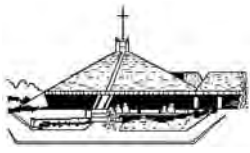


# CALVARY CHRONICLE

## February 2010



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### Pastor's Column

There is a great deal of ministry happening here at Calvary and as we enter a new year it is exciting for me to inform you about these areas and also to encourage you to join in and see what God is doing among us. And I will use our Transforming for Mission prescriptions to inform you of what is going on as well as how they will drive our mission.

The mission statement adopted by the Planning Council is: *To reach out with Christ's love to our church membership, our Lutheran Day School, Wittenberg Manor I & II, and the community of San Lorenzo and its environs.* This statement flows from the outreach targets we identified to the visitation team. How are we doing with them? For Wittenberg I have started a weekly Bible study attended by 10+ every week – our Wittenberg celebration Sunday attracted 28 residents in late October – our LWML's Christmas Tea served 65 residents in December – we will be starting a monthly outreach service to them starting in February – and there will be an invitation extended to the residents for January fellowship Sunday on the 31st. Volunteers will be needed for the monthly service, to sing, play and interact with the residents. More information will be given as the dates become firm. For the school the challenge is more daunting since we have several different cultures and languages on our campus (5-6). The first place we need to work diligently is at Partners in Worship Sundays. I want to challenge every one of us to make an effort to come alongside the families who come, before, during and after the service, not simply to say hello – but also to sit next to or close to them – and especially to invite them to the fellowship hour which follows – and introduce them around. They have moved away from their comfort zone to attend on Sunday morning, we also need to extend our comfort zone to include them and thank them for the effort.

The vision statement adopted by the Planning Council is: *To provide a safe and loving place where people are growing in their*

*relationship with Christ through relevant Bible studies that impact the lives of those attending and equipping them to serve one another through our Heart and Hands ministry.* How are doing with this? That is a very personal question that requires an answer from each one of you. We have not utilized our Heart and Hands ministry to its fullest potential – many may not even know how to access it or what it does and to whom it seeks to serve. It is a ministry of support- meals for those facing difficult times – transportation for those who need it – and time spent relieving care givers or helping someone in need for a few hours. The church office is the central contact for volunteering or seeking help in these areas. If our vision is for all of us to join in this effort, than all should be enlisted in an area of help.

Communication has improved but can always be better. We will be administering another survey in February to determine how we have improved it and how better to serve. Communication however is a two-way street, we can only answer a question or need, if we know it exists. So, if you have a question or concern, please express it – we truly want you to know!

*You are invited to Calvary Lutheran  
School's Annual Open House*



*Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

*7:00 – 8:30 p.m.*

View our Art  
&  
Academic Fair



# Odds AND ENDS

## Dining for Dollars

Calvary receives 15% - 25% from the sales at these restaurants on our fundraising day.

February 9– Armadillo Willy's Restaurant in Dublin

Flyers will be available in the cross connection, school office and the info booth on Sunday mornings.

## School Work Party

January 30th

9am– 12pm

## E-waste Pick up

January 30th

8am– 2pm

## Fellowship Sunday

January 31

ONE 10am service

Pastor's Pasta to follow

*I would rather be sober with what is beautiful than stoned by what is ugly.*

Charles W. Knebel

## The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod



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Board for Communication Services

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- [infocenter@lcms.org](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org)
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## Men's Bible Breakfast

Thursdays @ Calvary

6-7am

Parish Hall

(studying the book of John)

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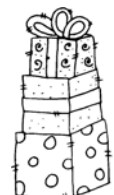
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WEDNESDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP  
SR. High 6- 8pm

## **Worship SERVICES** (BEGINNING SEPT. 13)

8:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE  
(COMMUNION ON 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS)

9:30AM ADULT & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE  
(COMMUNION ON 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS)

5TH SUNDAYS ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00AM  
(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR ADULT STUDIES)

CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL TRUDY PACKARD  
GRADES PRE-3 THROUGH 8TH



CALVARY SCHOOL IS RECYCLING  
ALUMINUM CANS & PLASTIC  
BEVERAGE BOTTLES

## **JR. High Youth Group (OWL)**

GR. 6, 7 & 8  
FRIDAYS, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>  
6-8PM

## Prayers of Our Church



### **Thanksgiving**

*Dean Balk's return home; Jan Curler's successful surgery; Joyce Enders home now and recovering; Joyce Strom's successful surgery; Three new Calvary students*

**For peace in the world, President Obama and our country's leadership** - *For our soldiers, Adam Walsh (son of friend of Jan Curler's) redeployed to Afghanistan; Andrew Hyden (Skjong's nephew) in Afghanistan*

### **For our staff**

*Trudy Packard; Chrystle Vincent; Traci McClain; Vanessa Eckhardt; Amy Sosa; Margie Luehrs; Christina Grace; Bethany Blair; Carol Liston; Ellen Hackerd; Kristi Morlock; Abby Einspahr; Mike Souza; Kim Heggins; Blenda Schultz; Michelle Michael; Linda Benz; Sherrie Akre; Joyce Strom; Lydiana Sanchez; Holly Contier; Pastor Bothwell*

### **Ministry guidance**

*School Enrollment; Marketing Ideas; Evangelism; Children's, Family, and Youth Ministries; Parish Education; Transforming for Mission guidance*

### **For Peace and Comfort**

*Dave Bassard family (passed away over Christmas); Susan Chang family; The Naiman family for the loss of cousin, Al Wilkens, Pat Halleran family, Norma Smith's brother-in-law; Margie Luehrs and family for the passing of her mother, Frances Struck; Tessa Hicks and family for the passing of her grandmother, Nellie Medina*

### **Cancer patients**

*Penny & Bob Steinecke; Andreas, Binder's friend— inoperable brain tumor; Karen Thompson, Myron's cousin; Wayne Blair, Bethany's grandfather; Bob Hauch; Rita Lowe; Edith Mena's sister-in-law, Dee Lazaga*

### **Physical, emotional or spiritual healing**

*Pastor Geach; David Cannella; Amy Sosa's mother, Dianne-diabetes; Joyce Enders (Sandau's nephew's wife) continued prayers for healing & recovery; Richard Atthowe; Matthew Geach; Jan Curler; Sirtley Raatz, Bethany's grandmother— stroke; Michael Wilkerson, John Green's stepson; Dick Deckert; Cindy Schultz's mother, Toni; Al Naiman ~ Alzheimer's; Annie Ellis' sister, Glo; Earl Raymer; Tyler & Dave Flynn*

**Personal Needs & Other Concerns:** *marriage difficulties; elderly parents; job related issues; Binder's grandchildren; Janie Faiola, Van Deckert and Tom Duvall are all in need of employment.*

**Pray for all expectant moms** - *that they would go full term and have healthy babies, Kristi Morlock— March due date, Yoon Mitchell— April due date, Amy Goldhammer— July due date, Tara Skjong— August due date*

**Continued prayers for the relief aid to Haiti** and for the people facing such difficulties in getting food and medical treatment.

## **A report from the Board of Elders on Care Group meetings**

The Board of Elders want to thank all of you for your time and prayers. The elders felt the meetings were worthwhile and brought forth many insights concerning the present and future ministry of Calvary.

Listed below are not conclusive of all the things that were mentioned, but the areas that seemed to be prevalent in the majority of the meetings.

### **WORSHIP**

Divided on service time: One service at 9:00 vs stay as it is (although some of those thought 10:45 too late)  
Desired services geared to younger families and youth  
Have more people involved in the service...youth, women  
Do some non-traditional things like skits, testimonies, more usage of screens  
Resume passing the plate  
Provide a worship service at Wittenberg

### **BIBLE STUDIES**

Desire women's Bible study  
Bible studies on topics such as homosexuality, embryonic stem cells, history/science supporting the Bible etc.  
Have outside speakers  
Evangelism studies  
Change the name of Sunday school  
Do something again like Purpose Driven Life  
Conduct teacher training classes for Bible class leaders and Sunday school teachers/helpers

### **FINANCIAL**

Have an ongoing stewardship program  
Testimonies on sacrificial giving

### **OUTREACH**

Do evangelism training  
Find ways to relate to the needs of the non- churched school families  
Reach out to those listed as Calvary members that are not attending  
Accommodate those at Wittenberg that would like to come to Calvary

### **FELLOWSHIP**

Have ongoing fellowship opportunities  
Move rite of fellowship to end of service  
Make sure we are the "friendly" church when visitors are there

### **COMMUNICATION**

Still seems to be a lack of communication....need to do better at it

Change back to Calvary Lutheran Church and School rather than Calvary Lutheran Ministries

There were more insights, but most would fall into the general area of those listed.

There is certainly a lot to digest. Prayerfully we will be able to determine those of the highest priorities and start planning on how to put them into action.

We continue to ask for your prayers for Calvary and its future ministry to the community.

Board of Elders

## Fourth Graders on a Mission

As the lovely month of February comes upon us, so does the time for the Fourth Grade Mission Reports and Projects. Our class has been studying the twenty-one fascinating Missions built primarily by Father Junipero Serra. Each student was assigned a Mission to research in order to produce a Mission Replica and written Report. The students had a blast working on these assignments. Students used all types of material ranging from legos to candy! The 4<sup>th</sup> grade has also been exploring their artistic talent with many forms of art, including painting with watercolors. The children's water colored art turned out phenomenally. They also drew their Missions and then colored or painted their piece of art. On February 18<sup>th</sup> our class will be visiting Mission San Jose in Fremont. Exploring the Mission and being lead on a tour by a docent, we will learn what life was like on a typical Mission and learn more about the history of Mission San Jose.

Back in November the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class ventured out on a field trip in San Francisco that was new to Calvary students. We went on a quacktastic adventure on Ride the Duck. Through music and silliness we learned information about San Francisco that some of the locals aboard didn't even know. Our tour bus turned into a boat and then took us around the bay, bringing us incredibly close to multiple sea lions. We followed up our trip by heading to the only beach left along the San Francisco pier where we ate our lunch and played in the waves. God blessed us with amazing weather, where the sun was out and there was absolutely NO fog. I have never seen San Francisco so clear.

We hope to see all of you at our Open House and Art Fair on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Come see our Mission Replicas and water colored art. Thank you for all of your support of our school ministry. Calvary really is a great place for our children to grow. God is good!

In His service,

Miss Bethany Blair and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class ☺