

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- Honoring the Graduates, Sunday May 10 @ 10:30 AM Service
- Celebrate Pentecost on May 31. WEAR RED!
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# The Tidings

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## Positive Moments Over the Month

Many people told me how special the Good Friday service is at Calvary. They were correct. Austin Martin has a special presence that combined with his beautiful voice draws us into the final hours before Jesus' death. I was very impressed and moved in seeing over 35 young people take part in this service. That is Calvary's youth ministry potential. Thanks to Tracy Steele and Jack Martin for supervising this service. I hope it continues to be a tradition at Calvary.

Easter Sunday started very early with a Sunrise service at the YMCA campground. First Presbyterian and First Christian had the spot reserved and let us join them. About 55 of us gathered in the cold but there was no rain or snow. Thanks to Syl Holdt, Bill Huelle and Gail Bruflat for leading the

singing and to Joyce Fulk for taking care of the altar guild duties there. Tracy Steele, Robin Collins and Tammy Lutz prepared a tailgate breakfast for us as a fund raiser for the youth gathering. I hope the ecumenical sunrise service also continues to be a tradition. The other pastors expressed the same wish.

Our services here were glorious. The church was beautifully decorated, great music and good attendance. It felt happy, with no tensions underneath. Hopefully those who visited were reassured that Calvary has come through the conflict and is on a better path now. Thank you to the altar guild and all who donated lilies for making the church look beautiful. Thanks to Adam Martin and our choir for adding beautiful music to our celebration. Members of the worship

board add their thanks to the youth for the delicious Easter breakfast.

My vacation time was great. I got out of Scottsbluff in the nick of time to escape the storms. I had a good visit with my parents and was glad to see my dad is making good progress after his hip replacement surgery. Somehow a vacation is even more fun when you hear of the lousy weather back home you are missing!

Part 2 of interim ministry training was as good as I hoped. I learned some new skills to share with you. My class mates were a good group. One was a rabbi from Massachusetts and she deals with the same problems as everyone else. I was reassured that we are on the recommended path with the work we are doing together during this interim. Thank you for paying the tuition for this class. I am very grateful.

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## Pentecost Celebration

The Festival of Pentecost will be celebrated in our church on **Sunday, May 31**. To make the day even more special, members of the congregation are asked to wear red to the services. Members may also bring red geraniums to be placed in the front of the church. These will later be planted around the trees in the front of the church to be enjoyed throughout the summer.

*Board of Worship and Music.*



# Positive Moments Over the Month

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There is field work and a project to complete to finish up this class.

Thank you to the Williams and the Huelles for organizing our Tanzanian emphasis during Lent. I enjoyed hearing members talk about their experiences. This church has many talented people. Martin Russell was our guest preacher on March 15 and I am glad you all got to meet him and hear from him. Following worship on Mar 22, we had an auction to raise funds for the dispensary that raised

over \$350.

Council approved the contract to repair the organ. We have raised the funds for the first payment. Additional funds will be raised as part of the planned capital campaign to raise funds for the "Feed the Roots, Grow the Forest" campaign, the Tanzanian Dispensary and Organ repair. The campaign will be starting soon.

Neal Blumenkamp continues to work on replacing our treasurer who has asked to be relieved. We are looking at our cur-

rent software to see if it is adequate. Lonnie Miller will help us look at checks and balances after May 1. Neal asked council to be prepared for a recommendation at the May 11 council meeting.

Saturday night services resumed April 18. We know there is adequate support to make this service a go. We just need to remind folks to support this service by their attendance if they want it to continue. I appreciated the break from this service during Lent.

**"Back by popular demand—Second Sharing Sunday! Watch the Tidings each month to find out what to bring to the grocery cart!"**

**Watch this spot each month to see what the focus will be on the food pantry. Each month we will change the food item to be brought in! We ENCOURAGE every family of Calvary to participate.**

**The food pantries, as you know, could really use the support.**

**May is BEAN month. Items such as dry beans, green beans, baked beans, any kind of bean.**

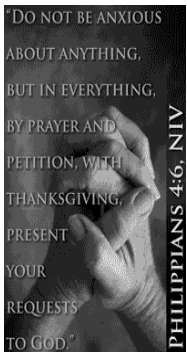


## Women's Mission Project for May

D.O.V.E.S. is a community hotline and shelter for women trying to escape abuse and domestic violence. The local shelter is always grateful for donations of personal items and household items. Some items needed include: *non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies including (brooms, mops, buckets, paper towels, sponges), kitchen items such as (dishes, pots/pans, silverware, small knives, can openers, potato peelers, stirring spoons), items for children (toys, books, puzzles), personal grooming items (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, tooth brush, hair brush, combs, shaving cream, and nail clippers).*

**Remember you can donate motel grooming items you get while traveling. Please NO CLOTHING. Any of these items can be placed in the designated box in the Reception Hall this month, or you can give a monetary gift by placing it in the "Designated Giving" envelopes found in the pew racks. Mark it D.O.V.E.S and place it in the offering plate.**

# Praying For One Another...



Prayer is something we ALL can and should do--not just in times of crisis or distress. As an ongoing ministry of Calvary, we ask your prayers for

those listed below. Pray for one family each day of the week. Prayer is powerful, and we never know how it will affect someone's life--maybe even our own. This month...

**MAY 3** - Cory Mackrill; Dena, Dusty, & Mattysen Marlow and Cody Kaufman; Beth McKibbin; Marcy, Kevin, Austin, & Paris Miller; Morris Nelson; *and for law enforcement officers.*

**MAY 10** - Dennis Pageler; Marilyn & Hank Rahmig; Jennifer & Randy Schafer; Gregg Sell; Michelle, Pat, Derek, & Craig Smith; *and for gardeners and landscapers.*

**MAY 17** - Penny & Dave Stevens; Marie Wiedeman; Elsie Williams; Carol & Jim Zier; Carolyn Anderson; *and for outreach and evangelism committees*

**MAY 24** - Dorothy Babka; Sherry, Mike, Whitney, & Heidi Belgum; Lora, Neal, Spencer, Brooke, & Tanner Blomenkamp; Jamie, Blake & Tessa Brunner; Candie, Lisa, Ashleigh, Stacey, & Matthew Charron; *and for rescue workers.*

**MAY 31** - Robin, Katie, & Makayla Collins; Mabel & Jim Dedlow; Thelma & Duane Dutenhoeffer; Lansen & Lacey Fleenor; Diane & Glen Vandenberg.; *and for spiritual directors and counselors.*

## Get Wells

LuVerne Knoedler

Brenda Stott

## Sympathies

- Paul & Marsha Bueide & Family upon the death of Paul's uncle in New Mexico



# Summer Camp Time

Looking for fun at Summer Camp? Take a look at the display in the Reception Area. Sky Ranch & Sullivan

Hills are beginning to register campers for this summer. Check out the events and get a registration form

from the table in front of Nancy's office. Calvary will pay up to 1/2 of the registration.





Cookbooks will be coming at the end of the summer!

*“Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Cookbook Update

Thank you to all who contributed to the Calvary Cookbook project. We have received 600 recipes from 78 contributors. Our goal was to receive

500 recipes. What a great effort! We have a lot of proofing and organizing to do before sending to the publisher but our plan is to have it ready

for them by the first part of May; from then it will be 60-90 days for completion. So, thanks again everyone!

## Congratulations to Calvary's Graduates

Calvary would like to say congratulations to Calvary's graduates.

High School Graduates will be recognized on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 worship service. Any student who

has not yet picked out a quilt may do so anytime the office is open.

Quilts will be presented to the students during worship. Students will be asked to share their plans for next year.

Graduates are:

- Lacey Fleenor
- Katie Fulk
- Brytne Greenough
- Adam Peters
- Derek Smith

## Celebrate Mother's Day!

By Lachelle B. Ransom

Mothers are special people  
 God knew that from the start  
 That's why he created them in His own image and to them gave the biggest heart.  
 She's able to heal our hurts with only a kiss and hug  
 She's able to cook breakfast, lunch, and dinner and is never slow as a slug.  
 Mothers are special people  
 God knew they'd always be  
 He created them to do so much that involves you and me.  
 She has to be a teacher to teach us what we need to know  
 She has to be a taxi driver to get us where we need to go.  
 Mothers are special people  
 God knew His work was complete  
 When He created someone that could do SOOO much on her own two feet.  
 She is a Christian on Him she depends  
 She displays the fruit of the Spirit and a helping hand she is willing to lend.  
 Mothers are special people  
 God tells me so each day



# Save The Date Vacation Bible



## School

**July  
27-31**

**5:30-  
8:30 PM**

*Contact Becky Michael, if you have questions or are interested in helping!*

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Calvary Lutheran  
BBQ**

June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

Please look for opportunities to help  
with this fun and worthwhile event in

## Readings for this month:

### May 3

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalms 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

### May 10

*Mother's Day*  
Acts 8:26-40  
Psalms 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

### May 17

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalms 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

### May 24

Acts 1:15-17; 21-26  
Psalms 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

### May 31

*Day of Pentecost*  
Acts 2:1-21  
Psalms 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27; 16: 4b-15

# Calvary's Vision Statement

Calvary will be a Spirit-filled people showing Christ's presence in the community by growing disciples. Important aspects of this vision include:

Spirit-filled worship  
Ministry to children, youth, and young families  
Discipleship Education for all ages  
Community discipleship  
Develop Spirit-filled leadership  
Facilities to meet the congregation's needs

## May Birthdays

### May 3

Dorothy Babka

### May 4

Jack Martin  
Brigitta Loseke

### May 5

Alyson Bueide  
Aaron Aguillo  
True Hall  
Dustina Barnholtz

### May 6

Regan Bartow  
Mike Hauschild

### May 7

Sherry Belgum  
LaDonna Schmidt  
Glen Vandenberg  
Alice Kovarik

### May 9

Judy Hall

### May 10

Delanie Bossingham  
Sarah Fulk

Jodi Christeleit

### May 11

Casey Sigrist  
Jamie Brunner

### May 12

Austin Elsen  
Shari Copsey  
Virginia Pickett

### May 15

Tucker Orwig  
Lillian Klein

### May 16

Lindsay Schroeder

### May 17

Gene Hilbers

### May 18

James Dorn  
Jean Des Elfantes

### May 19

Vicki Howell  
Deb Brunner

### May 21

Christina Bueide  
Susan DeBlieck  
Krista Gingrich

### May 22

Karen Palm  
Lillian Blehm

### May 24

Grant Hinze  
Marie Wiedeman

### May 25

Kelan Dunn  
Blake Brunner  
Beth Janeczek  
Jerry Tallmon  
Jan Wylie  
Jay Judd

### May 26

Gary Aschenbrenner

### May 27

Shelby Hinze

### May 28

Marlene Downer

### May 29

Denise Lentz



Please note—if we missed your birthday, please notify us in the church office.

# Women's Ministries

## WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY:

The theme for the 2008-2009 Study is "The Hidden Hand of God: Wisdom Stories from Ruth, Daniel, & Esther. Through these wisdom stories we think about our call to discipleship in the complexity of today's world.

The monthly Bible study and related articles are found in the Lutheran Woman Today magazine. It

is available by subscription or you may borrow one of the copies that come to the church office. All women are invited to any of the study groups (see dates & times of meetings in the Women of the ELCA Calendar).

### May Theme: "Unexpected Heroes"

Some people in the Bible turn out to be unlikely heroes. That's good news for us - we may be unlikely heroes of faith, too.

### May Bible Study: "Esther: Reversal of Fortune"

Theme Verse: Esther 9:1b

### May Focus on Health: "Guide to Stroke Safety"

Numbness. Weakness. Blurred Vision. Sudden Dizziness. Would you recognize these signs of a stroke? During American Stroke Month, learn how to guard against - and respond to - this leading cause of disability and number three killer of U.S. women.

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA CALENDAR:

**May 5 -**  
Ruth Study Group - 9:00 a.m. - Church Fellowship Hall

**May 5 -**  
Pricilla Study Group - 7:30 p.m. - Angie Hinze's home

**May 11 -**  
Hannah Study Group - 7:00 p.m. - Becky Martin's home

**May 12 -**  
Esther Study Group - 9:00 a.m. - Ruth Harris' home

**May 26 -**  
Women of the ELCA Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m. - at the church



## Nancy's Notes

### THE ROLES OF CLERGY AND LAITY : WELL-WORN ASSUMPTION:

Pastors are the evangelists who attract outsiders into the church.  
*Clergy are the main reason new people come to church. Their preaching and personal attention turn visitors into members.*

### FROM A NEW ANGLE:

Lay members are the evangelists in whom outsiders see God's love.  
*Laity represent the church as they express their faith in words and caring deeds during their daily contacts with the unchurched.*

## STEPHEN MINISTRY:

"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another. Romans 13:8a

For more information on Stephen Ministry, call Nancy in the church office, 632-8023."

*“Calvary Youth will do their part to GO GREEN while in New Orleans. Rather than carrying disposable water bottles, we will be carrying reusable ones, and fill them at various water stations set up throughout New Orleans! Thank you to the anonymous donor for the donation of water bottles to our group!”*



## We Are Overwhelmed!

We cannot begin to say thank you enough for the OVERWHELMING support that we have received over the past few months with our fundraising. Many have asked, if we are close to our goal, and I can definitely say we are close! Right now, we feel we are within \$1,000 of our goal.

We were quite surprised with the response of Easter breakfast, and hope that you enjoyed it! We appreciate the donations that came towards this cause!

We are taking the month of May off so that we can wrap up school activities, enjoy mother's day, state track, and graduate two of our youth. Congratulation to Derek and Brytne!

We are happy to say we have one more fund raising weekend planned. You can play a part in that weekend. Two things will be going on. First we will be having our yard sale on the Saturday of Sugar Valley Rally. Second we will be hosting a quilt auction during the BBQ. Tickets will be on sale the entire weekend for a beautiful quilt that was donated by LuVerne Knoedler. We appreciate her donation.

This last boost of fundraising, will also provide us the opportunity to complete our fundraising. We are excited to say that we've raised enough money that we will be tithing our offering, and will be donating 10% of what we made to the Sunday morning offering at the gathering. This offering is going to several international and domestic ministries all over the world. We are very proud that we can do this as a gift from Calvary Lutheran Church.

## SPRING CLEANING AHEAD!

Calvary Youth will be hosting another garage sale during Sugar Valley Rally Weekend June 6.

We are looking for donations of household items, clothes, furniture and tools to put on our garage sale. We will be accepting donations the week before. Please consider cleaning your house out now, and donating to the youth.

Items need to be clean and in working condition! Please try not

to include clothes that are soiled or that have holes! Thanks for your support!

If you need help transporting, please call the church office at 632-8024 and talk to Nancy. She will then be in contact with us, and we can arrange a time to come and pick up your items.

Please refrain from bringing items before the first week of June, as we are having storage difficulties.

We appreciate your support with this!!



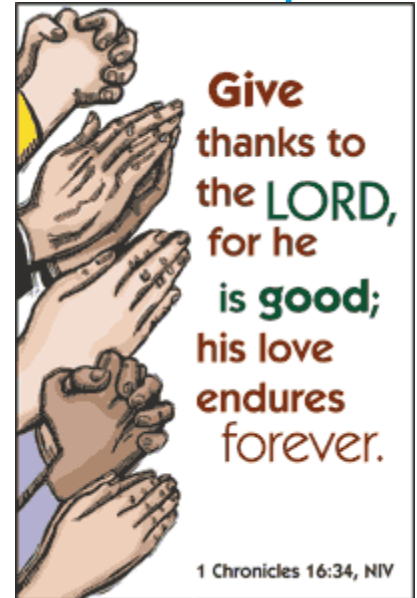
Thank you to all who provided goodies for our Sunday Coffee Fellowship in March & April: Donna & Jay Judd, Dorothy Babka, Caleb & Wanda Payne, LuVerne & Mel Knodler, Mardi Larson, Carol Zier, Lila Birch, Nancy Steele, Darcy & George Schlothauer, Betty Madison, and Nannie Walsh.

Dear Calvary Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generosity for groceries in the amount of \$390 to our Emergency Food Pantry. You continue to help us in our mission of "Helping People... Changing Lives."

Sincerely,  
Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska

Thank you to everyone who has served as a worship assistant this past month: our ushers, greeters, readers, communion assistants, acolytes, power point people, and altar guild members. You all helped make worship a more meaningful experience for those who attended.



# Lutheran World Relief--Fair Trade and Human Rights



Most Fair Trade cooperatives are required to document how many women members they have, how many hold leadership roles and how many own or co-own land. They must also

demonstrate that women have equal rights and responsibilities.

Fair Trade facilitates access to buyers and producers, provides credit and offers training and technical assistance to members.

Approximately 70% of Fair Trade coffee sold in the US is certified organic. Fair Trade standards for-

bid the use of organic pollutants and chemicals or substances harmful to people. The standards also protect wetlands, virgin forests, and watersheds.

Calvary supports Fair Trade through the use of their coffee and the sale of the candy bars.

## Odds and Ends

### RECYCLE OLD CELL PHONES

We have filled one box with cell phones & adapters. Remember EACH cell phone recycled helps prevent about 66 pounds of CO2 from entering the atmosphere. Place your used phones in the purple, green, & white box on the table under the Women of the ELCA bulletin board. Please include the cords/adapters. One small step for the environment!



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## **Psalms 1:5-6**

“Sinners won’t have an excuse on the day of judgment and they won’t have a place with the people of God. The LORD protects everyone who follows him, but the wicked follow a road that leads to ruin.”

—*Contemporary English Version*

# Monthly Board Meetings

Communications to be announced

Council at 7:00 PM, on Monday, May 11

Elder’s Board Meeting at 5:30 PM, on May 4

Esther Study Group at 9:00 AM @ Ruth Harris’ on Tuesday, May 12

Hannah Study Group at 7:00 PM @ Becky Martin’s on Monday, May 11

Men’s Study Group, every Tuesday at 8:30 AM

Parish Education Board to be announced

Priscilla Study Group at 7:30 PM @ Angie Hinze’s on Tuesday, May 5

Ruth Study Group at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 5

School of Early Childhood Board at 4:00, on Monday, May 11

Social Ministry Board at 6:00, on Wednesday, May 20

Trustees Board at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 16

Women of the ELCA board meeting at 5:30 PM on May 26

Worship & Music at 6:30 PM, on Monday, May 18

OFFICE & SCHOOL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 25!



### Calvary School of Early Childhood

I would like to extend a special thank you to the church council for allowing us join them for their meeting in March. It felt like a fine old machine working together. I truly love being apart of the Calvary Lutheran Family. It was great to share the inner workings of the school with all of you. Thank you for your committed support of our school and our children.

God has given us the opportunity to minister in a way so powerful, it is beyond words to me. Thank you for the beautiful opportunity to share God's love with so many children and parents.

In God's enduring Love,  
Becky Jo Wylie