed  
Marlow & Janet Scherbenske,  
Drew, Tad and Kolton  
Cristi Semmler  
Troy & Michelle Szotkowski,  
Maiya, Colton, Justice  
Nina Thorstenson, John Thorstenson,  
Sophie Stenson

## 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



## Summer Worship Schedule

We will begin our Summer Worship Schedule  
the weekend of **May 28th and 29th**. Services  
will be.....

**Saturday - 5:30 pm**

**Sunday - 8:15 am and 9:30 am**

*Mark your calendars!*

Beginning May  
2nd, our  
Church Office  
Hours will  
be.....



**Monday -Thursday**  
**7:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**Friday**  
**7:00 am - 1:00 pm**

# EASTER BREAKFAST IS A SUCCESS!!.....

**Thank You** to all who donated food items for the Easter Breakfast last week. Also, thanks to all of you who joined us for this terrific Easter breakfast and donated monies to our free-will offering. As a result of your generosity, the High School Youth raised \$1,037.65 that will help to offset expenses for the Summer Mission Trip to Las Vegas in July. Adding to the success of this event were the volunteers that worked in the kitchen and served in the Fellowship Hall. **Thanks again for all of your help!**

Tom Martin and the High School Youth



## *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. Call Jodene Ehrich 415-8007 or Karen Mortimer 390-8937 if you are interested in helping with this ministry.
- **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, call Myron 342-9043 or Mary Lerdal 341-2952.

## **DID YOU KNOW???**

**The 2011 Confirmation Class completed the following in their Covenants:**

- 271 Worship Notes
- 28 Faith Statements
- 8 Personal Journals
- 2 Individual Faith Projects
- 5 Small Group Faith Projects
- 53 Worship Services
- 131 Hours of Community Service

**FOOD CERTIFICATES** may be purchased at the Information Desk before and after each worship service or in the Church Office during the week. Food Certificates are available for Safeway, Family Thrift and Prairie Market grocery stores. Purchasing food certificates benefits both Church Response and Calvary Lutheran. Church Response receives 3% of each purchase and Calvary receives 2% of each purchase. **Thank you for supporting this ministry.**

**CALVARY'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND DAY CAMP** will be held June 20-23, 2011. Call the Church Office at 342-9043 for more information.

**If you want to make a difference and become involved with these worthwhile opportunities, call one of the people listed above.**

# May 2011

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																										
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