

# The Calvary Call



Calvary Lutheran Church

March 2016

## Holy Week at Calvary

We especially invite you and your family to come and worship at Calvary during Holy Week, March 20-27.

On Palm Sunday, March 20, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entrance to Jerusalem with palm branches. Wednesday, March 23 will be our Service of Confession & Individual Absolution. Please note— there will be no WNAC classes or activities that evening. On Maundy Thursday, March 24, we will have two services with Holy Communion. One at 12 noon and the other at 7 pm. The 7 o'clock service will also have the "Stripping of the Altar." On Good Friday, March 25, will be the Tenebrae Service at 7 pm.

We celebrate Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, March 27 with several opportunities for worship:

- 6 am: The Sioux City LCMS churches will host the annual Sunrise Service at Stoney Creek Hotel Conference Center with music and special speakers
- 7:30 am: Calvary's Youth will serve a waffle breakfast at Calvary before each worship service.
- 8 & 10:30 am: Worship at Calvary with Holy Communion
- 9:15 am: Annual Calvary Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

We also encourage you to attend our Mid-Week Lenten services on Wednesday evenings March 2, 9, and 16. Our sermon theme is "Becoming Contagious Christians." See page 5 for the full schedule and sermon topics.

## Easter Breakfast

Join the Calvary Youth for breakfast on Easter Sunday morning. They will be serving hot, fresh waffles with an assortment of toppings: fruit, whipped cream, syrup, etc. Also on the menu: bacon and sausage, juice, coffee, and water.

Serving starts at 7 am and continues until the 8 am worship service. Then resumes at 9:15 am and continues until the 10:30 service. A free will offering will be collected and used for our youth planning to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this coming July.

Come and support our Youth!!

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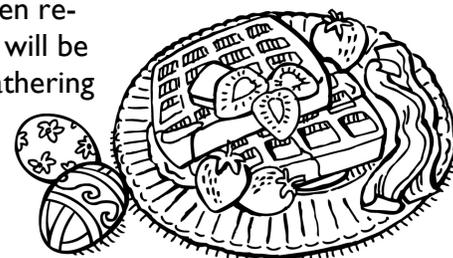
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## Keeping up with our Youth

Our youth have been busy the past few months and aren't slowing down! Here are plans for the coming weeks:

- March 12: We would like to go as a group to the "Child Evangelism Fellowship" event being held at the Sioux City Convention Center. This is a free event for all of Siouxland. Talk to Mike if you want to be part of the group that attends.
- March 27: Serving Easter breakfast to our congregation starting at 7 am Easter Sunday.
- April 2: Plans are being made to attend the movie "God's Not Dead II" at the Promenade Theaters. More information on this event will be coming soon.
- April 13-16: Annual CLWL Rummage Sale. The

youth will help with setting up on Wednesday & Thursday, April 13-14, and help with the actual sale on Friday & Saturday, April 15-16. This is a great opportunity for the youth to add to their accounts to attend the National Youth Gathering.

- April 22: WNAC Lock-In with Cosmic Bowling! PreK-4th Grade, 5:30-8:30 pm; 5th-12th Grade, 8:30 pm to 8 am, bowling at 11:30 pm. Cosmic bowling will take place at the Rushwerks facility on Stadium Drive in Sioux City. All other activities will be in the Parish Hall at Calvary.

Talk to DCE Mike Kipp for more information about any of these events.

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## Easter Egg Hunts at Calvary!

On Saturday March 26, we will hold our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at Calvary starting at 10 am.

We will need lots of willing hands to make this a successful event and LOTS of candy!!! If you can help with setting up, and on the day of the event, please talk to Pastor Travis 712-202-8516.

You can bring your candy donations to the church and leave them in the office or in the box in the Friendship Room! Thanks!!

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt: this is for our children on Easter Sunday morning, March 27, during the Education hour at 9:15 am.

We will need lots of candy for this event as well. Please bring your sweet treats to the church and place them in the box in the Friendship Room or the church office. Thank you so much!!




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## CLWL News

It's that time of year again, RUMMAGE SALE. We are looking for clean reusable items to be sold to our Siouxland friends and neighbors. We will NOT be accepting clothing.

We will need a lot of help both young and old and everyone in between. We will be setting up on the evening of April 13<sup>th</sup> and all day on the 14<sup>th</sup> with the sale on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have items to sell please bring them to the storage room off the blue room. We will be having presale pricing work time the first part of April (watch the Call and bulletins for those dates and times). Signup sheets will be in the

friendship room mid-March. The youth will again be helping us again this year.

Attention! Ladies of Calvary: The CLWL is in the planning stages for a Women's English Afternoon Birthday Tea event the first part of May. Please watch the Call and bulletins for more information.



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## Q & A — Pastor Travis

Dear Christian Friends,

I have received a number of questions and concerns over the last couple of weeks and the answers deserve to be heard by all! Thank-you for these questions, which I will continue to answer with the help of the elders in the coming months!

**1. How are you feeling?** I have been able to eat most food again, but have to be careful. I have also re-gained a slight bit of weight, God be praised, but still tend to be very tired and have had to rely on more help from church members to get extras things done. (In other words, after 40 hours of office work/visits, I am tired, whereas before I could go to all hours before getting tired.) This means that I would love to have volunteers do things like change the church sign, fill the candles with oil, proofread the bulletins, make multiple phone calls and extra visits to the lonely. I am also urging members to go to Joan Mason our secretary direct rather than taking messages to pass on to her in order to cut down on my work. I will continue to preach, teach, and visit the shut-ins, but those extras need to go by the way side, until God grants me full strength! Thank-you for those volunteering to answer phones, drive guests to the airport, mop the parish hall floor, and more! It is very much appreciated! Please be patient with me as sometimes at the end of the day I am tired. Thank-you for your prayers!

**2. Is Calvary Moving to Contemporary Worship?** Because a majority of people at Calvary love the orders of service in the hymnal and many of the traditional hymns we will continue to use them. So, the answer in general is, “No!” However, as youth and others have gifts to play instruments, keyboards, flute, violin, trumpet, bells and voice, we will encourage and allow them to use those gifts in worship. In addition, you will hear a solo/duet by our gifted DCE Mike Kipp who has a background in more contemporary music. Granted, for some this music may feel uncomfortable, but hearing it occasionally is a good way for us to explore the good Lutheran music in the larger world. He is working to put together a youth band to play at some of our outreach services which will be “blended” in nature, God willing, this summer in Hinton. We as a church want to remain faithful to

our heritage as Lutherans, but at the same time, not be isolated from the newer Lutheran artists and Christians who have written appropriate biblical music.

**3. Sometimes the beginning of Worship is Noisy and Feels Irreverent!** Is the beginning of worship for prayer or is it for fellowship? The simple answer is that both are appropriate. Quiet prayer is always appropriate. People sometimes come during the week and on Saturday mornings to pray. Others take a few moments to examine themselves ahead of worship to pray. Jesus said, “My house is a house of prayer.” However, the Bible also says, “Greet One another with a holy kiss.” It likewise says, “Spur one another on to love and good works,” which happens in part before and after worship services! Granted in the 21<sup>st</sup> century we greet more with talk and a handshake or smile than a holy kiss! The elders of Calvary are presently in conversation on how to do both of these in a healthy and respectful way, especially since our culture has two different views of which is most appropriate! Biblically the answer is both! Bible study is a great place to continue such fellowship.

**4. Announcement Length:** My goal is to keep announcements to four at the beginning of the worship and put the rest on the screen and bulletin. We have heard the concern that they were getting too long!

Thank-you again for the questions and concerns. Our elders, Mike Kipp DCE and I love constructive feedback as it helps make us grow stronger. Keeping concerns to yourself only allows Satan to gain a foothold. However, realize as we work on concerns, there are multiple solutions and the elders will not be able to satisfy everyone perfectly. Matthew 18: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.” Keep communicating direct! In Christ,



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## LWML Spring Rally

The Ladies of our Sioux City Zone LWML will meet for the Spring Rally at Faith Lutheran Church, 3301 Hamilton Blvd on Saturday, April 2, 2016. Registration will be from 9:00 – 9:30 AM with rolls and coffee served. Guest speaker will be Deanna Glass. Topic will be “Bloom and Witness Where You are Planted!” Please join us as Deanna shares her experiences in witnessing and mission work. A salad luncheon will be served after the meeting. Not involved in the LWML? Please come and learn about the LWML and its mission work. Join us and bring a friend or friends as we gather together to celebrate in fellowship and praise!

## Plan Ahead! VBS is Coming!

Our Board of Education is working on plans for this summer’s Vacation Bible School. New this year will be 2 “One-Day” events and then a 3-Day event.

We will go on a Jungle Safari, Sunday, June 12, from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. We will have another “Safari day” on Sunday, July 10, 11:30 am—2:30 pm.

On Saturday, August 6, it’s Carnival Time!!! There will be lots of fun, food and prizes. Not only will we have the Bounce House, but there’s also talk of a Dunk Tank!!! Won’t that be fun!

Volunteers will be needed to make these events a success. Please talk with Mike Kipp for more information and to volunteer. Thank you!

## Food Pantry News

Each month, the Social Ministries Board requests donations of specific food items to fill our Pantry shelves.

March is “Spaghetti Month.” You are invited to bring pasta sauce and/or spaghetti to church and place in the box in the Friendship Room. Be sure to check the expiration date on your items. We cannot use food that has “expired.”

Your help is much appreciated in filling our shelves to help our community. Thank you!



## National Gathering Meeting & Bible Study

All 8th-12th Grade Youth & their Parents who are planning to attend the National Gathering in New Orleans in July 16-20, 2016, will meet on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 11:30 am for Bible study and a meeting.

We meet on the second Sunday every month at 11:30 am as we prepare for the Gathering. **Please note!** Attendance is required for all those who wish to attend the Gathering.



## Bag a Lunch returns this summer

It’s time to start planning for our annual summer lunch program for our community.

Bag-a-Lunch will be held on Wednesdays, June 1 (or 8) and continuing through August 24, from 11:30 am to 1 pm.

Lunch, Bible stories, crafts and music are all a part of the fun. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meal and help with the activities. Please contact Pastor Travis, 712-202-8516, or Dee Clausen, 712-258-2249, if you are able to help out.

You need not commit to the entire summer, you can sign up for one, two or more days as your schedule allows. Thank you



Please note: we have an ongoing need for bags to contain the foods we pack for our community. Heavier weight bags, such as those from Bomgaars or Target are preferred, but all grocery bags are welcome.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the great support we receive. We help many families in our community through our Food Pantry.

We would also like to remind you that the need is great all during the year and appreciated all that you do to help us meet those needs.

**THANK YOU!**

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## There is Power In the Blood / Seeking & Saving the Lost by Michael Kipp, DCE

### ***There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r In the precious blood of the Lamb.***

I love how this song challenges us to follow our Lord more closely and to open ourselves up to the reality of his relentless love and overwhelming power. This is the power to be washed clean from our sin and to be restored into a right relationship with Christ. The first verse puts this truth out so forthrightly and at the same time so joyfully as we acknowledge victory over evil by the power of Christ's death and resurrection. **This song is actually an amazing tool for evangelism.** As we sing it we are inviting others into the life-changing work of Jesus Christ. The struggle in this world between good and evil is exposed and the opportunity for victory in Jesus made known.

***Verse 1: Would you be free from the burden of sin? There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood; Would you o'er evil a victory win? There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.***

The "Power in the Blood" is the reason that we are able to move forward in fantastic ways, advancing the work of Jesus by blessing others. "Love your neighbor as yourself" is at its core. To love ourselves rightly is to be in relationship with Jesus and to be saved by his grace. If we love our neighbor as our self, then naturally we would be always communicating how it is that our Lord makes an impact on our lives every day.

***Verse 2: Would you do service for Jesus your King? There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood; Would you live daily His praises to sing? There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.***

These lyrics remind us of the invitation that should always be evident in our hearts, on our lips, and through our work. That is the invitation to invest in the work of Jesus, to bring Him praise through our daily lives, and to be refreshed by the power issued to us through His one true sacrifice on the cross.

During the Best Practices in Ministry Conference in Phoenix, one of the keynote speakers talked about how we need to focus more on seeking and saving those that are lost.

**Luke 1:3-7 states: "So He told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."**

It is so easy for us to just be comfortable and stay in our seats and remain the status quo, but God commands us to get out of our comfort zones and seek those out in our community that are lost and in desperate need of a Savior. As Easter approaches, my hope is that we all recommit ourselves to doing service for Jesus our King and to invite others into his life changing love.

In Christ, Michael Kipp

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## Mid-Week Lenten Series "Becoming Contagious Christians" continues

"Becoming Contagious Christians!" is a practical, challenging, down to earth examination of how Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection is contagious to others. In March we continue with "Finding the Approach that Fits You!" "Starting Spiritual Conversations!" and "Rubbing Shoulders with Irreligious People!" All of these topics are about Jesus and His work for each of us!

Come and learn how following Jesus to the Cross is a

"contagious" way to live our life of faith:

### **Sermon Topics:**

March 2, 7 pm, "Finding the Approach that Fits You"

March 9, 7 pm: "Clear Communication"

March 16, 7 pm: "Maximum Impact"

Prior to the services, a light supper is served in the Parish Hall from 5:3—6:30 pm.

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## From Lutherans for Life

“We hear Jesus’ words: ‘I am with you. I will comfort you. And when you die, I will take you home to heaven.’ That message put a smile on the faces of those disciples, and it has put a smile on the faces of many evangelical believers who trust Christ and allow Him to live in their hearts. It is the same smile you and I wear. We will have some frowns, some days of disappointment when we won’t know which way to turn. But if we live with Jesus in His Word (that is the secret), the living Christ will speak. Jesus Christ is our comfort and our strength.”

Rev. Homer Larsen, *Christian Crusaders* radio program – A Life Quote from *Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## Finance Secretary’s Report

### Income Received for January, 2016

Envelopes.....	\$ 18,574.55
Plate.....	406.01
<b>YTD Envelope &amp; Plate Total: .....</b>	<b>\$18,980.56</b>
Other:	
Sunday School Missions.....	55.00
Building Fund.....	135.00
Support Youth Activities.....	95.00
Initial Offering/Envelopes.....	603.00
Parish Hall use.....	250.00
Date Night 2016.....	1,310.00
Concordia Plans refund.....	210.00
Altar Flowers.....	37.45
Lamp-lighters.....	10.00
Thrivent Choice Deposit.....	32.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 21,718.01</b>
Deposits:	
01/06/2016 Thrivent.....	\$ 32.00
01/03/2016.....	5,057.00
01/10/2016.....	2,941.01
01/17/2016.....	3,419.00
01/24/2016.....	5,092.00
01/31/2016.....	5,177.00
<b>Total for Month.....</b>	<b>\$ 21,718.01</b>

**2016 Year-to-Date Total: .....\$ 21,718.01**

## Altar Flowers

Commemorate a special occasion or remember a loved one by providing Altar Flowers for the worship services April—November of 2016. 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.

## Treasurer’s Statement of Income & Expense

### January, 2016—

<b>Checking Account Balance, 01/01/16</b>	<b>\$ 35,325.10</b>
Plus Income	\$ 21,718.01
Less Expense	— 33,956.54
Plus Interest	1.12
Plus transf. from LCEF	<u>0.00</u>
	—12,237.41
<b>Checking Account Balance, 01/31/16</b>	<b>\$ 23,087.69</b>
<b>LCEF Steward Account Balance 01/01/16</b>	<b>\$ 225.13</b>
Plus Transfers In	\$0.00
Less Transfers Out	0.00
Plus Interest	<u>0.23</u>
	0.23
<b>LCEF Steward Account Balance 01/31/16</b>	<b>\$ 225.36</b>
<b>Dedicated Funds</b>	
Social Ministries	\$ .00
Building Fund	1,551.00
Designated Memorials	9,002.06
Undesignated Memorials	541.89
Dedicated Accounts	29,425.41
Outside Purposes	— 28.46
National Youth Gathering	1,462.15
World Missions	2.94
Capital Improvement	<u>1,001.98</u>
Total All Obligated Funds	\$ 42,958.97
Un-obligated Funds	— 19,645.92

**Total Checking & Savings Funds \$ 23,313.05**

**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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## Religious Service Attendance — Pastor Travis

**“Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.” Psalm 100:2** Did you know it is both unethical and bad business practice for a company or business to prevent a person from going to worship? Story after story is told by young and old members who must work or play during all church services. The employer/coach insists that you must work/practice Sunday mornings and you must work/practice Wednesday evenings. However, most employers are less insisting and more assuming you have nothing else going on, because often, it has never been mentioned that you worship.

No matter what you may think of him as a politician, Donald Trump two years ago in episode of the Apprentice did an amazing thing on national TV. One of the contestants was Jewish and as a Jew he was required to celebrate Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement) with his family. He elected to tell Trump well in advance that he could not participate in the task at hand because of his religious beliefs and celebration of Yom Kippur. His fellow contestants felt he should be fired for not showing up or even participating in the task. Trump, explained that all people’s religious beliefs should be honored and he would not be fired for celebrating Yom Kippur (By the way, every Chris-

tian’s “Day of Atonement” is Good Friday and Easter as we believe in Jesus – Every Sunday is sometimes called a Mini-Day of Atonement/Easter).

What about us? As Christians, our God calls us to worship him. Do we mention to our employers/coaches, whether it be McDonalds or Merrill Lynch, that we need 2 hours off each week or even every other week to worship as our conscious calls us? You might be surprised, most employers will gladly let you come in 2 hours late or even get off two hours early to worship. Why? Because we live in a country that respects religious freedom. Yet, don’t be surprised even if some say “no” like the contestants. We are one nation under God. I am not saying we should flaunt our beliefs. However, we are wise to insist that we need time to worship. Otherwise, employers will unknowingly walk all over our desire to worship our God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and take the Sacrament of the Altar. If you have a job that truly only works Sundays, call your pastor and have him bring you the Lord’s Supper at a different time! **“Do not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but spur one another on towards love and good works.” Hebrews 10:24-25** In Christ, Pastor James Travis

## Our Members in the Military

Please pray for these members:

- Trisha Hansen (Home)
- Daniel Musselman (Home)
- Aaron Jessen (Alaska)
- Nick Hickman
- Joe Mansfield

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



## Book Club

Join us at Book Club on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 11:30 am with a sack lunch. Discussion of our March book, *My Antonia* by Willa Cather, begins at noon. We look forward to seeing everyone there. New people are always welcome!! Here is our book list for the rest of the season:

April: *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee

May: *Thunder Dog* by Michael Hingson



## Calvary’s Members at Home

*At Holy Spirit:*

Eva Hansen

*At Bickford Cottage:*

Walter Forke

Clarence “Pete”

Petersen

*At Countryside:*

Glenda Hansen

*At Northern Hills:*

Orville DeJong

Donald Grieve

*At North Park:*

Neola Carlson

*At Westwood*

Barbara Kamradt

*At Touchstone*

Regena Klein

*At Whispering Creek:*

Arlene Schindler

Marilyn Howe

*At Home:*

Edith Domnisse

Ron Junck

Robert Lacy

Evelyn Miens

Shirley Monroe

Tom Rentel

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Bringing Faith, Hope, & Strength to All Christ's People

## *Easter Sunrise Service*

Siouxland's Lutheran Churches-Missouri Synod and  
Siouxland Lutherans in Mission & Ministry (SLIMM)  
Invite the entire community to:

*Stoney Creek Hotel Conference Center*

**6 AM Sunday, March 27, 2016—Worship**

(Corner of 3rd & Pearl Streets—Next to Famous  
Dave's BBQ)

Featuring: *Our Lord Jesus Christ;*  
*Pastor Mark Gerken, Executive Assistant for*  
*Missions in Iowa West*

*Special Instrumental Music*  
*Traditional Easter Hymns*

