

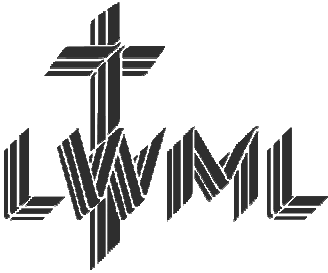
# The Calvary Call



Calvary Lutheran Church

2016

## Celebrate Lutheran Women's Missionary League this month!



October is when we celebrate and support the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League locally and nationally. Please join us for these activities and worship services.

**LWML** Fall Zone Rally is Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 9:00 a.m. with program/speakers from BiBi's Hope.

**LWML** Sunday is October 2, 2016 with ladies of Calvary as ushers, greeters, and readers. It will also be Noisy Mites Sunday. Bring your change and help us make a "lot of noise!"

### CLWL News

Officers for CLWL 2016-2017 year are: Chair, Sharilyn Steck; Vice-Chair, Karen Hickman; Secretary, Sharon Umland; and Treasurer, Penny Hofer. If you have any ideas regarding events, cookie walk, mission projects, etc. just get in contact with one of these ladies.

The 25th Annual Cookie walk will be December 3rd with the theme this year "Gingerbread House." We are planning several activities around the theme including a gingerbread house contest. So get those recipes dusted off and get ready to bake.

## Trunk 'n Treat October 30!

This year's Trunk 'n Treat will be Sunday, October 30, 2016, at 4 p.m. in the Calvary parking lot. Everyone is invited. Children are encouraged to dress up in their costumes.

We need 25 volunteers to provide decorated trunks for the Trunk 'n Treat. Contact Mike Kipp or Julie Barto if you want to volunteer your trunk. Prizes will be given for the best decorated trunk. We will provide the goodies to give out for each person hosting a decorated trunk.

Everyone is invited to delicious chili and cinnamon rolls served in the parish hall during the Trunk 'n Treat.

We are asking the congregation for donations of wrapped candy. You can drop off your donations in the church office or DCE Mike Kipp's office. This is a Thrivent Action Team event.

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## Calvary Youth Upcoming Events:

### Trip to Mission Central, Wednesday October 5:

We will meet at 5 pm and travel as a group to Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa. We will tour the facilities and learn about its mission. We will return to Calvary at about 9:30-10 pm. The entire congregation is invited to join us! (Pastor Horkey will lead worship at Calvary that evening.)

The **IDW Junior Youth Gathering** will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines on October 29-30 for all youth in grades 6-8 under the theme "Written in Stone."

The **IDW Senior Youth Gathering** will be at the Embassy Suites downtown Des Moines November 18-20 for all youth in grades 9-12 with the theme "Still Standing." Register by **October 11**.



## Sunday School & WNAC News

### Youth & Children's Christmas Service—

We will present our annual Youth & Children's service on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016, at 4 pm. The theme is "We have a Story to Tell." Practices will be on Saturdays, Dec. 10 & 17, 9-11 am.



### The Story at WNAC:

Everyone is invited to come and share *The Story* on Wednesday Nights at Calvary!. Adults are meeting with Pastor Horkey in the Conference Room at 5:45 pm, and we have classes for preschool, elementary and high school students. Our 5th & 6th Grade students meet with DCE Mike Kipp and 7th & 8th Grade students meet with Pastor Travis for Confirmation instruction.

Remember: **WNAC** has something for everyone!! Come and see!

## Operation Barnabas

We live in a world of social media. A world that stays connected through Facebook, AOL news, Skype, email, texting and Twitter. How can our congregation use these same forms of media to provide hope, healing and support to our military and their families?

Come to the 4th annual Operation Barnabas Conference on Saturday, October 15 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll Iowa and share ideas.

You may ask: "Why is it called Operation

Barnabas?" Barnabas was Paul's companion, who helped him in his missionary journey. His name means "son of encouragement." We hope to encourage our military and their families with the Gospel in action.

For more information on the conference to [www.idwlcms.org/news.php](http://www.idwlcms.org/news.php) or call Ellie Menz, 515-370-1159.

Note: registrations are due by October 7.



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## The Old Testament — Pastor Travis

Some have said the Old Testament is old fashioned or out of date. But only a person who has not read it can say that, because the Old Testament people were doing the same crazy things people do today. There were righteous people, affairs, homosexuality, rape, war, lies, tricks, and children born. In other words, there is nothing new under the sun.

The Old Testament is full of God working to bring his people back into a relationship with himself. The pattern:

Sin – Adam & Eve eat the forbidden fruit.

Judgment—God kicks Adam and Eve out of the Garden

Grace – God promises to send a Descendant” (Savior through Eve’s Children) to save the world.) Genesis 3:15



This pattern happens hundreds of times in the Old Testament. Many think the Old Testament is full of rules, which it does, such as the “Ten Commandments.” Yet, the reality is the most of the Old Testament is God dealing with real people just like us. God shows them their sin, judges them but calls them to repent, and then he offers his grace and forgiveness. The same is true for us and for our neighbors. Yes, there is still sin and judgment, but God wants to offer his grace again through Jesus.

Keep hearing and reading, dear friends, read *The Story* in the Bible, hear God’s Word and see over and over again how God’s plan of salvation comes to pass.

In Christ,

*Pastor James Travis*

## Ask the Pastor —



### Is the Old Testament all Law?

Answer: The Old Testament does contain “Law” in the sense that there are commandments that:

1. Act as Curb – Keep us from doing Evil.
2. Act as a Mirror – Shows Us our Sin so that we Run in Faith to our Savior Jesus.
3. Act as a Guide – Show us how to live now that we are saved.

Yet, the Old Testament is also full of Gospel in the narrow sense. The “Gospel” simply refers to the Good News of God coming to take away our sins through Jesus.

In short Gospel = Forgiveness in Jesus! In fact, the whole Old Testament is full of this Gospel and is constantly prophesying about the coming of Jesus. The sacrifices themselves, you might say, were delivering the forgiveness of Jesus even though in and of themselves they could do nothing. Jesus after all, is the culminating ultimate Lamb sacrificed for the sins of the world.

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## What is Your Calling in Life? — Michael Kipp, DCE

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I don't know about you, but this summer just flew by. However, I was also so very busy both at church and in my personal life, that I got completely overwhelmed and stressed out. I took on too many things and said "yes" to too many people and had very little time with my family. I was at a point a couple of weeks ago where I was so burned out that I started questioning if I should keep doing this. Part of me wanted to run away from the stress and frustrations that comes with being a church worker, but I know that is the devil at work trying to break me down. I spent a lot of time in prayer trying to figure out what God wanted me to do, not necessarily what I wanted to do, so I went to God's Word for help. There were two scripture passages that jumped out at me that helped me during my struggles:

*Matthew 11:28-30* "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light"

And:

*Proverbs 3:5-6* "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

These two passages are very uplifting for me. They remind me to just rest in God's loving arms when I am struggling in life and lean not on my own understanding, and to trust in God with all my heart and He will guide me. I will admit that there are days when it would seem easier to do something outside

of full time ministry, but I realize that God has placed on my heart this specific calling to continue doing the Lord's work.

I am reminded of people like Moses in the scriptures, who didn't want to go to Egypt to free the Israelites from Pharaoh and who felt very unqualified, but God called him to go and do that anyway.

I know that I am called by God to be a DCE at Calvary and there are times where I feel just like Moses. I am reminded in God's Word in *Matthew 28:19-20* "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Even though there are times when I feel less than adequate and get frustrated with things, I know that God is always with me and will help guide me.

My hope with this article is that when you are struggling with something in life, that rather than trying to do it on your own, go to God in prayer and spend time in His word to help guide you and He will give you the right answer in His timing. *Isaiah 55:8* says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord."

What is your calling in life? We need to remember to lean not on our own understanding but listen to what God wants us to do because sometimes His plans and His thoughts are way better than ours. My plan wasn't to go into full time ministry, but it is what God has called me to do and that is His plan for me.

In Christ,

Mike Kipp, DCE

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## Food Pantry News



There are many families in Sioux City who are in need of food all through the year, and has the holidays approach, there will be even more who will need help.

We appreciate all that you do to provide for these families throughout the year and ask that you bring donations of non-perishable boxed and canned

goods to church.

You may bring your donations to the church and place them in the box in the Friendship Room. (Be sure to check the expiration date on your items. We cannot use food that has "expired.")

Thank you for all that you do to help us meet the needs of our neighbors.

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Best Wishes to all our October Birthday People!

*(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!)*

## From Lutherans for Life

“Is someone resistant to the life-affirming message as you have presented it? Perhaps it’s the attitude they sense when they have been approached. I have found that when my attitude is more reflective of Christ, my message is much better received, and I can do my job of lifting up those who are weak. So I pray, ‘Lord, make me a servant who is humble and meek that I might lift up those who are weak. Amen.’”

*Lynette Auch, president 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 now through 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.

## 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!**



## From our Community:

### Thank you!

“Enclosed is a check for the use of your Parish Hall for our Leeds All-School Reunion meetings in 2016. Our reunion was a great success and everyone enjoyed it. I really appreciate your willingness to let us use the hall for our meetings. It is a great location for all to get to. Thanks so much and ‘Happy Holidays’ to you and all the church congregation, Sincerely,

*Marlene Vanderloo for the Committee”*

**Thanks!**



### Holy Cross Annual Hog Roast

All are invited to Holy Cross LCMS, 149 Bison Trail, Dakota Dunes, SD, on Sunday, October 9 from 4-7 pm for our Annual Hog Roast. On the menu: Pulled Pork; Beef Brisket; Coleslaw; Beans; Dessert and Beverages. Tickets: \$8 for Adults, \$4 for Kids. (Carry outs are also available!)

Be sure to check out our Bake Sale and Craft Sale too!



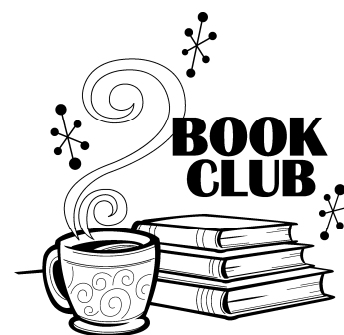
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## Book Club

Book Club will meet on October 20 at 11:30 for lunch and discussion of the book "THE WALK" by Richard Paul Evans. It is the first book in a series of five of the physical and spiritual journey of Alan Christoffersen.

What would you do if you lost everything – your job, your home and the love of your life – all at the same time. When it happens to Seattle ad executive Alan Christoffersen, he's tempted by his darkest thoughts. A bottle of pills in his hand and nothing left to live for, he plans to end his misery. Instead, he decides to take a walk. But not an ordinary walk.

Taking with him only the barest essentials, Al leaves behind all that he's known and heads to the farthest point on his map: Key West, Florida. The people he encounters along the way, and the lessons they share with him, will save his life, and inspire you.



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

### Join us for Hymn Fest 2016!

**"What does this mean?"** is a familiar Lutheran question.

Join us at Faith Lutheran Church, 3101 Hamilton Blvd., Sioux City, for Hymnfest 2016, where we will strive to answer the question, "What does this still mean?" on Sunday, October 30, 2016

Pre-service music by various music groups from our area LCMS churches will begin at 4:00 pm and worship is at 4:30pm.

Sandwiches, chips and a dessert will be served afterwards by the Parish Fellowship Committee and ladies of Faith.

We look forward to singing with you!!

