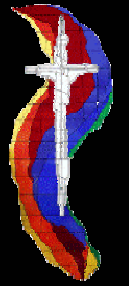




Calvary Crossroads

December 2010



Light

*The true light
that gives light
to every man
was coming into
the world.*

John 1:9

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 5:00 pm

Sundays: 8:15 am & 10:45 am (Contemporary Praise)

Christian Education for all ages @ 9:30 am



OUR VISION: Calvary Lutheran Church is a welcoming community of caring people grounded in the Living WORD of God. The power of the Cross and the Risen Christ is working through us, transforming our world and building His kingdom.

OUR MISSION: Our mission at Calvary Lutheran Church is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ as revealed in Holy Scripture.

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December Calendar Highlights		
Wed	1	FOCUS, Advent Supper & Worship
Sat	4	All Calvary Christmas Caroling, Third World Shoppe
Sun	5	Third World Shoppe, Angel Tree Gifts Due
Wed	8	FOCUS, Advent Supper & Worship
Thu	9	Live Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Fri	10	Advent Prayer Hours, Confirmation Prayer Lock-In begins
Sat	11	Confirmation Prayer Lock-In ends, Angel Tree luncheon & deliveries
Sun	12	Stewardship Commitment Sunday, LIVE NATIVITY
Tue	14	CROSSROADS DEADLINE
Wed	15	FOCUS, Advent Supper & Worship, CONNECT
Sat	18	Family Christmas Eve Worship rehearsal, TnT Christmas Craft & Caroling Family Event
Sun	19	Family Christmas Eve Worship rehearsal, Advent Prayer Hours, BRIDGE, REVOLVE
Wed	22	FOCUS, Advent Supper & Worship
Fri	24	Church Office Closed at noon, CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT 4, 7 & 11 PM
Sat	25	CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP AT 10 AM
Sun	26	One worship service only at 9 am
Mon	27	Church office closed, SVdP Meal Program



The Calvary Crossroads is published monthly. All news articles should be submitted to the church office by the deadline listed on the church calendar. Electronic submissions are preferred (email: kim@calvarylc.com).

Can you remember what you received for Christmas last year... two years ago? As I recollected on the past few years, I can honestly say I didn't do so well at remembering what those gifts were for me (sorry folks who were so kind to give me gifts). Most of the gifts we receive will be enjoyed for a short time and then will be forgotten. Even the gifts that I remember receiving as a child are no longer anywhere to be found!

Many of your Christmas plans have (most likely) already been written down in your little black book or perhaps your Blackberry. You've decided where to spend your vacation time, what you will eat, where you will shop, who you will shop for, how much you will spend on gifts and have probably made a list of what you would like for Christmas. You have already put a lot of valuable time into making this Christmas a memorable one! Odds are that this preparation is quite familiar to you...you've done it this way for years. It's part of the tradition of Christmas...which is great! However, I will challenge you to do something a bit different this year.

Before you vacation, eat, shop, or unwrap, consider the true meaning of the Season. Now I'm not talking about just going to church as is tradition, I'm really suggesting that when you are busy in the busy-ness of Christmas that you stop and take time to consider the reason for the season. For instance, when you

are out in the mall shopping this year, stop and take a moment to thank God for sending His Son to save us. When you are out eating at your favorite restaurant, stop before you dig in and say a prayer of Christmas thanksgiving. If you are fortunate enough to be travelling somewhere with a beach, say a Christmas prayer as you soak up the sun (no, I'm not jealous!). As you spend time putting up all those Christmas decorations, make sure that the true message of Christmas is well represented.

My hope and prayer for you this year is that you will **remember** this Christmas! Not that you will remember all the gifts (my favorite are socks...), but that you will remember THE GIFT! Join us for the traditional Christmas worship services and for our Live Nativity on December 14th!

With Good Tidings to YOU,



Pastor Phil



Update from the Congregation Council Denomination Discernment

We thank everyone for the active participation and prayer during the 40 Days of Discernment leading up to the vote taken on November 1st. As you know the vote has passed and the Council has been receiving questions regarding next steps.

We would like to inform the congregation that during the Seasons of Advent and Christmas, we will be focusing our attention on the babe in the manger! We encourage everyone to join in worshipping the greatest gift ever given—Jesus, God's Son born for YOU!

Be on the look out for further information from the Council regarding the Denomination Discernment in early 2011.

Peace,

Calvary Council

Prayers

Please check the weekly announcement bulletin for those people needing our urgent prayers. If you have any prayer requests, please call or email the church office. Please also continue to pray for the following Calvary family and friends:

Shut-Ins: Betty Schraith, Lorraine Zembinski, Shirley Derse.

Long Term Care: Dyana Solheim (former member of Calvary & friend of Donna Mueller), David Sayas (father of Jon Sayas), Ferne VanBoekel (mother of Vicki Sadowski), Dan Brezinski (son of Joan Grono), Fern MacGillis (mother-in-law of Jim Harrison).

It's About Our Family

Births

Congratulations to Ashley & Jason Knuth on the birth of a daughter, Emma Fay, on November 14th.

Deaths

We offer our Christian sympathies to Kari, Karissa, & Denny Thompson on the passing of Tinka Thompson on October 31st.

From the Church Office

 submitted by Holly Novotny

- The church office will be closed at noon on Friday, December 24. In addition, the office will be closed on Monday, December 27. From December 28-31 (Tuesday-Friday), office hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- As we approach the end of 2010, we ask you to please look carefully and prayerfully at your financial giving for the year.
- 2011 Offering Envelopes will be mailed directly to your homes mid-December. Please watch the mail for this delivery. If you use direct deposit and no longer need weekly offering envelopes, please contact the church office.
- The financial books close on Friday, December 31. To ensure proper credit for 2010 tax purposes, please have your contributions in the church office by the 31st. Contributions received after the 31st will not be credited to your 2010 giving. Thank you for your continued support of the many ministries of Calvary.
- By the constitution we are required to maintain an active membership roll. Membership at Calvary is indicated by participating in its ministry in worship, communing, and giving in time, talent, and money. By the time of the Annual Meeting, the membership will be reviewed. During the

stewardship activity in November, people had an opportunity to renew their membership and commitment to Calvary. If you should have any questions in regard to this, please speak with one of the pastors. The goal is not numbers, but meaningful ministry for an individual and for us as a congregation.

- Calvary is a participant of the Pick 'n Save WE CARE@ program. Some time ago Calvary was assigned an account number (#102300), so the next time you're in any Pick 'n Save store (if you haven't already done so), please go to the Customer Service desk, give them our account number, and they will issue you a new card right there with our number on it. So every time you use your Advantage Saver's Club Card at the checkout, our account will receive credit. All money will be used for the Good Samaritan Fund. You need to sign up only once, and the card is good at all Pick 'n Save Stores.
- Please remember to support our advertisers on the inside cover of the newsletter. With these ads, Calvary's newsletter is printed at no cost to us.
- Please remember to notify the church office (in writing or by phone) with any changes to your address/phone/e-mail.

Stewardship

Each year at this time, we reflect and respond to the request to give back a portion of what God has given us: our time, talent, and treasure. Certainly God has richly blessed us at Calvary Lutheran Church. Calvary members will have received in the mail this year's *First Fruits* Time, Talent and Treasure commitment forms. We ask that you prayerfully consider where you are able to give yourself to a ministry and message the world is desperate to hear.

The weekend of December 11th & 12th is designated Commitment Weekend, and we ask that everyone complete and return their commitment forms either before or on that weekend.

Forms may be returned by mail, by dropping them off in the church office, or by placing them in the offering basket. May God be with you as you prayerfully ponder your *First Fruits*.

Thank you

From Gladys Chmiel: My beloved Calvary Family...There aren't enough words to express my gratitude for all the support I received for my performance in "You Can't Get There from Here" at Sunset Playhouse. It meant the world to me to have so many of you attend! I'm so glad you all had a good

time...because I sure did, too! It was wonderful to be able to share that 'gift of laughter' with so many. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I love you all so much!

Hugs forever, Gladys (aka, 'Liz')

Youth & Family News by Dave Dringenburg

REVOLVE HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

- Students are invited to join us for Revolve Fellowship Nights on Sunday, December 5 and Sunday, December 19. Join us from 5 – 7:30 pm in the Youth Room for dinner, games, faith discussion and prayer. Friends are always invited! If you are interested in providing dinner for the group, please talk to Dave Dringenburg
- Join us each Wednesday at Caribou Coffee for Bible Study from 3:30 – 4:30 pm. We have wonderful discussion and great coffee! Note that there will be no study on December 22 or 29 (Christmas break).
- High School students and families are invited to join us for the Angel Tree gift delivery on Saturday, December 11. Join us for lunch and gift delivery. Parents and siblings are invited as well. For more information, talk to Dave.

CONFIRMATION/MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

- Confirmation classes meet each Sunday from 9:30 – 10:30 am (during the Sunday School hour). All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited to participate. If your child would like to join, please contact Pastor Mark. **Note that there will be no Confirmation class on Sunday, December 26, or Sunday, January 2.**
- Connect, our Middle School fellowship ministry, will meet on Wednesday, December 15. From 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Students are invited to come for games, faith discussion, snacks, prayer and more. Friends are always welcomed to come!
- Middle School students are invited to take part in a **Prayer Lock-in** on December 10/11. Join us at 7:30 pm for an all night prayer vigil, games, food and fun! Friends are invited. Bring a snack and a drink to share, and RSVP to Dave by Wednesday, December 8.



SUNDAY SCHOOL/BRIDGE

- Mark your calendars now: our Sunday School ADVENTure is Sunday, December 4 during the SS hour. Families are encouraged to attend! Please RSVP to Dave Dringenburg ASAP!
- Because of the Christmas break, we will not have Sunday School on Sunday, December 26 or January 2.
- Sunday School students will be rehearsing for the Family Christmas Eve Worship during the Sunday School hours in December, and also on Saturday, December 18 at 9 am.
- Bridge, our ministry to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, will meet on Sunday, December 19, from 3 – 5 pm. We will be discussing Christmas, playing games, eating a snack and praying. Friends are welcomed to come!



MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENTS

- Each family received a letter last month about the upcoming Middle School/High School Winter Retreat at Camp Forest Springs. Registration forms and deposits are due back into the office by December 23. We have 30 spots reserved: get your registration form in soon! If you need an extra copy of the registration material, talk to Dave or download it from the website.

Parents...are your kids stressing you out? Does your method of discipline just not seem to be working? Have we got a class for you!



Calvary will once again be offering Love & Logic[®] classes (both new & refresher), beginning in February. Love and Logic[®] provides simple and practical techniques to help parents with kids of all ages:

- Raise responsible kids
- Have more fun in their role
- Easily and immediately (first use) change their children's behavior

If this sounds like something you could use, then watch for more details coming next month!

December Mission of the Month World Hunger Appeal

Serenity Inns Inc. is a comprehensive, seven month transitional living program for homeless men who choose recovery from drug and/or alcohol addictions. This program addresses the physical, social, emotional, financial, and spiritual needs of its residents. It is a highly structured program modeled after a program of recovery within the ministry of Shared Hope in Washington, D.C. - Samaritan Inns - that has been successfully operating for the past 30 years.

The project was born out of concern from parishioners and clergy in five Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregations situated in the geographical heart of



much of the city's drug traffic. Staff members in these congregations have had daily and weekly ministries with addicted persons for more than 20 years.

Once a month Calvary members provide a meal to the Serenity Inn housing facility, located in Milwaukee.

You can support Serenity Inn through contributions using your weekly offering envelopes or white pew envelopes. Make checks out to Calvary Lutheran Church & note "Mission of the Month".

Thank you to all who brought food items last month. The next Food Sunday is December 18th and 19th. It has been designated **CEREAL SUNDAY** at Calvary. Each family is asked to bring cereal for the Food Pantry. As always, any food donation will be accepted. Other items of need include pasta, baby food and diapers, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, and canned fruits and vegetables. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please mark your check "Food Pantry".

“Mitten” Box

The Mission & Outreach Team is collecting **NEW** hats, mittens and scarves throughout December!

There is a collection box located in the church narthex. When you are out doing your Christmas shopping, pick up a few hats, pairs of mittens, or scarves to help those in need. We'd also love to have hand made items— they are so fun to see!

All items collected will be donated to the Women's Center in Waukesha.

Donations need to be in by Jan 2nd.



Angel Tree Ministry

Thank you to all who have taken an “Angel” to purchase a gift for a child of an incarcerated parent. Check with the church office if there are any angels left to be filled.

All gifts should be wrapped and labeled with the *top portion* of the self-adhesive angel, and returned to the church office by Sunday, December 5th. Final logging & sorting will take

place during the week and Angel Tree deliveries are scheduled for Saturday, December 11th. There will be a luncheon at 11:30 am on Dec. 11th for deliverers followed by gift deliveries.

The Angel Tree project is sponsored by Calvary's Men's Ministry. If you have any questions, contact Ed Ramthun.

Eager Ears by Sarah Korb, Director of Music



Advent at Calvary

Have you ever noticed how there are some things that just fit well together? Like salt & pepper, Tonto & the Lone Ranger, football & tailgating, or Wisconsin & happy cheese cows? Calvary's got some of those pairs that really click coming up this

Christmas: Caroling + Hot Chocolate, Wednesday Advent Worship + Supper, Live Nativity + Calvary's Community, and the Jesus Season + You.

The kicker is each of these have something for you, your faith. Your faith at work in caroling and the Live Nativity, your faith nurtured in worship and fellowship, and your faith relationship with Jesus.

Something infectious occurs in Advent. The Wednesday evening vespers worship and suppers, the Christmas caroling

complete with accordion, the solidarity of the Advent prayer hours, and the anticipation of celebrating Jesus' birth! Such a variety of ways to welcome in the celebration of the Messiah!

It's catching, that contagious spirit of Christmas! Merry Christmas from me and my family in Minnesota! And of course from the boys, my cat and turtle here in Milwaukee!

Sarah



It's I spy time. This wreath is prominently displayed in our Sanctuary this Advent. Can you spot where?



You may have noticed this latest addition to Calvary, located by my office. This new pop machine hums pretty loud. I think it may be auditioning for the choir.



A photo of Christmas Caroling 2009! Join us this year!

Mid-Week Advent Worship

Beginning the first Wednesday in Advent Calvary will resume our former FOCUS schedule with light suppers at 6pm followed by worship at 6:45 pm. (Senior Choir will rehearse at 7:30 pm.)

Each Wednesday worship service during Advent will consist of a “Joyous Light Service”. Please mark you calendars and join us each Wednesday as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child.

The Wednesday supper hosts are scheduled as follows:

- December 1: Celebration Ringers and Senior Choir
- December 8: Family Ministry
- December 15: TBD
- December 22: TBD

All are invited each Wednesday for food, fellowship, and faith—a great way to prepare for the Lord’s coming!

Christmas and Holiday Worship

Don’t forget the reason for the season! Keep Christ in Christmas and join fellow Calvary members, family, and friends for worship.

Christmas Eve:

- 4:00 pm Family Worship, led by our Sunday School students
- 7:00 pm Lessons and Carols Communion Worship
- 11:00 pm Candlelight Communion Worship

Christmas Day:

- 10:00 am Traditional Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 26:

- 9:00 am One weekend worship service only (no Saturday evening worship, no Sunday Christian Education)

Sunday, January 2:

- 9:00 am One weekend worship service only (no Saturday evening worship, no Sunday



Seasonal Events & Information

- All Calvary Christmas Caroling
 - December 4th, 11th, and 18th, meet at 9:30 am
- Advent Prayer Hours
 - Friday, December 10th, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
 - Sunday, December 19th, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- TnT Christmas Craft & Caroling Event
 - Saturday, December 18th at 10:00 am
- Church Office Holiday Hours
 - Closed on Friday, December 24th at noon through Monday, December 27th
 - Tuesday, December 28th through Friday, December 31st office hours will be 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 - Closed on Monday, January 3rd

Live Nativity 2010

Bring the entire family and transport back in time...



Experience Calvary's unforgettable live nativity as you uncover the historical account of the humble Christ's birth. This walk-through journey features costumed Calvary "cast" members, along with hand-painted scenery and live animals. The story of our Lord's birth is told through Scripture, narratives, and traditional & contemporary Christmas music. The entire event is indoors and is handicap and wheelchair/stroller accessible. There is no charge for this event and the community is invited to attend.

Tours begin every 10-15 minutes, and all are invited to join us in fellowship and homemade treats following their tour.

Invite family, friends & neighbors. Share the story of the first Christmas! Door hangers and flyers will be available in the church narthex to spread the word of this year's Live

We wish everyone a very blessed Christmas!

From the staff at Calvary,
Phil, Mark, Sarah, Dave,
Holly, Gladys, Kris, & Kim

Help Needed Live Nativity

Much help is needed to make this year's Live Nativity a success. Help is needed before, during, and after the actual event.

Do you have a musical talent that you'd like to share? Contact Sarah as soon as possible to discuss where you may be able to share your talent. Musical groups and individuals typically "work" the event only half the time, allowing them to go on the Live Nativity tour.

Prefer to work behind the scenes? See Sarah to find out where you can help. Whether helping with baking cookies, serving, sorting costumes, hanging scenery, or directing traffic for parking, there's a spot for you!

Several Calvary ladies prepare plates of home-baked cookies to serve at the 2008 Live Nativity. This is just one of the many areas of service associated with Calvary's Live Nativity. Many hands make light work...so sign up to help out today!

Would you rather help our before or after rather than during the event? Sign up for set-up or clean-up.

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Check them out early to get your "pick" of jobs!



Third World Shoppe

The Third World Shoppe will once again set up shop in the Calvary narthex, giving members the opportunity to purchase unique, hand-made gifts.

The mission of the Third World Shoppe is to serve developing countries by promoting their goods. Behind the items are stories...like baptismal napkins made by little girls in India who were shunned by their families. "This project takes them off the street, puts them into a school. They're educated. They can stay in the project till they're about 20 years of age," says Jerry Koepke, one of the



store's founders. Artisans get true value for their pieces. In turn, they enjoy a higher standard of living.

The Third World Handcraft Shoppe has donated \$230,000 back to Third World charities. By supporting the Third World Handcraft Shoppe, you too can help some of the poorest people on the planet rebuild their lives.

The Third World Shoppe is located at Capitol Drive Lutheran Church at 5229 W. Capitol Drive. You can find out more about the Third World Shoppe and view their hours at their website: <http://www.capitoldrivelutheran.org>

Click on the Third World Shoppe link.

TnT Book Drive for the Next Door Foundation

Please join the Goerke's Corners Associates of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in their efforts to donate coats, hats, and mittens during the Christmas Season to those in need. The coat drive runs November 29 and thru December 10 and donations will be graciously accepted during the office hours of 8:00 am – 6:00 pm at 13500 Watertown Plank Road, Suite 207 Elm Grove. Coats will be donated to day-care centers and local elementary schools in the area.

With winter coming, many coats are so vitally needed. For your participation, the Goerke's Corners Association will make a donation to Calvary's Good Samaritan Fund or other

fund of our choice. This is a way for them to let our members know that they exist and are interested in doing something for local congregations as well as for the community at large.

If you have questions, please contact Ernest Kretschmann or Megan Nybroten.



Calvary member, Erik Zipp (pictured left) is one of the Goerke's Corners Associates of Thrivent Financial.

TnT Book Drive for the Next Door Foundation

The Calvary TnT group (Twenties & Thirties) is running a book drive for the Next Door Foundation. New or gently used books can be placed the boxes outside of Fellowship Hall from now through December 12. Books will be delivered to the Next Door Foundation and given to underprivileged children who do not have access to books.

Since 1969, Next Door Foundation has worked with Milwaukee children and families to help them build the educational and life skills they need to succeed. Next Door works by serving more than 2,150 Milwaukee central city children, youth and parents each year. Their early intervention efforts especially benefit children who may be at risk for later school failure. Even the youngest children benefit from

early education programs that promote confidence, an eagerness to learn, self-discipline, curiosity and communication skills. Next Door also promotes positive outcomes for children 6-16 years of age by strengthening academics, emphasizing relationships to family, building peer support and encouraging service to the community.

Won't you help this worthwhile cause by cleaning off your shelves and donating your unused children's books? Multicultural books, baby board books and preschool books are needed most, but all children's books will be accepted.

Any questions can be directed to Megan Sayas (414-899-5077 or megansayas@gmail.com).



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS:

1	Gabriele Muth	Aaron Maus	Patricia Treutelaar	Emily Otten
2	Shelby Rose	Terry Vara	19 Leslie Taufner	27 Jene' Kramer
3	David Jensen	10 Susan Miller	20 Eyvonne Geise	Doris Ulwelling
	Kyle Pape	Janet Otten	Ronald Holman	29 Gabrielle Hanke
4	Camryn Lau	11 Nadine Schuelke	Carol Rooney	Brendan McAvoy
5	John Foley	12 Susan Ranchau	21 Monica Johnsrud	30 Annaliese Doepke
	Robert Long	13 Gail Rutkowski	22 Eric Olander	Warnes
	Holly Richter	Elizabeth Smith	Richard Treadwell	31 Judith Klade
	Corwin Rutkowski	14 Jorelyn Dreyer	23 Amy Bilek	W. Andrew Romo
	Marjorie Schumann	15 Amanda Kalupa	John Grey	Sallie Schulz
6	Nicole Anderson	Brian Kretschmann	24 Lynnette Anderson	Jane Smith
	Paul Vara	Robert Smith	Michael Anderson	
7	Lauren Botcher	16 Benjamin Martin	Katherine Roche	
	Gregory Morris	Richard Volkmann	25 Kristin Bohl	
8	Chad Swalheim	17 Ray Chesner	Christopher Cotter	
9	Timothy Giuliani	Noel Jenke	Strac Slawinski	
	Daniel Jentz	Devin McAvoy	26 Kari Clappier	
		18 Nicholas Thiede	Jacob Lison	

ANNIVERSARIES:

(Date # of Years)

Holly and (Christobal) Paez	1	4	Ronald and Jean Holman	26	57
Elton and Joanne Juno	4	24	Michael and Jill Duckett	27	22
Donald and Nadine Schuelke	13	58	Lawrence and JoAnn Phillips	29	53
Donna and Robert Schroeder	14	8	Richard and Carol Treadwell		37
Terry and Susan Wussow	18	39	A. Bela and Julie Maroti	31	26
Theodore and Marion Youngquist	20	65			

Serving at Worship in December continued from pg 14

	Dec. 25: <i>Christmas Day – Sat.-10a (Communion Worship)</i>	Dec. 26: <i>First Sunday after Christmas – Sun.-9a (One Service Only!)</i>
Acolytes	10:00 Joseph Morris Laura Morris Kevin Olander	9:00 Sara Kalupa Emma Leonard Amanda Piek
Ushers	10:00 NEEDED	9:00 Larry Runnoe (C) Barb Runnoe Sue & Terry Wussow
Deacons	10:00 Paula Altman Ernie Kretschmann Ed Ramthun	9:00 Diane Meyer Ed Ramthun Greg Berry
Greeters/ Hospitality	10:00 Pat & Carol Corcoran NEEDED (2)	9:00 Lee & Marilyn Hermann Greg & Diane Meyer
Lectors	10:00 Pat Corcoran	9:00 Deb Wolff
Nursery	10:00 NEEDED	9:00 NEEDE

Pastor Mark's Corner



I love Fall.

Well, perhaps I should be more clear.

I love *early* Fall. I love it when the heat and humidity of August gives way to a new crispness in the air. I love it when the green leaves begin to give way, and the forests become painted in vibrant bright colors. I love it when the academic year gets underway, and there are new beginnings in our lives. And I love it

when every football team has a clean slate and every fan is once again full of optimism.

I love early Fall.

But then, something always gives, and my love for Fall begins to dim.

I blame ... the end of Daylight Savings Time. I blame the return of "Standard Time".

When we turn our clocks back, something inside of me usually gets turned back as well. I suddenly realize that the vibrant colored leaves have all but blown away. I realize that the start of the academic year is now in full swing, and that translates into a lot of work. And I realize that despite all the optimism at the beginning of the football season, my beloved Minnesota Vikings are currently 3-6.

As Fall progresses, my love for Fall dims.

But the most ominous characteristic of "Standard Time" is the darkness. I am writing this *Crossroads* article in mid-November, at 5:00 in the afternoon, and it is literally pitch black outside. Darkness is seemingly beginning to envelope us. The days continue to get shorter and shorter, and the world can begin to seem quite dark and gloomy. Soon, we'll be going to work or school in the dark, and then returning later in the day – also in the dark.

As Fall progresses, our world can seem to grow dim.

And realizing this, we embrace the season of Advent. We look forward to celebrating the arrival of Light of the World. As the world around us literally grows darker and darker as we approach the winter solstice, we remember that we will be celebrating the arrival of the Light of the World at Christmas.

In December, as our world continues to grow dim, we look with great appreciation towards Christ – Jesus – the Light of the World.

Jesus, the Light of the World, is with us! No matter how dark our world seems to get, during the season of Advent we remember that Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, has come! He is with us!

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:5

Perhaps later Fall isn't all that bad after all. For the darkness around us reminds us to cling to Christ.

Happy December. Happy Advent. Merry Christmas.

Yours in Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Mark".

Pastor Mark

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December Calendar

<p>28 <u>FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</u> 8:15 AM Worship/Baptism (Scheiger) 10:45 AM Contemporary Praise Worship/Baptism (Criqui) 5:30 PM Laser Tag Adventure (Confirmation & Revolve-until 8:30p)</p>	<p>29 5:00 PM Advent Decorating (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>30 9:00 AM Staff Meeting/Program Staff 7:00 PM Celebration Ringers 7:30 PM Families Anon 7:30 PM NonSmokingAA</p>	<p>1 <u>FOCUS NIGHT</u> 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 12:00 PM Bible Study 3:30 PM High School Bible Study (until 4:30p) 5:00 PM Adult Ed. Study 5:00 PM Cherub Choir; Rainbow Ringers 5:30 PM Chime Choir; New Creation Choir 6:00 PM Advent Supper (Celebration Ringers & Senior Choir) 6:45 PM Advent Worship, Joyous Light Service 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM Quilters 6:15 PM MOM's Bible Study</p>	<p>3 12:00 PM Al Anon</p>	<p>4 <u>Name Tag Weekend</u> <u>Third World Shoppe Visit</u> 9:30 AM All Calvary Christmas Caroling 5:00 PM Worship</p>
<p>5 <u>ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE IN TODAY!</u> <u>Name Tag Weekend</u> <u>SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</u> <u>Third World Shoppe Visit</u> 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Christian Education/Confirmation 10:45 AM Contemporary Praise Worship/Baptism (Kroepfl) 11:45 AM Live Nativity Planning Meeting 5:00 PM High School REVOLVE</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Staff Meeting/Program Staff 12:30 PM Women's Ministry Bible Study 7:00 PM Celebration Ringers 7:00 PM Family Ministry Team 7:30 PM Families Anon 7:30 PM NonSmokingAA</p>	<p>8 <u>FOCUS NIGHT</u> 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Adult Ed. Study 5:00 PM Cherub Choir; Rainbow Ringers 5:30 PM Chime Choir; New Creation Choir 6:00 PM Advent Supper (Family Ministry) 6:45 PM Advent Worship, Joyous Light Service 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>9 9:30 AM Calvary Knitting Group 5:00 PM LIVE NATIVITY Dress Rehearsal (until 7:00p)</p>	<p>10 12:00 PM Al Anon 7:00 PM Advent Prayer Hours (until 9:00p) 7:30 PM Confirmation Prayer Lock-In Begins</p>	<p>11 8:30 AM Confirmation Prayer Lock-In Ends 9:30 AM All Calvary Christmas Caroling 11:30 AM Angel Tree Luncheon & Deliveries 5:00 PM Worship</p>
<p>12 <u>THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT</u> 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Christian Education/Confirmation 9:30 AM Church Life Ministry Team 10:45 AM Contemporary Praise Worship/Baptism (Zipp) 4:00 PM LIVE NATIVITY (until 6:30p)</p>	<p>13 <u>Serenity Inn Meal Program</u> 1:00 PM Women's Book Group 7:00 PM Christian Clowns</p>	<p>14 9:00 AM Staff Meeting/Program Staff 7:00 PM Celebration Ringers 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting 7:30 PM Families Anon 7:30 PM NonSmokingAA</p>	<p>15 <u>FOCUS NIGHT</u> 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 12:00 PM Bible Study 3:30 PM High School Bible Study (until 4:30p) 5:00 PM Adult Ed. Study 5:00 PM Cherub Choir; Rainbow Ringers 5:30 PM Chime Choir; New Creation Choir 6:00 PM Advent Supper 6:00 PM Middle School CONNECT 6:45 PM Advent Worship, Joyous Light Service 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>16 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM Ruth Circle 9:30 AM Fox Brook Worship 10:30 AM Care-Age Worship 2:00 PM Men's Support Group 5:30 PM Executive Committee</p>	<p>17 <u>COUNCIL REPORTS DUE!</u> 12:00 PM Al Anon 5:00 PM Creative Memories Class</p>	<p>18 9:30 AM Family Christmas Eve Worship Rehearsal (until 11:30a) 10:00 AM TnT Christmas Craft & Caroling Family Event 5:00 PM Worship</p>
<p>19 <u>FOOD SUNDAY</u> <u>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</u> 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Christian Education/Confirmation 9:30 AM Family Christmas Eve Worship Rehearsal 10:45 AM Contemporary Praise Worship 3:00 PM The Bridge 5:00 PM Advent Prayer Hours (until 7:00p) 5:00 PM High School REVOLVE</p>	<p>20 1:30 PM Naomi Circle</p>	<p>21 <u>CROSSROADS DEADLINE (Noon)</u> 9:00 AM Crossroads Assembly 9:00 AM Staff Meeting/Program Staff 12:00 PM Esther Circle 12:30 PM Women's Ministry Bible Study 7:00 PM Celebration Ringers 7:00 PM Congregation Council 7:30 PM Families Anon 7:30 PM NonSmokingAA</p>	<p>22 <u>FOCUS NIGHT</u> 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 12:00 PM Bible Study 3:30 PM High School Bible Study (until 4:30p) 5:00 PM Adult Ed. Study 5:00 PM Cherub Choir; Rainbow Ringers 5:30 PM Chime Choir; New Creation Choir 6:00 PM Advent Supper 6:45 PM Advent Worship, Joyous Light Service 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <u>CHRISTMAS EVE (OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON)</u> 4:00 PM Family Worship 7:00 PM Lessons & Carols Communion Worship 11:00 PM Candlelight Communion Worship</p>	<p>25 <u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u> 10:00 AM Christmas Day Communion Worship</p>
<p>26 9:00 AM Worship/Baptisms (Runnoe & Jantz)</p>	<p>27 <u>(OFFICE CLOSED)</u> 4:00 PM Meal Program</p>	<p>28 <u>OFFICE HOURS: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.</u> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting/Program Staff 7:30 PM Families Anon 7:30 PM NonSmokingAA</p>	<p>29 <u>OFFICE HOURS: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.</u> 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast 12:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>30 <u>OFFICE HOURS: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.</u></p>	<p>31 <u>OFFICE HOURS: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.</u> 12:00 PM Al Anon</p>	<p>1 <u>NEW YEAR'S DAY</u></p>

SERVING AT WORSHIP IN DECEMBER 2010

If you are unable to fulfill your volunteer duties, please find a substitute and call the Church Office (262-786-4010) by Wednesday with their name.

	Dec. 4/5: Second Sunday in Advent/ Third World Shoppe Visit/Name Tag Weekend - Sat.-5p, Sun.-8.15 & 10:45a* (*Contemporary Praise/Baptism-Kroepfl)	Dec. 11/12: Third Sunday in Advent - Sat.-5p; Sun.-8.15 & 10:45a* (*Contemporary Praise/Baptism-Zipp) - LIVE NAUGHTY from 4 to 6:30 p!	Dec. 18/19: Fourth Sunday in Advent/ Food Sunday - Sat.-5p; Sun.-8.15a & 10:45a* (*Contemporary Praise)	Dec. 24: Christmas Eve - Fri.-4o (Family Service); 7p (Lessons & Carols w/ Communion); 11p-Candlelight Communion
Acolytes	8:15 Jennifer Jennaro Sara Kalupa 10:45 Regan Andrus Adam Kershek	8:15 Emma Leonard Joseph Morris Laura Morris 10:45 Kevin Olander Nicole Wahlgren Hannah Ziemann	8:15 NEEDED Tommy Stadler 10:45 Regan Andrus Jennifer Jennaro	4:00 Not Needed 7:00 Michael Anderson Adam Kershek Jene' Kramer 11:00 Anna Baumgartner Elise Baumgartner Hannah Ziemann
Ushers	8:15 Brian Davis (C) Larry Bonier Sheila Kershek John Kramer 10:45 Rich Bloomberg (C) Jean Bloomberg John Brutus Marty Altman	8:15 Same 10:45 Same	8:15 Larry Runnoe (C) Barb Runnoe Terry & Sue Wussow 10:45 Chris Morris (C) Scott Langelin Ron Piek Anthony Piek	4:00 NEEDED 7:00 NEEDED 11:00 NEEDED
Deacons	Assisting Minister: Lee Tyne 5:00 Ernie Kretschmann 8:15 Troy Diebert Paula Altman Bill Jordan 10:45 Diane Meyer Jonni Roush Janet Zastrow	5:00 Ernie Kretschmann 8:15 Paula Altman Ed Rauthun 10:45 Greg Berry Tracey Klein Kim Nyka Mark Nyka	Assisting Minister: Tom Schramek 5:00 Janet Zastrow 8:15 Bill Jordan Mark Nyka Kim Nyka 10:45 Troy Deibert Diane Meyer Tracey Klein	4:00 Troy Deibert 7:00 Lee Tyne Ron Foster? Tom Schramek? Judy Kestly? 11:00 Diane Meyer Jonni Roush Bill Steiner? Tracey Klein?
Greeters/ Hospitality	5:00 Dick & Jan Mertins (H) Ray & Jan Chesner 8:15 Bill & Shirley Jordan John & Mary Lau 10:45 Lavon Olander Sue Rowe Don & Jean Anderson Mug-a-Newcomer: Peggy Langelin	5:00 Ron & Bea Foster 8:15 Dottie Riemer (H) Barb & Larry Runnoe Sayas family (H) 10:45 BEEDEED (4) Mug-a-Newcomer: Marianne Citraro	5:00 Jeannette Ketelsen 8:15 Ginnie Cox Jean Hirth Ruby Hauch 10:45 Don & Jean Anderson Lavon Olander Sue Rowe NEEDED (2) Mug-a-Newcomer: Jonni Roush	4:00 Sayas family (H) NEEDED (2) 7:00 NEEDED (4) 11:00 Sue Rowe Herb & Judy Grosplitz
Lectors	5:00 Ernie Kretschmann 8:15 Cindy Busche 10:45 Larry Bonier	5:00 Ernie Kretschmann 8:15 Chuck Giuliani 10:45 Chet Elliott	5:00 Janet Zastrow 8:15 Ruth Brostowitz 10:45 Cathy Wahlgren	4:00 Not Needed 7:00 Sign up in Narthex 11:00 Sign up in Narthex
Nursery	8:15 Janet Otten 10:45 Shirley Brodell	8:15 Sue Meyer 10:45 Chris & Leah Morris	8:15 Angie Schatz 10:45 Mike & Heidi Kastern	4:00 Not Needed 7:00 NEEDED 11:00 NEEDED

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Servant Spotlight Judy Kestly



The spotlight shines on faithful servant Judy Kestly this month! Judy has been a member of Calvary for nearly 15 years and during that time has been a stalwart volunteer!

Judy is a former member of Calvary's Board of Deacons and is a regular volunteer for the monthly Serenity Inn meal program. She also cooks and

works for Calvary's monthly time serving at the St. Vincent de Paul meal program and is a loyal member of the Good Samaritan program.

Buts Judy's service doesn't stop there! She is also a member of the Visitation Ministry, visiting and delivering flowers to shut-in members and members recovering from an illness or surgery. Judy is also quick to lend a hand when someone needs a ride to church or elsewhere.

Judy has also been a regular part of Calvary's Wednesday Bible study as well as the Women's Ministry Book Study. Her faithfulness to Calvary ministries, to Calvary family members and to God, along with her unwavering smile and positive attitude, makes her the choice for this month's Servant Spotlight.

We thank God for Judy and for her service to Calvary. May God bless her today and always.

Editor's note: The Crossroads regular feature "Servant Spotlight" has been running since February, 2008. At this time we wish to thank all Calvary volunteers who serve so faithfully in all areas of our church. We want you all to know that you are truly appreciated for the selfless work you do.

This month will be our last Servant Spotlight as we will begin a new regular feature next month. Watch for the January edition of the Crossroads for the new feature, "Ministries in Motion: Calvary ministries making a difference."

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