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Calvary's PROCLAMATION

March 2009

DIRECTORY

Church Staff

Dr. Michael F. Riley..... Pastor
 Becky Stevens.....Organist/Music Director
 Valerie Graybill.....Chancel Choir Director
 Amy Alexander.....Hand Bell Director
 Shirley Hise.....Parish Secretary

Council Officers

Mike Imboden.....President
 Emmet Brittain..... Vice-President
 Dot Williams.....Secretary
 Judie Huffman.....Financial Secretary
 Garry Harding.....Treasurer

Congregation Council

Term expiring 2009

Teresa Gamewell
 Jerry Stevens
 Angela Williams
 Scott Wilson

Terms expiring 2010

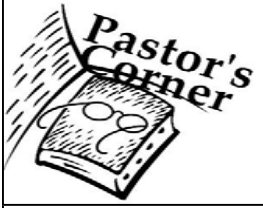
Mike Imboden
 Seth Hunt
 Phillip Rector
 Steve Wilson

Term expiring 2011

Emmett Brittain
 Jeff Farrar
 Debbie Little
 Dot Williams

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.



Dear



FAMILY

Barbara Bergstrom
Bob Berryhill
Steve Bethke (Navy)
Roy & Azile Bogle
Donnie Bogle
Darius & Sue Bollinger
Ray Bost
Katherine Briggs
J.C. Burnette
Steven Byers & family
Edith Cobb
Lori DiMedio
Alta Grauer
Cathy Edwards
Andy Foss

MEMBERS:

Charlie Edwards
Jim Fisher
Betty Glasbrook
John Hale
Bruce Keever
Rachel Keisler
Sandy Koerner
Joan Mease
Betty Riley
Patrick Stokes
Ernie Wallat

OTHERS:

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

FAMILY, continued

Elizabeth Gray
Mary Haller
Gregg Harding
Julia Hartzog
Robert Horne
Hans & Betty Lund
Avery Lutz
Noel Martin
Melissa Moore & Family
Curt Nutbrown
Sarah & Mitch Pons
Denise Robinson
Constance St. Armand
Michael Stokes
Jim Taylor
Evan Thomason
Rebecca Weiner
Fred Whalen
Vernon & Laura Whisnant
Donald & Hazel Whitley
Tasha Williamson
Everette Zettle

AT HOME:

Jan English
J. C. Gantt
Ruth Hahn
Maggie Lou Roberson
Billie Rose Robertson
Doris Sink
Jackie Wiseman

U.S. MILITARY:

Henry Lange (Navy-Iraq)
Justin Williams (Marines)

NURSING HOME:

Marie Page (Autumn Care)
Wilma Whisnant (Grace Ridge)
Mary Voltmer (Grace Heights)

SEMINARIAN:

Joanna Novak
Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia)

SISTER PARISH:

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church Brisas del Valle, El Salvador

FRIENDS:

Brett Anderson
Bryson family
Louise Carrell
Louise Doyle
Gene Dube
Jewell Gist
Veronica Grossi
Gloria Hayes
Susan Nyman
Lucille Robinson
Kyle Rusnak
Vonda Stroupe
Irma Stefula
Vicki Wilson

March Birthdays

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

Mark & Heather Sossoman, Brendan, Connor & Ian
Dean & Monique St. Louis, Cole & Reed
Bud & Linda St. Louis
Jerry & Becky Stevens
Brandi Stevens

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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.

1st 8:30 11:00
 Asst. Minister Dawn McDonald Hank Hunt
 Acolyte Gavin McDonald Amanda Rector
 Crucifer Dawn McDonald Sarah Williams
 Lector Larry Berryhill Brandi Stevens
 Greeter Elizabeth Ferguson Arlene Robinson
 Children's Message Pastor Mike
 Nursery Gamewells
 Children's Church Susan Rector

8th
 Asst. Minister Nina Harding Richard Isaac
 Acolyte Tina Padgett Gabe Isaac
 Crucifer Nina Harding Alex Rector
 Lector Nina Harding Matthew Robillard
 Greeter Don & Rita Blanton Christine Duncan
 Children's Message Richard Isaac
 Nursery Bensons
 Children's Church Tammy Isaac

15th
 Asst. Minister Wayne Giese Tori Whalen
 Acolyte Georgia Ballard Holly Goodson
 Crucifer Wayne Giese Trevor Kyro
 Lector Julie Copenhaver Keith Black
 Greeter Larry & Lois Berryhill Treesie Cape
 Children's Message Beverly Watts
 Nursery Hank & Jennifer Hunt
 Children's Church Carrie Mull

22nd
 Asst. Minister Nina Harding Rich Duncan
 Acolyte Tina Padgett Will Duncan
 Crucifer Nina Harding Jake Duncan
 Lector Mandy Greco Sandy Blackburn
 Greeter Mandy Greco Keith Black
 Children's Message Rich Duncan
 Nursery Capes
 Children's Church Tonya Cozort

29th
 Asst. Minister Scott Wilson Treesie Cape
 Acolyte Gavin McDonald Ellen Koerner
 Crucifer Scott Wilson Crystal Anthony
 Lector Lois Berryhill Ingrid Farrar
 Greeter Judie Huffman Jan & Johanna Dokter
 Children's Message Jennifer Hunt
 Nursery Rhonda Frasca
 Children's Church Heather Sossoman

Ushers Lois & Larry Berryhill Lloyd Wallace
 Nathan Wilson
 David von Oeson
 Quez Little

MARCH

2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	2 7:30 Circle 1	3 10:00 Circle 2 6:30 Mutual Ministry	4 5:00 Lenten Meal 6:30 Worship Service 6:00 Support	5 BUCM am	6	7
8 8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Youth Meeting	9	10 BUCM (pm) 11:00 am Calvaliers 7:00 pm Christian Ed	11 4:30 Service Ministry 5:00 Lenten Meal 6:30 Worship Service	12	13	14
15 8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	16 7:00 Evangelism & Stewardship	17 18 BUCM (am) 6:00 Worship & Music	18 5:00 Lenten Meal 6:30 Worship Service	19 BUCM pm	20	21 10:00 am - 12 noon Confirmation
22 8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Youth Meeting	23	24 7:00 Council	25 5:00 Lenten Meal 6:30 Worship Service	26	27	28
29 8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	30	31				

Altar Guild: Elizabeth Ferguson, Krista Stillwell, Dot Williams, Angela Voltmer
 Care Visitors: Louise Whitener, Lisa Schuck

BUCM FOOD ITEMS FOR MARCH
ALL ITEMS
 Please place in bins located in old fellowship hall.

WELCA Purpose Statement

*As a community of women,
Created in the image of God,
Called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and
Empowered by the Holy Spirit; We commit ourselves
to GROW in faith, AFFIRM our gifts,
SUPPORT one another in our callings
ENGAGE in ministry and action and,
PROMOTE healing and wholeness in the church, the
society, and the world.*

WELCA is

*We are all the women of Calvary, we are all ages,
whether circle member or not, if Calvary is your
home..... WELCA is YOU!*

Calvary Lutheran Church WELCA Officers

*President.....Betty Williams
Vice PresidentDot Williams
SecretaryHeather Sossoman
Treasurer.....Connie Wilkie
Circle I LeaderJeanette Wilson
Circle II LeaderDot Williams*

Circle I meets on Monday, March 2 at 7:30 pm at Jeanette Wilson's home. Gloria Kilpatrick will present the program
Circle II meets on Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m. in Old Fellowship Hall. Ruth Peterson will present the program and Dot Williams will serve as hostess.

Special Offering

Calvary's Women of the ELCA are seeking to set up a scholarship to enable a deserving student from the Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in El Salvador to attend the Lutheran University of El Salvador (ULS). The scholarship would go to an education major. The tuition for ULS is approximately \$40 per month. While we have set no goal for the amount to be collected, it is hoped that the scholarship will be sufficient to fund an individual's tuition requirements for an education degree.

We invite you to join us in this effort to provide an opportunity for an individual in Brisas del Valle to develop skills needed to give back to his or her people. If you wish to contribute to the scholarship, please make your check payable to "CLC Women of the ELCA" and mark it for "ULS Scholarship." If your offering is in cash, please place it in a plain white envelope with "CLC Women of the ELCA – ULS Scholarship" written on the outside. You may place your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday or give it to one of the following people before March 15, 2009: Leslie Kern, Margaret Miller, Connie Wilkie, Jeannette Wilson, Betty Williams, or Dot Williams.



Easter Lilies

may be placed in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. These may be designated in honor or in memory of a loved one. A six-inch plant with gold foil and white bow will be obtained for you from a local greenhouse at a cost of \$9.75 each.

Please fill in the information below and attach your check payable to Calvary Lutheran Church. You may bring your order by

the church office or mail to the church at 119 North King Street, Morganton, NC 28655.

Please submit by March 22, 2009

Number of plants ordered _____.

Amount attached \$ _____.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

Thank you for adding to the beauty of our sanctuary.

Please do not place requests or checks in the offering plate.



Lenten Meals

Our Lenten Meals will be offered weekly through April 1st. Each week the meals will consist of a different soup, sandwiches, tea or lemonade and a simple dessert. The Self Serve Lenten Meal Buffet will be open 5:00 until 6:20 before our service at 6:30. A donation basket will be available at each meal.

THANKS FROM SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

All of the soup kitchen volunteers thank **Karel Johnson** for the beautiful aprons. Karel took plain white aprons added large, useful pockets and embroidered **CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH** in red on the bib area.

THANK YOU!!!
Each of us greatly appreciates your work.

Mission of Food for the Poor. Report
Number of gifts LTD 24
Total Amount 1,584.00
Date Of Last Gift 1/23/08

In Christ for the Poor,
Arnold M. Hilpert
FFP Speaker
904-291-6297
2509 Shady Woods Dr.
Middleburg, FL 32068
www.foodforthe poor.org

"...remember the poor."
Gal.2:10

Giving In Challenging Times

In challenging economic times charitable organizations often suffer financially because contributions to those institutions or ministries diminish. The current economic climate, for example, has brought hardship to institutions in another way: decreased endowment income.

These ministries of the church find reduced income from endowments greatly impact programs, salaries, and in the case of educational institutions, scholarship funding for students.

These circumstances may have prompted letters and telephone calls from ministries you support. You may have even been asked for a gift now because of this reality; and, immediately wondered, "How is it possible?"

Planned giving services offered by the ELCA Foundation, as well as many of our Lutheran agencies and institutions, provide creative ways to contribute while addressing your needs, those of loved ones, and ministries you want to support. A representative from the ELCA Foundation would be happy to review your situation with you to discover if there are ways you can help others.

While the stock market still fluctuates on a daily basis like an erratic heart beat, you may hold assets

that could be used to help you and others now. Or, you may hold real property (undeveloped land, rental or business property) you no longer need or wish to manage at this point. Considering a gift of real estate could possibly provide tremendous benefits to you and ministries of the church. And, then, there is always a bequest in your will. It will not help others now or perhaps for a long time to come but it could be of benefit, tremendous benefit, in years to come -- perhaps in another economically challenging time. Including a bequest in your will for a future gift to one or more ministries of the church can have a powerful and lasting impact in the lives of countless others. To top it off, you set an example for others. You become a mentor.

Give the ELCA Foundation or a Lutheran ministry a call for more information about ministry needs and giving opportunities. Giving in challenging times may not be as difficult as you think.

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Annual BIG Food Drive for BUCM

The Service Board will be holding a **BIG FOOD DRIVE** the entire month of **MARCH** to gather donated foods for the Burke United Christian Ministry Shelter. Grocery Bags will be distributed after church on the first Sunday in March, or available for pick up in the Narthex anytime. Take these bags and fill them up with any food items you can share. Then return the bag to the Narthex or downstairs to the food collection bins. Our goal is to collect **ONE THOUSAND POUNDS** of Food during March to take to BUCM from our church. Can you help us meet this goal? Be watching for the buy one get one free specials and fill a bag...then fill another! All items are appreciated and in great demand. All items must be at the church for distribution on the last Sunday in March. Thank you so much.
The Service Board

Calvary Endowment Report
The Calvary Endowment Report
 Jul. thru Dec. 2008

The Calvary Endowment was established in late 2006 to provide a vehicle for you to make donations that "keep on giving" to support Calvary Lutheran Church. Funds are invested with the ELCA Foundation. Normally the principal is allowed to grow and only the interest is used. The Trustees for The Calvary Endowment are Margaret Miller (Chair), Rich Duncan, Steve Wilson, and Howy Copenhaver (Sec/Treas). Christine Duncan serves on the committee.

We are pleased to report that through December 31, 2008 The Calvary Endowment has grown to \$28,729.00 through the generosity of you and church friends.

Our thanks to the following members and friends who gave to The Calvary Endowment July thru December 2008 (**couples unless otherwise noted**): Quez Little in memory of Larry Elliott's mother; Howard Copenhaver in memory of Billie Harding; Fred Miller in memory of John Hebert; Fred Miller and Howard Copenhaver in memory of Edith Murphy; Fred Miller, Ms. Janet Burns, and Howard Copenhaver in memory of Claudia Entzi; Howard Copenhaver in honor of Wayne and Dorothy Edes and Ernie and Phyllis Copenhaver; Howard Copenhaver in

memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Houle (Julie's parents) ; Wayne Williams ; Jared and Tabitha Yates gave regularly; and the following gave in memory of John Mabe – Sam Glasbrook, Ms. Amanda Mabe, Bill Macecol, Fred Miller, Rutherford Electric Assoc., William Fortune, Applied Industrial Tech., Ms. Josephine Grady, David Pugh, Ms. Laura Mantz, Bill Mull, Ms. Virginia Durty, Ms. Brenda Connely, Ms Adele Thi, Ms Nina Stevens, Ms. Callie Gregory, Ken Whitley, Ms. Juanita Sigmon, Wayne Giese, Garry Harding, Ms Rama Mills, Howard Copenhaver, Mr. Charlie Buckner, Steve Yount, Mr. Ernie Wallat, Jim Fisher, Oliver Melton, David Keller, Ms. Ester Smith, Bradford Burns.

There are many ways you can support The Calvary Endowment. Some contribute on a regular basis, others as a lump sum or memorial or honor. You can contribute cash, stock, bonds, land, or perhaps remember The Calvary Endowment in your will or trust or as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. We are fortunate to have Christine Duncan, who is now the NC Synod Director of Planned Giving, as a member of our team so if you have questions or need help please contact her or one of the Trustees.

We keep the amount of your gift private and publically acknowledge a gift only if the giver agrees, although we like to show the Church's appreciation for all gifts.

NEW H.U.G. Program Begins for Calvary Seniors

The Service Board is starting up a new year of the H.U.G. Program (helping unite generations) for our Senior members at Calvary. This program will begin in March with members of our church "adopting" our senior members that are 80 years old or older.

So what do I need to do to participate in this program after I adopt a senior member of Calvary? Simple...First, call your Adoptee(s) and let them know who you (and your family members) are and that you have adopted them. Explain to them that this means you are interested in "getting to know them better in the future" and to do this, you will be calling and visiting them occasionally, and sending them cards from time to time. Set up a time to initially come and visit with them at their home to "get to know them better". Be sure to write down your contact numbers and give them to your adoptee and let them know to call you if they have a healthcare issue or need that you and the church needs to be aware of. It is going to be important to report these things to Pastor Mike or the Council President so we can be aware of prayer concerns and needs of our elderly church members as well.

It is up to you if you want to do other things like bring them home baked goods, flowers, veggies you grow, children's artwork, photos of your family, or offer to take them to evening church services, out to eat with your family, or to your home sometime. Anything goes. You should not spend a bunch of money on your adoptee, as time together, for them, is much more valuable. Valued friendships will be gained with this sharing together.

If anything occurs where you can not fulfill your responsibilities to your Adoptee as a part of this program, please be sure to let Beverly Watts or Debbie Little know so that someone else can take over your person(s). We appreciate your assistance with this. And Participants can have more than one adoptee member or family. The more the merrier! The HUG Ministry runs for 1 year from March 2009 through Match 2010.

Thank you again for participating in the HUG Ministry. We are sure you will be blessed for your dedication, love and caring for others in our church family.

The Service Ministry Board

Calvary Lutheran Church will be hosting "Discovery Canyon" Vacation Bible School

this summer from August 3rd to the 7th. Please mark your calendars now! We would love for all our children to be able to attend this year. VBS will be held at the church as a "half-day" program. We will be meeting the 1st half of the day but we haven't decided on exact times.

Please contact Jennifer Wilson if you interested in assisting with VBS either in preparation or as a group volunteer.

Income and Expenses for the Month Ending January 2009

Current Month Income	Current Month Expenses	Year to Date Income	Year to Date Expenses	Income vs. Expenses
22862.44	21119.22	22862.24	21119.22	1743.02
Calvary Lutheran Building Fund Summary Month Ending January 2009				
Beginning Balance January 2009	Paid on Principal Year to Date	Ending Balance Year to Date	Interest Paid Year to Date	
278675.95	6638.79	272037.16	1079.87	