

# Calvary Happenings

PROGRAM BOOKLET

FALL 2010

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## CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Nearly 100 years ago, a Sunday school was started in South Minneapolis—in 1911 it was called St. Paul's Annex Sunday School. This gathering of children and families would prove to be a springboard to creating a larger vision of church in Minneapolis—a congregation later to be called Calvary.

Over the last 100 years this Sunday School and congregation have experienced incredible growth and decline; periods of great outreach and evangelism, alongside times for needed internal reflection; programs that were the pride and joy of the neighborhood, and the financial and staff challenges to keep programs afloat.

At the beginning of the 2010-2011 Programmatic Year, it is exciting to say that the Spirit in this place is blowing in profound ways...new programs, new people, new life.

Last year provided an opportunity for visioning, planning, and laying groundwork for

next steps. This coming year looks to be an incredible time to further live into who God is calling us to be as a community of faith here in South Minneapolis.

At a recent gathering I was approached by a retired ELCA pastor who had heard that I was serving at Calvary. He said, "I'd never been in the building at Calvary before,



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but now I see what I've been hearing about. Here is this vital congregation that is all about living God's love and justice in South Minneapolis. What a treasure!"

It was exciting to know that he experienced two core pieces of who Calvary is—a deep sense of love and welcome, as well as a rootedness in doing justice.

As we prepare for this coming year, it is my hope and prayer that others will experience God's love and justice at Calvary.

It is also my hope and prayer that those of us who are here will be strengthened and enriched in our ministry as we spend time continuing to learn about and continuing to grow in discipleship, discernment, diversity, justice, healing, prayer, richness in worship, and life in community.

It is a time of excitement, possibility, ongoing education, and collaborative work. My hope is that each of you find the way/s you will thrive in the life of this congregation...and invite friends to experience this "treasure in South Minneapolis."

From a start-up Sunday school 100 years ago, we continue to live God's grace here at the corner of 39th and Chicago!

**Welcome to 2010-2011!**

# Worship at Calvary



**Worship** provides the central experience of community and faith at Calvary as we are claimed in grace and called to respond to the needs and challenges of the world.

In our gathering, in Word proclaimed (spoken, sung, and enacted), in the events of our lives shared in prayer and conversation, and in the weekly celebration of the Eucharist, we experience God's presence among us. Experiencing this radical gift, we are then invited to live life in service and care for neighbor and creation.

Utilizing the seasons of the church year and shared lectionary, the congregation provides its own flavor in worship including: a Peace Sunday, an Earth Day service, worships incorporating chants and traditions from Iona and Taizé, jazz, gospel, world music and cantata celebrations, services of healing and wholeness, and Prayer Around the Cross.

Friends and members of the community are invited to share their gifts and talents in the ever-changing and renewing *liturgy* (which means "work of the people.")



*Worship begins at 10:15 AM on Sunday mornings, unless otherwise noted with an asterisk (\*).*

## September 12

**Rally Sunday**—Kicking off the new program year with fall education, prayers for children and teachers, and community connection, we come together in a spirit of celebration.

## September 19

**Peace Sunday**—Committing ourselves to a larger vision of God's *shalom* (peace) in our community and world, we bring special emphasis this Sunday to living the prophetic words of peace and justice.

## September 26

**Harvest Sunday**—As produce from gardens and fields is harvested, we give thanks in worship for the bounty of God's creation; the congregation is invited to bring fresh and canned produce to place around the communion table...and then to share with others in the community.

## Saturday, October 2\*

**Blessing of the Animals**—Folks from Calvary and Bethel Lutheran Churches join together for a service and special blessing of the animals in our lives (pets, stuffed animals, and pictures are welcome). More details to be announced!

## October 3

**Time After Pentecost (27)**—Heeding the words to do justice and adopt an attitude of discipleship in faith, we hear this day Jesus' call to servant-hood.

## October 10

**Children's Sabbath**—This Sunday we recognize the children and youth as they assist in leading worship, as the 3rd graders receive their Bibles, and as we pray for children throughout the world.

## October 17

**Time after Pentecost (29)**—Hearing the story of Jacob and the parable of the persistent widow invites us to wrestle with God's word and remember God's blessing in our lives and living.

## October 24

**Time after Pentecost (30)**—Moving through the texts for this day, we hear again of God's renewal and forgiveness with God's promise rooted in justice.

## October 31

**Reformation Sunday**—This day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the good news of Christ that liberates us! We pray that the Holy Spirit continues to renew and unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world.

## Monday, November 1\*

**Joint-Worship at Bethany Lutheran** to celebrate All Saints with Bishop Johnson preaching.

## November 7

**All Saints Sunday**—Today in worship we remember the saints who have gone before us, and also invite those who have been baptized this past year to bring their baptismal candles to recognize the saints who now journey with us. Additionally, this day, Bishop Craig Johnson will be with us to sign Pastor Brad's letter of call and make us "official."

## November 14

**Time after Pentecost (32)**—We hear again of God's promise of new life for all and of radical hope even in the midst of challenging circumstances.

## November 21

**Living Christ Sunday**—Today is a day of paradox, we hear of Jesus bringing life in the midst of death, and we hear of a Christ who gathers the people together, calling us to live the message of hope and promise in the face of a world that can scorn those who embody this teaching.

## Wednesday, November 24\*

**Thanksgiving Eve Service**—We join with other area congregations to celebrate in Thanksgiving for the gifts of God and commit to work for the good of all.

## November 28

**First Sunday of Advent**—The new church year begins and as we light the first Advent candle, the sanctuary comes to life in new ways as we look to the promise of God's coming among us.

## December 5

**Second Sunday of Advent**—The second Advent candle is lit as we hear of John the Baptizer speaking of the one who is to come after him. The prophet speaks of the green shoot springing forth from the royal line of David.

## December 12

**Third Sunday of Advent**—Today is a day of joyful expectation. As we light the third Advent candle the signs point to promise—blossoms in the wilderness, healing of the lame and lepers, sight to the blind, and hearing to the deaf. Yet, we continue to pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the advent of Christ among us.

## December 19

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**—In music and texts we hear and proclaim "Emmanuel!" "God with us!" As we light the fourth Advent candle, we look to the light that surrounds us and the promise of God being the source of safety and refuge.

### **Sunday, December 19, 4:00 PM \***

**Children's Christmas Pageant**—This afternoon we gather to hear again the story of Jesus' birth among us...as told by the children and youth at Calvary. This is a time of celebration with the Christmas story coming to life in new ways.

### **Friday, December 24, 5:00 PM \***

**Christmas Eve Service**—We celebrate God's love and promise as we join in worship and gather to hear and sing again ways that God is made known among us in an infant in Bethlehem. We also look to the ways that this Christ-child continues to claim and reshape our lives.

### **Saturday, December 25, 10:15 AM \***

**Christmas Day Service**—In the light of the new day that has been heralded by angels and shepherds, we gather again to proclaim "joy to the world!" With a blend of lessons and carols, we welcome this Christmas day.

## December 26

**First Sunday of Christmas**—Moving through the Twelve Days of Christmas, we confront, through the gospel, the ongoing threat and destruction by Herod and the empire. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

## January 2

**Second Sunday of Christmas**—Within today's gospel reading lies the profound message that God is revealed in human person. The Biblical texts invite us to imagine the God who has created the cosmos and continues to journey with us today...filled with grace and truth.



## Planning Ahead

### **Ash Wednesday: March 9, 2011 \***

12:00 PM Service

6:00 PM Service

### **Wednesdays in Lent: March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13 \***

5:45 PM-Soup and Bread Supper (Lounge)

6:30-7:00 PM Prayer Around the Cross

### **Maundy Thursday \***

7:00 PM Service

### **Good Friday \***

12:00 PM Service

7:00 PM Service

### **Bread for Communion**

We would like to have homemade bread for communion during September, October, and November. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or call Judith Anderson. 612-871-9082. You may also notify her via email: [jaawdc@hotmail.com](mailto:jaawdc@hotmail.com)

# Children's Education at Calvary



**Sunday School** provides one opportunity for children to come together as community, to learn about God's love for them, and to share in music and activities.

This year Sunday School has four classes:

- **Pre-Kindergarten**
- **Kindergarten-1st**
- **2nd - 4th Grades**
- **5th Grade and older** will have a Bible Study/ conversation group.

**If Adults are interested in volunteering please contact Laura Huff or Tami Tripp.**

**Sunday School teacher training/refreshers classes Sunday, September 12 and October 10, following worship (food provided).**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00-10:00 AM

### Outline of Typical Sunday

**9:00 AM Gathering Time**  
Songs, devotions led by parent, pastor, music director in the gathering room on the 2nd floor of the Education wing (room on left side as you come up the back stairwell from parking lot entrance).

**9:15 AM Break into classroom groups**  
Each class goes with their respective teacher(s) for the Sunday to the assigned classroom

**9:15-10:00 Lesson**  
Each week there will be a lesson comprised of a Biblical story and real life applications, utilizing Augsburg Fortress' "Spark" curriculum. As part of the curriculum there are art projects, games, songs, and times for discovery.

**10:00 AM Classes end**  
Our aim is that parents come to pick up their children

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### SEPTEMBER

**September 12** First Day of Sunday School  
*Introduction to the year with songs, games and activities.*

**September 19** Lesson: Two Masters

**September 26** Lesson: Parable of Rich Man

### OCTOBER

**October 3** Lesson: A Seed of Faith

**October 10** Lesson: Ten Men Healed

**October 17** Lesson: Jacob Wrestles

**October 24** Lesson: Pharisee and Tax Collector

**October 31** Lesson: Zacchaeus

### NOVEMBER

**November 7** Lesson: The Sadducees Question

**November 14** Lesson: God's Love is Forever

**November 21** Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

**November 28** Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

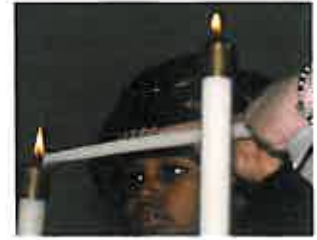
### DECEMBER

**December 5** Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

**December 12** Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

**December 19** Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

**December 19, 4:00 PM**  
**Christmas Pageant**



**December 26** No Sunday School  
(Christmas break)

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### Planning Ahead. Dates for the Calendar!

### JANUARY

**January 2** No Sunday School  
(Christmas break)

**January 9** Resume Sunday School

**January 16**

**January 23**

**January 30**

### FEBRUARY

**February 6**

**February 13**

**February 20**

**February 27**

### MARCH

**March 6**

**March 13**

**March 20**

**March 27**

### APRIL

**April 3**

**April 10**

**April 17**

**April 24** No Sunday School  
(Easter Sunday)

### MAY

**May 1**

**May 8**

**May 15**

**May 22**

**Last day of Sunday School in 2010-2011**

*Celebration with games, treats, and fun!*

# Adult Education at Calvary

Classes are held Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM

**SEPTEMBER**

September 12  
September 19  
September 26

Coffee, Conversation & Reconnecting  
Christianity for the Rest of Us: Chap 1&2  
Christianity for the Rest of Us: Chap 3&4

Narthex  
Narthex  
Narthex

**OCTOBER**

October 3  
October 10  
October 17  
October 24  
October 31

Christianity for the Rest of Us: Hospitality  
Hospitality  
Hospitality  
Christianity for the Rest of Us: Discernment  
Discernment

Narthex  
Narthex  
Narthex  
Narthex

**NOVEMBER**

November 7  
  
November 14  
November 21  
November 28

Christianity for the Rest of Us: Healing  
And Contemplation  
Healing & Contemplation  
Healing & Contemplation  
Healing & Contemplation

Narthex

**DECEMBER**

December 5  
December 12  
December 19  
December 26

Christianity for the Rest of Us: Testimony  
Testimony  
Testimony  
*No Adult Education (Christmas break)*

Narthex  
Narthex  
Narthex

**JANUARY**

January 2  
January 9  
January 16  
January 23  
January 30

*No Adult Education (Christmas break)*  
Christianity for the Rest of Us: Diversity  
Diversity  
Diversity  
Christianity for the Rest of Us: Justice

Narthex  
Narthex  
Narthex  
Narthex

**FEBRUARY**

February 6  
February 13  
February 20  
February 27

Justice  
Justice  
Justice  
Christianity for the Rest of Us: Worship

Narthex  
Narthex  
Narthex  
Narthex

**MARCH**

March 6  
March 13  
March 20  
March 27

Worship  
Worship  
Christianity for the Rest of Us: Reflection  
Reflection

Narthex  
Narthex  
Narthex  
Narthex

**APRIL**

April 3  
April 10  
April 17  
April 24

Christianity for the Rest of us: Beauty  
Beauty  
Beauty  
*No Adult Education (Easter Sunday)*

Narthex  
Narthex  
Narthex

**MAY**

May 1  
May 8  
May 15  
May 22

Transforming Lives  
Transforming Congregations  
Transforming the World  
Christianity for the Rest of Us: Home Again  
*Who are we today? Where does this journey  
point us for the future?*

Narthex  
Narthex  
Narthex  
Narthex

Calvary holds a rich history of adult learning and educational opportunities.

This year the congregation is building on the work done in 2009-2010 and the development of its Visioning Plan.

The ongoing education will involve reading of the book, *Christianity For The Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church Is Transforming the Faith*, by Diana Butler Bass.

Focusing on the eight sign-posts of renewal that she sees in vital healthy congregations, we will be looking at things we are already doing and ways we can continue to enrich our congregation as we plan and live into the future.



# Upcoming Events



*Over the course of the fall there are many ways to get involved.*

*Whether you enjoy food and beverages, volunteering for community events, coordinating worship, or working with folks of all ages...there are incredible opportunities!*

## Fall Worship Planning and Set-up

**Saturday, September 18, 10:00 AM - noon**

The Worship Planning Committee invites all who are interested to come and assist in decorating for the fall worship season. If you have cloth or ribbons (greens, reds, oranges, yellows), autumn flowers, gourds, or other items that would add to the worship experience, please bring these items along. For more information contact Judith Anderson.

## An Evening Out for Haiti

**Saturday, October 16, 6:00-9:00 PM**

Join the fun in attending this adults evening out to raise funds for Haiti Outreach. Jennifer and Steve McCarthy will be hosting this event at their home with the help of others from church. This is an opportunity to enjoy food, beverages, music, and support an incredible organization in Haiti. Suggested donation of \$10/person. Friends and colleagues are also invited!

## 8th Annual Community Rummage Sale

**Friday, October 22 and Saturday, October 23**

The Crossroads Community Organization with Calvary Lutheran Church sponsors a rummage sale as a service to the neighborhood as well as a small fundraiser to support outreach programs for the community—such as the Farmer's Market.

Dropoff times for items for the sale are Saturday, October 16 from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday, October 17 from 12 noon to 4 pm. The sale is Friday, October 22 from 9am to 5 pm and Saturday, October 23 from 9 am to 4 pm.

We appreciate your donations and will provide a receipt for your contributions.

## Advent through Easter Worship Planning

**Saturday, October 30, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM**

This year we are asking all who are interested and able to come and assist with worship planning for Advent to Easter. We will be breaking into small groups and developing ideas and plans for the seasons. Bring your ideas, excitement, and enthusiasm for worship!

## A Night to Remember...the Food Shelf!

**Saturday, November 20th**

Join the Huff and Van Duzen/Woodman households in raising awareness and funds for the Calvary Emergency Food Shelf. Suggested donation of \$15/person. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine to share. Hors d' oeuvres and great company provided! At the home of Dan and Laura Huff.

## Cookie and Lefse Making

**Saturday, December 11, 9-11:30 AM**

Children of all ages are invited to join Pastor Brad and a crew of dedicated bakers to make lefse, bars, and cookie treats at Calvary—which they can take home and share with friends and family.

## Prayer Requests

If you would like to submit a prayer request for the bulletin or the People of Prayer Team either call or e-mail the church office and Pastor Brad.

## Healing Ministry and Visitation

If you would like a visit from either Pastor Brad or one of our lay visitor team members, please e-mail, call, or drop a note to Pastor Brad. If you are someone who is interested in becoming a lay visitor, please talk to Pastor Brad.

## Worship Leadership

If you are interested in serving as a lector, acolyte, assisting minister, cantor, or sacristan please contact Judith Anderson who is assisting in the coordination of worship scheduling.

## Food Shelf Volunteers

There are always opportunities for individuals and families to be involved with the food shelf. If you would like to make a once a month commitment on Saturday mornings (9 AM-12 PM) or serve as a substitute worker, please contact Henrietta Williams.

## Dinners at Our Saviour's

Friends and members of Calvary serve meals to residents of Our Saviour's Homeless Shelter on a rotational basis (generally once every month to two months). If you are interested in preparing or serving food for this incredible ministry, please contact either Nancy Lee Nelson or George or Chris Robson.

## Congregational Committees

You are always invited to check out what is happening in committees. Here are general meeting days/times.

**Social Justice Steering Committee**  
 First Tuesday of Month, 6:30 PM  
 Michael Downs, Chair

**Worship/Spiritual Care Committee**  
 Second Tuesday of Month, 6:30 PM  
 Judith Anderson, Coordinating

**Education Committee**  
 Second Monday of Month, 6:30 PM  
 Laura Huff, Chair

**Mission Support (Finance) Committee**  
 Third Monday of Month, 6:30 PM  
 Robert Bowers, Chair

**Property Committee**  
 Third Tuesday of Month, 6:30 PM  
 Josh Hill, Chair

**MICAH (Membership Initiatives, Communication & Hospitality) Committee**  
 Currently meets as needed  
 Judi Linder, Chair

There are also a number of groups that meet from time to time. If you are interested in learning more, please check in with the following:

**Miriam Circle:** Provides an opportunity for women to gather for Bible study, conversation and treats. Contact is Mona Eastman.

**Men's Group:** Meets once a month for social outings and conversation—movies, beer, theology. Contact is Dan Huff.

**Women's Group:** Meets occasionally for wine and conversation. Contacts are Laura Huff and Joani Moberg.

**Baby-sitting Collaborative:** Group of parents who assist in watching each other's children and keep track by "trading" popsicle sticks. Contact is Josh & Joani Moberg



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Calvary Lutheran Church is in the city for good!  
We are a progressive, Christ-centered community called  
to radically welcome all, vibrantly worship God,  
and faithfully work for peace and justice in our  
neighborhood and world.

We at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church are committed  
to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith,  
centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ. We believe that  
the Gospel is God's gift to all people to be shared uncondition-  
ally.

Calvary welcomes all people who have been excluded  
because of cultural or ethnic background, race, physical or  
mental abilities, socioeconomic or family status, gender or  
age. This welcome includes persons who are gay, lesbian,  
bisexual or transgendered, their partners and families.

We are a diverse group of believers, redeemed and united  
into the one Body of Christ. This diversity enriches, nourishes  
and challenges our ministry. Be assured, "You are no longer  
strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens and members of  
God's household." *Ephesians 2:19*

*Calvary is a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*

**In the City for Good!**



### **More Info About Calvary**

If you are interested in learning more about Calvary and what is happening here, please contact either Pastor Brad or Mary Gail Hoover at the church office.

There are generally two member-ship classes each year—one in the fall and one in the spring.

### **Church Leadership**

Another wonderful resource is our church council—feel free to talk with them (questions, concerns, and thanks are always welcome!).

Josh Moberg, President  
Stacia Wick, Vice President  
Jeri Schultz, Secretary,  
Eric Paulsrud, Treasurer  
Irv Elliott (Property)  
Marcia Haugstad  
Sarah Lahr (Education)  
Judi Linder (MICAH)  
Gary Mazzone  
Sam Robson (Worship)  
Michael Weber (Social Justice)  
Sarah Zeigler (Education)

### **Always More...**

While we are working to provide a comprehensive sense of who Calvary is as a community and many of the opportunities for worship, education, and community that are taking place...know that there is always more. Please continue to check out the bulletins and the newsletter, *Crossroads*, for additions, changes, and more information.