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# Calvary's PROCLAMATION

April 2008

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### Congregation Council

#### Term Expiring 2008

Pattie Brittain  
 Lloyd Wallace  
 Dawn McDonald  
 Lynn Williams

#### Term expiring 2009

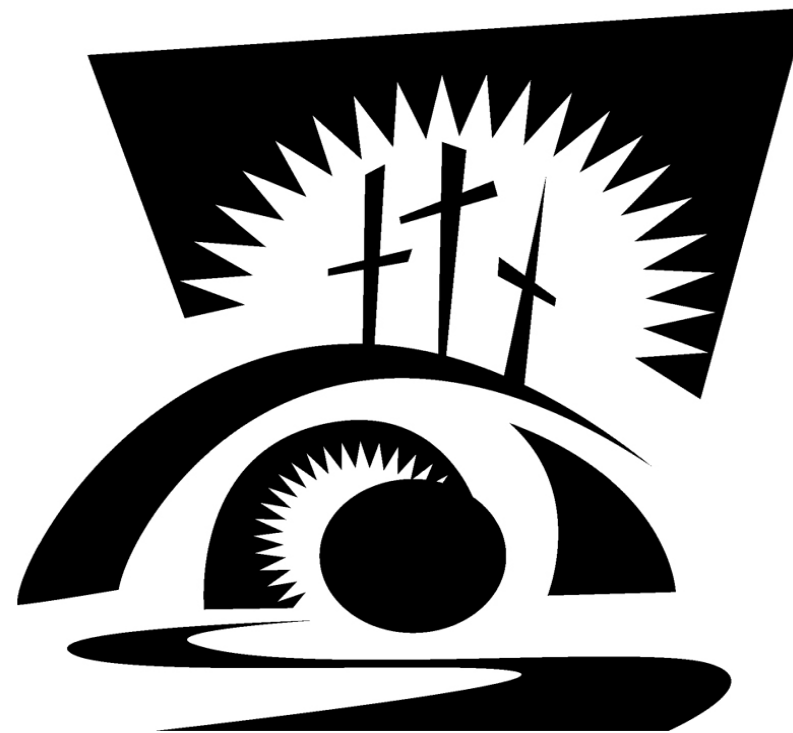
Teresa Gamewell  
 Jerry Stevens  
 Angela Williams  
 Scott Wilson

#### Terms expiring 2010

Mike Imboden  
 Seth Hunt  
 Phillip Rector  
 Steve Wilson

### 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.



Christ Is  
 Risen!

**Early Easter?**

Yes, indeed, the Easter of 2008 is very, very unique for the calendar!

Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that is pretty rare.

This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!). And

none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

1) The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!).

2) The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818.

So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!



**KEEP US POSTED Via E-MAIL:** If you have added internet services, changed internet carriers or adjusted your e-mail address, notify either Nina Harding (shopgal@bellsouth.net) or 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.



Thank you to all the ladies who participated in the quilt block workshop on March 8. The twelve participants sewed 15 beautiful quilt blocks to submit to Blank Textiles ovarian cancer research project in memory of Jan Stuenkel. Good job, ladies! I still have a lot of fabric from the Blank collection that could be made into blocks if anyone is interested. It was a pleasure to work with all of you.

Karel Johnson

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**"Leave a Legacy for Ministry Seminar"**

At the "Leave a Legacy for Ministry Seminar" on Sunday, April 6th, we will learn how to share our faith through wills and estate planning. The event will take place in the new fellowship hall immediately following the 11:00 worship service.

This seminar is the first of 4 seminars that will be held throughout the year focusing on end of life charitable financial planning sponsored by the ELCA Foundation.

Watch for Sunday bulletin inserts for more information, or call Christine Post-Duncan at 439-8977.

**PIEDMONT COUNCIL, BSA HONORS FRED ROBERSON**



Congratulations to Fred Roberson, who was recognized on March 18 for his lifelong service and leadership in the Piedmont Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Fred was honored with the first "Distinguished Citizen Award" for the Tablerock District, and a plaque was unveiled which will mark a site at Camp Bud Schiele as the "Fred M. Roberson Assembly Field." Fred was also honored as a member of the prestigious "Piedmont Council Heritage Society" by receiving the James E. West Award.

Fred has been involved in scouting for over 70 years, and continues as training chairman and board member for the Piedmont Council. Throughout the evening, Fred was appreciated for his "unwavering commitment to scouting and his community." Fred's response to all the accolades was "the Lord willing, I'll continue to serve."

Well done, Fred!

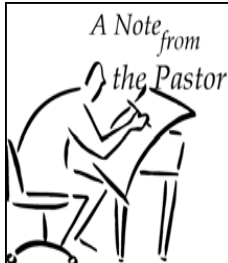
The Parish life Board wishes to thank the people who provided our wonderful desserts for the Lenten Meals this year. Many thanks go to Julie Copenhaver, Jeanette Wilson, Judie Huffman, Bill Miller, Leslie Kern, Kathy Hunt, Karol Johnson, Jennifer Hunt, Carol Clark, Dot Williams, Gloria Kilpatrick, Rachel Keisler, and Angie Voltmer for your delicious desserts. Please share your recipes in the next newsletter with us all! And some of you brought desserts that were not asked to bring them, so if we left you off the list by mistake, we do thank you so much. Everyone enjoyed the variety of sweets to top off their meals. We appreciate your help to us throughout our Lenten Meals.

Also, thank you to the Parish Life Board and to others who jumped up to help us with preparing the meals, setting up the meals and cleaning up afterwards. We won't try to name people since we may leave someone off the list. Your service helped things to flow smoothly and wonderfully for us all.

Parish Life Board

2	Beverly Wilson		
	Holly Goodson	18	Tim Barrier
3	Mark Stuenkel		Chuck Braun
5	Karen Whitley	24	Charles Moeller
6	Dot Williams		Joyce Moeller
	Wayne Giese		Bob Kilpatrick
	Cole Linebaugh	28	Oliver Melton
7	Wanda Nichols		Amanda Rector
11	Elizabeth Stuenkel		Rev. William Robertson
12	Kevin Watts	30	Sarah Williams
13	Kyle Wilson		Phillip Rector
	Lauryl Lackey		
15	Sam Glasbrook		





Dear Friends in Christ,  
Shel Silverstein wrote a book entitled "The Giving Tree." It's always been one of my favorites because it tells of the extent one might actually go in expressing genuine love for another. Our youth group

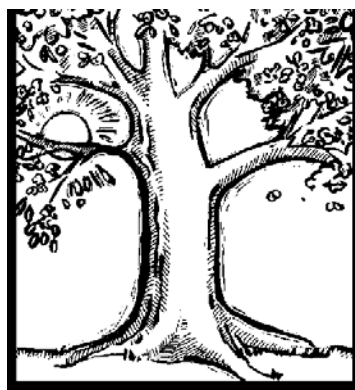
acted out the story as a sermon message for our last Youth Sunday.

The message of the Easter story is about the love of God given in full expression as an everlasting gift of grace. "God so loved the world that he gave..."

These days of the Easter season offer us a wonderful opportunity to consider our response to the greatest gift of love ever given – Jesus Christ, the Son of God, for the world. We are recipients of this free gift of grace, and the benefits of God's love are immeasurable.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not his benefits," prays the psalmist (Psalm 103). What benefits does the psalmist refer to? He goes on to say that the Lord is the one who forgives all our sin, redeems our lives from the grave, crowns us with love and mercy, and satisfies us with goodness as long as we live. No wonder he prays, "Bless the Lord, O my soul!"

How shall we bless and honor the Lord for all his benefits? How shall we remember the gift of Easter? The "giving tree" offered whatever gifts she had because she wanted the boy in the story to be happy. It was an outward expression of the love that flowed within her. Keeping that love within her would serve absolutely no purpose. She held nothing back.



God determined long ago that love must be expressed as a gift, or it would serve absolutely no purpose. And so God began to give away whatever was needed most so that his creation, and the human beings of his creation, would be happy. It turns out, according to the biblical story, that God would even give his son's life to keep love alive, and continue to nourish and sustain the objects of his affection – you and me.

I know I have plenty of moments when I forget the benefits of my Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer...and the immeasurable amount of love he has poured over my life. But I pray that each day, God will awaken me to his presence and point me to the places where I can give of the love he has placed within me. The benefits God has given me are in the form of time, talents, and possessions...signs of his gracious love. As you have probably heard before, what I do with these gifts is my gift to God.

These pages are filled with opportunities to give expression to the love planted deep within us by a God who refuses to give up on his loved ones, even though we often forget his benefits...and the signs of his gracious love. Frankly, there is nowhere we can be without the opportunity to express our thanks for God's amazing grace.

Easter is a time for new life! It's a time for sprouting flowers from seeds planted deep and kept alive for this moment. What will you give of all that is within you?

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

Yours in the risen Christ,  
Pastor Mike



FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ray Aiken  
David Ballard, Sr.  
Steve Bethke (Navy)  
Roy & Azile Bogle-Jennifer Hunt's grandparents  
Darius & Sue Bollinger  
Justin Bunch  
Obie Carswell (Army)  
Edith Cobb  
Beth Deter  
Dorothy Edes  
Cathy Edwards  
Ryan Ferguson  
Tricia Frasier-Scott Wilson's friend  
Carolyn Freeland  
Jewel Gist  
Elizabeth Gray  
Mary Haller  
Tricia Harris  
Billie Harding-Garry Harding's mother  
Gregg Harding-Garry Harding's brother  
Yvonne & Jeff Harding-son & daughter-in-law of Garry & Nina Harding  
Zoe Harding-Garry & Nina Harding's granddaughter  
Julia Hartsog  
Sarah Hensarling-Scott Wilson's friend  
Stephen, Michelle & Madison Hines  
Tristan Hines (Army/Afghanistan)  
Dennis Jaschob  
Matt Konst  
Shelvia Lail-Dianne Cannoles' friend  
Paul & Grace Leonard  
Hans & Betty Lund

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Tonya and Chris Cozort upon the birth of their daughter, Krystyn Jane, on March 14th .We give thanks to the Lord for new life!

Barbara Lynch  
JoAnn Mangum  
Melissa Moore & Family  
Steve Moore (N. Guard, Kuwait)  
Caitlin Moore  
Herb Piper-Wanda Nichols' friend  
Samantha Ray  
Marshall Roberson-Fred Roberson's son  
Charles Scott-Richard Isaac's friend  
Kendall Seli (Army, Afghanistan)  
Robert Shepherd  
Martha Shook & Family-Judie Huffman's friend  
Josh Shuffler  
Eric & Dawn Silver & Family  
Christine Simon  
Clyde Stearns  
Irma Stefula-Dot Braun's friend  
Johnny Stiles  
Michael Stokes  
Jim Taylor-Cynthia Lange's brother  
Paula Terry  
Evan Thomason  
Lauren Vaaler-Judy Huffman's friend  
Laura Whisnant-Nina Harding's mother  
Hazel Whitley-Ken Whitley's mother  
Donald Whitley  
Bruce Wiley-Elaina Benson's dad  
Cindy Wiley-Elaina Benson's mom  
Tasha Williamson  
Heather Wilson  
Vicki Wilson-Scot Wilson's sister-in-law  
Vickie West-Joanne Stokes' friend

MEMBERS

Violet Carlson  
Charlie Edwards  
Jan English  
Jim Fisher  
Garry Harding  
Bruce Keever  
Evelyn Keever  
Rachel Keisler  
Rama Mills  
Edith Murphy  
Billie Rose Robertson  
Krista Stillwell

AT HOME  
J.C. Gantt  
Fred & Maggie Lou Roberson  
Billie Rose Robertson  
Doris Sink

NURSING HOME

John Hebert (Britthaven)  
John Mabe (Morganton Term Care)  
Marie Page (Autumn Care)  
Mary Voltmer (Grace Heights)  
Wilma Whisnant (Grace Ridge)

U.S. MILITARY

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

OTHERS

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

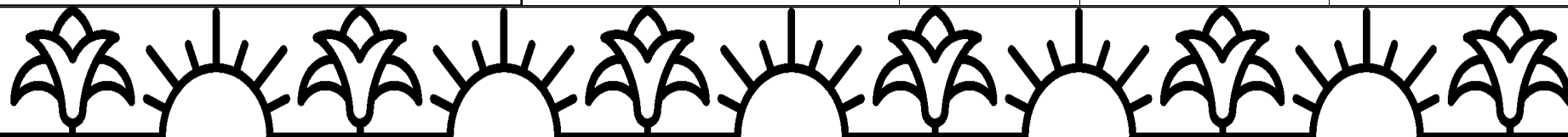
SISTER PARISH

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church  
Brisas del Valle, El Salvador

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

Seth Hunt  
Tom & Kathy Hunt  
Jack & Ann Huss  
Paul & Devonna Ijames  
Westone Ijames  
Grayson Ijames  
Mike & Joyce Imboden  
Andrew Imboden  
Taylor Imboden  
Matt & Lauren Imboden

			Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
Ushers: 6 & 13	Howy Copenhaver	Bob Kilpatrick	<h1>April 2008</h1>			1 BUCM pm 10:00 am Circle I 6:30 pm Mutual Ministry 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	2 6 pm Support 7:00 pm Handbells	3 BUCM am	4	5	
20 & 27	Chris Raymond Mandy Greco Julie Copenhaver	Ken Whitley Ernie Wallat Steve Yount								YOUTH RETREAT AT THE ISAAC'S	
April 6, 2008	Nina Harding	Scott Wilson		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Asst. Minister	Georgia Ballard	Ellen Koerner		8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday School & Choir 12:30 pm Endowment Meeting 4:00 pm First Communion Instruction 5:00 pm Confirmation	7:30 pm Circle 2	6-8 pm Girl Scouts 11:00 am Calvaliers	7:00 pm Handbells				
Acolyte	Nina Harding	Erika Koerner									
Crucifer	Ingrid Farrar	Kathy Hunt									
Lector	Larry Berryhill	Sandy Koerner									
Greeter		Yount Family									
Nursery		Beverly Watts									
Children's Message		Carrie Mull									
Children's Church											
April 13, 2008	Wayne Giese	Quez Little									
Asst. Minister	Tina Padgett	Gabe Isaac									
Acolyte	Wayne Giese	Brittany Isaac									
Crucifer	Joyce Imboden	Hank Hunt									
Lector	Ernie Wallat	Debbie Little									
Greeter		Betty Riley									
Nursery		Richard Isaac									
Children's Message		Jennifer Hunt									
Children's Church											
April 20, 2008	Nina Harding	Tori Whalen	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
Asst. Minister	Tina Padgett	Will Duncan	8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday School & Choir 12:30 pm Lunch/El Salvador Mission 6:30 pm CLC Youth & Dinner		BUCM am	7:00 pm Handbells	BUCM pm	7:00 pm Blue Ridge Conference St. Stephens, Lenoir	9am-1 pm WELCA Blue Ridge Gathering At Calvary		
Acolyte	Nina Harding	Jake Duncan									
Crucifer	Howy Copenhaver	Jennifer Hunt									
Lector	Betty Williams	Ernie Wallat									
Greeter		Imbodens									
Nursery		Tori Whalen									
Children's Message		Jennifer Wilson									
Children's Church											
April 27, 2008	Scott Wilson	Hank Hunt	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
Asst. Minister	Gavin McDonald	Amanda Rector	8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday School & Choir 5:00 pm Confirmation		7:00 pm Council	7:00 pm Handbells		Spring Fling At Community House			
Acolyte	Georgia Ballard	Alex Rector									
Crucifer	Larry Berryhill	Ingrid Farrar									
Lector	Lois Berryhill	Treesie Cape									
Greeter		Kern Family									
Nursery		Pastor Mike									
Children's Message		Susan Rector									
Children's Church											
Altar Guild:	Ruth Peterson, Louise Edwards, Polly Csercsevits, Lisa Schuck		27	28	29	30					
			Lutheran Family Services Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday School & Choir			7:00 pm Handbells					



**BAKING ITEMS**  
(nonperishables)  
Please place in the designated  
basket in the narthex.

**Brisas del Valle Mission to El Salvador  
Progress Report**

Brisas del Valle is a small country community of subsistence farmers in El Salvador. Within the community is a group of about 75 Lutherans. When asked about their hopes and dreams, the leadership of the Lutheran group explained to us eloquently and tearfully that they wanted a church of their own to attend and worship the Lord. They also needed food products so that their families would be able to eat regularly. Other goals are clean water and a chicken coop to provide fresh eggs and some meat to the neighborhood. Our group was able to donate money for land and members of the community cleared the land, hoping that the Holy Spirit would provide for a building. A Lutheran church in Chicago sent members last summer to set the footings for the church. Further money was given from another Lutheran church in California and the El Salvador congregation has

been working on the concrete block walls of the church. Our Calvary group is going down in August. We hope to help build the church, hold a vacation Bible school and we are looking into water purification equipment.

The Holy Spirit is on the move in Brisas del Valle! Please come to our fundraising spaghetti dinner on April 13 after the 11:00 service to help us prepare for our trip. We will have pictures of the new church building and lunch for you. In recognition of Calvary's 75th anniversary, we hope our congregation will raise at least \$7500.00 for the mission of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in El Salvador. We are halfway to our goal. Please join us in this amazing ministry. A theme we are beginning to use for mission work in the Lutheran church is

"God's work, our hands."

Let's join hands with our Salvadoran brothers and sisters in Christ.



CLC Youth will be collecting AT LEAST 75 pairs of flip flops to send down with the group to El Salvador this summer. The flip flops don't need to be fancy with cloth or anything, just simple light weight ones that you can find almost anywhere this time of year. Any size will do, but we'd like to have more children sizes than adult sizes. Thanks!

**BURKE COUNTS ITS HOMELESS PERSONS**

Burke United Christian Ministries assisted with the second "Point in Time Count of Homeless Persons" which was conducted on January 29-30th.

The multi-agency effort to identify each person in Burke County who is homeless is organized by the Burke Continuum of Care Committee, which meets monthly at the Burke Mission Station. Some of the results of the count are listed in the box below.....

- 148 people were counted as homeless in Burke County during a 24 hour period on January 29-30th.
- 68% of the homeless persons were male and 32% were female.
- 23% were children under the age of 18.
- 10% were seriously mentally ill.
- 10% were identified as Chronically Homeless.
- 32% had substance abuse disorders.
- 10% were victims of domestic violence.

from BUCM GOOD NEWS Feb-Mar 2008

**Calvary's Spring Fling Dinner and Dance**  
We will hold an adult dinner/dance this Spring on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Community House.

Our own DJ, Rob Harriger, will be on hand to make sure we all share a good time together.

Tickets will be sold by the Parish Life Board and will cost \$12.50 per ticket beginning Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Make checks to Calvary Lutheran.

Come alone, or bring your partner or friends!



**Calvary Lutheran Church Monthly Financial Statement for January 2008**

	Jan 2008	Jan 2007	Year to Date 2008	Year to Date 2007
<b>Total Income Summary</b>				
Contributions:				
General Fund	17,265.00	18,137.23	17,256.00	18,137.23
Fund Holding	4,284.00	4,945.55	4,284.00	4,945.55
Pass Through	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest-PMM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>21,549.00</u>	<u>23,922.53</u>	<u>21,549.00</u>	<u>23,922.53</u>
<b>Total Expense Summary</b>				
Budgeted	19,678.69	17,544.54	19,678.69	17,544.54
Fund Holding Expenses	16,838.32	2,808.91	16,838.32	2,808.91
Non-Budget Expenses	0.00	1,015.46	0.00	1,015.46
	<u>36,517.01</u>	<u>21,368.91</u>	<u>36,517.01</u>	<u>21,368.91</u>
<b>Bank Balances—Available Funds</b>	<b>Monthly Activity</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>		
First Citizens Checking	(2,319.80)	4,845.07		
PMM-Fund Holding	(19,401.03)	84,174.89		
<b>Mission Investment Funds</b>				
MIF-Endowment Fund	0.00	10,000.00		
MIF-Checking Account	7,876.56	8,528.49		
<b>CD-(Matures 2/15/08)</b>				
CD-First Citizens	0.00	65,000.00		
<b>CLC-Loan Summary</b>				
Beginning Balance	428,098.04			
Interest Paid	2,463.63			
Principal Paid	11,487.19			
Ending Balance	416,610.85			
<b>Year to Date</b>				
Interest Paid	2,463.63			
Principal Paid	11,487.19			





March 2008  
 Calvary Lutheran Church  
 WELCA NEWSLETTER

*Called to Serve*

**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.

**Calvary Lutheran Church WELCA Officers**

President.....Betty Williams  
 Vice President .....Dot Williams  
 Secretary .....Heather Sossoman  
 Treasurer.....Connie Wilkie  
 Circle I Leader .....Jeanette Wilson  
 Circle II Leader .....Debbie Little

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!**

**Save your Pennies & Aluminum Pop Tops  
 for WELCA**

New Collection containers have been  
 placed in the old Fellowship Hall on the top of  
 the WELCA Collection Center.

These new containers are for collecting  
 pennies for the WELCA Gathering at Lenoir  
 Rhyne annually; and aluminum soda pop tops  
 which will be collected and donated to the  
 Ronald McDonald home in Durham to pro-  
 vide housing for those in need.

Please feel free to open the lids and  
 add to the collections or save your pennies and  
 pop tops at home and add them to the  
 collection when you have a bunch.

Thank you for helping us with these projects!



Circle I will meet Monday, April 7 at Rachel  
 Keisler's home. Leslie Kern will present the  
 program.

Circle II will meet Tuesday, April 1 in the old  
 fellowship hall. Betty Williams will present the  
 program; Lisa Schuck, hostess.

**Spring is upon the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains!**

We at Calvary have a wonderful opportunity to celebrate spring.

We are hosting the  
**SPRING GATHERING**  
 of the Blue Ridge Conference of the Women of the ELCA.

Calvary's Women are preparing a lovely setting to meet and study with our Sister Lutherans; there will  
 be worship, bible study, breaking bread together, and down right fun.

All Women of CLC, including teenagers, are invited. Plan on joining us April 19, 2008, it will be inspir-  
 ing. Join Us!

This form is all you need to fill out to be registered.

In Christian love,  
 Betty Williams

**Blue Ridge Mountain Conference Spring Gathering 2008  
 April 19, 2008 at Calvary Lutheran Church Morganton, NC**

**9 AM – Coffee & Registration    Program 9:30 AM    Lunch 12:00 Noon**  
**Cost is \$7.00 Nonrefundable**

**Make checks out to Calvary Women of the ELCA**

**Reservations may be given to Betty Williams, Connie Wilkie,  
 or placed in the WELCA mail box by the church office.**

**Name(s):**

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**Amount enclosed (\$7.00 per person) \_\_\_\_\_**