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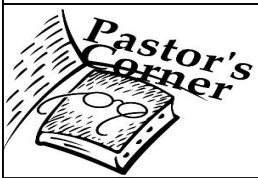
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MISSION STATEMENT

Embraced in God's love through Jesus Christ, Calvary Lutheran Church is called
 To proclaim the Good News of God's saving grace,
 To nurture spiritual growth, and
 Care for all God's creation.

Drawn to the Light of Christ
 In Worship, Study, Prayer & Service



Dear Friends in Christ,

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - Happy New Year!

As you receive this edition of the *Proclamation*, it is the Christmas season in the Church. From December 25 to January 6, we celebrate God's gift of love, Emmanuel. Emmanuel means "God with us." The gift of our heavenly Father is the gift of God's presence born as a

human in Bethlehem to bring light into a world of people who could not find their way to God in the dark. As Emmanuel grew and offered this gift of light to all people, it became apparent that many people would rather remain in the dark, well worn alleys of their lives, than follow a new and brighter path. God noticed that most folks don't like change! Especially, change coming from "outside." So once the gift was rejected fully at Calvary, and nailed to a cross for all to see, "God with us" took on another form. In a move that only Love could make, *Emmanuel in the flesh* became new in a way that darkness would never overcome the light intended as a gift from the heart of God. The Risen Christ would personally deliver the Holy Spirit of God into the hearts of God's beloved ones. Now the gift of love from God's heart is sealed in the heart and soul of those who believe. This message of good news is recorded throughout the pages of the Bible, which has inspired generations to follow the light of God through Jesus Christ.

As the Christmas season comes to a close on January 6, the season of Epiphany enters as a time to clearly see the ways God has made this good news known among us. The Magi from the East followed God's star to the place where God's love was revealed to them, and they knelt down in worship before Emmanuel. Disciples followed the bright star of God in the person of Jesus, witnessing love incarnate day after day. Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, disciples of Jesus planted the light and love of God in all directions, so that Christ would be made known throughout the world. The Holy Scriptures continue to give us the light of God's word to lead us into the presence of divine love. According to the Psalmist, "Your word (God's word) is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

In this New Year, I encourage you to open your Bible and let God lead you to greater faith and insight about God's love for you and our faith community at Calvary. As the Magi were inspired to bring their gifts before the One they worshipped and adored, so should we bring our gifts wherever the bright star of Jesus Christ will lead us and meet us in this new day. Throughout the scriptures, angels counsel those who are called by God to "Be not afraid!" Go in peace, serve the Lord, let your life be an act of worship in the sight of God, and receive the gift of Emmanuel, "God with us."

"Bright and Glorious is the Sky" is a traditional Epiphany hymn written by a 19th century Danish composer, Nikolai Grundvig. The last two verses give us affirmation of our calling to read, hear and be guided by the word of God set before us in the Holy Bible.

Guided by the star, they (Magi) found Him whose praise the ages sound.

We, too, have a star to guide us which forever will provide us

With the light to find our Lord, with the light to find our Lord.

As a star, God's holy Word leads us to our King and Lord;

Brightly from its sacred pages shall this light throughout the ages

Shine upon our path of life, shine upon our path of life.

Your partner in the light of Christ,
Pastor Mike



MEMBERS:

Charlie Edwards
Jim Fisher
Betty Glasbrook
Rachel Keisler
Sandy Koerner
Joan Mease
Betty Riley
Patrick Stokes
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OTHERS:

All military service men & women
All who work for peace & justice
Domestic & global missionaries

FAMILY

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Donnie Bogle
Darius & Sue Bollinger
Ray Bost
Katherine Briggs
J.C. Burnette
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Alta Grauer
Cathy Edwards
Andy Foss

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Sarah & Mitch Pons
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Constance St. Armand
Michael Stokes
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Evan Thomason
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Fred Whalen
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Donald & Hazel Whitley
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Everette Zettle

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Jan English
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Billie Rose Robertson
Doris Sink
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Justin Williams (Marines)
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Wilma Whisnant (Grace Ridge)
Mary Voltmer (Grace Heights)

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Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia)

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Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church Brisas del Valle, El Salvador

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Louise Doyle
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Jewell Gist
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Gloria Hayes
Susan Nyman
Lucille Robinson
Kyle Rusnak
Vonda Stroupe
Irma Stefula
Vicki Wilson

CONGRATULATIONS

to Seth and Andrea Hunt upon the birth of their daughter, Ryan Victoria, on December 22.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

Ed Entzi and family upon the death of Claudia Entzi
Garry & Nina Harding upon the death of his mother
Andrea Hunt and family upon the death of her grandmother.
Sam & Betty Glasbrook upon the death of his brother.

THANKS BE TO GOD

for the new members received December 21, 2008

Ruth Cotton Jack & Carmen Divers
Rhonda & Tony Frasca
Jason Pennell Jamie Peters

Welcome to the body of Christ gathered at Calvary!
May our lives be woven together
by the Holy Spirit for the sake of the Gospel.

We want to thank each of you for your prayers, calls, cards and visits for our family during the loss of my mother, Billie Harding. We're truly blessed to be part of such a caring church family. Your words of condolences and encouragement will always be remembered.
Garry & Nina Harding

WE PRAY MONTHLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION IN LOVE AND COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Matt & Debbie Robillard, Madison & Trinity
Arlene Robinson
Robert Rumpel
Henry Sain
Kim Sain
Becky Schlein
Lisa Schuck

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KEEP US POSTED VIA E-MAIL: If you have added internet services, changed internet carriers or adjusted your e-mail address, notify Seth Hunt (sthunt@burke.k12.nc.us). By doing that we will be able to keep the "Prayer Chain" up to date and can be a communication link between you and the church.

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Jan 4 Asst. Minister Acolyte Crucifer Lector Greeter Nursery Children's Message Children's Church	Dawn McDonald Gavin McDonald Dawn McDonald Charles Moll David & Sharon Shirlen	Jennifer Wilson Will Duncan Crystal Anthony Dot Williams Christine Duncan Carrie Mull Jennifer Hunt Susan Rector
Jan 11 Assisting Minister Acolyte Crucifer Lector Greeter Nursery Children's Message Children's Church	Nina Harding Tina Padgett Nina Harding Julie Copenhaver Margaret Miller	Hank Hunt Amanda Rector Alex Rector Karel Johnson Helen Harriger Whitley Family Pastor Hilpert Teresa Gamewell
Jan 18 Assisting Minister Acolyte Crucifer Lector Greeter Nursery Children's Message Children's Church	Wayne Giese Georgia Ballard Wayne Giese Lois Berryhill Julie Copenhaver	Quez Little Scott Kyro Trevor Kyro Karen Whitley Teresa Gamewell Farrar Family Beverly Watts Carrie Mull
Jan 25 Assisting Minister Acolyte Crucifer Lector Greeter Nursery Children's Message Children's Church	Nina Harding Tina Padgett Nina Harding Mandy Greco Lois Berryhill	Richard Isaac Gabe Isaac Jake Duncan Lynn Black Susan Rector Potocki Family Richard Isaac Tammy Isaac
Ushers:	Fred Miller Steve Gregory	Bob Kilpatrick Ernie Wallat Ken Whitley Steve Yount
Caregiver: Altar Guild:	Carol Clark Gloria Kilpatrick, Kamara Reade, Debbie Little, Pattie Brittain	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 2009						
4 8:30 am Worship Service 9:00 am Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship Service "Book of Faith" Sunday	5 7:30 pm Circle 1	6 10:30 am Circle II	7 6:00 pm Support 7:00 pm Handbells	1 BUCM (am) New Year's Day	2	3
11 8:30 am Worship Service 9:00 am Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship Service "Feed the Poor" Sunday	12	13 BUCM (pm) 11:00 pm Calvaliers	14 6:00 pm Endowment Board 7:00 pm Handbells	15 BUCM (pm)	16	17
18 8:30 am Worship Service 9:00 am Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm confirmation	19	20 BUCM (am) 6:00 pm Worship & Music	21 7:00 pm Handbells	22	23 Council Friday & Saturday 23 & 24	24 Retreat Saturday 24
25 8:30 am Worship Service 9:00 am Sunday School Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Worship Service	26	27 7:00 pm Council	28 7:00 pm Handbells	29	30	31

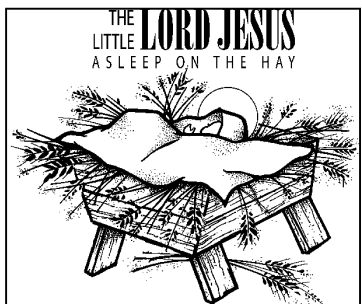
CIRCLE I will meet Monday, January 5 at Leslie Kern's. Heather Sossoman has the program.

CIRCLE II will meet Tuesday, January 6 in the old fellowship hall.

Calvary Lutheran Church
New Office Hours

Monday
Office Closed

Tuesday-Friday
8:00 am– 2:30 pm



PLEASE REMEMBER the church and its ministries in your end of year special giving. Mission, outreach, teaching and gathering in the name of Christ are sustained by the generosity of the people of God. Time, talent and money are the blessings of God out of which we might be blessings for the sake of Jesus Christ. Thanks for your partnership in the life of the church.

2009 FLOWER CHART: It's time to sign up for flowers for the coming year to beautify our service and to give thanks to God for our many blessings. The cost is \$30 for each vase. As our church family grows, and more people want to provide flowers, we might need to share Sunday's with another family. Fisher Florist will provide flowers unless another florist is your preference. You would be responsible for contacting your florist and payments. Please call Judie Huffman at 437-2347 or see Judie between services to make date selection.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Sarah Ervin | 12 Jennifer Wilson |
| 1 Bryna Riley | 18 Grayson Ijames |
| 2 Gage Wallace | 18 Justin Williams |
| 3 Jacob Green | 20 Richard Isaac |
| 3 Zachary Green | 20 Lee Dehnert |
| 6 Elaina Benson | 20 Kaitlyn Goodson |
| 6 Will Duncan | 21 Keith Black |
| 7 Mark Sossoman | 22 Lois Berryhill |
| 8 Ted Graham | 23 Matt Imboden |
| 11 Clay Giese | 24 Quez Little |
| 11 Angela Voltmer | 24 Lynn Williams |
| 12 Billie Rose Robertson | 26 Marie Page |
| 12 Aiden Hunt | 27 Katelyn Cozort |
| | 31 Dianne Hale |

LFS Carolinas

Point of Change

“Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm. Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.”
Proverbs 4:25-27

Being a teenager is a time for a lot of different things. It is a time to learn, grow and most of all it is a point of change. As a ninth-grader in high school, Nathan* like any other boy has his favorite school subjects, sports and goals for the future. Nathan lives in a LFS Carolinas group home and is using this time to change for the better.

Nathan came to LFS Carolinas after having difficulty living with his stepmother, where he found himself in a repetitive cycle of fighting. To prevent the fighting, he was assigned to a group home by the Department of Social Services (DSS).

Now Nathan has a new outlook on his life that he might not have had otherwise. He has maintained good behavior and is now seen as a role model to some of the other boys.

His mentors have been working along side him to overcome some behavioral issues by encouraging the positive decisions he makes. This guidance reflects in Nathan's actions towards others in the home.

He also looks to his older sister for strength. The two are very close and her choices in life have made an impact on Nathan. She is in the Air Force and because of her he also wants to join the military when he graduates from high school.

Nathan started off fighting but with the guidance of the group home and from his sister, he has become a leader. He, along with others in the home, sees himself as a teacher that helps others realize how their actions can impact others.

Not only is he a leader to others, he has also found the strength to be a leader in his own life.

“Being in the home has changed me,” said Nathan. “I used to get in trouble. Now they’ve taught me to walk away.”

Having found new stability in his life, Nathan is able to focus his energy in a more positive direction. He is applying his time to bringing his grades back up and working on getting back to his family in Virginia.

** Names have been changed for confidentiality.*

PARISH NURSE UPDATE

It is a new year and the Parish Nurse interview committee continues to search for the right candidate to serve our church family and the church family of Grace Episcopal. Several individuals have been interviewed and we have met some very gifted compassionate and inspirational individuals.

However, we are very slow and deliberate in our decisions working toward our goal of finding the right person for the job. The interview committee is made up of people from both Grace and Calvary. We have worked very well together and the experience has given each church an opportunity to explore ways that we might cooperatively serve our congregations. At this time we are interviewing the top candidates a second time.

Many of you, no doubt, have questions regarding the Parish Nurse position. You may be wondering just what to expect from this program. As you read in last month's PROCLAMATION, there are numerous roles and activities possible. Exactly what will be done will depend on the determined needs. It is established that the Parish Nurse's 40 hour work week will provide 20 hours of service to Calvary and 20 hours to Grace. Exactly which hours will be spent with which congregation must be determined. Mileage related to the work for each congregation will be paid by that church. (Mileage costs were included in our Peeler Grant.)

It is expected the Parish Nurse will begin by conducting a needs assessment. Next, a plan of action to address those needs will be developed. As the nurse begins, there will be specific “Parish Nurse” training which must be completed. The education will be financed by Blue Ridge Healthcare System. Each of the congregations involved has its own Health Board. That Board along with Pastor, will assist with the implementation of the project as well as monitor it. You, as members of the church family, will be asked to assist. (It would be great if you'd volunteer in advance.) In other words, we must each individually support this project as well.

Please continue your prayers for this newly evolving Calvary ministry. Pray that together we can more effectively minister to the spiritual and health needs of members and the community, thereby better serve God.

Parish Nurse Interview Committee

2009 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE FROM CLC YOUTH.

Get yours now on Sunday mornings or call Angela Williams.