

# The Calvary Call



JANUARY

Calvary Lutheran Church

2017

## The Story resumes January 15

On Sunday, Jan. 15, we will resume “The Story” with *A Kingdom Torn in Two* during our worship services on Sundays at 8 & 10:30 am and on Wednesdays at 7 pm.

At 9:15 am, adults are invited to join Pastor Travis in the Parish Hall; and the Youth are invited to the Cave with DCE Mike Kipp to watch the video and join in the discussion.

Lee Umland will lead the Wednesday Adult study of The Story beginning at 5:45 pm on Jan. 18, in the Conference Room.



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## Fellowship Coffee, Sunday, January 15



As you know, we always have coffee and treats in the Parish Hall following the 8 o'clock worship service before Adult Bible Class. On January 15, we will have coffee and treats following the 10:30 o'clock service too!

Come to the Parish Hall following both worship services for fellowship, beverages and delicious treats! Get to know your “family” in Christ on Sunday morning, January 15.

## LCMS 101 begins January 8

Do you want to learn more about the Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod? Do you want to become a member of Calvary Lutheran Church? Do you want to refresh your Confirmation lessons from long ago? If so, join Pastor Travis on the second Sunday of the month beginning January 8, at 11:30 am.

Each class be about 2 hours long and will meet for 4 sessions. For more information, contact Pastor Travis.



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## Calvary Youth Coming Events:

**Serve at the Soup Kitchen:** On Tuesday, January 17, all of Calvary's Youth in grades 5-12, are invited to serve at the Sioux City Soup Kitchen. There is a sign-up sheet in the Friendship Room at church and there are two shifts to choose from: Prep from 2-4 pm and Serve & Clean from 5-7 pm. Parents are welcome to attend too!

**Calvary Youth Clothing Drive:** During the month of January, Calvary's youth will collect gently worn clothing in all sizes, from infant to adults. All donations will be shared with local charities in February. For more information, contact Debbie Levine at 712-202-3819.

**WNAC Youth Group:** Youth in grades 9-12 will meet for fellowship on Wednesdays 5:30-6:45 pm starting Jan. 4



## CLWL News

### 2016 Cookie Walk:

Thank you ladies and gentlemen of Calvary. Our 25th annual Cookie Walk was a SUCCESS. With approximately \$2,000 raised for mission projects.



### Thank you:

I want to thank all the ladies of Calvary for making my job as President of CLWL a blessing. January 2017 will be my last meeting of the CLWL board as I will be stepping down. Thank you to all who I have worked with as it has been a very enjoyable journey. I wish all of you a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. *Sharilyn Steck*

## Thank you!!!

**THANK YOU!** "Thank you all for the good wishes, prayers, cards and gifts this holiday season. It is all very much appreciated." *Pastor, Stacy, Isaac & Micah Travis*

**POINSETTIA THANKS:** Many thanks to all who provided poinsettias this year. A complete listing of donors and those who were honored and remembered is on the table in the Friendship Room. Remember—you may pick up your plant and take it home anytime after the worship services

**THANK YOU:** "Dear Parents and Students, Thank-you for singing to all the elderly residents at Northern Hills, Pheasant Acres, and Bickford Cottage. I heard many thank-yous and words of affirmation! The 7th & 8th grade class received a couple surprises. They sang to the oldest member of Calvary who is 99 & 1/2 and one member sang O Come All Ye Faithful in Latin! Jesus be praised this Christmas!" *Pastor Travis - A Blessed Christ Missa (Worship Service for Jesus)*

## Lutheran Marriage Encounter

*Invest in the Success of Your Marriage on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend!*

The next Weekend is Feb 3 - 5, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Lincoln, NE.

Apply online at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org), or contact Randy & Jill Sigler at

[randjsigler@inebraska.com](mailto:randjsigler@inebraska.com) or 402-486-1342 for more information. But hurry - Weekends fill fast!



## 2017 Offering Envelopes

Stop by the table in the Friendship Room and pick up your Offering envelopes for 2017. If you do not see your name, call the church office and we will get you a box. Thank you.

If you would like to learn more about setting up automatic payment of your 2017 offerings with your financial institution, contact Kathy Spitz at 248-467-7473 for assistance. She will be happy to show you how it's done.

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## Change the Welcome Mat for 2017 — Pastor Travis

Dear friends in Christ,

Just last month I bought a new welcome mat! The old one lasted 8 years. Yet now, instead of welcoming people, the welcome mat was tracking itself into the house. The welcome mat was no longer cleaning shoes but putting dirt on them. The welcome mat no longer said, "Welcome!" but "This family is cheap and does not care about you!" So I went to Walmart, Kohls, Shopko and a few other stores and finally found a new one to welcome guests! It makes our entry look like we care again!

Our church looks much like our welcome mat: over time, physically and spiritually, we begin to run ragged. Just think of all the 2016 events held in Calvary's church building: Circle Bible Studies, Late Night Youth Lock-ins, Counseling Appointments, Board Meetings, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Worship Services, Sunday School, Rummage Sale, Cookie Walk, WNAC, Confirmation and Outreach events, just to name a few. Plus, we had families use the parish hall for all sorts of extras – Basketball, elections, and even baby showers! Most all were done because we love Jesus! Yet, even despite all the good going on in the church family, the carpet wears out. We think we are welcoming, but the reality is the welcome is worn out!

The change of the New Year is a good time for us to reflect and ask are we worn out? How do we look to our neighbors? How do I look to my chil-

dren? How do I look to fellow Christians? It is time to change the welcome mat for 2016! This is done with Jesus washing away our sins and starting anew! Instead of doing everything from attending every game and every family gathering because I must, instead ask, "Lord Jesus, how might I best be your forgiven and redeemed servant? How might you use me most effectively?" Sometimes, we think more is better! The truth is that sometimes God can use us in one or two areas most effectively. A couple Scripture passages that encourage a new welcome mat for the New 2017 New Year:



Matthew 6:33-34 *"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."*

Philippians 4:8 *"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."*

Colossians 3:17 *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

*Pastor Travis*

## Jesus is the One and Only Savior—Mike Kipp, DCE

**John 1:14** *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were filled with excitement and joy, as we all spent time with our family and friends and celebrated the birth of Jesus together, which is the greatest gift of all.

As the year 2016 comes to a close, we are start-

ing a brand new year. Whenever a new year begins, two things tend to happen with me. One is that I reflect upon the previous year and think about all the wonderful memories that were made, but I also think about all the mistakes I made throughout the year as well. *1 John 1:9* says, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

As we enter a new year, it also reminds me that it is a time for new beginnings and to start over and

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press on toward the goal, which is ultimately heaven. *Philippians 3:13-14* states: "Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

The beginning of a new year is also a time for change. I find myself making a resolution every year, which usually involves trying to improve myself in some way. *How many of you do a New Year's Resolution?* A common resolution at New Year's is to lose weight and improve fitness. There are various ways people seek to reach that goal. Some strive to improve their diet, either eating smaller portions or switching to healthier foods. Others focus more on exercise, building up their strength or following a cardio workout plan. Picking any or all of those options can help a person reach a weight loss and fitness goal.

There is a certain goal, however, that has only one way to reach it. If the goal that you want to ob-

tain is eternal life in heaven, the one and only way to reach that goal is through Jesus. Jesus is the world's one and only Savior.

Many people in the world disagree with that. The common thought is that there are many ways to reach the goal of heaven and eternal life. Many consider Jesus to be one option of many.

But Jesus didn't come to be a path; he came to be the path. *John 14:6* says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus didn't come to show us how we could obtain heaven by ourselves; he came to show us his glory and to be our Savior.

Blessings in Christ,



Michael Kipp, DCE



		Jan. 11	Juliana Kilstrom	Jan. 25	Royce Van Roekel
		Jan. 12	Alexis Book	Jan. 26	Grace Larsen
			Meika Krastel		Chris Pojar
			Kari Livermore		Mark Roberts
		Jan. 13	Ashley Karrer		Holly Ubben
			Alyk Miller		Samantha Ubben
Jan. 1	Jim Coughlin	Jan. 16	Sandra Kunze	Jan. 29	Scott Baker
	Colin Robertson		Joe Malcom		Wendy Cates
	Jeffery Walker		April Schomberg		Randy Ohl
Jan. 2	Dawn Comstock	Jan. 17	Wilma Junck		Megan Swier
	Gwen Lahrs		Kai Robertson	Jan. 30	Kathryn Crawford
	Alex Tillo	Jan. 18	Shelly Groetken		James Jones
Jan. 3	Matthew Hawkinson	Jan. 19	Ashley Hansen		Christian Kriech
	Daniel Musselman		Michelle Hansen		Harper Zellmer
	Sandy Ohl	Jan. 20	Terri Guy	Jan. 31	Gene Gross III
Jan. 4	Cora Ruby	Jan. 22	Marla Junck		Nickolas Milbrodt
Jan. 6	Darin Wickey		MacKenzie Van Roekel		Mark Musselman
	Addison Zellmer	Jan. 23	Mikaela Cale		Richard Rennolet
Jan. 7	Chloe Fetterman		Isabella Strong		Mary Ruschman
	Myrna Jones		Olivia Strong		Micah Travis
	Jordan Kinney	Jan. 24	Susan Funck		
Jan. 8	Todd Comstock		Kim Kull		
	Regena Klein		Becca Lahrs		
	Susan Sembach		Marsha Pojar		
Jan. 9	Linda Thoreson		Lauren Streepy		
Jan. 10	Jennifer Gengler				

(If your birthday is missing or not correct, please call the Church Office at 712-239-1575 and give us the correct information. Thanks and have a great birthday!)

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## Mercy Meals 2017 Schedule

Dear Friends of Mercy Meals,

Mercy Meals of Siouxland is blessed with many supporters from all across the western half of State of the Iowa and from some surrounding states as well.

Your support through prayer, volunteering, and donating ensures that the starving children of the world receive nourishing food and hear about our Lord Jesus.

January begins a new packaging year for Mercy Meals of Siouxland. We have 12 regular events scheduled and 2 special events scheduled in January.

January 4, 2017 - 5:45 P.M. - special event with Redeemer Confirmands

January 28, 2017 - 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. The 10:30 session is closed to large groups - Holy Trinity, Farnhamville is packaging

February 25, 2017 - 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon

March 25, 2017 - 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon

April 22, 2017 - 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon

May 27, 2016 - 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon

June 24, 2017 - 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon

July 22, 2017 - 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon

August 26, 2017 - 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon

September 23, 2017 - 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon

October 28, 2017 - 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon  
November 18, 2017 - 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon  
December 23, 2017 - 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon  
Update:

Saturday November 5 we shipped 69,552 packaged meals back to Orphan Grain Train and received more materials to package meals. We have begun purchasing 50 lb. bags of rice at Sam's Club in Sioux City using Thrivent Action Team seed money to pay for the rice. The rice costs less and the bags are more securely sewn.

On Saturday November 19, fifty-one volunteers packaged 22,074 Mercy Meals. The following groups participated: Northwestern College women's track team, Scout Troop 114, Sioux City, and Paula Opal with four others from Council Bluff/Omaha. This was the last scheduled event this year.

Due to scheduling conflicts with the parish hall at Faith, we did not package in December.

Throughout 2016, we packaged 246,264 Mercy Meals for hungry & starving children in the U.S. and worldwide all paid for with donations and a grant from Iowa West LWML. We have packaged 1,053,083 Mercy Meals since we began packaging on June 23, 2012. A huge thank you goes out to all of our prayer partners, volunteers, donors, supporters, and individuals who have submitted Thrivent Action Team Projects for Mercy Meals.

We wish each of you a blessed Christmas and we hope to see you in 2017.



## We are looking for a few good Men (& Women!)

**Ushers:** Men & Women are needed to assist at the Worship services by handing out bulletins, answering questions, assisting worshipers looking for a place to sit, taking up the offerings, and being a welcoming presence for Calvary. See the Sign-Up sheets in the Friendship Room or call the church office 239-1575 and volunteer.

**Greeters** for the Sunday worship services at 8am contact: Vandy Junck, 712-239-2293; for 10:30 am contact Mary Ann Burg, 712-239-2848, to sign up for one month at a time. **Thanks for taking the time to serve!**



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## Worship Assistants for January 2017

**Elders: Sunday, 8 am:** Bruce Lahrs, Denny Barto, Kent Kilstrom, James Anderson  
**Sunday, 10:30 am:** Brian Hickman, Phil Ubben **Wednesday, 7 pm:** Charles Kennedy  
**Ushers: Sunday, 8 am:** Jim Coughlin, Jack Lawrenson, Bruce Lahrs, Diana Lahrs  
**Sunday, 10:30 am:** Isaac Travis, Debra Meins, Andrew Niehaus, Janet Rohan: January 8 & 15  
 Dave Powell, Brent Powell, Vern & Mary Ruschmann: January 22 & 29.

### Chancel Guild:

Sunday, Jan. 1, 9 am: Sharon Junck, Lorraine Anderson  
 Wednesday, Jan. 4, 7 pm: Sheryl Sleeper, Terri Guy  
 Sunday, Jan. 8, 10:30 am: Sharilyn Steck, Rhonda Hageman  
 Sunday, Jan. 15, 8 am: Joan Mansfield, Teri Mevius  
 Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7 pm: Diana Lahrs, Julie Clayton  
 Sunday, Jan. 22, 10:30 am: Annelie Schoop, Nancy Harrison  
 Sunday, Jan. 29, 8 am: Julie Kilstrom, Debbie Levine  
 5th Sunday: 10:30 am: Julie Barto, Sandy Ohl

**Greeters: Sunday, 8 am:**  
**Sunday: 10:30 am** Sharilyn Steck



### Acolyte Schedule:

**Sunday January 1 – New Years Day, 9 am:** Acolyte: Briar Lahrs; Projector: Micah Travis  
**Wednesday January 4, 7 pm:** Acolyte: Natalee Junck, Caden Winters; Projector – McKenzie VanRoekel  
**Sunday January 8, 8 AM:** Acolyte: Michael & Holly Duax; Projector: Amelia Duax. **10:30 AM:** Acolyte: Will Schindler Projector: Ashlee Levine  
**Wednesday January 11 – Epiphany Celebrated, 7 pm:** Acolytes & Projector: Parker Fergen & Alyssa Vandenberg; Projector – Haley Howard; Procession: Adriel and Jaida Schultzen; Book: Hannah Mogensen; Cross: Ian Hansen; Projector: Brady Palmer  
**Sunday January 15, 8 AM:** Acolyte: Usher; Projector: Christy Cale **10:30 AM:** Acolyte: Isaac Travis; Projector: Dylan Levine.  
**Wednesday January 18, 7 pm:** Acolytes: Kenzie Buckholtz & Natalee Junck; Projector – Megan Buckholtz.  
**Sunday January 22, 8 AM:** Acolyte: Matthew Hawkinson; Projector: Emma Hawkinson  
**10:30 AM:** Acolyte: Adriel and Jaida Schultzen; Projector: Micah Travis  
**Wednesday January 25, 7 pm:** Acolytes: Mackenzie VanRoekel & Rylee Faith; Projector: Justin Faith  
**Sunday January 29, 8 am:** Acolytes: Acolyte: Briar Lahrs; Projector – Grace Larsen  
**10:30 AM:** Acolyte: Micah Travis;  
**Wednesday February 1, 7 pm:** Acolytes: Carter Casotti & Madelyn Casotti; Projector Arich Weitzel  
*Note: Check to make sure these times and dates work! Notify the Church office of changes–239-1575. It is the responsibility of the acolyte to switch if you cannot be at the designated service.*

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## From Lutherans for Life

“Every life has value because every life is someone created by God, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, and someone He either has called or wants to call into an eternal relationship with Him. It doesn’t have to be complicated! Amen.”

*Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life*

– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## Altar Flowers

Commemorate a special occasion or remember a loved one by providing altar flowers for the worship services in 2017. Sign your name to the poster in the Friendship Room or call the church office at 712-239-1575, and we will order a bouquet from Terry Lee’s Flower Shop for a cost of \$37.45. If you prefer to provide your own flowers, please let the office know at least one week before your date. We can accommodate up to 2 bouquets each week. Thank you for adding to our services with flowers.

## Finance Secretary’s Report

### Income Received for November, 2016

Envelopes.....	\$ 17,668.70
Plate.....	312.50
<b>YTD Envelope &amp; Plate Total: .....</b>	<b>\$ 218,361.08</b>
Other:	
Sunday School Missions.....	33.00
Building Fund.....	212.00
Altar Flowers .....	37.75
Thanksgiving Offering .....	670.00
Advent Offering.....	5.00
Poinsettias.....	78.00
Parish Hall use .....	135.00
Pastor’s Special Fund.....	100.00
Bibles.....	15.00
Podcasts .....	70.00
“The Story” .....	10.00
WNAC Pizza.....	235.00
Outreach Thanksgiving meal.....	78.00
Missions.....	30.00
Thrivent Choice Deposit.....	303.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 19,992.95</b>
Deposits:	
11/06/2016.....	\$5,642.52
11/13/2016.....	5,163.20
11/20/2016.....	3,624.23
11/27/2016.....	5,260.00
11/06/2016 Thrivent Choice.....	303.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 19,992.95</b>

**2016 Year-to-Date Total: .....\$ 266,286.00**

## Treasurer’s Statement of Income & Expense

### November, 2016—

<b>Checking Account Balance, 11/01/16</b>	<b>\$ 24,679.02</b>
Plus Income	\$ 19,993.83
Less Expense	— 19,565.51
Plus Interest	.97
Plus transf. from LCEF	<u>0.00</u>
	429.29
<b>Checking Account Balance, 11/31/16</b>	<b>\$ 25,108.31</b>
<b>LCEF Steward Account Balance 11/01/16</b>	<b>\$ 226.43</b>
Plus Transfers In	\$0.00
Less Transfers Out	0.00
Plus Interest	<u>0.12</u>
	0.12
<b>LCEF Steward Account Balance 11/31/16</b>	<b>\$ 226.55</b>
<b>Dedicated Funds</b>	
Social Ministries	\$ .00
Building Fund	2,863.00
Designated Memorials	8,999.26
Undesignated Memorials	567.89
Dedicated Accounts	28,171.19
Outside Purposes	— 42.95
National Youth Gathering	— 96.47
World Missions	2.94
Capital Improvement	<u>1,001.98</u>
Total All Obligated Funds	\$ 41,466.84
Un-obligated Funds	— 16,131.98
<b>Total Checking &amp; Savings Funds</b>	<b>\$ 25,334.86</b>

**Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines:** All information for the weekly bulletins must be turned into the Church Office no later than 12 noon on Thursdays. All information for the monthly newsletter must be turned into the Church Office no later than 8 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. Thank you! The *Calvary Call* is published monthly by Calvary Lutheran Church, 4400 Central Street, Sioux City, Iowa, 51108. **Contact us:** Phone 712-239-1575; FAX 712-239-2466; email — Pastor Travis: [Rev.Travis@hotmail.com](mailto:Rev.Travis@hotmail.com) Church Office: [CalvarySecretary@aol.com](mailto:CalvarySecretary@aol.com); Church Website: [calvaryleeds.com](http://calvaryleeds.com); Face book- <http://www.facebook.com/CalvaryLeeds>



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## Our Church Family

### Baptized:

*Violet Helen Falline*, daughter of Eric & Jennifer Falline and granddaughter of Connie Macfarlane was welcomed into the family of God through the spiritual washing of Holy Baptism on Friday, December 23, 2016. Sponsors were Cory & Ryan Merrell. May the Holy Spirit keep this child in saving faith until life everlasting.

### Transferred to the Church Triumphant:

Clarence "Pete" Petersen was called to his Eternal Rest on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. The funeral service was held at Calvary on Monday, December 5, 2016. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.



## Our Members in the Military

Please pray for these members:

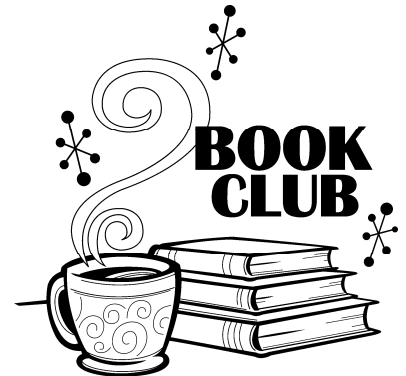
- Trisha Hansen
- Daniel Musselman
- Aaron Jessen, Phoenix
- Nick Hickman
- Joe Mansfield, North Carolina



(If your family has someone in the Military, call us and we will add their names to the list. 712-239-1575)

## Book Club

The Book Club invites you to join us at our next meeting on Thursday, January 19, at 11:30 am for a sack lunch and discussion of our book, *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck, at noon.



## Calvary's Members at Home

### At Holy Spirit:

Eva Hansen

### At Bickford Cottage:

Walter Forke

Walter Schindler

### At Brookdale:

Neola Carlson

### At Casa de Paz:

Robert Lacy

Garry Pelton

### At Northern Hills:

Orville DeJong

Donald Grieve

Regena Klein

### At Orchard Garden, Valley NE:

Eva Kemp

### At Westwood

Barbara Kamradt

Margaret Binnebose

### At Whispering Creek:

Arlene Schindler

Marilyn Howe

### At Home:

Edith Domnisse

Ron Juck

Evelyn Miens

Shirley Monroe

Tom Rentel

Barb Schindler

Linda Thoreson



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## **Hospice Family Grief Support Group resumes**

Hospice of Siouxland's Family Grief Support Group will renew meetings on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at 4300 Hamilton Blvd, Sioux City, IA.

This program is offered to families with youth between the ages of 6 and 17 who have experienced the death of a loved one. Professional staff and trained volunteers provide a relaxed and friendly environment for children, teens, and adults. The deceased does not need to have been a Hospice of Siouxland patient.

Pre-Registration is required and open throughout the year. Please call John at 712-233-4144 for more information about participating or volunteering.

