

Sunset at Virginia Beach

"The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty." (Psalm 29:3-4; a hymn of praise)

Here we are, watching the waves of a new year lapping towards us and saying our goodbyes to the sunset of a year that has barely receded into the past. What memories from the past year bring you thanksgiving? What are the joys that you look forward to in the coming year?

As the sounds of the waves of the past crash onto the shore of today, God's voice is powerful and thunders above it all. Did you hear the voice of God in your yesterdays? Do you hear the voice of God in your today?

Let us pray. Living God, help us to listen for your voice as you move over the waters of our daily lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



#### January Weekend Worship Services

## Thursday, January 4

9:00 am Quilters <u>Monday, January 8</u> 10:30 am Beth Moore Study 7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir

### Tuesday, January 9

11:00 am Praying in Color Group 5:30 pm Altar Guild 6:00 pm Men's Chorus Rehearsal

### Wednesday, January 10

9:30 am Phoebe Circle

### Thursday, January 11

7:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Quilters

### Friday, January 12

11:30 am Calvary Classics

## Saturday, January 13

6:30 pm Congregational Potluck

## Sunday, January 14

9:15 am Adult Forum9:20 am Women's Chorus Rehearsal

### Monday, January 15

10:30 am Beth Moore Study 5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir

### Tuesday, January 16

12:30 pm Council Meeting 6:00 pm Men's Chorus

### Wednesday, January 17

9:30 am Naomi Circle Thursday, January 18

9:00 am Quilters

### Friday, January 19

5:45 pm Care Center Meal **Sunday, January 21** 9:20 am Women's Chorus Rehearsal 11:15 am Annual Meeting

## Monday, January 22

10:30 am Beth Moore Study5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir

## Tuesday, January 23

11:00 am Praying in Color Group 6:00 pm Men's Chorus Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 25

9:00 am Quilters

<u>Sunday, January 28</u>

9:20 am Women's Chorus Rehearsal **Monday, January 29** 

10:30 am Beth Moore Study 5:30 pm Wednesday Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm Hand Chime Choir

### 7:00 pm Hand Chime Cho

## Tuesday, January 30

6:00 pm Men's Chorus Rehearsal



Enid Asheim, Fay Swenson, Jared Hansen, Suzanne Ray, Suzanne Swenson, Linda Atene, Raylan Piebenga Murphy, Carolie Zacher, Joshua Gordon, Hazel Mueller, Pearl Reisch, Joann Piebenga, Julie Fraley, Mary Boyer, Charlene

Buescher, Dale Keller, Allan Dewald, Glenn Haraldson, Sharon Hermeling, Clarisse Brookens, Mark Schuh, Thomas Abell, Jordyn Bruski, Ken Steever, Jan Fraser, Donna Kinzley, Ray Anderson, Hayley Rahn, Leona Aaker, Harry Paulsen, Orland Paulsen, Betty Rohr, Mark Rossignol, Amy Alford, Freddis Williamson, Bill Groethe, Gerald Miller, Pauline Hohn, All Military, First Responders and their families

## SYMPATHY TO ....

Mike Young and Lynette Banks and family. Mike and Lynette's mother, Connie Young, died November 25<sup>th</sup>. The family of Nyla Lewis. Nyla died November 25<sup>th</sup>. The family of Frank Gott. Frank died November 28<sup>th</sup>. The Schleusener & Miller Families. Their nephew and cousin, Christian Schleusener, died December 16<sup>th</sup>. Arlene Schmagel, Karen Pederson, Shari Caffee and family. Their husband and father, William Schmagel, died December 24<sup>th</sup>.

## BAPTISMS...

Sadie Lee Sykora daughter of Erick & Bri Sykora. Nora Slettedahl daughter of Jamie & Melissa Slettedahl. Dash Watson son of David & Allison Watson. Virginia Calhoun daughter of Dustin & Emily Calhoun.

**THANK YOU** to all who purchased coats, hats and mittens for the Head Start children. Because of your generosity, 77 children in Kyle and Pine Ridge will be warmer this winter.

Mary Lerdal and Jodene Ehrich Calvary In Action Committee



Calvary's Annual Meeting Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:15 am.



# Highlights:

- In March we celebrated paying off the mortgage on the building.
- Mission trips for the Middle School students to Minneapolis and the High School students to San Diego
- Education opportunities for toddlers to adults continued with Wednesday classes, VBS and Day Camp, Peer Ministry camp and small group classes for adults as well as a new on-line option for study
- Fellowship was enjoyed with our Wednesday evening meal
- Celebration for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation in October
- We are updating our Good Samaritan program to the Kin Ministry

Outside donations:

- We forwarded your donations to LSS, Lutheran Outdoors, Love Inc., and Woyatan
- We sent hygiene kits to the Hope Center, coats, hats and mittens to the Head Start programs in Kyle and Pine Ridge
- Pre-school thru high school students helped pack over 21,000 meals for Kids Against Hunger.
- We put out over 250 hats and scarves for the homeless of Rapid City last winter and are continuing the program for this winter season.
- We provide a meal at the Cornerstone Rescue mission each month.

At the annual meeting, we promised to keep you informed of where we were and what we needed. The numbers below show our cash flow for November.

	Current Year 11/30/17	Last Year 11/30/16	Variance
Donations	\$697,697	717,567	(19,870)
Disbursements	842,175	851,428	8,253
Donations - Disbursements	(144,478)	(133,861)	(10,617)

As of mid-December when this is being written, we appear to be getting closer to balancing our books, but it will take the generosity of all of us to make that happen. At the annual meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>, we will give you year-end results.

If you have any questions on these numbers, please contact Kathy Miller at the church office.



**VOLUNTEER OPENING...** We are in need of a person/persons who would be willing to coordinate the Cornerstone Mission Meal. We serve the meal the third Friday of each month. If interested, please contact Pastor David.



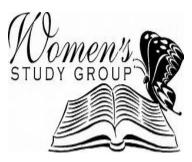
**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS...** Jessica Gromer, RN, will be doing blood pressure checks on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, between worship services.

# "SEVEN MAGNIFICENT WORDS" ADULT FORUM.. The



Sunday Morning Adult Study

word for January 14th is Suffering. "You could have missed the pain, but you'd of had to miss the dance." Garth Brooks, "The Dance". We meet from 9:15 – 10:00 am in the Dakota Room. The forum is led by Pastor Larry Dahlstrom.



MONDAYS WITH BETH MOORE STARTS AGAIN... We will begin a new Beth Moore Study called "The Quest" on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am – 12:00 noon. This 8– 10 week study is an excursion toward

intimacy with God. If you have questions about this upcoming study, call Deb Schultz at 787-5733.



**COME CHECK OUT "CALVARY CLASSICS" (FORMERLY KEENAGERS).** A group designed for the 50+ crowd to enjoy a meal and mingle. We will meet the second Friday of the month at 11:30 am beginning Jan

12. Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, so we are able to plan. Hope to see you there!!



## DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE...

Tired of living paycheck to paycheck? (January 9<sup>th</sup> – March 6<sup>th</sup>) 6:15 – 7:45 pm. Classes hosted by Kelsey McDaniel. Register at <u>https://fpu.com/1053839</u>

materials can also be purchased at that website.



JANUARY MILESTONES... Calvary's Milestone Ministry is a way of helping families pass on the Christian faith. It is a way to celebrate events in our everyday lives that shape our identity and give us a sense of belonging to the family of Jesus Christ. We will focus on two age groups:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: January 10<sup>th</sup>... Favors for Neighbors: The focus of this Milestone will be on loving God and one another.

**4**<sup>th</sup> **Grade: January 24**<sup>th</sup>... **Passing on the Faith:** The focus on the importance of sharing our faith with those we love. Please call Kellie Meissner, Family Ministries Coordinator at 430-9684 for more information or with any questions.



# VALENTINE CARD MAKING PARTY

Join us on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm as we get together to hand-make Valentine cards to keep for yourself or send to a Calvary member who would love to get a

Valentine made from you. Supplies will be provided, just bring yourself, friends and your family. All ages are welcome! Questions? Call Kellie Meissner at 430-9684.



# CALVARY IN ACTION JANUARY PROJECT

We will be collecting cereal and non-perishable protein items (canned meat, beans, peanut butter, etc.) for Feeding South Dakota during the month of January. We will also be collecting new socks for adult men and women at the

Hope Center. Bring your items to church by Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.