

Connect at Calvary

June 2011

To my fellow saints,

The declaration **CHRIST IS RISEN!** is currently the joyous cry that we share with one another and to the community at large. It is a simple phrase that incorporates all the trust, hope and joy we have in being claimed as children of God. The words of Martin Luther reiterate this: “*Since God has taken my salvation out of my hands into his, making it depend on his choice and not mine, and has promised to save me, not by my own work or exertion but by his grace and mercy, I am assured and certain both that he is faithful and will not lie to me, and also that he is too great and powerful for any demons or any adversities to be able to break him or snatch me from him.*”

At the same time, when we lift up these words: “*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*” we are also acknowledging that we are to turn to him, communicating all that is in our hearts: praises and thanksgivings, worries and needs. **Prayers are blessings** because the ability and the act of communicating with our almighty and loving Lord is a powerful tool. When you think of prayers, what is your viewpoint? Prayers, given privately or publically are gifts to be cherished because God reaches out to us and blesses us at the very ordinary moments of our daily lives.

“*Lord God, how wonderful you are! You look upon each person, great or small, with such love and care. Forgive my wavering tendencies, which bring doubts into my day. Fill me with strong confidences in your Word. May the testimonies of your people continue to encourage and correct me. Amen*”. –Unknown.

Is it not amazing how some prayers just grab a hold of you and take root? Recently, this particular prayer caught my attention for a multitude of reasons and guided me to a quite a few scripture passages... after all, the Bible is filled with many prayers. For example, this particular prayer reminds me of

*Ecclesiastes 1:9 “What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun”.

*Psalms 147: 5,7 “Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre”.

*Matthew 6:34 “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today”.

*Luke 1:78-79 “By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace”.

David Benner, a professor of psychology and spirituality, describes a role prayers have for us by being a “*spiritual direction: a one-on-one relationship organized around prayer and conversation directed toward deepening intimacy with God*”. Having a voice and being heard is crucial in any relationship... and so with firm conviction of announcing that “*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*” we are to know that the prayers lifted up to the Lord will be blessed by His presence and a response in our lives. What will keep us on our toes, though, is discovering God’s response to our prayers. So, continue to communicate with the blessings that God has given into your life, through prayer for **prayers are blessings**.

*“May God who understands each need,
who listens to every prayer,
bless you and keep you in His tender loving care.”*

This is my prayer for you.

- *Pastor Kirstin*

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
Fay Swenson
Margret McIntosh
Elsie Miller
All Military Men and Women

Baptisms...

Riley Gordon Moore son of Mike & Becky Moore.

Sympathy ...

Bonnie Harrison and family. Bonnie's mother, Evallyn Wolf, died on May 11th.

Pam Baumberger and family. Pam's mother, Dolores Metzger, died on May 17th.

Russell Cochran and family. Russell's brother, Claude Cochran, died on May 20th.

Anita Winter and family. Anita's father, Verne Barrett, died on May 22nd.

Wedding...

Joshua Wennes & Amanda Barrett

ADDRESS, E-MAIL OR PHONE

CHANGES.... Please call the Church Office at 342-9043 and let us know of any changes.



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 April 30, 2011

Year to date offerings	\$ 269,154
Year to date expenses	\$ 328,652

April 2011

Offering	\$ 87,007
Expenses	\$ 78,632
Difference	\$ + 8,375

**Congregational Potluck...Saturday,
June 11th after the 5:30 Worship Service.**
Bring a food item to share. **All are welcome!**



We will be meeting on **Saturday, June 4th, at 9:00 am** to hike at the Crazy Horse Volksmarch. We will be meeting in Calvary's north parking lot and car pooling from there. **It is free admission with three cans of**

food per person. Hope you can come and join us! Questions?? Call Pastor Kirstin at 342-9043.

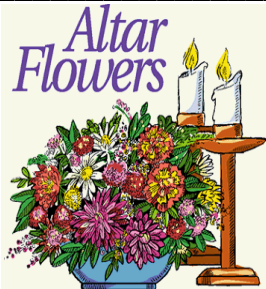
Website....

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.



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.



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



Monday - Thursday
7:00 am - 3:30 pm
Friday
7:00 am - 1:00 pm

FAMILY MINISTRIES

will be hosting a Family Fun Night on Saturday, July 30th, in conjunction with the Crossroads Saturday Night Worship Service. Crossroads Worship will be at 5:30 pm. A potluck style supper will follow. We ask that each family bring a dish to share. After the potluck, family activities and games will take place. Look for more information coming in next month's newsletter and 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. Are you interested in becoming a **Simply Giver?** 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 kmessner@rapidnet.com

UPCOMING FAMILY CAMPS....

Outlaw Ranch is offering the following upcoming family camps... Dates to choose from are **July 3-8, July 10-15, July 17-22, July 24-29, July 31-August 5 and August 7-10 - a 4 day family camp.** Additional information and registration is available at www.LOSD.org/outlaw

CONGRATULATIONS to all of Calvary's members and friends who are graduating from high school and college this year. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you embark on a new journey in your life.

UPCOMING "SHARING THE DREAM TRIP".... Visit cooperatives, schools, the Elder Center and share with our brothers and sisters in Guatemala from June 27-July 7. \$1100.00 per person which includes everything in Guatemala. Airfare extra. Contact Diane at diane@sharingthedream.org for more information. This trip is limited to 7 people.



Social Concerns Monthly Serving Opportunities

The first Saturday of every month
Calvary provides a hearty lunch for 15 Habitat for Humanity building site workers.

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.

The third Friday of every month
Calvary members prepare and serve the evening meal at Cornerstone Rescue Mission.

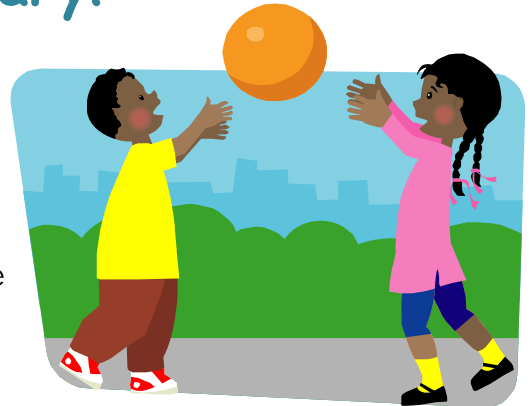
For more information about these opportunities, you may call Jodene Ehrich 415-8007, Karen Mortimer 390-8937, Mary Lerdal 341-2952 or Myron Nelson 342-9043.

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 Kellaher...Associate Pastor
Dwight Stensgaard... Senior Pastor

VBS and Day Camp at Calvary!

Calvary Lutheran Church will host Vacation Bible School and Day Camp June 20-23. Both programs will be conducted at the church, and facilitated by counselors from Lutherans Outdoors and Calvary Lutheran staff and volunteers. Registration forms are available at the church.



PRESCHOOL VBS with Lutherans Outdoors

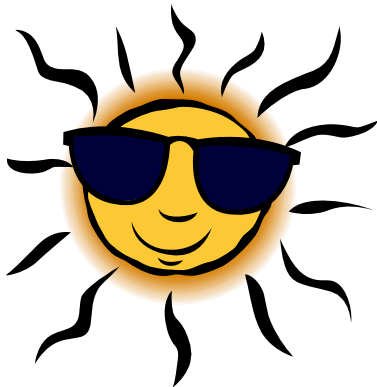
3 years – K (entering fall 2011)

June 20 – 23, 2011

Mon – Thurs 9 am - noon

Cost: \$10

For more information on VBS, contact Sonia Sykora, sonia@calvaryrapidcity.org



DAY CAMP with Lutherans Outdoors

K - 5th Grades (completed spring 2011)

June 20 – 23, 2011

Mon – Thurs 9 am – 3 pm

Cost: \$20

There will be games, music, worship, crafts, group activities and a service project. Each child should bring a sack lunch and water bottle every day. A closing program with music and cookie fellowship will be held Thursday June 23 at 7 pm in the church sanctuary.

For more details on Day Camp, contact Stephanie Lehmann at 342-9043.

June 2011

Monthly Planner

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