

Connect at Calvary

July 2011

Jesus said: 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free' John 8.31&32

Jesus said: 'I am the truth, the way and the life.' John 14.6

Jesus said: 'If the Son sets you free, you will be freed indeed.' John 8.36

Dear Friends,

Happy 4th of July! Independence Day celebrations are just around the corner and once again it is time to 'give thanks' for the freedom that we enjoy in this country. **Freedom!** When the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776 the colonists declared themselves free from commercial exploitation, uninformed government, taxation without representation, and the like. **Freedom!** Freedom was also for something; freedom for citizens to make a decent living, to educate their children, to pursue happiness, to worship God and the like. **Freedom!** This is the time to 'give thanks' for the freedom we enjoy in our country.

Also, as Christians we 'give thanks' for another **freedom**, the freedom from the curse of the Law, the power of sin, and the fear of death. This **freedom** Jesus Christ gained for us at great cost to Himself, it cost Him His life. Jesus declares, 'If the Son sets you free, you will be freed indeed.' *John 8.36* Thanks be to God for the freedom we enjoy in Christ! We are free to believe and to trust Him! We are free to live in Christ's love and grace, we are free to hear and follow His Word, free to serve Him.

And with this freedom goes responsibility. Paul says: 'It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.' *Galatians 5.1*

Freedom has its gifts, rights and privileges and for this we 'give thanks'. At the same time, **freedom** has its responsibilities. Responsibility is having the **freedom**, the ability to respond. Without **freedom**, we do not have the opportunity to exercise our ability to respond. So as we celebrate **freedom**, may we also respond to Paul's **freedom call** to be alive, to be active, and to exercise our freedoms so that we will not be yoked with slavery, but free to live in the abundance freedom offers.

God has blessed us with freedom in life and faith - let us 'give thanks' for it - and let us live and be responsive in the gift of freedom we enjoy.

Blessings,
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

Walt & Enid Asheim

Erling Urdahl

Paul Baumberger

Daryl Pearson

Glenda Gruba

David Wackerfuss

Fay Swenson

Margret McIntosh

Elsie Miller

All Military Men and Women

Baptism...

Brooke Louise Novotny daughter of Shane & Jennifer Novotny.

Sympathy To ...

Florence Haupt and family. Florence's nephew died unexpectedly on May 25th.

Rod Rice and family. Rod's father died.

Candace Archer and family. Candace's grandmother died.

The Family of Delores Deisch. Delores died on May 26th.

Kitty Gust and family. Kitty's father, Thomas Schreiner, died on May 29th.

Glenn Bammerlin and family. Glenn's wife, Roma, died on June 12th.

Faye Messer and family. Faye's brother, Tom Whittecar, died on June 23rd.

Weddings...

Daniel Sandvig & Katie Hogan

Alex Niemann & Holly Jensen

Mike Parks & Kayla Collingwood

RJ Rylance & Leslie Weber



CHURCH COUNCIL

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 May 31, 2011

Year to date offerings	\$ 333,143
Year to date expenses	\$ 398,932

May 2011

Offering	\$ 63,989
Expenses	\$ 70,280
Difference	\$ - 6,291

Congregational Potluck...Saturday, July 9th after the 5:30 Worship Service.

Bring a food item to share. **All are welcome!**

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.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

will be hosting a Family Fun Night on **Saturday, July 30th**, in conjunction with the Crossroads Saturday Night Worship

Service at 5:30 pm. A potluck style supper will follow. We ask that each family bring a dish to share. After the potluck, the festivities will begin with family games, a camp fire and songs. More information on Facebook.



HAVE YOU EVER ASKED

YOURSELF, "Why are so many people not putting anything in the offering plate?"

Simply Giving participants have their stewardship pledge payments automatically sent from their banking accounts to the church on a pre-determined basis. **Simply Givers** know... **1)** They will never have to play "catch up" when they miss a week due to travel, illness, etc. **2)** They save the church the cost of preprinted offering envelopes and, most important of all, **3)** They enable our church to have a regular, stable income. Obtain a registration form from the Church Office, Information Desk or on the website:

www.calvaryrapidcity.org. Questions?

Contact Myron Nelson at 342-9043 or myron@calvaryrapidcity.org.



Calvary's 24 Hour Family Camp at Outlaw Ranch..

Mark your calendar now to join **Family**

Ministries at Outlaw Ranch on September 24-25 for 24 hours of games, crafts, campfire, speakers, worship, and much more.

Registration forms are available on the Family Ministries board in the Fellowship Hall, or on the Information Desk. If you would like more information call Kellie at 430-9684 or email kmeissner@rapidnet.com

CLOTHE-A-KID... With over 2,000 children in Rapid City living below the poverty level, area churches are reaching out with the love of Christ in a very tangible way by providing families in need with new school clothes for the start of the school year. On August 20, Love Inc. will be holding the 9th Annual Clothe-A-Kid event. Last year, 847 children enjoyed getting new clothes for school. Calvary Lutheran is once again teaming up with Love Inc. to provide children in need with new clothes for school. There are several opportunities for you to participate in for this event...

- Shop for and purchase new school clothes in August (costs about \$60).
- Sponsor a child so someone from our church can shop for you! Cost \$60. Make checks out to Calvary.
- Shop with a middle schooler (August 13). Approved applicants go shopping with a middle school student and their parents.
- Volunteer to help with this outreach. There are many opportunities to help our church and Love Inc.

A sign-up sheet is located on the Information Desk or contact Kellie Meissner at 348-4817 or 430-9684 or email kmeissner@rapidnet.com

Calvary Lutheran Church Staff

Lee Ann Henry...Office Manager

Myron Nelson...Business Manager and 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

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 Kellaher...Associate Pastor

Dwight Stensgaard... Senior Pastor

We Welcome

Albin (Al) Spreizer

Director of Worship and Music

- After reviewing Al Spreizer's application, resume and four references---and following an interview, the Executive/Personnel Committee and full Church Council unanimously voted to call Al Spreizer to fill the position of Calvary's Director of Worship and Music.
- We are pleased and excited to announce that Al Spreizer has accepted the position and will begin serving August 1, 2011.

Introduction...

My name is Albin Spreizer. I am currently the Organist and Music Director for Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rapid City, SD. I have served in the capacity of Organist for ten years and as Music Director for three years. My duties include assisting the pastor select music for each worship service and to plan long term music to closely correspond to larger themes and studies for each season. I rehearse the Chancel Choir and two Praise Choirs on a weekly basis. I direct and accompany the Choirs for worship service.

I am the Assistant Choir Director for Central High School in Rapid City, SD. I have held this position for two years. My duties include directing the Freshman Women's Choir and the Men's Choir. I accompany and assist with the upper grade Women's Choir and the Concert Choir. We perform four concerts per year and numerous solo and large group contests and performances.

Previous to my employment at Central High School, I attended Black Hills State University in Spearfish, SD. I received my degree in Music Education. I graduated Summa Cum Laude with the highest GPA of my graduating class. I then received my teaching certification through a one year internship called Project Select. I attended BHSU from 2004-2008 and Project Select for 2008-2009.

Prior to attending college, I was the Organist for the Black Hills Passion Play in Spearfish, SD. I held that position for seven years. My duties there included the live accompanying, with organ, of the Passion Play.

I am a private piano teacher. I have taught for the past twenty-five years. Previous to this work, I was employed by United Airlines, and previous to that, I served in the Air Force for ten years. I received an honorable discharge. I am a member of the Black Hills Organist Guild and the South Dakota Teachers Association.

References: Letters of Reference Provided by...

Dr. Janeen Larson
Dept. Head BHSU, Music Chair
Spearfish, SD

Dr. Jonathan Nero
Choral Director BHSU
Spearfish, SD

Mr. Steve Parker
Formal Choral Director BHSU
Spearfish, SD

Andrea Ellwess
Choral Director Central High School
Rapid City, SD

July 2011

Monthly Planner

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