

The Calvary Communicator

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HEALTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The health Ministry Committee will begin meeting on a regular basis in an effort to continue many of the programs our Parish Nurse, Dottie Weaver, began. Current members of the committee are Elaine Abel, Kathy Dunn, Colette Hite, Charlotte Hoener, June Neuman and Paul Rehkopf.

The programs that we will continue are:

- **Red Cross blood Drives (next scheduled drive is March 5th 12 noon to 6:00 p.m.)**
- **Health tips on a regular in the bulletin**
- **Appropriate Education Programs**
- **Children Health Programs for VBS**
- **Arrange for qualified AED and CPR training**
- **Blood Pressure screening on the 2nd Sunday of each month**
- **Arrange support groups as the need arises**
- **AARP Drivers course "55 Alive"**

New members and suggestions for this committee are welcome. Please speak with any member of the committee

Happy Baptism Birthday

Heidi Nixon
Melissa Hoener
Palmer Jackson

2-1-98
2-14-93
2-25-01



Calvary Christian Preschool

Calvary Child Development Center is now Calvary Christian Preschool.

The new name better reflects our mission and purpose: Sharing the love of Jesus, our Savior.

Fundraisers: Jo Jo's Hoagie Sale for delivery Super Bowl weekend, February 4th. Orders are due January 28th. The hoagies are \$5 each and your choices are: Italian, Turkey, Ham/Cheese or Roast Beef. Please speak to any Preschool Board member to order: Iris Wutzke, Tracy Fasacht, Patti Orlic, Peg Kibel, Beth Graham, Barb Henry or Kitty Skaritka.

Pasta Night - Dinner/Dance/Silent Auction on Saturday, March 3rd. See Kitty Skaritka for tickets.

Upcoming Service Project: Plans are in the works for the children of both Preschool and Sunday School to travel to William Penn Care Center to sing songs of God's love to the residents for Valentine's Day. They will join Kathy Dunn and her Pet Ministry.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School

Adults: Thanks to Ron Sterniak for teaching a class. Pastor has begun his Information Class. Welcome everyone! Bob Kemper will soon begin a class



Children: Thanks to those who have been teaching the children: Mona Scafuri, Barb Stuffer, Lorri Nixon, Kathy Hoener, Tracy Fasnacht, Bill Zacha and Loretta Schultz. Welcome Charlotte Hoener.

“Star of Love” A big thank you to Karen Papay, the teachers and the 24 children for a wonderful Christmas Worship Service.

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Reminder: With our site rotation format there are opportunities for congregation members to share a talent or hobby with the children.

Vacation Bible School

Materials will soon arrive. Come and take a look! Dates have been set for June 25~~29~~ with a Congregational Picnic to follow on Sunday, July 1st at Newhouse Park in Delmont. The theme this year is *Quest For Truth – Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life*. Kids join Dakota Joe and his faithful dog, Digger, as they tackle daily challenges to unearth the Keeper of the Truth Artifact. Kids will love their journey through the Holy Land as they collect Gospel Glyphs and discover important truths about Jesus! As Digger says, “It’s w-r-r-r underful!”

Can we get a head start on decorating? Can you help build a Biblical city in the Fellowship Hall? Of course, help is needed with storytellers, age group leaders, music, crafts, recreation and snacks. Please speak to Pastor or Kitty soon!

Lutheran Hour Ministries

Lutheran Hour Ministries new children’s web site is a safe, Christian place to play online. JCPlayZone.com engages children through interactive games, crafts, recipes, and other activities in a safe, Christian environment, games, activities, and coloring pages will change often to encourage children to return and check out what’s new. JCPlayZone can be a home page for a family’s computer so that when the children sign on to the Internet, it is the first Web site they see. The website was created especially for children ages 2 through 6. A companion Web site for parents, “JC ParentZone” provides parents access to relevant information on helpful parenting articles and provides answers to their spiritual questions. The articles and spiritual questions will be updated regularly.



In the Beginning

Come along to Lancaster County and see the brand new production at Millennium Theatre, on Saturday, May 19th. Departure from Christ Lutheran Church, Forest Hills at 7:00 a.m. With a morning break at a turnpike travel plaza you will arrive around noon at Family Cupboard Restaurant for a delicious smorgasbord meal. Then a little time at one of the area's unique shopping areas; and on to Millennium Theatre for the 3:45 p.m. performance of *In the Beginning*. Experience the dawn of creation as Sight and Sound Theatres account of the creation of the world! Be creatures and vegetation, and breathes the route home a supper stop is made (at to Christ Lutheran Church at 11:30 p.m. transportation, reserved seats for *In the Beginning*, midday meal, taxes and gratuities on included items. Price per person: \$131- Adult and Senior, \$108 13-18 years, \$91 4-12 years. Please make reservations with Ann Fonas at (412) 242-2169.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Pat Jackson
- 9 - Gwen (Weaver) Harring
Wendy Weaver
- 10 - Jared Hoener
- 11 - Peg Kibel
- 14 - Alexander Hoener
Denise Roberts
Bill Smith



- 16 - Nick Orlic
- 18 - Ryan Fasnacht
- 20 - Eric Miller
- 26 - Jessica Laurito
- 27 - Kitty Skaritka

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Tracy and John Fasnacht
- 27 - June and Bruce Neuman



Thank You

Dear Calvary Lutheran,

For weeks I've had this thank you note addressed, trying to find the right words to express our family's appreciation for the lifetime of love, friendship and support you have given to us. Your prayers, cards, and visits during our mom, Dottie's illness and passing lifted us all during the past few months. The food and help you provided after her funeral was very appreciated, and most importantly, your continued support helps us cope with each new day without her. The faith journey our family began with Calvary Lutheran so many years ago has and continues to shape all of us and we are blessed to be sharing it with each of you. May the New Year bring you peace.

In love and friendship, The Weaver Family



Tabitha News

Tabitha's February 20th meeting at 7:00 p.m. will be one of fun and laughter. Please note the date change. A white elephant auction will follow our brief business meeting, and our Bible study (weather permitting). Wrap an unwanted or not needed item(s) from your home, give a clue as to what is inside and **do not** sign your name. Bring your change, as most items sell for under \$3.00. All proceeds will be used to purchase supplies for the kitchen. If you have any questions, please call or see Patti (724) 4685792 or Marty (724) 7444556.

Tabitha will pack care packages for our away from home college students. If you have someone in college that would like to receive a good address. Besides home-made cookies other pencils, pens, markers, paper, pop tarts, food. We will pack the boxes on February 6th following Ladies Bible Study class. A cookie sign-up sheet is located on the Tabitha board.



Interested in a ladies luncheon? We would go out to lunch on Saturdays at various restaurants. The first date will be February 24th at noon. Any suggestions as to where to go are welcomed. If this is something you would like to enjoy, a sign-up sheet is posted on the Tabitha board. Questions or suggestions...see Patti

STEPHEN MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Want to learn to be an active listener and reach out to others in a distinctively Christian way? On **Saturday, March 17, 2007**, Calvary will host a Stephen Series Caring Ministry Workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., and refreshments will be served at 8:30 a.m. The half-day workshop consists of three sessions designed both to enhance participants' care giving skills and to help congregations explore ways to expand their caring ministry.

The workshop is sponsored by Stephen Ministries, the St. Louis based Christian training organization that has been providing congregations with training and resources for Christian care giving for more than 30 years. Mike Russo, a Johnstown, PA business consultant, who conducts workshops and seminars worldwide and is now a faculty member for Stephen Series Leader's Training Courses will lead the workshop.

In the first session of the workshop, "Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief," participants learn about the grief process—the stages of grief and how to minister to people in each of those stages. They'll gain the skills and confidence to better care for individuals who are grieving.

"Stephen Ministry helps our members fulfill their Christian calling to love one another," said Pastor David Weeks. "Loving and caring for people isn't just the pastor's job—all Christians are called to minister to one another. We really look forward to this workshop as a way of helping others become aware of this calling."

The second session provides an introduction to the Stephen Series, a system of lay caring ministry through which congregation leaders can equip members to provide one-on-one Christian care to people in need. Since 1975, more than 9000 congregations representing more than 100 denominations have implemented the Stephen Series.

The final session of the workshop defines "How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way." Participants learn what makes Christian care giving unique and how they can use resources like prayer, blessings, and Scripture in their caring for others.

The cost of the workshop is \$15 per person or \$50 for a group of four or more from the same congregation. Members of Calvary may attend free as a benefit of hosting the workshop. Contact Debbie Pritts, Registration Coordinator if you would like to attend.

A wonderful giving opportunity

Let's show our appreciation for the soldiers in Iraq. The Girl Scout troop to which Angela Weeks belongs is sending the remainder of any opened carton of cookies to the soldiers in Iraq. Others, having noticed this and not wanting cookies for themselves, have bought and donated their boxes to the soldiers. Would you like to show your appreciation to these hard-working men and women by supporting this cause? If so, see Angela Weeks to place your order. Thanks!



Lutheran Church Extension Fund

When you invest a portion of God's blessings in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, you create a personal stewardship ministry for your family and for thousands of LCMS organizations that wish to build or expand their facilities. These funds provide low-cost loans to churches, schools, and new mission starts – and your money earns interest at the same time. It's a "total return" no bank can offer. Contact Lutheran Church Extension Fund at 1800-843-5233 to "double" your return.

JESUS

Tell it to Jesus

When your heart is full of troubles
And the teardrops of despair,
Do not cry and pine and worry—
Tell it to the Lord in prayer.
Pray to Him for love and comfort
When your troubles make you cry—
He is always in your presence
With the comforts life denies.
Tell Him of the griefs and heartaches
That are burdens in your life
And the wishes that you pray for
To becalm your tears and strife.
He will touch your heart with comfort
And His love of holy grace
In a sanctity of blessings
And the warmth of His embrace.

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